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# RCGC NEWSLETTER

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Although Covid-19 put an end to the Annual B.U.G. (Back-Up Gun) Pistol Match / Toy Collection for local area needy children, RCGC members proved that their hearts are in the right place. Here are some of the 97 gift items collected for the Salvation Army which included 5 cases of the stuffed puppies and an additional \$400 in cash donations. Major Lee expressed his appreciation to all of you who contributed. There were 1200 children on the Rockingham County request for assistance list this year.

**NEWS FROM THE BOD** – Your Board of Directors consists of 4 Officers and 9 Directors, three of whom are replaced each year. The Board met on December 8th to count election ballots. Thank you to all of the candidates who were willing to serve and congratulations to the three candidates who won. Elected to serve three-year terms beginning January 1,

2021 are Clem Ellis (returning to the BOD), Brian Henderson and Bert Schmitz. Mike Hatfield and Romeo Piersanti are retiring from the Board. We are very grateful to them for their service.

The Board has continued to meet in person and to work together online to manage RCGC. Some of the recent business items include:

Approval of \$1763.64 for printing and mailing the Nov. Newsletter, Ballot and Official Dues Reminder to each member.

Purchase of propane for the furnaces.

Purchase of a laptop and software for the Trap Range.

Purchase of trophies for the National Trap Day celebration.

Purchase of 2 truckloads of mulch for the Pistol Range berms.

Purchase of a used 2015 CAT 255 Telehandler forklift for moving clay targets.

Approved a concrete pad for a new clay target storage building.

Approved concrete walks on the Skeet Range.

Approved completion of concrete walk around the clubhouse.

Approved a concrete pad under the Utility Range shelter.

Approved a concrete apron at the mouth of the culvert under the Rifle Range drive.

Some of these projects are awaiting better weather.

**2020 MEMBER OF THE YEAR** – Annually, one outstanding Club member is chosen as Member of the Year. There are many deserving candidates, and picking just one is always difficult. The Board of Directors is proud to announce the selection of Jimmy Jeffries as RCGC's 2020 Member of the Year. Jimmy is serving his first term as a member of the Board of Directors. He has shown his dedication to the Club by keeping our machinery in operation and by heading the search for a new (to us) forklift, just to name two of his projects. We hope the Club will long continue to receive the benefit of Jimmy's experiences and insight. Jimmy was awarded a plaque and his name has been added to the MOY Plaque in the display case in the clubhouse. Congratulations, Jimmy!

**ORIENTATION** – Club Vice President Wayne Brower has served as our Orientation Chairman for the last 3 years. During this time, he's held 24 orientations (averaging 8 per year) for 249 new Club members. Wayne is ready to step back. He will be glad to assist other members in learning to run this very important committee. Please consider helping the Club and contact him [Wayne.B@rcgc.club](mailto:Wayne.B@rcgc.club) Club membership currently stands at 1443.

**CLUB MEMBER QUALIFIES FOR USNRT** – Club member Mike Halsey recently qualified for the U. S. National Rifle Team. The competition involved shooting his .308 Winchester at 800, 900 and 1000 yards, using iron sights. The USNRT participates and competes at local, state, regional and national levels in the United States. These teams represent the U. S. in the international arena of full-bore prone target rifle shooting, and as such, can be

regarded as our nation's best, the equivalent of any Olympic team on the world's stage of sports endeavors. Mike has been shooting highpower for 23 years. Way to go Mike!  
RCGC is proud of you.



**Send your 2021 dues check to:**

**RCGC - DUES, PO Box 811, Reidsville NC 27323**

Payment must be postmarked before January 31st. Members may purchase any number of years in advance at the current rate. Annual members pay \$150. Seniors (65 or older) pay \$75. Charter Members owe \$0.

On the memo line of your check write "2021 dues for \_\_\_\_\_" Fill in the member's name. We need the member's name on the check to be certain that funds are properly credited, especially if you pay with a company check, a check signed by someone else, or if we know you by a nickname. After the 31st, you will also owe a penalty equal to the dues amount. ID/Gate Cards of non-renewing members will be deactivated.

If your phone, email or mailing address have changed, please include a note with your payment. If you have paid in advance for multiple years and are uncertain when your membership expires, contact Lil.

**If you have a Life Membership or if you have already paid dues for 2021, you may ignore the reminders which are being sent to everyone.**

**PISTOL RANGE PROTOCOL** – We've recently received reports from some members who have been pressured - bullied - to cut short their range time so later-arriving members can use their shooting lanes. This behavior is in violation of both the Club Code of Conduct and the Membership Pledge, and will not be tolerated. If you feel you are being pushed to leave a range get the person's name. Since every member is required to display their badge where it is visible, if it isn't, don't be afraid to ask. Contact a Club Officer or Director immediately with as much information as possible (date, time, name and description of person and their car, the car license number, etc.) to help us investigate the problem.

