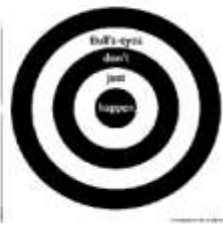


Forbes Rifle & Pistol Club Newsletter



May 2021

President: Bill Genthner
Vice Pres: Steve Melita

Treasurer: Jim Beck
Secretary: John Usher

Updates and Reminders

April 3 & 10 Work Parties

This Spring we had an ambitious list of projects which presented us with many challenges. We are happy to report that we overcame all of them working as a team. In addition to the scheduled work parties on the above dates, we also put in full days on March 20th and 27th. Special thanks to the following volunteers who showed-up and helped out at one or more of the work days:

John Olzsewski
Nick Macchiarella
Jim Beck
Jim Webster
Robert Palmer
Tom Moran
Ed Tse
Joel Besemer
Harold Miller

John Usher
Bill Genthner
Mike Burline
Ron Michon
Mark Nash
Bob Rickard
John Kapitan
Tim O'Neill
Dan Harrison

Steve Melita
John DeBrita
Art Tooker
Mike McGill Jr
Adam Thorenz
Jason Case
Miguel Vasquez
John Lembo
Ed Simon

Thanks to everyone's help our list of accomplishments was very impressive this year:

- Improved the basic design of our target frames by using better, longer lasting wood (Siberian Larch), pocket-screwed corners, stronger gussets (Thanks Art Tooker), and Trex corners (Thanks John DeBrita) to mount the Shot Marker sensors on. Eight of the new frames were made and later calibrated.
- After Ron and Mike McGill drilled the holes in the carriers, installing the frames and retaining bolts was pretty straight forward (Thanks John Kapitan)
- Our cardboard targets were improved by mounting them on a light 1x2 frame (Thanks Mike Burline). This allowed for more simple retainers on the frame, making hanging easier, and also helped protect the edges and corners and resist cardboard warping.
- One change necessitates another, so we had to redesign the target storage system in the main shed. This was very challenging and frustrating, but thanks to some great ideas by Nick Macchiarella and Adam Thorenz, and faith and effort on the part of the rest of us, it turned out great. Instead of having 3 sets of targets being stacked horizontally, we now have 4 sets hanging vertically from overhead pipe rails. Nick and Ed Tse came

to the rescue by fabricating all of the hangers from 3/16-inch rod using Nick's clever tool arrangement and process. John DeBrita saved us by getting all of the wood framing for the targets and using his shaper to cut notches in the upper frame for hanging them up.

- Lubed carriers and cleaned out pits
- Pavilion clean-up
- Tree trimming and brush cutting (special thanks to Joel Besemer and crew)
- Tractor and mower maintenance



Additional work was also done for the club after the work days. We express our gratitude to the following individuals for their extra contributions to the club:

- Ron Michon - for clearing and raising the firing point markers and fertilizing and treating the berms
- Ed Simon – for rebuilding the flail mower donated last year by Dan Harrison
- Mike McGill Jr – For arranging and overseeing the repair to the road near the 300-yard gate and installing the stone pad on the side of the main shed for storing the tractor donated by Ernie

2021 Forbes 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 yards) *	300 Yard (1PM Start)
May 15-16 Palma (800, 900 & 1,000 yards)	April 12	April 24		April 17
	May 10	May 8		May 22
June 12-13 (1,000 yards)	June 7		Regional June 26 (all day) EIC (leg) June 27	
July 24-25 Palma (800, 900 & 1,000 yards)	July 19	July 10		
September 18-19 (1,000 yards)	August 23	August 28		
	Sept 13	Sept 25		Sept 11
	October 4	Oct 16 (Rain Date)		October 9

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

Match Director Needed for July 24-25 Palma Match

The July 24-25 Palma is in danger of being cancelled because we currently do not have someone to run it. The other match directors will help get the new director up-to-speed and assist them with the details. We may also have some additional help with the scoring and reporting, which makes the job a whole lot easier. For those interested, benefits include the waiving of fees for any of the other matches you'd like to shoot during the year, the heartfelt appreciation (seriously) from the other shooters, and playing a vital role in keeping the shooting program alive at Forbes, which has been going strong since 1937. Please contact Bill Genthner at wm.genthner@gmail.com if you are interested – but don't delay, since we have deadlines for NRA approval!

Forbes Needs to Fill Secretary Position

After ten years of service John Usher has resigned from the Secretary position at Forbes. He has enjoyed serving the club in this role, but due to new work and other commitments he will not be able to continue. John and the other officers and board members will help the new person in this position. Benefits include being directly involved with club business and improving operations, the waiving of fees for any matches you'd like to shoot during the year,

and providing the vital function of keeping the members informed. Please contact Bill Genthner at wm.genthner@gmail.com if you are interested or know of any good candidates.

Hold Harmless Agreement

Due to a change in insurance requirements, all non-members (including match participants and guests) using the range must sign a hold harmless agreement before using the range. The document can be found on our website via the following link (www.forbesrifleandpistolclub.org/documents/hold-harmless.pdf), will be available at matches and practices, and copies will be also kept in the 300 and 600-yard log-in mailboxes for you to sign and leave there.

2021 Membership Dues

Our membership director has informed us that approximately 50 members have not submitted their 2021 dues. Please mail dues (payable to **Forbes Rifle & Pistol Club, Inc.**) with completed slip at the bottom of this newsletter to Ed Simon at the listed address. Direct any membership-related questions to Ed at edsimon223@gmail.com. ***This is the final notice before electronic access cards will be deactivated.***

General Membership Meeting

We will inform you of the next meeting date and location once we can resume them safely.

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

WWW.FORBESRIFLEANDPISTOLCLUB.ORG



2021 Forbes Rifle & Pistol Club Membership Dues
Detach and mail with \$50 payment to Ed Simon, 904 SR 40, Melrose, NY 12121
Please make check payable to Forbes Rifle & Pistol Club, Inc.

Name _____ E-mail _____

Address (If Changed) _____
