



The Bullet-IN

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On Friday, March 26, 2021, the club became flooded early in the day when the Etowah River reached 18 feet above normal as measured at the Kelly Bridge level gauge. By 10:00 AM, the bridge at the Rimfire Plinking Range, the Rimfire Plinking Range, the MP1 parking lot and the road in front of MP2 were all under water. Shotgun Hill was closed for the day and all club employees were sent home.



Road from AP to MP2

On Friday, the water was up to the bottom steps on MP1 and the “Archery Range” sign across the road was barely above water. By Saturday, the water had receded everywhere on club property except for the temporary lake in the corn field next to the road and across from the Action Pistol Bays and MP2. There doesn’t appear to be any damage to the club roads and ranges that were flooded but there may be some water damage to targets and backers in the High Power Range target shed.

Because of the unusually heavy rains on the afternoon and evening of, Thursday, March 25, Bill Illg, Club Manager was watching the USGS level gauge website for the



MP2 Corn Field

Kelly Bridge gauge closely on Friday morning. At 9:00 AM, Bill Illg reported that the Etowah River had surpassed flood stage and the club was flooded beyond the Action Pistol Bays. “Danger Deep Water” signs were put in place and the club website landing page was updated to inform members by 10:00 AM Friday morning.

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During periods of prolonged rain and unusually heavy rain, it is prudent to check the club website for conditions at the club prior to driving to the club. When using club facilities and ranges during or immediately after heavy or prolonged periods of rain, it's a good idea to look for water in the corn field. We know from past experience that the Etowah River can reach flood stage within a few hours and that as soon as flood waters in the corn field reach the road adjacent to MP1 and MP2, the road can become impassible very quickly.

Will Owensby



MP1 Parking Lot View 1



MP1 Parking Lot View 2



Archery Sign at MP1



MP1 Steps to Parking Lot



Road at MP2



Corn Field View 2



Corn Field View 1



MP2 Parking Lot

RIVER BEND GUN CLUB SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Scholarship Committee announces the 21-22 Academic Year Scholarship Recipients:



Nick D'Amico

My academic plans include obtaining a FAA Airframe and Powerplant Certificate, pursuing a second associate degree in aviation maintenance to accompany my first associate degree in engineering and then eventually obtaining a Bachelor of Applied Science in Technical Management.

Michaela Duncan

This coming year I will be attending Berry College in Rome, Georgia. At Berry, I have been accepted into and will be participating in their rigorous Honors Program, which will allow me to graduate with many professional connections and mentors, as well as the additional honors degree. In addition to this program, I will be working to maintain direct admission into Berry's well-recognized nursing program with the hopes of becoming a traveling nurse or a nurse in the neonatal unit or emergency unit. Additionally, I am hoping to pursue further education in Spanish to enhance my pursuits as a nursing major.



Cole Murphy

My plan is to attend Georgia Tech at the Scheller College of Business majoring in Business Administration Information Technology Management. After college, I hope to begin my career focused on helping businesses adapt to a rapidly changing technological environment.



Note: We had an editing issue with an excellent article submitted by one of our most knowledgeable members and long time 100 Yard Match/Clinic Range Officer Ben Franklin and we want to fix that error. Please enjoy this corrected version and our sincere apologies for our mistake.

Firearm History: US Krag Rifle

By Ben Franklin



Commonly called the Krag or Krag-Jorgensen after its Norwegian creators, Colonel Ole Krag and Erik Jorgensen, the U.S. Magazine Rifle, Model 1892 was the first U.S. standard issue service rifle firing a smokeless .30 caliber cartridge. During its short time as the official U.S. Service Rifle, four models were produced: The Model 1892, 1896, 1898, and 1899.

A selection board was convened to find a replacement for the Trapdoor Springfield, and in 1892 a modified version of the Krag-Jorgensen rifle was selected. A controversy over the selection of a foreign design ensued, Congress got involved, and another selection board was ordered. The Krag was chosen again, but the additional trials delayed production until 1894.

Eager for the new rifle, field tests were eliminated, and rifles coming off the assembly line were issued directly to troops. As issues were reported, fixes were applied directly to the assembly line causing, in some cases, parts compatibility problems between early and later Model 1892's.

The Model 1896 was created to resolve the incompatibility issues and incorporated all the improvements to date. Two years later, an updated model, the Model 1898, was introduced and remained the standard until production ceased in 1903.

Interestingly, you will not see a Krag marked "Model 1892." The practice at the time was to stamp the receiver with the year of manufacture. A rifle marked 1894 or 1895 (no "Model") is a Model 1892. This practice changed with the Model 1896, and receivers were stamped with the word "Model," followed by the model number.

Starting with the Model 1896, a Cavalry Carbine was produced. The Rough Riders of the Spanish-American War fame were armed with Model 1896 Carbines. A small number of Model 1898 Carbines were made before it was decided to produce a carbine-only version of the Model 1898, the Model 1899.

All Krag rifles included a thirty-inch barrel and full wood stock. All Krag carbines have a twenty-two-inch barrel, a stock that ends just forward of the lower band, no provision for a bayonet or sling swivels, and rear sights graduated for the trajectory of the shorter barrel. The Model 1896 Carbine did include a Saddle Ring to attach a cavalry sling, but this was discontinued on later models.



"1894": Receivers marked with the year 1894 or 1895 are Model 1892 Krags

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The Krag saw action in the Philippines and the Boxer rebellion in China before being officially replaced by the Model 1903 Springfield. The Krag continued to serve in Reserve and National Guard units, in training troops mobilized during WW1, military schools, ROTC programs, and Veterans organizations.

1898 Rifle (top) 1899 Carbine (bottom)

Eventually deemed obsolete by the military, the Krag was given new life in the civilian market. A surplus Krag and ammunition could be obtained for a fraction of the cost for a new commercial hunting rifle, and the 220-grain round-nose cartridge was ideal for North American game.

Carbines made a handy sporting rifle. But rifles were more plentiful, and large numbers were converted to sporting rifles by their owners, local gunsmiths, and companies like Bannerman and W. Stokes Kirk. Today it is not unusual to see an online post about “Grandpa’s Krag” being handed down from one generation to the next, all having taken their first deer with that rifle.

