

Sights and Action

Rivanna Rifle & Pistol Club Newsletter

Club Website - <https://rrpc2.org/>



Club News

- Any Board approved events or news you'd like included in the **Newsletter**, email: newsletter@rrpc.org
- **Monthly Membership Meeting** (2nd Thursday 6:00pm - Prospective Members, 7:00pm - General)
 - September 14: Regular Membership Meeting:
 - 12 voting members were present for the membership meeting representing a quorum to allow the voting on new associates.
 - 13 new prospective applicants were introduced to the membership and 9 new associates were voted into membership.
- **Monthly Board of Directors Meeting** (3rd Thursday 7:00pm)
 - September 21: Board of Directors Meeting:
 - The club's cash balance is up, YTD Net Income up, with YTD Expenses up.
 - Membership is currently at 2025 associates/members.
 - Congratulation to Art Zeiss. He is the club's newest Voting Member.
 - The First Aid & Stop the Bleeding class has been rescheduled for October 8 in the clubhouse.
 - The date for the 2023 Christmas party was set for December 9. Stay tuned for for more details.
 - Nominations for the open Board of Directors' position will be closed at the October Membership meeting.
- **Online Calendar** - <https://rrpc2.org/calendar> for the latest updates
- **Online Forums** - <https://rrpc2.org/forums> for General Discussion, Guns & Gun Talk, Buy & Sell, Lost & Found

Special Club Events

- **Summer Cook-out** at The Pavilion - immediately before the membership meeting at 6pm, the club sponsors a hamburger / hot dog or BBQ dinner at 6 PM in the pavilion for a small donation. Great food and chance to meet fellow members. Hosted by:
 - ~~May~~ - BOD
 - ~~June~~ - Shotgun
 - ~~July~~ - High Power Rifle
 - ~~August~~ - IDPA/RF Steel
 - ~~September~~ - Cowboy Action
 - October - Bullseye Pistol
 - November - BOD (tentative)
- The **Nominations & Election Committee** is taking nominations for RRPC Board of Directors' elections to be held **Thursday, November 9, 2023** following the abbreviated Membership meeting. Any current (Voting) Member in good standing is eligible. Candidates are needed for **President, Vice President, Secretary,** and **Treasurer** (one year terms); and two open **Director** positions (3 year terms). Nominations will be taken

until the Thursday, October 12, 2023 Membership meeting. Contact: Jesse Davis jcd@cstone.net, Josephine Sandow sandow8303@comcast.net, Judy Brochu-Blake jbmtjoly@gmail.com

- RRPC will offer **first-aid training** 8:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Sunday, October 8 at the clubhouse.

This class will cover American Heart Association's Heartsaver/AED and Stop the Bleed programs. It includes lecture and hands-on skill practice on how to:

- Perform high-quality CPR
- Use an AED
- Recognize life-threatening bleeding
- Use tourniquets
- Use compression bandages
- Wound packing
- Treat to prevent hypothermia caused by trauma

Family members are welcome to join the class with club members. The fee will be \$30.00 per person if you want an AHA HS card or \$10.00 if you don't want the card. For additional information visit <https://cpr.heart.org/en/cpr-courses-and-kits/heartsaver> and <https://www.stopthebleed.org>

Special Bylaws Notice

The Bylaws require any proposed Bylaw amendments to be published in the newsletter the month prior to any vote.

Fellow voting members,

We humbly request your support for what we feel is a long-overdue update to the club's by-laws. The requirement to belong to the National Rifle Association has become problematic from a practical standpoint. Please take a moment to understand why:

- Due to administrative changes in the last several years, the NRA is no longer able to provide reliable membership verifications to RRPC.
- The last audit attempted by the RRPC Membership Committee resulted in hundreds of RRPC members receiving notices of non-renewal of their NRA membership which turned out to be incorrect, based on poor data received from the NRA.
- Manual verification of membership is not feasible with a membership of 2,000+
- The number of people removed from the club for failing to renew their NRA membership in the last couple years is precisely 0.

There is a misconception that the club receives insurance benefits or significant monies each year from the NRA. This is simply not true. Removal of this requirement has 0 impact on the business of the club, except to alleviate the administrative burden of trying to verify NRA membership each year. This is not about personal feelings for or against the NRA. Many of us are lifetime NRA members. Rather, this is about the practicality of enforcing this requirement and what is best for the club.

