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CLUB PICNIC CANCELLED – Due to the continued threat from COVID-19 and the very low number (fewer than 3%) of members who registered for the 2021 Annual Club Picnic, the Board of Directors has voted to cancel the event again this year. The Picnic is always such fun. It will be great when we can meet together again and just enjoy each other's company.



A BUMPER CROP of BUNNIES – has been enjoying the grass at RCGC this season. Believe it or not there are actually two in the picture on the left below, they "ducked" just as this photo was taken.



WE HAVE NOTICED – The Clubhouse and grounds look super thanks to members who have been donating their time and energy to mow. We would like to know whom to thank. Drop a note to Lil and brag on yourself. Again, Many Thanks!

Although our Club is fortunate to have members who are willing to step up and help with our general maintenance, RCGC has a huge proportion of members who don't seem to think their help is needed on a continuing basis to keep the grounds looking good. Many tasks necessary to the Club's functions are being, and have been, done by the same group of individuals. Do you ever stop to think who unloads the clay targets when they are delivered, or sweeps the houses, or polices the bullet ranges, or keeps beverages and snacks available – and at discount prices? And then there is also a small cadre of folks who seem to enjoy making work for other members. These people waste five minutes tearing their large paper targets into small pieces to comply with the size restrictions on range trash but who could more easily have put the targets directly into a dumpster, as required. These may be the same people who put food scraps into the kitchen trash cans or use a urinal without flushing it properly. People, that rotting food and standing urine STINK after a few days. Try thinking about the other members for a change. Remember ... your domestic employee does not work at RCGC.

HELP NEEDED – The July 31st Club Workday was cancelled due to high heat in the forecast, leaving lots of “chores” undone. Trim work needs to be done in the Pistol Pits and on the Utility Range. Members will find tools and fuel in the Maintenance Building. There is a small tree or shrub growing against the end wall of the blockhouse bathroom. If you happen to have the right cutting tool for the job, we would be grateful if you make it go away.



Grass growing next to the foundation of the new Bird Storage House needs to be sprayed so that mowers and string trimmers don't need to get so close to the building.

Framing and stakes for the cement ramps at the front of the Bird House need to be removed.

YOUR BOARD WORKING to IMPROVE THE CLUB – In July the Board of Directors asked the shotgun range directors to come up with a list of their requirements and plans for new stat houses to replace the older buildings. Work on a new Skeet Stat house will be starting soon.

CONVEYOR BELT TARGET BACKERS – The new backers are holding up well and shooters seem to be pleased with them. In the long run they will be less expensive than using plywood, will last longer and be easier to replace. If you use self-adhesive targets, please do not stick them directly to the backer. Attach them to paper first or just staple them to the backer. The residue from the adhesive is unsightly and hard to remove.



CLUB MEMBERSHIP dropped at the end of last year by 6.7% from 1449 to 1352, which is pretty typical. Some of the former members have since rejoined and we have added brand new members bringing our current total up to 1414. Be on the look-out for new faces and make them feel welcome. Thank you to our former Membership Chairman Wayne Brower and to the current Chairman Bert Schmitz for doing an excellent job.

A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF ORIENTATION is the Weapons Safety Check during which applicants demonstrate that they can follow directions, safely handle, load, fire and unload their weapons. For the past seven years Romeo Piersanti has served as the Weapons Safety Officer during Orientation. His dedication brought many of you through a nervous time as you applied for membership. He has decided that now is the time to step down.

WE NEED A VOLUNTEER to replace Romeo. Without a Weapons Safety Officer, we cannot hold any further orientations. There are two more dates for Orientation this year, 25-Sep and 23-Oct. Both are Saturdays and the meetings start at 10:00am in the Clubhouse. We will hold six Orientations in 2022.

The Weapons Safety Officer:

1. Delivers a short safety briefing in the Clubhouse as part of the Orientation presentation. He or she covers rules of safe gun handling and describes the expectations of the applicants at the Utility Pit (all weapons must be cold, unloaded with no magazines attached, and actions open).
2. Sets up one target in the Utility Pit while the group is on the Walking Tour.
3. Observes the applicants as they demonstrate basic safety proficiency with each type

of firearm related to the venues indicated on their application, i.e. handgun, rifle or shotgun. The applicants will bring their unloaded guns along with a minimum of six factory-made rounds per weapon.

4. Decides whether the applicant has successfully demonstrated safe gun handling.
5. Restores the Utility Pit to its original configuration.

If you are interested, please contact Bert Schmitz at Bert.S@rcgc.club or 336.414.9260.

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 our members to enjoy.

SWIPE YOUR ID CARD. Members must use their ID card to enter and to 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.

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.**

ON THE PISTOL AND RIFLE RANGES you must remove your targets and pick up your empty cartridge cases. Targets larger than a standard piece of copy paper should go into the dumpster. Put your empty cartridge cases in the containers provided. **Return any equipment you used, including the metal carts, to its proper location.**

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

On all ranges, ALL BOXES MUST BE FLATTENED to conserve space in the trash cans and dumpsters.

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 for recycling.

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



NEVER FIRE FROM BEHIND ANOTHER SHOOTER.

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