Shooting the Krag is like shooting most military bolt action rifles. Lifting the bolt handle cocks the striker and withdrawing the bolt extracts and ejects the fired case. Pushing the bolt forward strips a fresh cartridge from the magazine and feeds the cartridge into the chamber. The two-stage trigger is typical for military bolt action rifles.

Krags are known primarily for their smooth bolt operation and horizontal magazine. When the magazine door is opened, the follower is withdrawn into the door, and rounds can be added to the magazine. Closing the door allows the follower to move forward under spring tension and press the cartridges over and up to be picked up by the bolt.



Accuracy from a Krag can be quite good. Even rifles with rougher barrels often still shoot well. The moderately powered .30-40 cartridge is accurate, recoil is manageable, is well suited to cast bullets, and is still an effective hunting cartridge.



Collecting Krags can be a challenge. There were four models produced in nine years, five different rifle rear sights, carbine versions for three rifle sights, and six different handguard types. No effort was made to ensure older parts were used first and, combined with occasional parts shortage or lag in producing parts for the newer models, whatever was on hand was used in assembling Krags.

Krags are available but not plentiful. Prices for all surplus rifles are high, and a military Krag in good condition is no exception. If you are diligent in your search,

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shooter grades can be purchased for what is currently considered reasonable. The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) occasionally has a small number of Krags for sale in their stores.

Fortunately, rifles converted to sporting/hunting rifles are often moderately priced and are an opportunity for the shooter to own one of these historic rifles. You will often see a sporter listed as a carbine, but almost all are cut-down rifles. Educate yourself on the differences before paying for an original carbine that is, in fact, a cut-down rifle.



An example of a rifle cut down (both barrel and stock) to make a sporter/hunting rifle.

It is important to remember the newest of these rifles are nearing 120 years old and should be checked by a competent gunsmith before firing. When reloading ammunition for the Krag, remember they were designed for moderate powder charges, and you should never exceed the maximum recommended loads.

Participants in the first National Rifle Matches (1903) fired US Krag rifles. Krags can still be fired as part of the National Rifle Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, in the CMP's Games Matches and Roosevelt Commemorative Match. You can also compete with a Krag in local CMP Games Matches like our own RBGC Rifleman's Weekend scheduled for the first weekend in May and RBGC's monthly 100 Yard Match/Clinic.

A Krag rifle is fun to shoot, unique in design and occupies an important spot in the development of modern U.S. arms. Next time you see a Krag in the racks at your local gun store, take a few minutes to look it over. It might be something you didn't know you just had to have.

See you at the range.

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According to *The American Krag Rifle and Carbine* by Joe Poyer, a Model 1898 receiver made in 1900 required over one hundred twenty separate machining operations.

Use of Prohibited Ammunition on Multiple Ranges

There are so many great members and exciting things happening at River Bend Gun Club that it is a shame to have to inform everyone that we have seen multiple examples of damage to steel plates and target backers within the past four months. More recently, we've seen two instances where tracer or incendiary rifle ammunition burned the target backers on MP2 and on the Rifle Silhouette Range. The use of tracer and incendiary ammunition at RBGC is EXTREMELY DANGEROUS because these types of ammunition can cause fires. No one wants to see extensive fire damage and potential injury or loss of life.

River Bend Gun Club Range Rules Revised June 2020

2.2 - Prohibited Ammunition

The following ammunition types are PROHIBITED on all Club Ranges:

- TRACER ROUNDS
- INCENDIARY ROUNDS
- FLECHETTE ROUNDS
- EXPLODING ROUNDS
- STEEL SHOT

Any other ammunition deemed unacceptable by the Club Manager or CRO.

(NOTE: Armor piercing rounds, steel core, or solid core (other than lead) rounds that have penetrating characteristics may only be used on paper targets, cardboard targets, or member supplied steel targets, on the appropriate ranges.)

Everyone is painfully aware that ammunition of every caliber and gauge is extremely difficult to find and ammunition prices have skyrocketed. Perhaps the members who are damaging club targets and equipment via the use of prohibited ammunition are unaware about the type of ammunition they are using, perhaps the prohibited ammunition used is the last of their supply or maybe they know better and have shot up club steel and target backers anyway.

We are all responsible for following the Range Rules and for ensuring that other members and guests follow the rules, as well. I ask that you remain vigilant when at the club and on the ranges. Please be observant of the actions of others and report egregious range rule violations to the Club Manager at clubmanager@rbgc.org or to the CRO at cro@rbgc.org. It is a terrible thing for me to ask members to keep an eye on one another in this manner and I am not happy about having to ask you to do this. However, the number of times prohibited ammunition has been used recently, the damage done and the potential for fire is too great for us not to use every resource available to stop this before even more damage is done.

Chronology of Target and Equipment Damage:

Late December 2020, Rifle Silhouette Range:

Two steel plates were damaged beyond repair at the 300-meter plate rack. These were ar500 hardened steel plates that stand up to full power rifle rounds. For these plates to be destroyed as they were, someone must have shot them with 50 BMG, 338 Lapua magnum or other super gun type ammunition. Pursuant to RBGC Range Rules, section 5. Special Certifications, 5.1 – Super Gun Certification, “The .50 cal. BMG and other Super Gun calibers may only be fired on the High-Power (HP) range, Multipurpose 1 (MP1) range, or Multipurpose 2 (MP2) range.” Super Guns are not allowed on the Rifle Silhouette Range.

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January 30-31, 2021, Rifle Silhouette Range:

The left side target backer at 300 meters was damaged by fire. There was a large area blackened by fire that appears to have been started by an incendiary or tracer round. Fortunately, there was intermittent rain during that period. Significantly greater fire damage may have resulted in dry weather. Every member who signed in on that range during the period was contacted by the CRO Team and approximately 10 members were interviewed via telephone regarding this incident. Some information was revealed from the interviews and this investigation is ongoing.

Late February, MP1:

Bill Illg, Club Manager found a plastic bag containing several 7.62x39 caliber tracer rounds with a note that said, "Free Ammo."

