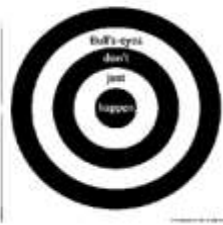


# Forbes Rifle & Pistol Club Newsletter



December 2020

**President: Bill Genthner**  
**Vice Pres: Steve Melita**

**Treasurer: Jim Beck**  
**Secretary: John Usher**

## Updates and Reminders

### October 17 Work Party

Special thanks to the following volunteers who showed-up and helped out at the October 17 work party!

*Brendan Lanoue*  
*Nick Macchiarella*  
*John Olszweski*

*John Usher*  
*Bill Genthner*  
*Jim Beck*

*Steve Melita*  
*John DeBrita*

One crew identified and cut limbs and trees that interfered with points along the right side of the range. Higher branches that could not be reached were marked for future removal using a lift or bucket truck. We need to complete this before spring. We also removed the flail mower, installed the brush hog on our tractor and started cleaning up the sides of the range.

Nearly all of the target frames were removed and stored in the shed. The basic plan was to build new target frames using better grade materials to resist warping and bending and improve longevity. Unfortunately, the type of lumber needed was not available at that time, so the team did further assessment and planning. We will build at least four frames over the winter to be ready for use in the spring.

Minimizing movement of the frames in the carriers is another important consideration for use of the Shot Marker electronic target system. We have been using wood wedges to lock the carriers in place, but the wedges holding the frames in the carrier have been a weak point due to the taper in the sides of the channel. Chief Range Officer Nick Macchiarella devised a simple and effective solution by using two retaining bolts to secure each frame leg to the carrier (see below photo). As pictured below, we can see that Nick's years of pistol shooting were put to good use in drilling the 3/8-inch holes needed. Drilling the holes was the most difficult part of the job, so if anyone knows of a better way, please let us know.



### **Smallbore League**

Due to the current COVID-19 situation throughout New York state and the difficulty avoiding shooters being in close proximity indoors, the league has decided not to proceed with the ENYRL this season. Updates will be provided if the situation changes. Possible alternatives being discussed include spring or summer matches if vaccinated, late spring outdoor matches at Iroquois, and a Postal Season. Contact Ed Tse ([kett3233@gmail.com](mailto:kett3233@gmail.com)) if interested.

### **November Thursdays**

We were blessed with some surprisingly nice weather for a few of our late season 600-yard practices. Shown below are Mark Nash and Chuck Richards shooting on the new Shot Marker electronic target system, and Steve Melita enjoying the beautiful morning and watching the results on his tablet.



## **Watervliet Fish and Game Protective Association (WFGPA)**

With winter approaching, this is a good time to remind us of our obligations to our neighbor. While Forbes and WFGPA grounds are distinctly separate, they are adjacent to each other and access to either requires crossing the premises of the other. A cooperative agreement has existed between the clubs for over 60 years to ensure that each club can access and enjoy their own facilities. To maintain our responsibilities under the agreement and avoid unnecessary problems, we are reminding all members of the following:

- As a Forbes member you can pass through WFGPA to access our grounds. However, unless you are also a WFGPA member you may not utilize their range facilities. There are certain exceptions use of their indoor range for scheduled Wednesday night smallbore practice and league matches.
- Drive slowly and cautiously on all club roadways and through parking lots.
- No firing is allowed before 8:00AM
- When using our facilities, do not park on WFGPA property, including their back-range area near our 300-yard gate (see new sign below)
- They are our neighbors – please be courteous. Report any concerns to us

**Sign-In Reminder** – Please ensure that you and any guest properly sign in and out in the provided logbook. Information that must be recorded includes the date, name of member and guest, time of entry and exit, and caliber of any firearms used. This is a mandatory requirement for the use and operation of our ranges. New signs (see below) have provided at the 300 and 600-yard gates as reminders.



## **2021 Membership Dues**

Membership dues for 2021 are \$50.00 and are payable no later than January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Cards will no longer be issued to immediate family members (spouse and children up to and including 18 years of age), but they may accompany you on unlimited occasions. An electronic gate key card can be obtained by sending a onetime payment of \$10.00 with your membership fee. Newsletters and other important information are sent by e-mail, so please provide your legible e-mail address on the slip at the bottom of this page (or by using separate attachment). Also, please inform the membership director if you have been previously designated as a lifetime member. Please mail dues (payable to **Forbes Rifle & Pistol Club, Inc.**) with completed slip at the bottom of this newsletter (or attachment) to Ed Simon at the listed address. Direct any membership-related questions to Ed at [edsimon223@gmail.com](mailto:edsimon223@gmail.com).

***Electronic cards will be deactivated on Feb 1, 2021 if dues are not received by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, and there will be a \$20.00 late fee for membership dues paid after that date.***

## **Historical Forbes Documents**

We are continuing with our project to chronicle and digitally safeguard the history of Forbes. If you have or know of the existence of any club documents, photos, or other significant records, please contact John Usher at [usherjr2@hotmail.com](mailto:usherjr2@hotmail.com).

## **General Membership Meeting**

We will inform you of the next meeting date, location once we are allowed to resume them safely.

As always, please check our Website for the most current information at:

**[WWW.FORBESRIFLEANDPISTOLCLUB.ORG](http://WWW.FORBESRIFLEANDPISTOLCLUB.ORG)**

### ***2021 Forbes Rifle & Pistol Club Membership Dues***

**Detach and mail with payment to Ed Simon, 904 State Route 40, Melrose, NY 12121**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address (If Changed) \_\_\_\_\_

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