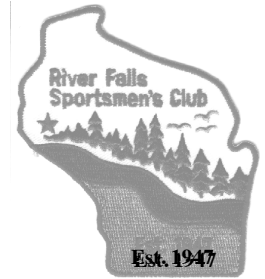


THE FIRING LINE

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE RIVER FALLS SPORTSMEN'S CLUB



*"A well regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a free State,
the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed."*

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Spring is here and the ranges are once again becoming a popular destination. While we knock the dust off our hardware and tune up our skills, we also need to review our gun safety protocols. Please take time to review and renew your commitment to safe gun handling.

In addition to getting back to the range to shoot, we also need to get back to the range and do some Spring Cleaning. This can be done anytime you are at the range, but if you want to be part of a structured effort, Spring Clean-Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 2nd from 8 am–Noon.

Spring is a time for renewal. Renewing your membership is an important part of this season for our club. As you know, the club runs on its members. You make everything work through your dues, your sweat and your support. With this said, we are already working on our 3rd Annual Club banquet. The date has been set for September 26th at the River Falls Golf Course. As I write, our Pre-Banquet Raffle tickets are being printed. We have three dedicated Federal Firearms Licensed club members who submitted 8-gun bids for this raffle. We thank C&R Guns (Craig Rogaczewski), Shoot 'Em Up Sports (Scott McLeod) and Northern Precision Arms (Andrew Thomas) for providing bids. The three bids were anonymously presented to a random group of members present at the club on Sunday, February 23rd for a blind vote. Northern Precision Arms was the list chosen. Raffle tickets will be available soon.

As we are already well into March, there are several important reminders in this newsletter including Scholarship information, League Captains Meeting, along with upcoming events like Appleseed, Hunter Safety, and the State 4-H Shoot. Check the website to make sure the range you are planning to use is available.

Finally, we are honored to offer an additional scholarship this year. The Brian Wilson Memorial Scholarship has been added as another opportunity to RFSC Scholarship applicants in 2020. This separate \$500 scholarship is generously offered by Brian Wilson's family in remembrance of him. The recipient of this special grant will be selected from the 2020 RFSC scholarship applications submitted. The application can be found on our website and at the trap desk inside the clubhouse. Applications must be received by March 31st. Don't forget!

Longer days are here and the range is calling!

Shoot straight - Belinda Hopp, Secretary/Editor

REMINDER: 2020 Membership Renewals can be done on Sundays from 11 AM – 3 PM

Make sure that if you want to access the club, you will need to renew your membership and purchase a new key. If you plan on participating in any of the leagues offered by the club, you must be a current member in order to participate. Non-members or expired memberships will not be counted for score.

RENEWALS MUST BE MADE IN PERSON, WE CANNOT RENEW MEMBERSHIPS BY MAIL OR PHONE.

*"No free man shall
ever be debarred the use
of arms."
-Thomas Jefferson*

DID YOU KNOW?

Where African Americans were being terrorized by the Klu Klux Klan, and where the Klan were sometimes aided by local law enforcement, the NRA set up charters to help train local African American communities to be able to protect themselves. The most prominent case being in 1960 in Monroe, NC where the local National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) head Robert Williams chartered an NRA Rifle Club that successfully defended an assault by the KKK on one of their leader's homes without casualties. The NRA supports wildlife conservation efforts to open lands up to managed hunting. For example, under the Pittman-Robertson Act of 1937, proceeds obtained through a tax on hunting firearms and ammo were used specifically to research and rebuild a vast array of wildlife species and habitats. Today, the NRA continues to seek expansion on these measures. It's worth noting that the proceeds from taxes and licensing go to support the governmental agencies charged with environmental research and conservation management, as little funding for this comes from taxes paid by the general public. The NRA offers training programs for civilians as well as law enforcement. The training programs offered are even recognized by law enforcement as acceptable to fulfill the training requirement for concealed carry licenses (CCW). Today, the NRA has trained over 10,000 police and security firearm instructors and 55,000 certified instructors who in turn train roughly 750,000 people per year.

According to Factcheck.org, nearly half of the funding for the NRA comes from membership dues alone. Voluntary donations still account for the majority of the remaining funding.

2020 ANNUAL MEETING

Thank you to all who attended our General Membership Meeting in January. We had a great turnout, and thank those who attended, enjoying a mid-winter warm up at the Moose Lodge. You can find the names of the people elected to the 2020 Board of Directors on the front page.

Gun Safety Refresher

1. Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction
2. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot
3. Always keep the gun unloaded until it's your turn to shoot. Clear chambers and open actions are REQUIRED when not on the firing line and whenever handing a gun to another person.
4. NEVER cross the firing line to walk down range until everyone on the range acknowledges the range has been made safe and is COLD!
5. Always make sure those around you are following these safety rules.