March 13-14, 2021, MP2:

The left side target backer at 100 yards had a burned area around a bullet hole that appears to be the signature of an incendiary or tracer round. Approximately 14 members have been contacted by the CRO team via email and telephone. This investigation is also ongoing.

There have been two cases within the past three years when the steel plates on the left side plate rack on Action Pistol bay 1 have been damaged by 223 / 5.56 NATO rounds. In both cases, we found the fired rifle cases on the ground or in the trash can. Centerfire rifles larger than .45acp are not allowed on Action Pistol bay 1.

In about 2010, a large fire was started by tracer rounds at the back of MP2 that burned a large area of the woods behind MP2. The Dawson County Fire dept. was called and they put out the fire before it spread to other ranges. It is fortunate that the fire dept. responded quickly because it was a hot summer day and the fire could have easily burned out of control.

In 2013, a large fire was started at the rear of bay 11 on Cowboy Hill. The fire burned about half way up the hill between bay 10 and bay 11 before the Dawson County Fire dept. responded and put it out. We found several fired hulls from 12 gauge, shotshell tracer ammunition on the ground on bay 11. I spoke with everyone who signed in on that bay and everyone I spoke with told me they had no knowledge of anyone shooting shotshell tracer ammunition.



Rifle Silhouette 1



Rifle Silhouette 2



Rifle Silhouette Closeup



Rifle Silhouette Rear View

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River Bend Gun Club is a beautiful place to shoot and socialize with our family and friends. Most of us are proud of the club ranges and facilities and we are all fortunate to be members. I ask for your help in identifying the members who are using prohibited ammunition to damage targets and club equipment and help us put a stop to this before real damage is done or someone is injured or killed.



MP2 Front

MP2 Rear View

Plate 1 Front

Plate 1 Rear Closeup

Plate 1 Rear View

Plate 1 Rear Closeup



Plate 2 Front

Plate 2 Front Closeup

Plate 2 Rear View

Plate 2 Rear Closeup

Plate 2 Rear Closeup



Notice to All Club Members for The 2021 Annual Business Meeting and Elections for River Bend Gun Club, Inc.

Due to ongoing Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic and to GA Governor Brian Kemp's Executive Orders, the 2021 Annual Picnic and Swap Meet normally scheduled in conjunction with the Annual Business Meeting and Elections is canceled. We plan to reschedule the Swap Meet for a date later in the year when it may be safer to attend and participate. As soon as the Swap Meet has been rescheduled, the date will be widely communicated to all Club Members.

We will conduct a scaled down version of the River Bend Gun Club Annual Business Meeting and Elections on Sunday, May 16, 2021 at:

**River Bend Gun Club, Inc.
998 River Bend Club Road
Dawsonville, GA 30534
Multi-purpose Range #1 (MP1)**

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM -- Member Sign-In
11:00 AM -- Annual Meeting Called to Order
12:00 PM -- Meeting Adjourned, No Luncheon will be Served

ELECTION of OFFICERS and DIRECTORS: Pursuant to Articles IV, VIII, IX and X of the Club by-laws, the President and three Directors will be elected by Annual, Senior, Life, and Corporate members at the annual business meeting. You may attend the annual meeting if you wish to do so. However, due to CDC and government recommendations to avoid mass gatherings of more than 50 people and to practice social distancing, **the Board of Directors encourage you not to attend the meeting in person and to instead vote by assigning your proxy** to represent you at the annual meeting to vote on your behalf. To assign a proxy to represent you, simply complete and sign the proxy form and submit it to the RBGC Secretary via email at sec@rbgc.org or via US Mail at RBGC, PO Box 1482, Cumming, GA, 30028.

Important Notes Regarding Proxies:

Proxies for the 2021 Annual Business Meeting must be received by the Secretary no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, May 7, 2021. Proxies received after 5:00 PM on May 7 will be disallowed. We recommend that you email your proxy to sec@rbgc.org to ensure that it is received prior to the deadline.

Your proxy must be assigned to a specific Club member by name. Proxies left blank or assigned to "Board of Directors", "President", "Secretary", etc. will be disallowed. Please remember that the Club member you assign your proxy to must attend the annual meeting in order to vote for you. We suggest that you assign your proxy to one of the following Club Officers or Board Members: Erica D'Amico, Bill Illg, Bill Franco, Geoff Rhines, Bill Wettingfeld, Art Thompson, Larry Sollars, David Norcross, or Michael Currier. None of the people listed are running for office in 2021 and any of them will ensure that your vote is counted.

Official written notification of the annual business meeting will be sent by first class mail in early April to all members in good standing. The mailing will also include a proxy form for Life, Annual, and Senior members. You may use the proxy you receive in the mail, printed in this newsletter, or you can download a proxy from the club website at www.rbgc.org. Please note that invoices will NOT be sent out via first class mail. Instead, information regarding renewing your 2021-2022 membership will be sent out via email, and you will be able to renew online beginning May 2021.

Questions about the annual meeting or election of the president and directors should be directed to the Club Secretary, Erica D'Amico, at sec@rbgc.org or 470-865-0754.

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2021 Board of Directors Election

In 2021, the President, one Life Director, and two Annual Directors will be elected. The members who qualified as candidates and are running for election in 2021 are:

President:	Will Owensby
Life Director:	Russell Wynne
Life Director:	John Schudel
Annual Director:	Randy Gamble
Annual Director:	Dan Wieleba

2021 Election Candidate Information

Will Owensby, candidate for President

How frequently do you use the club (approximate monthly average)?

I visit the club an average of 10 times per month.

In what shooting disciplines are you active?

I am active in Action Pistol and 3 Gun and I occasionally compete in Steel Challenge and USPSA (IPSC).

Summarize your previous service to RBGC including offices held, committees on which you have served, etc.

- May 2020 to present: Club President
- May 2019 to May 2020: Club President
- May 2018 to May 2019: Club President
- May 2018 to present: Member of all standing and other committees
- 2015 to 2018: ARO for 3 Gun
- 2012 to 2018: Chief Range Officer (CRO)
- 2012 to 2018: Chairman, Range Committee
- 2013 to 2018: Chairman, Range Rules Revision Committee
- 2014 to 2018: Chairman, Training Committee
- 2009 to 2015: RO and Match Director for 3 Gun
- 2009 to 2013: RO and Match Director for Action Pistol

Briefly describe your short- and long-term goals and objectives for the club if elected.