The purpose of this amendment is to remove the following requirements:

- RRPC members must be members of the National Rifle Association
- RRPC members belong to the National Rifle Association as a condition of membership renewal
- RRPC members who are no longer members of the NRA will be suspended or expelled
- All direct references to the National Rifle Association would be removed from the bylaws. Henceforth, the bylaws would treat the NRA the same as any other organization to which RRPC may be affiliated. The bylaws would neither mandate nor prohibit corresponding with or sending payments to the NRA. Current participation in NRA programs, such as NRA instructor certification and offering NRA training courses, would continue as before.

We ask for your support of this change at our annual meeting on <date and time>. We especially invite those of you who have not attended any recent meetings to show up and vote. Without this change, we will continue to have this problematic policy on our books and no way to act on it.

Should you have any specific questions or feelings to share regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to email us. Discussion at the November meeting may be limited in the interest of time.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this proposal,
Bob Bossi, bossirf@gmail.com
Jack Blundell, malcolm.j.blundell@gmail.com

Proposed RRPC Bylaw Amendment

The RRPC bylaws will be amended as follows:

- Section 1.0.1, remove the third bullet, “be a member of the National Rifle Association;”
- Remove Section 1.0.2, “Continued membership in the National Rifle Association is required of all Club Members and Associates (as defined in Section 1.2).”
- Remove Section 1.3.1.2, “Members and Associates are solely responsible for paying any dues, fees or other charges necessary to maintain their membership in the National Rifle Association as a condition of their membership or association with the Club.”
- Section 1.3.3, remove the reference to the National Rifle Association from the second sentence. The revised sentence will read, “The secretary shall also conduct all official correspondence pertaining to the proper preparation and forwarding of all reports required of the Club by organizations with which the Club is affiliated.”
- Section 4.10, remove the reference to the National Rifle Association from the sixth sentence. The revised sentence will read, “The Treasurer shall, without action by the Board of Directors, draw checks for national Club Membership fees and forward them to the organizations with which the Club is affiliated.”
- Remove Section 7.4, “National Rifle Association. Any Officer, Member or Associate of the Club who has been suspended or expelled by the National Rifle Association shall automatically stand suspended or expelled from this Club immediately upon receipt of official notice by the Secretary of this Club from the Secretary of the National Rifle Association.”

Regularly Scheduled Events

- **Bullseye** High Nooners (Target Fee \$1)
 - 25yd turning targets for 22LR pistols - Beginners Welcome
 - Wednesdays at 12:00 (10:30 in summer)
 - Contact: Tom HighNooners@rrpc.org
- **Cowboy Action**
 - 2nd Saturday of month 8:30am 100yd Rifle range
 - Contact: Joe Witcofsky at joseph.witcofsky@gmail.com
- **High Power Rifle** (Match Fee \$15)
 - 1st Saturday of month 8:00am (Relay1 9:00, Relay2 11:00) 100yd Rifle range
- **IDPA** - Defensive scenario based pistol matches (Match Fee \$15)
 - 1st Monday of the month **Indoor** Match 5:30pm - 8:00pm (Indoor range)
 - Contact: Ira irakreisman@gmail.com
 - 3rd Saturday of the month (Jan-Nov) **Outdoor** Match 8:30am - 3:00pm (Bullseye, AP&T)
 - Contact: Meg mrogers38rev@gmail.com

