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Please always click to **OPEN** the email messages and Newsletters that we send. This is important to help us track how effective our messages are. Put us in your contacts and on your safe senders list.

**At Last Count** 74 of our current members have reported not receiving the February newsletter with the new lock codes. A few of them were due to bad addresses because members moved and did not let us know. The Post Office had no explanation for all of the others. If you still need the codes, contact [Lil.A@rcgc.club](mailto:Lil.A@rcgc.club). Don't forget to let her know if you move or you change your email address.

**Club Vice President** Wayne Brower has served for the last 3-1/2 years as the New Member & Orientation Chairman. In that time, he has held 27 Orientation Sessions introducing and welcoming 301 applicants to Club membership. We want to publicly thank Wayne for his diligence and hard work. Wayne, you have done a great job and your shoes will be difficult to fill.

**Board Member Bert Schmitz** stepped up and has agreed to take on the job. Bert's first group of applicants went through Orientation and Weapons Handling Safety Checks on Saturday March 27th. All have been approved by the Board of Directors. When you see a new face at the Club, introduce yourself, make a new friend and help them feel welcome. It has been a concern of the Board for some time that all applicants need to come away from Orientation having received the same basic information about RCGC. Bert took an idea that we've been working on, gave it some polish, and made it happen. He presented a Power Point slide show about RCGC which includes our Mission Statement, Code of Conduct and Pledge. It covers Safety, Rules and Policies and general as well as specific information about each range. There are great photos and diagrams to illustrate the information being presented. As even the newest members can see, there will always be a

need for new photos as improvements and upgrades are made to our facilities. We would like for all Club members to have the opportunity to see the presentation and plan to show it at the June General Membership Meeting on Sunday June 6th. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

**We are recovering** quickly from the 107 (6.7%) members who did not renew for this year. As members who forgot awakened and paid their dues (and late fees) the number has dropped to 5.9%. This year the rate is the lowest it has been since we've been keeping that statistic. The non-renewal rate for 2020 was 8.3% and in 2019 it was 9%. More people are beginning to realize the importance of protecting their Second Amendment Rights. They see what a fantastic Club our members have built over the last 36 years and are willing to work to keep it available for their children and grandchildren. The Number of Members on our roster is back up to 1387, and is climbing.

**Before/After – Skeet Range Repairs & Upgrades.** In January we reported the terrible condition of the loading doors on the Skeet Houses. At the time, due to icy, windy and wet conditions, all that could be done were some temporary repairs. In the meantime, we were able to get concrete walks poured on the 3 fields. It has taken a while for the ground to dry enough for work to be completed. We now have seven new metal loading doors installed in new frames. Thank you to Clem Ellis who managed the repairs. Sadly, since the loading doors are on the back side of the houses, most members will never see the beautiful job that was done.



**The Long-Awaited Clay Target Storage Building**, or Bird House, is finally a reality. We owe many thanks to Dave Boisvert for coordinating this project. We will be able to unload, store and move birds more efficiently. Ordering full truck-loads of birds for Trap and Skeet saves on shipping costs. The new building has to be officially inspected before we can begin using it. That should happen within the next few days.



**One Definition of Insanity** is doing the same thing over and over, and expecting different results. Perhaps I fit this definition because I'm going to cover what I've already written about. I hope what I say will produce a different outcome this time.

Pistol Pits 1, 2, & 3 were designed to be used by traditionally-configured semi-auto pistols and revolvers.

Pistol Caliber Carbines **are not allowed**.

Any firearm which has a wrist brace, forearm brace, upper arm brace, wrist strap or butt stock **is prohibited in Pistol Pits 1, 2, & 3**. Any typical rifle chambering, or any weapon using an action developed for a long gun (AK, AR, lever, etc.) is prohibited in these pits. You may fire them on the Utility Pit (Pit #4) or on the Centerfire Rifle Range.

These restrictions are covered in at least three places on the Club's website, and at new-member Orientation. Orientation sessions are open to any member who wishes to reacquaint himself with Club rules and policies. Just contact Bert Schmitz to let him know you'd like to attend. – Jim Alverson President

**The Club has traditionally used** plywood or OSB as the backer material for target frames on the Pistol and Rifle Ranges. You are probably aware that the cost of wood construction materials has gone "sky high." For the last few weeks, we've been testing something different on the 25-yard target boards on the Utility Range (Pit #4.) Dwayne Thomas has hung a piece of heavy rubber conveyor belt material in front of a new piece of backer board. We want members to give us feedback on performance. The belt material will be expensive but may be cost effective over its lifespan. Here is what one member has said about it.

*"I shot it today with a small carry 9mm and put 18 rounds into a paper plate. First, I was impressed with how easy it was to staple into -- probably easier than a wooden backer*

*board. You could see where the rounds went through the belt but other than that it was pretty unaffected. The OSB on the other side showed quite a bit of damage of course. It definitely outperformed my expectations. I think we should consider it.”*

**Back Issues** of the RCGC NEWSLETTER are available on the Club's website [www.rcgc.club](http://www.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. We have encountered a number of members recently who were shooting a weapon on a range where it is prohibited. The members claimed they didn't know that they were in violation and were surprised when asked to read a sign they had walked past. 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.**

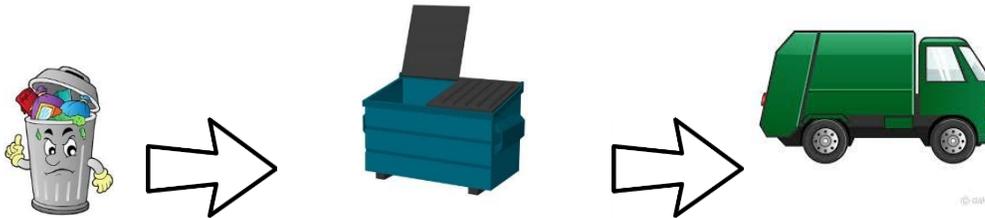
**Your visit to the Club is not over until you clean up after yourself.**

**On the Pistol and Rifle Ranges** you must **remove your targets**. If you are not going to keep them, they go into the trash. Targets larger than a standard piece of copy paper should go into the nearest dumpster.

You must **pick up your empty cartridge cases**. If you are not going to keep them, put them into the buckets provided. We can recycle the metal. We accept brass, aluminum, and nickel-plated cartridge cases, including .22s.

**Return any equipment** you used to its proper location.

**All Food Scraps, Used Paper Plates, Food Packaging**, discarded baby diapers, etc. must go into a dumpster. **EMPTY THE TRASH CANS.** Waste Management will not haul it away if you don't put it in a dumpster.



**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 acceptable.

**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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