If re-elected as Club President, I will:

- Ensure that the club continues to be effectively managed and operated efficiently.
- Endorse and support ALL shooting venues and the annual Young Shooters Challenge.

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- Ensure that range improvement and expansion and all other Board approved projects are managed expeditiously and don't exceed their allocated budgets.
- Ensure that club officers, employees and representatives continue to maintain good relationships with club members, our neighbors and local elected officials.
- Ensure that club officers, employees and members remain good stewards of club property and resources.
- Continue to work closely with the Board and Club Management to manage club resources in a manner that ensures the club remains financially sound.
- Continue to maintain transparent communication regarding club activities, priorities and direction and remain readily available to club members' questions, feedback and ideas.

Please include any other comments or information you wish to provide.

I love this club and I will do everything in my power to help it continue to grow and remain financially healthy.

Additional Statement:

I am a candidate for club president because I want to help RBGC continue to be the vibrant, safe, fun and debt free gun club it has become. If re-elected, I will continue to work closely with the Board of Directors, employees and members to help keep our club on the path to success.

I joined RBGC in July 1997 and I have served the club in multiple capacities as ARO, RO, CRO, committee chairman or president since 2009. As CRO (2012 to 2018), I participated in and observed monthly Board of Directors meetings and developed good working relationships with the president, the BoD members, club officers, employees and with the ROs and AROs. As CRO, I conducted the monthly New Member Orientation (NMO) and I continue to attend and occasionally teach monthly NMO classes. This allows me to personally interact with new club members and it gives me a sincere appreciation for each of them. These experiences help to keep me in touch with the way the club operates, what its challenges are and what resources are available.

As club president in 2018-2019, I had the opportunity to guide the club's purchase of an additional 55 acres. This was a challenging and successful effort to expand the club and establish an additional buffer to help protect the club from future urban encroachment. It would not have been possible without the team work and support of many club members.

Since being elected to two additional terms as club president in 2019 and 2020, I have continued to work closely with the BoD and with club members to ensure that the club operates within budget, continues to grow and runs smoothly. In March 2019, we began sending the Bullet-In monthly newsletter to the entire membership via monthly email distribution. The new Bullseye Pistol Range was completed in April 2019 and dedicated as the Ken Smith Bullseye Pistol Range in May. The expansion of the Action Pistol Complex, from three to five bays was completed in June 2020. In October 2020, spent bullet removal and impact berm rehabilitation operations were completed on multiple ranges to significantly reduce ricochet hazard and make the ranges safer to use. Approximately 98,000 pounds of spent bullet material was removed, sold and delivered to smelting operators in South America to cover all costs for this project.

I remain a dedicated and loyal club member and I ask for your continued support by re-electing me as club president in May 2021. I have done my best for the club in every position I've held and I will continue to do so. The club has an energetic and well balance BoD and an enthusiastic membership. I look forward to working with the BoD, employees and members to build on our successes and continue to improve RBGC.

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Russell Wynne, candidate for Life Director

How frequently do you use the club (approximate monthly average)?

My wife Lori and I are at River Bend six or more times a month for both matches as well as personal range time.

In what shooting disciplines are you active?

I use most of our venues semi regularly:

- Monthly Cowboy Action match (Lori's personal favorite).
- High Power Silhouette
- Action Pistol
- 3-Gun (when it falls on a Saturday)
- Sporting Clays (several times a year)
- MP1 & MP2 for sighting in
- Plinking ranges semi regularly
- Personal practice on either Cowboy ½ or one of the AP bays.

Summarize your previous service to RBGC including offices held, committees on which you have served, etc.

- Life Board Member 2019-2020
- HP Silhouette – Assistant Match Director 2018-Present
- Action Pistol – RO and Cook
- Cowboy Hill – new rifle racks and fresh cowboy at the gate
- Young Shooters Challenge – RO

Briefly describe your short- and long-term goals and objectives for the club if elected.

I care deeply about the club as a whole. I love the opportunities it provides to enjoy all of the shooting sports and the outdoors. I use nearly all of the venues the club offers. We have one of the finest and most versatile facilities I've seen anywhere. My goals in relation to the RBGC Board are:

1. Maintain and improve on the high standards already set by the club.
2. Support the various venues where needed for improvement or expansion.
3. Ensure all of our shooting sports are supported and have the facilities needed.
4. Work with fellow board members to ensure they have the support needed on committees and board activities.

Please include any other comments or information you wish to provide.

I have enjoyed working with the other board members over the last two years. I have a great deal of respect for each of them and their individual desire to support River Bend. Many of them give significant amounts of time and effort as they continue to support the traditions and high standards of the club.

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John Schudel, candidate for Life Director

How frequently do you use the club (approximate monthly average)?

2x month.

In what shooting disciplines are you active?

High Power Rifle.

Summarize your previous service to RBGC including offices held, committees on which you have served, etc.

- Life Director 4 years
- Annual Director 2 years

Briefly describe your short- and long-term goals and objectives for the club if elected.

Please include any other comments or information you wish to provide.

Randy Gamble, candidate for Annual Director

How Frequently do you use the club (approximate monthly average)?

4-5 times per month.

In what shooting disciplines are you active?

Pistol and rifle.

Summarize your previous Service to RBGC including offices held, committees on which you have served, etc.

I have worked as staff for Action Pistol and USPSA. I have been the USPSA Match Director from 2016-present. I have staffed the Glock Match, Young Shooter Challenge, and Women on Target for several years. I have been an Annual Director from 2019 to present and served on the following committees: Range Committee, Facilities Committee, Action Shooting Planning Committee, Cowboy Hill Rehabilitation Committee, Public Relations Committee, and Range Rules Committee.

Briefly describe your short- and long-term goals and objectives for the club if elected.

Short term: Continue to move the board in the direction of better assessing projects and their full costs prior to moving forward with them.

Long term: Continue to do what is best for the entire club and its members.

