

Welcome to Forbes Rifle & Pistol Club

Forbes was founded in 1927. Except for a short hiatus during World War II, it has been conducting NRA approved rifle matches ever since. The club's range allows both National Match and Long Range Rifle competition out to 1000 yards. The 200, 300 and 600-yard ranges are available to members for practice while the 800, 900 and 1000-yard ranges are open for practice on scheduled days announced as soon as arrangements are made.

The 600 yard range is open to Forbes' members on Thursdays only. The 300-yard range is open Tuesday 8:00-10:00 and 4:00-6:00. On other days and times members may use the 200-yard range. If using the 300-yard range, members should use stations to the left of the berm if Watervliet's skeet range is in use. It is possible for the fall of shot to reach the right side of the 300-yard line. Members may use targets provided in the range shed, which is to the right of the target pit.

The range pavilion is also available to members for bench shooting.

The ranges are open for practice from 8:00 a.m. to dusk.

In all cases, practice is on a first come first serve basis although cooperation is always the watchword. If someone is already on the line practicing, newcomers must wait until those on the line have completed their course of fire before starting their own. Shooters on the line and who have completed their course of fire are expected to allow new arrivals to put up targets and set up for their practice before resuming. Hearing and eye protection is also required.

Members and guests are expected to adhere strictly to the Range Rules, below.

Forbes usually conducts four long range high power rifle matches during the year as well as a high power rifle 80 round National Match Course League. In addition, Forbes fields a team that participates in a winter small-bore league. The small-bore league schedule consists of 15 matches; each match is a 30 round course of fire, single load, 10 each standing, sitting or kneeling and prone. The small-bore league is open to any member regardless of experience and you may participate in as many or as few matches as you desire.

The Match Schedule is posted on Forbes' WebSite at: www.forbesrifleandpistolclub.org.

RULES OF THE RANGE

- Ranges open 8:00 a.m. to sunset. Sign in before entering and note caliber of firearm used. Combination to lock is on back of the membership card.
- Use the range and leave it as you found it.
- No firing across the range – North or South.
- No firing from covered bench area to target pits.
- Fire only at paper targets in approved carriers and frames.
- No automatic firing weapons allowed on the range.
- No skeet, trap or bowling pin shooting allowed on the range.
- Range road from 600 yard line to 300 yard line is closed except during approved club matches.
- Use road access through rear of Watervliet Clubhouse.
- Speed limit is 5 mph (strictly enforced).
- No all-terrain vehicles allowed on range property.
- No hunting or trapping allowed on club grounds.
- Do not drive over range firing points or berms.
- Eye and ear protection must be worn by persons on the range.
- Individuals who are using the range and are unable to present their membership cards will be asked to leave. Membership cards must be shown, when requested, to other Forbes' members or representatives of Watervliet Fish & Game Club.
- A member may bring a guest to shoot or observe one time to see if the club is a possible fit. Members will be held accountable for all guests.

- Any member who observes dangerous or improper conduct by a member or guest is authorized to direct the person/persons to leave club property. The incident shall be reported to a club officer as soon as possible.
- No tracer, armor piercing or incendiary ammo allowed on the range.
- .50 caliber ammunition is not allowed.

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Meetings of the membership are held semi-annually on the fourth Tuesday of April and October. Notice of time and place are e-mailed to members in advance, or consult the Events/Matches page of the club's website.

Sign Up A New Member

As of January 2008, all new members must complete an orientation course before being allowed to operate a firearm on the range. The current schedule calls for a one-day orientation class. The orientation date and time is subject to change, and must be scheduled with John DeBrita at rifledad@yahoo.com.

Prospective members will meet in the parking lot adjacent to the Watervliet Fish & Game Club Clubhouse. **PLEASE ALLOW TWO (2) WEEKS FROM THE DATE YOU MAILED YOUR APPLICATION.** Your membership card will be issued at this time but will not include the combination to the range locks. You will be given the combination by the Instructor at the completion of the Orientation, who will also sign your card on the back.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TEL: _____ E-Mail _____

DOB: _____ NRA MBR# _____ NYSRPA# _____

Sponsor: _____

Sponsor's signature: _____

The Board of Directors has set the following minimum qualifications for new members, commencing January 1, 2009.

Proof of:

1. an NRA classification in a shooting sport; or,
2. satisfactory completion of a small arms training school (SAFS); or,
3. current peace officer, or service in the armed forces.

All applications are subject to BOD acceptance.

Annual Dues: \$50.00 \$ _____

One Time Gate Card Fee: \$10.00 \$ _____

Dues cover members of immediate family (spouse, children 18 or under).

Include names if you want ID cards for range admittance.

Remit by check or money order payable to: Forbes Rifle & Pistol Club, Inc.

Send to: Ed Simon, 904 State Route 40, Melrose, NY 12121