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# RCGC NEWSLETTER

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This edition of the RCGC Newsletter is being sent by US Mail to everyone whose membership is paid up at least through 2022. That includes 40 Charter Members, 43 Life Members, 69 who have paid for additional years beyond 2022 and almost 1200 Annual Members. The non-renewal rate is currently at 6.1%, the same rate as last year. The number of non-renewals usually drops when ex-members show up at the gate and find out that their cards no longer allow them entrance to the property because they forgot to pay on time. Members who pay on a yearly basis are reminded that your dues are paid through Dec. 31, 2022.

**THE 2022 LOCK CODE** – Welcome to another year of target shooting at RCGC. Your ID/Gate Card opens the gate and identifies you as a Club member. You must wear it so that it is easily visible while you are on Club property. The Padlock Code for 2022 is [REDACTED]. The Clubhouse entry code is [REDACTED]. Keep these numbers to yourself. They are a secret. The padlocks will be cleaned and the combinations reset on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>. If after Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> you find a padlock that will not open with the new code (we may have missed one,) try last year's code then let us know which lock is the problem.



Newsletters are mailed twice a year, in February like this one containing the new lock codes and in November with your Official Dues Reminder and your Club Election Ballot. Additional newsletters are emailed about 8 times during the year. Alert messages are also emailed when there is important current news. Please always **OPEN** email from the Club rather than just viewing it in a reading pane. If you are not receiving emails from us at least twice a month there is a problem with your email. Typical problems include: you changed your email address and didn't tell us; you changed your security settings; or you accidentally unsubscribed from getting Club email messages. Sometimes the problem is with the email provider. In any case contact [Lil.A@rcgc.club](mailto:Lil.A@rcgc.club) for help. Also let Lil know if your mailing address or phone number have changed.

**BACK ISSUES** – of the RCGC NEWSLETTER are available on the Club's website [www.rcgc.club](http://www.rcgc.club).

**TREE SERVICE?** – The Board of Directors is looking for a licensed and insured tree expert to handle removal of some of the standing dead wood on Club property. Preference given to Club members. Contact Jim at 336-342-5573.

**2021** – Due to COVID we were forced to cancel the Annual Club Picnic again and attendance was poor at our General Meetings, but 2021 was still a very busy year at RCGC.

- New loading doors were installed on the Skeet Houses.
- The new Clay Target Storage Building or “Bird House” completed in March 2021.
- Concrete shooting benches were constructed on the Utility Pit.
- Pistol Range and Plinking Pit target frames were modified to accept lengths of conveyor belt fabric to serve as target backers. The fabric is quite durable and has certainly saved the Club from purchasing a lot of expensive plywood. Please staple your paper targets to the belt. Do not stick self-adhesive targets directly to the belt.
- In May RCGC again played host to the NC Scholastic Clay Target Trap Championship Tournament. Thank you again to the many Club member volunteers who helped make it a success.
- The Club purchased a third “new-to-us” golf cart.
- A fourth AED (Automatic Electronic Defibrillator) was purchased. In an emergency one of them might save your life or that of another member. They are located in the Rimfire Range Stat House, the Clubhouse, the Trap Stat House and in the Skeet Stat House. Everyone is encouraged to become familiar with their locations and operation.

The instructions are simple and our units will actually talk you through the entire procedure.

- In September RCGC Held the first Registered Skeet Match in years. There are plans to hold several more in 2022, including the NC Scholastic Clay Target Skeet Championship Tournament this fall.
- In October the Skeet Range got a new Stat House. Mike Hatfield will finish the interior.
- In November there was another successful Concealed Carry B.U.G. (Back-Up Gun) Match on the Pistol Range. In lieu of entry fees, participants donated toys and cash for local area needy children.
- In December a larger drain was installed under the drive to the Skeet Range and the ditches were repaired.

In January 2018 the Board of Directors paid off the mortgage. Since then, the Club has remained debt free. All improvements, repairs and construction since then have been paid in full. Your BOD has been very responsible with your money. If you have not been to the Club in a while, you will be surprised by the changes and improvements. The Board is making plans for major improvements to the Trap Range in 2022. Drainage around the houses will be addressed. The Houses will be waterproofed they will be getting new roofs and doors.

**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.**

**CARTONS MUST BE FLATTENED** before you place them in a dumpster.

**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, they go into the buckets provided. We can recycle the metal. We accept brass, aluminum, and nickel-plated cartridge cases, including .22s.

**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 we don't put it in a dumpster.



**ALUMINUM CANS** – There are blue recycle collection bins in the clubhouse for Aluminum soda cans. **Please do not put TRASH into soda cans** or into the aluminum recycle 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 a link on the RCGC website. When you use this link, RCGC earns a small commission on each membership.



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### **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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