Please include any other comments or information you wish to provide.

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Dan Wieleba, candidate for Annual Director

How Frequently do you use the club (approximate monthly average)?

2-3

In what shooting disciplines are you active?

USPSA, IDPA, Steel Challenge, occasionally Sporting Clays.

Summarize your previous Service to RBGC including offices held, committees on which you have served, etc.

Currently Assistant RO to Steel Challenge and help with USPSA in an unofficial capacity.

Briefly describe your short- and long-term goals and objectives for the club if elected.

My short-term goals for the club are for us to make it through the current financial/political and health crisis we are facing as a whole, intact club.

Long term goals are to maintain the friendly, safe, family-oriented club we have now and work toward introducing any new shooting sports that may arise as well as possibly expanding into more sportsmanlike activities such as fishing and possibly hunting.

Please include any other comments or information you wish to provide.

I have belonged to River Bend since I moved to GA in 2015. It is by far the most enjoyable club I have ever been to and feel honored to be a member. It will be an honor to serve as a board member.



PROXY



Please Complete All Highlighted Fields

The undersigned member of River Bend Gun Club, Inc., does hereby name, constitute and appoint

_____ as my sole proxy to vote for and (Please print the name of the member you want to vote on your behalf.)

on my behalf at the **2021 Annual Meeting** of River Bend Gun Club, Inc., to be held on **May 16, 2021**,

and I do hereby ratify and confirm the action of my proxy named herein in all votes or actions taken by my proxy at such meeting or any continuances thereof.

Date: _____ (Member Signature)

Your Membership Class: Life/Corporate Annual Senior

PLEASE PRINT
YOUR CONTACT
INFO HERE

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone: _____
E-Mail: _____

Proxies must be received by the Club Secretary no later than **5PM, Friday, May 7, 2021**. Proxies may be emailed to sec@rbgc.org or mailed to RBGC, PO Box 1482, Cumming, GA, 30028.

Official Club Business

Highlights of the February 8, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting

Past President Steve Hardin presided over a quorum of seven Board members. Also attending were two club officers, the Club Manager, and the Assistant Club Manager. The meeting was convened at 6:28PM on Monday, February 8, 2021. The meeting was held at RBGC's Gene Mowell Conference Center on club property.

A quorum was confirmed, the proposed agenda was amended and adopted, the minutes of the January 11, 2021 Board meeting were approved, the minutes of the January 17 Special Board meeting were approved, and the following officer and manager reports were presented and accepted:

Treasurer Secretary Chief Range Officer Club Manager Shotgun Manager

Board decisions made, actions taken, and items of interest:

- Bill Illg reported on behalf of Treasurer Geoff Rhines that January FYTD income was \$780K, an increase of approximately \$104K versus the same period in FY 2020.
- January FYTD expense was \$616K, an increase of approximately \$72K versus the same period in FY 2020.
- Cash in the bank as of 1/31/21 was \$323,094 including \$85,203 in Capital Reserve Fund and includes \$56,968 CARES Act PPP Loan proceeds received 5/12/20.
- Club Secretary Erica D'Amico reported that the membership total at the beginning of the February 2021 meeting was 2,091, an increase of 137 members from the 1,954 active members in February 2020.
- The number of Senior Members in February 2021 was 176 (8.42% of RBGC membership).
- Chief Range Officer Bill Franco reported that 7 of 7 shooting venues submitted Match Reports for January. Total entries were 85 members, 128 non-members, and 6 juniors, and January match income was \$3,260 with \$695 paid to the club.
- Range Use Summary Report for January totaled 1,761 (1,479 members and 282 guests).
- There were no New Member Orientation (NMO) classes held in January or February. There are two scheduled for March.
- During January, 2 members were certified for Tac Rifle. A total of 2 members and spouses have been certified in 2021; a total of 401 since inception.
- James Garner was recommended and approved as RO for Glock Match.
- Phil Alexander was recommended and approved as ARO for Glock Match.
- Ed Moser was recommended and approved as RO for IDPA.
- Steve Petrakovich was recommended and approved as ARO for IDPA.
- David Rabin is recommended and approved as ARO for High Power.
- It was recommended and approved that the CRO staff has the authority to criminally trespass individuals that enter the club who are not members and use the range. A form outlining the service will be completed and stored with the Club Manager.
- Club Manager Bill Illg reported that the requested drawing for the Shotgun Hill building extension has been received and forwarded to the Facilities Committee.
- The High Power Rifle Range tree removal project is nearly completed. The range is open.
- The 200m and 500m target frames on the Silhouette range have been replaced.
- A new 14" AR500 plate was installed on the Silhouette range 500m line.
- Target frames for the Jim Hinkle Rimfire Rifle range have been repaired or replaced.
- Some range rule signs were purchased and installed, allowing ECI's in uncased rifles.
- Four patio type heaters were purchased to be installed on ranges.
- Two dueling trees were ordered for CB Bay 9 and 10.
- The club manager requested and it was approved that his increased allowance of \$4,000 be extended for another 6 months.

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Official Club Business

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- Club Manager Bill Illg reported on behalf of Shotgun Hill Manager Bill Wettingfeld that shotgun range use in January was 436 shooters (366 members and 70 guests). 1,438 rounds were fired during the month with 32 cart rentals. Total January revenue to the club was \$9,436.
- Facilities Committee Chairman Art Thompson reported that the Shotgun Hill drawings are ready for final drawing revision and will then go out for bid.
- The High Power Project cost is approximately \$250,000 to complete. The Board has postponed the HP project until next fiscal year at which time costs and benefits will be reviewed.
- Four new members were recommended by the Membership Committee and approved by the Board.
- Infrastructure Committee Chairman Bill Illg reported that a 500-gallon water storage tank will be installed on Cowboy Hill before the Glock match in March if all goes well. The cost for the tank, pumps, and plumbing required will cost \$3,300.05.
- Membership Database and Renewal Automation Committee Chairman David Norcross reported that he has a meeting scheduled with Club Express regarding the structure of the new website.
- Public Relations Committee Chairman David Norcross reported that the February email for the Bullet-IN reached all members with only two bounces. 1,995 members opened the email (63%), and 35% clicked through the email.
- Scholarship Committee Chairman Ernie Knoche reported that the committee will be interviewing the 6 applicants via Zoom on March 2 & 3.
- The Board Application Review Committee/Candidate Review Committee (BARC) Chairman Steve Hardin reported that the BARC met and approved all 5 applicants that submitted applications to run for board positions. Applications received were as follows:
 - President – Will Owensby
 - Life Director – John Schudel
 - Life Director – Russell Wynne
 - Annual Director – Randy Gamble
 - Annual Director – Dan Wieleba
- The Board approved holding a scaled-down version of the Annual Business Meeting and Elections on Sunday, May 16, 2021. There will be no picnic lunch and the Swap Meet will be rescheduled for a date later in the year.
- The Board approved not extending COVID restrictions into March or the rest of the year. The CRO will reaffirm with ROs and AROs to enhance their cleaning standards of all surface areas, pads, timers, etc. during matches to reduce potential exposure.

