

Forbes Rifle & Pistol Club Newsletter



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Quarterly Meeting

The Regular Quarterly Meeting of the Forbes Rifle and Pistol Club will be held on Thursday, January 21st, 2016 at the Colonie VFW Post. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. The Post is reached by going east on Rifle Range Road (opposite the entrance to Forbes' Range) to the end and turning right. The Post is on the left immediately after making the turn.

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Club News

Range Open for Winter

The range will remain open for the entire 2015-2016 Winter, weather permitting and barring any unforeseen complications. Members must park ONLY on Forbes and NOT on Watervliet F&G property, regardless of snow conditions. Snow plowing by Forbes will not be provided.

Electronic Mailing

This is the first newsletter to be sent by email. The club decided to go this route to reduce costs, avoid having to raise annual dues, and to also allow us to quickly send out important messages and updates. If you received this by email, you have probably already paid your dues and can disregard the below reminder. However, please share this information with other members you know who may not have given their email addresses to Jeff, and remind them that the newsletters are also posted on the website.

2016 Membership Dues and \$20 Late Fee

Membership dues for 2016 continue at \$40.00 and are payable no later than January 31st, 2016. The membership fee includes immediate family members (spouse and children up to and including 18 years of age) designated in writing by the member. An electronic gate key card can be obtained by sending a onetime payment of \$10.00 with your membership fee. After January 1, 2016 newsletters will be sent by e-mail to reduce club costs, so you must provide your legible e-mail address on the slip at the bottom of this page. ***Mail your dues payment with the completed slip found at the bottom to Jeff Liddle, 28 Colleen Road, Troy, NY 12180, or bring them to the meeting. Electronic cards will be deactivated on Feb 1, 2016 if dues are not received by January 31st, 2015, and there will be a \$20.00 late fee for membership dues paid after that date.***

Smallbore League

The smallbore league is already underway, and it's not too late to join in the fun. Fifteen league matches alternate between home (Watervliet's indoor range) and away: Coxsackie, Iroquois (Rotterdam) and Pine Tree (Johnstown). The matches are held on Friday evenings and consist of 30 record shots and unlimited sighters at 50'; 10 each in prone, sitting/kneeling and offhand with a 40 minute time limit. New shooters are always welcome and lack of experience is no bar. The Watervliet indoor range is also open to any Forbes member for practice on Wednesdays starting at 8:00PM. For updated schedule information, check the Forbes' website:

<http://www.forbesrifleandpistolclub.org/matches/smallbore/2015-2016-smallbore-schedule.pdf>

Rule change: Rifles with empty chamber indicators (ECIs) in place may now be brought to the line after the line is cleared. However, you may not touch your rifle again until all targets are up and all shooters are back behind the line.

2016 Forbes Match Schedule

Long Range (800-1,000 yards)	1,000 Yard Practice (8:00AM to Noon)	High Power League (200, 300 & 600 yards) *	High Power Matches (200, 300 & 600 y) *	300 Yard (1PM Start)
May 14-15 Palma (800, 900 and 1,000 yards)	April 18	April 23		April 16
	May 9	May 21		May 7
June 11-12 (1,000 yards)	June 6	June 18	NYSRPA Alfonso Championship June 24-26	
July 16-17 Palma (800, 900 and 1,000 yards)	July 11	July 2		
September 10-11 (1,000 yards)	August 15	August 20		
	September 5	September 17		September 24
	October 10 (new date added)	October 1 (Rain Date)		October 8

* Start firing at 200 yard at 11:00AM sharp. 1:00pm or later move to 300 and 600 yard berms

CMP Rule Changes for 2016...

6.1.1 M16/AR15-Type Rifles The rifle must an M16 U. S. Service Rifle or a similar AR15-type commercial rifle that is derived from the M16 service rifle design. The following specific rules apply to this type of rifle:

* Must be chambered for the 5.56 x 45 mm NATO (.223) cartridge.

* Must be designed or modified so that only semi-automatic fire is possible.

* The gas operating system must be fully operable and adhere to the original M16 rifle design (i. e. Stoner design, gas impingement system) or have a piston-operated gas system.

* The receiver and handguard must be machined as separate parts.

* The barrel may be no longer than the standard A2 barrel length of 20 inches (20 3/8 inches if measured from the back of the barrel extension); flash suppressors are not required, but if the barrel has a flash suppressor, the total length of the barrel, measured from the back of the barrel extension to the target end of the flash suppressor shall not exceed 21 5/8 inches.

* Quad rails or similar hand guards may be used. The front sling swivel may be attached to the hand guard, but must be fixed and located 13.25 in. (+/- 0.5 in.) from the forward edge of the magazine well on M16 configured rifles or 8.0 in. (+/- 0.5 in.) on M4 configured rifles.

* Upper receivers and/or barrels may not be changed during the firing of any event.

* The trigger pull must be at least 4.5 pounds.

* Metal or synthetic (polymer) magazines, standard issue or commercial equivalent, with standard service 20 or 30-round box magazine dimensions must be attached during the firing of all courses

and in all positions. A 10-round magazine with the same external dimensions as a standard service 20-round box magazine may be used. A dummy magazine with a ramp for single shot loading may be used if this magazine has the same external dimensions as the standard service 20- round box magazine.

* The rifle may have an optical sight (reflective sights are considered optical sights) with a maximum power of 4.5X installed on the receiver. Variable scopes with a maximum of 4.5X are permitted. Only commercially manufactured scopes that were produced with a maximum magnification of 4.5X and that have a maximum objective lens diameter of 34 mm may be used. If an optical sight is used, the same optical sight configuration must be used in all stages of a course of fire (changing sights or sight mount configurations is not permitted). The centerline of an optical sight shall be no higher than 3.5 inches above the centerline of the bore.

* Alternatively, the rifle may be equipped with issue-type metallic front and rear sights with a maximum sight radius of 20.5 inches. Metallic sights, if used, must have an M16 type sight design with the rear sight in the carry handle and the front sight in the standard M16 location.

* Butt-stocks may vary in length and be either fixed or collapsible. Collapsible or adjustable length stocks may be adjusted during an event, but butt stocks that allow for other adjustments such as the cheek-piece height or butt-plate location may not be used.

* Only standard A1 or A2 type pistol grips may be used.

* An extended bolt release is permitted.

* Left-handed receivers that reverse the operational design features of M16/AR-type rifles are permitted.

There also will no longer be gun malfunction alibis in CMP matches, just pit or range alibis.

Range Improvements, Your Dues at Work...



Punctured tires should now be a thing of the past after a few, much needed loads of finer stone were placed on the access road under Mike McGill's direction



In recognition of the foresight, dedication and hard work of the Forbes founding members, a memorial stone and flag pole will be erected behind the 1,000 yard line. The hardest part is getting started, and we are happy to see this project, the brainchild of Steve Melita, finally get underway! Ron Michon, Kenny with his loader, and an impromptu work party made quick work of the grading this fall.

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

WWW.FORBESRIFLEANDPISTOLCLUB.ORG

2016 Forbes Rifle & Pistol Club Membership Dues
Detach and mail with payment to Jeff Liddle, 28 Colleen Rd, Troy, NY 12180 or bring to meeting

Name _____ E-mail _____

Designated Family Members _____

Address (If Changed) _____