RFSC is an "aim only" range. Do not engage in "shooting from the hip," un-aimed directional rapid fire or other destructive shots. This includes shooting at range structures instead of approved targets AND shooting short.

Ignorance and carelessness are the primary causes of gun accidents. A very real concern, especially among those who are around guns frequently, is complacency. Complacency leads to carelessness!

WHO SAID IT?

(See Calendar for answer)

We must reject the idea that every time a law's broken, society is guilty rather than the lawbreaker. It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his actions.

**Summer
Trap League
Captain's
Meeting
Tuesday 3/31
7 PM**

**ATTENTION
CLASS OF 2020
Multiple Scholarships,
One Application
Get yours now!
riverfallssportsmensclub.com
*** Deadline is March 31 *****

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Find your Wisconsin state legislators at
<http://legis.wisconsin.gov/w3asp/waml/waml.aspx>

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

YOUTH SHOOTING PROGRAMS

RFSC is home to over 150 middle school, high school, and collegiate trap shooters. We are the host range for state and county 4-H competitions. Over the years, our club has provided dozens of scholarships to young men and women of outstanding character to support their ongoing education. Every year we partner with the River Falls Parks and Rec program to provide a safe and educational introduction to firearms through our Beginning Shooter programs. Our members have been outstanding in their support of these programs through coaching, organizing, and volunteering their time to make these programs successful. Our membership is extraordinarily dedicated to this cause. With that said, the need to address the cost of junior trap has arisen. The board has approved a \$1 per round increase for junior trap rounds as of April 1st. This adjustment allows us to operate on the positive side of the ledger. We considered this thoughtfully, and realized that while we do not want to make it harder for our families and young shooters, our responsibility is to provide a safe and reliable range for our members to utilize now and in the future. We know that our members understand this, and we encourage those who are on a summer trap team with junior shooters, consider talking to your teammates and purchase a ten-round trap card for them, encourage them to shoot, add an extra buck to the Junior Shooters Fund. Those junior shooters just might become your team MVP one or more weeks this summer!

Spring Clean Up

Spring Clean Up Day is a great way to get your volunteer time in for reduced membership dues. This year Clean Up Day is scheduled for **Saturday, May 2nd from 8am to Noon**

THE TRUTH MATTERS

There are numerous examples where concealed carry permit holders stopped public shootings recently, but they go unreported. To read about this and learn about real research on guns and crime go to crimeresearch.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

- 1st Winter Trap
- 8th Winter Trap
- 9th **Board Meeting 7pm**
- 15th Winter Trap
- 22nd Winter Trap
- 29th Winter Trap
- 31st **Scholarship Applications Due**
Summer League Captain's Mtg 7pm

APRIL

- 4th Roberts Hunter Safety 9am-3pm
All Ranges Closed
- 5th **Winter Trap FINAL**
- 12th EASTER Clubhouse Closed
- 13th **Board Meeting 7pm**
- 14,15th Summer Trap Practice
- 18,19 **Appleseed Rifle Mrksmnshp**
15-25-50 yard closed
- 19th Summer Trap Practice
- 21,22nd Summer Trap Practice
- 25th Roberts Hunter Safety 9am-4pm
All Ranges Closed
- 26th Summer Trap Practice
- 28,29th Summer Trap (week 1)

19 April 1775

*First Shots fired at
Lexington Green – the
Fight for Liberty begins*

18/19 April 2020

“Project Appleseed” at the
RFSC, where rifle skills will
no longer be a lost art.

Go to

www.appleseedinfo.org

*to reserve your spot on the
firing line, space is limited!*

WHO SAID IT?

Ronald Reagan, July 31, 1968

*Go to RiverFallsSportsmensClub.com

*for updated calendar and
event/league info*

MAY

- 2nd **Club Clean Up Day 8am-Noon**
- 3rd Summer Trap
- 5,6th Summer Trap (week 2)
- 10th Summer Trap
- 11th **Board Meeting 7pm**
- 12,13th Summer Trap (week 3)
- 16th State 4-H Shoot CLOSED
- 17th Summer Trap
- 19,20th Summer Trap (week 4)
- 24th **NO TRAP-Clubhouse Closed**
- 25th **Memorial Day**
- 26,27th Summer Trap (week 5)
- 31st Summer Trap

MEMORIAL DAY MAY 25TH, 2020

*We remember those
who gave all.*

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SHOOTING HOURS

Sunday – Saturday
9:00 am – 8:00 pm



**RFSC
CLEAN-UP
DAY
5/2/20
8 AM - NOON**