Regular monthly Board meetings are called to order at 7:00 PM on the second Monday of each month in the Gene Mowell Conference Center. RBGC members and families are cordially invited to attend.

Official Club Business

Membership Statistics

	Feb 2021	Jan 2021	Feb 2020
Annual and Non-Resident Members	1,715	1,675	1,606
Life Members	194	193	194
Senior Members	176	175	148
Corporate Members	2	2	2
Honorary Members	4	4	4
Total Active Members	2,091	2,069	1,954
Member Applicants for Board Approval	4	21	14
Total of Active Members and Recommended Applicants	2,095	2,090	1,968

New Members Approved

Matt Farwell, Cumming
Colin Kress, Alpharetta
Ken Kress, Alpharetta
Tom Smith, Oakwood

Shotgun Hill is Looking for a Part time associate!

Hours: Thursday – Sunday, 9am – 2pm

Most work is outdoors.

Need to be able to Lift a case of Clays over your head (30.5 lbs) repeatedly.

Must provide excellent customer service at all times, be able to run a cash register.

We will teach you how to Pull for all games shot on the Hill!

Please see

Shotgun Manager, Bill Wettingfeld

or

Club Manager, Bill Illg

Georgia ICORE



Daylight Saving Time is upon us, the grass is turning green, and the rain has subsided, for a while, so it's SEASON OPENER. As a chapter of the International Confederation of Revolver Enthusiasts, ICORE, we serve to promote enjoyment and satisfaction in action shooting competition with revolvers. We're about safety and having fun while improving our shooting skills.

April 10th will be the first match of 2021. The entry fee is only \$15 (\$5 for 2nd gun). You do not have to be a member of either ICORE or River Bend to participate. Meet at Action Pistol Ranges, with; setup at 7am, if you'd like to help, registration opens at 8am, a short shooters meeting at 9am, and then hammer down. First time ICORE shooters will need to meet up prior to the match @8:30 for a New Shooter Briefing.

Don't forget the new Special Recognition Categories. One for Snubby revolvers with barrels 3" or less, and one for Grand Seniors (70+ of age). Also new year is an approved list of ammo that does not have to pass chronograph. Check <http://ICORE.org> for the list.

ICORE combines elements of the other pistol shooting disciplines into a fun competition exclusively for revolvers. Scoring is based on time with extra seconds added **or subtracted** depending on the accuracy of the hits. Steel plates as well as other reactive targets are also used in ICORE events. For more info: http://rbgc.org/gaicore/ga_icode.htm.

Caliber wise, anything from .32 up with .38spl, 9mm and .45ACP being the most common. No magnum, or +P+ calibers for safety reasons. Rimfire shooters are welcome, but will be scored separately. (Because of the steel targets no magnum, hollow point, steel core or hyper velocity rounds. Only lead, coated lead, jacketed or plated bullets, please.)

We have an active Facebook page under "**Georgia ICORE**" and use PractiScore for registration and for posting scores. On-site registration is of course welcome. So grab your gun, holster, ammo, speedloaders & holders, and eye & ear protection and join us for a great time. For the latest info or additional questions, check the FaceBook page or email ICORE@rbgc.org.



RBGC Rifleman's Weekend May 1 & 2



The RBGC Rifleman's Weekend is a fun and easy-going two-day event where participants shoot WWII-era rifles. We make it fun and easy for anyone to participate, even if you have not participated in an organized shoot before.

Our Rifleman's Weekend includes several matches sanctioned by the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) under their CMP Games Match program. These include the John C. Garand Match, the Springfield Rifle Match, and the Military Vintage Bolt Rifle Match. Allowed rifles include as-issue M1 Garand, M1 Carbine, 1903 /1903A3 Springfield, M1917 Enfield, 1941 Johnsons, U.S. Krag, and all foreign military like the K98 Mauser or British Lee-Enfields.

"As issued" means rifles must be in as issue configuration and caliber. No accuracy improvements such as bedding the action in the stock or special "match" sights are allowed. CMP rules allow the use of aftermarket parts such as barrels or stocks, but all parts must be the same as the original military.

We also include several non-CMP sanctioned matches to allow those with non-as-issue rifles to participate.



The Georgia Modified Garand Match allows participants to shoot modified versions of the same "as issue" rifles but with accuracy improvements and other modifications. Iron sights only.

The Vintage Fun Match is an "out-of-competition" match for sporterized military rifles or rifles with accuracy modifications not allowed in the other matches. Must use iron sights (National Match or aftermarket target sights are permitted).

Sunday only, we have a class for WWII Vintage Sniper Rifles where one stage is shot at moving targets.

The match fee for one day (Sat or Sun) is \$30. Both days are \$45. The Match fee includes a free T-shirt, match patch, year strip, and cook-out Saturday evening. Participants are encouraged to dress in period uniform.

All firing will be from the 200-yard line on RBGC's High Power range. As stated earlier, this event is specifically designed for those who may not have participated in an organized shoot before. We make it fun and easy, so get that old rifle out of the safe, get it zeroed in, and have some fun!

Match info is online at [RBGC Rifleman's Weekend](#). Contact me at the email below for more information. See you there.