- Registration for both matches on Practiscore
- **NRA FIRST Steps Pistol** class
 - Three hour class that meets Virginia's training requirement for a concealed handgun permit.
 - Last Thursday of month 6:00pm - 9:00pm
 - Contact: Jerry Pownall at jdpownall@embarqmail.com.
- **NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting** class
 - Last Saturday of month
 - Contact: Jerry Pownall at jdpownall@embarqmail.com.
- **Practical Pistol Practice** (Target Fee \$5)
 - 2nd and 4th Mondays 5:30pm - 7:30pm (Bullseye range, weather permitting)
 - Contact: Lyn l.deaneharris@gmail.com or Chris thenosey228@gmail.com (434-996-0366)
- **Precision Pistol Program** (Target Fee \$1)
 - Coached Precision Pistol Practice 1st/3rd Wednesday nights 7:00pm (Indoor range)
 - "After Hours" Competition 2nd/4th Wednesday nights 7:00pm (Indoor range)
 - Contact Mike Davis jmdavis45@gmail.com 804-307-3427
- **Rimfire Steel** - Steel plate shooting with .22 pistol and rifle (Match Fee \$10, \$5 <12yo, \$20 max per family)
 - 4th Saturday of the month (Mar-Nov) 9:00am - 3:00pm (Bullseye range)
 - Contact Gary Kellenberger rimfiresteel@rrpc.org
- **Trap Shoot ATA 300 Bird Registered Shoot**
 - 4th Saturday March - October (no August shoot)
 - Register & Practice 9am; Shoot starts at 10am
 - Contact: Craig DePiazzy 1tufftug@comcast.net
 - Skeet field will be in use for trap shoot
- **Trap Shoot ATA 50 Bird Registered Winter League**
 - Held in conjunction with 2nd and 4th Sundays open trap shoots from November through February.
 - 1:30PM to Sunset.
 - Contact Mike Kreynus mkreynus@verizon.net 404 263-1008
- **Trap Clinic ATA** (Certified ATA/NRA Coaching and Instruction)
 - Wednesday 2-9pm
 - Contact Mike Kreynus mkreynus@verizon.net 404 263-1008
- **Shotgun General**
 - Practice - Sundays 1:30-5:30pm (except 2nd)
 - 5-Stand - 2nd Sunday on lower trap field
 - Recreation - Friday mornings
 - Wobble Trap - Sundays 1:30-5:00pm
 - Trap: Mike Kreynaus 804-263-1008
 - Shotgun RRPC Program Director: Jesse Davis jcd@cstone.net 434 293-3811
- **Trap and Skeet** (Introduction & Orientation)
 - 3rd Saturday 1:00pm - 3:00pm
 - Contact: Matt Cowherd mcowherd06@gmail.com 540-910-1482

General Info

- **Work detail** info for new members or if you'd like to lend a hand at the club
 - <https://rrpc2.org/workdetail>
 - Jack email: malcolm.j.blundell@gmail.com
- **Outdoor Firearm Range Hours**
 - **Monday thru Saturday** 8:00am - Sunset
 - **Sunday** 1:30pm - Sunset

- **President's Message on Safety and Range Rules** - <https://rrpc2.org/RangeRules>
- **Safety concerns** - report them for review by the safety committee <https://rrpc2.org/page-1355542>
- **VCDL** - In an effort to keep all gun owners informed of the latest information regarding the right to keep and bear arms in the Commonwealth of Virginia, the **Virginia Citizens Defense League** operates a mailing list [For info or to sign up <https://vcdl.org/default.aspx>] with relevant and timely information.

Board and Committee Info

President - Robert Schmidt	Vice President - Jack Blundell
Secretary/Membership - Tim Rogers	Treasurer - Chip Berry
Director #1 - Joseph Pennio	Director #2 - Paul Benneche
Director #3 - Chris Kontalonis	Director #4 - Gary Kellenberger
Director #5 - Steve Dellinger	Director #6 - Jerry Pownall
Director #7 - Tom Templeton	https://rrpc2.org/EmailOfficers/

Safety Chair: Bob Schmidt	Calendar Editor: Paul Benneche, Jerry Pownall & Kim Smalley
Training: Jerry Pownall	High Power Rifle: Steven Dellinger
Precision Bullseye: James Davis	High Nooners Bullseye: Thomas Willis
Archery: Peter Netland	Appleseed Rifle: Kim Smalley
Rimfire Steel: Gary Kellenberger	Cowboy Action: Joseph Witcofsky
IDPA: Meg Rogers	Shotgun: Jesse Davis
Women's Program: Judith Levine	
Newsletter Editor: David Schullery	Email: newsletter@rrpc.org

Range Highlight

ALL RANGES – ALL TIMES

- Members must wear their RRPC name tags while at the range.
- Guests- Members are responsible for ensuring that their guests follow the Range Rules. Up to four guests per member are permitted. Guests must shoot on the same range as the member.
- Safety is Everyone's Responsibility!
- Please clean up after yourself. Do not leave garbage or targets on the range, and please pick up your brass.
- NO Explosive Targets!

If you have questions about any of these Range Safety Rules, please contact our Safety Committee.

PISTOL RANGE

Firearms

Handguns only. (No AR- and AK-type handguns.)

Type of Shooting

Standing position off-hand shooting only (e.g. without a rest or support).

Firing Line & Target Location

Covered firing line only.

For 25 yard targets, paper targets attached on [wooden target holders](#) (you bring!) must be placed in metal target holders behind wooden fence.

For 50 yard targets, place paper targets on cardboard backing (you bring!) cut 2' sq. to fit into metal target holders.

No other target type or placement is allowed.

NEVER attach targets to club's wooden structures such as overhead baffle, beams or wooden barricades!

Pistol Range Interaction

Pistol range must cease fire before anyone goes down range on the 300 yard range. Cease fire will be in effect while light and buzzer are on.