Every member has the right to enjoy the Club but it is "first come, first served." During times of heavy range use we encourage shooters to work out a mutually agreeable plan for sharing the facilities. All members should read the Range Protocol article under the A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT tab on the website.

**GATE** – Occasionally due to power outages or other problems the gate does not function normally. If you encounter a problem with the gate (or your ID card) contact Lil or Jim. **DO NOT FORCE THE GATE TO OPEN or CLOSE.** Doing so causes damage to both the mechanical and electronic components. There is an alternative gate with a padlock which can be used in an emergency. This gate is located uphill above the Centerfire Rifle Range parking lot.

**HELP** – We often hear comments about our facilities and that RCGC is a wonderful place to shoot. We depend on our able-bodied members to help keep it that way. It takes work on a daily basis to maintain what we have. Every small action of yours will make a difference - one way or the other.

We appreciate members who help with Club maintenance both indoors and out. If you use a mop, please rinse it thoroughly, wring it as dry as possible then place it across a chair on the back porch to dry completely. Please do not leave wet mops in the mechanical room.

**35th ANNIVERSARY POCKET KNIVES and CLUB HATS** – are available. They are only \$15. each. If you would like to purchase one, contact Lil by email. [Lil.A@rcgc.club](mailto:Lil.A@rcgc.club)

**SWIPE YOUR ID CARD** – Members must use their ID card to enter or leave the property and must wear their card while on Club property so that it is visible to other members. Present your card to the reader even if the gate is being held open for a special event or if you are riding in the same vehicle with another member. Pause after you pass through the electric gate for the few seconds it takes for the gate to close. If you have trouble with your card contact Lil at 336-342-5573.

**RCGC IS OPEN TO MEMBERS 365 DAYS PER YEAR**, unless otherwise announced.

Always check the website before going to the range. Bring other guns in case the range you intended to use is occupied. Shooting is allowed from dawn until dusk. The Club closes at 10 PM. This is a volunteer organization. We need every member's help to maintain what we have for all of us to enjoy.

**READ ALL OF THE SIGNS FOR THE RANGE YOU ARE USING** – From time-to-time rules must be changed. You will find that .32 auto and 5.7mm guns are prohibited for shooting steel targets in all pits and especially in Pit #3 where all the targets are steel. The rules are for your safety and will be enforced. **ALL Shooting on the Centerfire Rifle Range and the Rimfire Rifle Range must be done from the firing line shelters.**

**REMOVE YOUR TARGETS and PLACE YOUR EMPTY CARTRIDGE CASES IN THE BUCKETS PROVIDED ON EACH RANGE – PLEASE DO NOT PUT CARTRIDGE CASES IN THE TRASH.** We can recycle the metals you do not want. We accept brass, aluminum, and nickel-plated cartridge cases. This includes .22s.

**WE ALSO RECYCLE ALUMINUM CANS** – There are blue collection bins in the clubhouse for Aluminum soda cans. Please do not put trash into soda cans or into the collection bins. Please do not put plastic bottles into the collection bins. To help prevent bug problems, please rinse and drain soda cans before depositing them in a blue collection bin. Aluminum foil is not accepted.

**ALL FOOD SCRAPS** and food wrapping material must go directly into a dumpster. Discarded baby diapers and your large targets should go into a dumpster. When you finish shooting please empty the trash can(s) on the range. We have a number of nighttime visitors who raid trash cans and wreak havoc.

**ATTENTION LEAD SCROUNGERS** – You may NOT dig into the berms to harvest lead. You MAY pick it up by hand if it has been washed to the surface. Do Not climb the berms or otherwise disturb the soil.

**GOLF CARTS** – are for use by members. Only licensed drivers may operate them. Always return the carts to their proper storage locations and follow the printed instructions to see that they are recharged for the next user.

**JOIN, RENEW or UPGRADE YOUR NRA MEMBERSHIP - GET A DISCOUNT - HELP RCGC** – Anyone wishing to join, renew or upgrade a membership in the National Rifle Association can get a discount by clicking the link or one on the RCGC website. [When you use this link, RCGC earns a small commission on each membership.](#)



### **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS AND GUESTS**

It is the policy of RCGC that members and guests at Club events maintain the highest degree of integrity and decorum. Any behavior which damages or could damage RCGC's reputation is prohibited. Good sportsmanship is an obligation of every member and is an integral part of every event sponsored by or held at RCGC. Club members and their guests are held accountable for any use of profane, vulgar, and offensive language or behavior.

**ALCOHOL NOT ALLOWED ON OUR PROPERTY** 



**SMOKING NOT ALLOWED IN OUR BUILDINGS**

### **EYE & EAR PROTECTION REQUIRED**



**ON ALL RANGES**



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