Ben Franklin



Action Pistol

First Day of Spring Match

The rains and storms of mid-week moved out so the Action Pistol volunteers could pre-setup two of the stages on Friday. The weather for Saturday looked chilly but clear, so what could possibly go wrong? Well, we forgot about March winds.

The Saturday match weirdness began when we looked around at 8:30am and only seven of us were signed in... The staff and especially the RO starting wondering if we were on the right Saturday? Did the forum notice get published or read? Has everyone run out of ammo? And then twenty five shooters showed up all at once and we were off and running. No Problem. Except the scorepads wouldn't sync. Uh-oh. But it got sorted out and we had squads. And then the winds started. Wind and stage walls don't play well together. But Squad 3 stepped up BIG time and saved the day and the bay. The stage was reconfigured to stop wind damage and yet still maintain the feel of the original. What a crew. Fixed the damage and everyone got to clear the house. Kudos owed to all.



Bay 1 - Confused Yet? got the better of a few AP shooters who couldn't shake that plate rack muscle memory. Lots of steel but not the order you practiced over and over and over.



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Action Pistol

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Bay 2 - Undercover Brother and Sister tried to mess with the mind and make you think about or at least remember a one little detail. Luck would have it that none of our shooters were colorblind and those that needed rescuing got rescued.



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Action Pistol

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Bay 3 - Through The House was, as reported, saved from Mother Nature and everyone got a good chance to clear the front yard, clear the side yard, clear the living room, clear the back porch and finally clear that back yard. Run and shoot in, around and through. That's why it's called Action Pistol.



Our Action Pistol traditions continued after the Bays were cleared with another great grilled lunch with Art Thompson as our guest Grillmaster. No burned dogs here. Appropriately individually wrapped cookies for dessert topped off with door prizes of cleaning gear, storage equipment and yes, even ammo.

Thanks again to the Action Pistol RO's and Support Team plus all the competitors who show up to help set up and get us going and keep us safe and organized.

OUR NEXT ACTION PISTOL MATCH IS

APRIL 17TH

YOU HAVE FOUR WEEKS TO FIND AMMO, SO NO EXCUSES FOR MISSING THE NEXT ONE!

APRIL 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 CB- Cowboy Action HP- 200 Rimfire RF- NRA Light Rifle SH- Sporting Clays Match
4 CB- IDPA SH-Closed	5	6	7	8	9	10 HP- High Power Match MP1 - Benchrest AP- ICORE
11 HP- High Power Match CB- Steel Challenge	12 CR-Board Meeting 7 pm	13	14 CR/ AP3 - NRA Basic Pistol Class	15	16	17 AP- Action Pistol RF- Rimfire Silhouette SL- Hunter Rifle
18 AP- 3 Gun BE- Bulleye Match	19	20	21	22	23	24 CB- USPSA MP2- 100 Yard Match/Clinic RF- Smallbore Rifle Prone SL- Buffalo Rifle CR/AP3- NRA Personal Protection in the Home
25 CR-New Member Orientation RF- Rimfire Benchrest HP - HP 600x3	26	27	28	29 CB-2 Closed	30 CB-2 Closed	

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 (bp) - Black Powder Range
 (cb) - Cowboy Range

(CR) - Gene Mowell Conference Room
 (hp) - High Power Range
 (mp1) - Multipurpose 1
 (22rr) - Rimfire Range
 (smp2) - Skutle Multipurpose 2
 (sp) - Sporting Clays

(sh) - Shotgun Hill
 (sl) - Silhouette

MAY 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 HP- Riflemans Weekend CB- Cowboy Action RF- NRA Light Rifle SH- Sporting Clays Match CR/ AP3 NRA Personal Protection outside the Home
2 CB- IDPA HP- Riflemans Weekend CR/ AP3 NRA Personal Protection outside the Home	3	4	5	6	7	8 AP Bay 5-WOT BE- Bullseye Match RF-Rimfire Silhouette HP- HP XTC MP1 - Benchrest CR/AP3- NRA Women on Target
9 CB- Steel Challenge MP1 - Benchrest	10 CR-Board Meeting 7 pm	11	12 CR/ AP3 - NRA Basic Pistol Class	13	14	15 AP- Action Pistol MP1- RANGE CLOSED for Annual Picnic Setup Tactical Rifle Certification* 2pm-4pm (AP) ... *RSVP REQUIRED with CRO by email to: cro@rbgc.org
16 MP1 - Annual Business Meeting	17	18	19 HP-Southern Classic	20 HP-Southern Classic	21 HP-Southern Classic	22 HP-Southern Classic CB- USPSA MP2- 100 Yard Match/Clinic SL - Buffalo Rifle
23 HP-Southern Classic CR-New Member Orientation RF- Rimfire Benchrest SL- Buffalo Rifle	24	25	26	27 CB 1-2 - Run and Gun AP 4-5 closed	28 RF- Smallbore Rifle Prone CB 1-2 - Run and Gun AP 4-5 closed	29 RF- Smallbore Rifle Prone CB 1-2, HP,AP 4,5 Run and Gun
30 RF- Smallbore Rifle Prone	31 RF Smallbore Rifle Prone					

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Classified Ads

Ammunition

One can M118 (460 rounds) White Box Match .308 LC81

\$690 (\$1.50 per round) OBO

Matthew Whitley

Text 770-377-7137 or emails: mawhit@bellsouth.net



Ammunition

13 boxes of 20--Remington High Performance .222Rem.
50gr.Pointed Soft Point

\$20/box Must buy at least 5 boxes

3 boxes Norma 6.5x55 156gr.Soft Point Round Nose
Telemantel

1 box S+B 6.5X55 131gr. Soft Point

Will throw in 1 box 1x fired brass and partial box Fed.

Premium 140 gr. Nosler Partition (11)

\$21/box Must buy all

10 boxes Original Winchester Black Talon .40 cal 180gr.

5 boxes .357 cal---180gr

\$80/box

4 boxes of 50 ---Hornady 17 WSM (Win. SuperMag)

\$19/box Must buy all 4 boxes

Marietta-----Text-- 770-402-0611

Cadex Defense Tremor rifle

Original Owner. Like New Condition. Less than 20 rounds fired. 50BMG, 29" Barrel, 40 MOA Top Rail, Round Bolt Knob, Double Stage Trigger, 1:15 Twist, 1-14 tpi, Standard Buttstock, Includes Magazine and MX1 Muzzle Brake.

Color : Black CDX50-DUAL-50-29-R-MB-BLK Cadex Falcon Bipod Universal Picatinny Mount Adapter Gen 27431-K012 ERA-TAC Adjustable Inclination Mount 34mm

42mm-1.65" high Oversized cross hatch bolt knob Black CDX-50 Series 3850-108A Extra Cadex Magazine .50cal SSSF 5 (5.790 in.) MAG2949 Rifle and all parts listed above plus the Drag Bag is what listing is for \$8,750 plus actual shipping.

If interested, the scope is also for sale for additional amount. Schmidt Bender 5-25x56 PM II LP P4LF 1cm ccw DT / ST Black Riflescope 677-911-972-90-68 Tenebraex Tactical Tough Flip Cap w/ Adapter Ring for Schmidt and Bender Scopes SB50EC-FCR Tenebraex Objective Flip Cover w/ Adapter Ring for 56mm Schmidt and Bender Scopes SB5600-FCR Will sell everything above with optics for \$11,750 plus actual shipping. If purchasing everything will include remainder of ammo, roughly 80 rounds of Hornady AMAX 750 grain in new sealed boxes. Additional photos available upon request.

Contact Kirk at 203-233-4107



National Match AR-15

Upper is a White Oak Armament with a stainless steel barrel 1.7 twist. Stag Arms/Global Tactical lower. Turner NM sling. In very good condition. \$1,000. Will sell only to holder of a concealed carry card.

Contact Lyle Schroeder lylebob@aol.com



Classified Ads

CZ 455 American 22 LR Bolt Action

With Timney Trigger

Walnut Stock

20.5" Barrel

Excellent Condition

Asking \$400.00

Please Contact robertmorris3205@msn.com

Will meet at RBGC for F-T-F sale



Glock 34 Gen 4 MOS

Complete Flat Face Pyramid Trigger kit

Tungsten Guide Rod (uncaptured)

Three (3) 17-Round Magazines

with Original parts / Case

Very Good Condition

Asking \$700.00

Please Contact: robertmorris3205@msn.com

Will meet at RBGC for F-T-F sale



Ruger M77 rifle

- 7 mm magnum
- Later model (1989) tang safety
- Feeds and shoots well
- Polished bolt
- Shot very little
- Beautiful stock and finish
- Excellent condition, no marks or scratches
- Great, tough rifle
- Nikon Pro-staff 3-9x40 scope
- Additional pair of new Ruger M77 30 mm scope mount rings



32 20-round boxes 7 mm magnum ammunition (new, not reloads)
Several manufacturers (see picture).

Sold together (rifle and ammo), only. \$1,200

If you have any questions, please contact me at: danedwards45@mindspring.com

Classified Ads

Ruger Mark II

22/45 pistol for sale with two mags, picatinny rail, manuals and case. Just back from factory so it is clean and in top shape.

Asking \$300.

404-226-5424



Sale or Trade:

4 Boxes (1000ea) of CCI #250 Magnum Large Rifle Primers

Will trade for CCI No. 41 223/5.56 primers, or CCI No. 500 Small Pistol Primers

Bill Boss

678 467-0327



For Sale:

SKS rifle, Russian made, 7.63x39. Fired once or twice at most so it's in great condition. As illustrated, includes folding bayonet and original sling. Willing to meet at Riverbend to exchange. Asking \$600.

Please contact: trentbarcroft@gmail.com.



For Sale:

Interarms Mk.X "Whitworth" Express rifle, controlled feed Mauser action, .375 H&H, perfect for that African safari or just to own a classic English style firearm! Overall excellent condition with a few very small dings in the wood from storage and handling. Literally fired once or twice. Includes the pictured Leupold scope and mounts. Willing to meet at Riverbend to exchange.

Asking \$1200.

Please contact:

trentbarcroft@gmail.com.



Classified Ads

For Sale:

Champion's Choice leather shooting jacket, never used. The buttons are still in the plastic zip lock bag in the pocket. \$75
Steve Drenkard at (770)331-3082 in Cumming



For Sale:

S&W Model 28 Highway Patrolman, .357 Mag.
Overall condition is quite good, gun exhibits some carry wear and minor finish blemishes. The revolver has been fired very little. Includes the original box and paperwork. Asking \$600
Please contact: trentbarcroft@gmail.com.



Primers & Powder

I am willing to **TRADE** the following for small rifle primers of any brand.

Primers:

- Federal – Large Rifle Standard
- Federal - Large Rifle Gold Medal Match (1.5:1 trade ratio)
- Federal – Large Pistol
- CCI – Large Pistol
- Winchester – Large Pistol (Standard or Magnum)
- Winchester – Large Magnum Rifle
- CCI – Small Pistol
- Winchester – Small Pistol

Rifle Powder: 1,000 primers per pound

- N 133
- N 150
- N 160
- Norma MRP (Used for .30-06 case family and Magnums)

I will trade in lots of 1,000 units. I will only trade and will not sell. All trades are 1:1, except the Gold Medal Match, which is noted above. Please text George at 404-375-7958.

Please submit classified ads to newsletter@rbgc.org no later than the 28th of the month.

Ads appear for two issues unless additional time is requested.



Shotgun Hill Hours:

OPEN Thursday - Sunday 10am - 6pm last round must begin prior to 5:30 pm

CLOSED Monday - Wednesday

Club Hours:

Club hours are from sunrise to sunset (specific times for specific dates are listed on the RBGC and other weather sites) on all ranges except the shotgun ranges, which are open late on certain days of the week, light and weather permitting (check the website for scheduled days and hours of operation). Evening shooting (until 9:00 p.m.) will be scheduled periodically on the lighted field. Check the website or contact the shotgun Manager for current schedules.

Newsletter Information:

When submitting articles, please remember to include a couple of pictures if possible.

Email to newsletter@rbgc.org **Deadline is the 28th of the Month.**

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