



The Bullet-IN

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Dues Increase for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

During the monthly Board of Directors meeting on March 8, 2021, the Board voted to increase the membership dues by approximately 3.9% for fiscal year 2021-2022. This works out to an increase of \$12 for annual members (\$318 annual dues) and a \$6 increase for senior members (\$159 annual dues).

The 2% dues increase enacted for FY 2020-2021 was the first dues increase since 2005 and it helped to cover the growing expenses required to operate the club, maintain ranges, buildings and equipment and develop new ranges. The 3.9% dues increase for FY 2021-2022 will increase club income enough to allow the club to continue routine operations while enhancing membership services.

In June 2020, RBGC celebrated the 2,000th member to join the club. As of April 2021, RBGC has 2,150 total members. Although a minority of the total membership actively uses RBGC ranges routinely, the club continues to maintain a robust weekend shooting match schedule for all shooting disciplines and offers multiple ranges for general member use seven days a week. The FY 2021-2022 annual dues increase is necessary for RBGC to continue to provide a world class shooting facility and premier shooting experience for club members, their families and guests.

Many of the improvements made during FY 2020-2021 are listed below:

- New Member Orientation classes are conducted monthly for 20 to 25 new members, spouses and current members who would like a refresher on range rules and club policies.
- May 2020. The Gene Mowell Conference Center interior was repainted and remodeled.
- June 2020. The cleaning schedule for all restrooms on club property was increased from once per week to twice per week to allow compliance with COVID-19 requirements. During large, multiple-day matches, the restrooms for the specific venue are cleaned daily.
- June 2020. A new SG Hill trap machine and additional clay pigeon throwing machines were purchased and installed.

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- October 2020. An Assistant Club Manager was hired and the Club Manager's Office space was expanded in January 2021.
- October 2020. New notebook computers were purchased for the Asst. Club Manager and Club Secretary.
- October 2020. The old Black Powder Range was dismantled, the berms were removed and grass planted.
- October 2020. A two-way radio base station was installed and radios purchased to provide secure radio coverage for the entire property and surrounding area.
- October-November 2020. Spent bullet material was removed from impact berms and the berms were refurbished on the CB Hill, AP bays 1-3, MP2 and High Power Rifle Ranges.
- November 2020. A new golf cart was purchased for the Club Management Team.
- December 2020. The Action Pistol Complex expansion project was completed.
- December 2020-February 2021. The trees and brush along the right side of the High Power Rifle Range were cleared to allow all firing line positions to be used.
- January 2021. New Range Rule signage was installed on all ranges on club property.
- February 2021. An additional storage conex was purchased to support the IDPA venue.
- February 2021. The main gate motor was replaced.
- March 2021. The CB Hill well was upgraded with a 500 gallon water tank to augment rapid use water supply for large matches and prevent the well from temporarily going dry.
- March 2021. Battery powered cold range lights were installed on the MP1, MP2 and Rimfire Rifles ranges and two portable generators were purchased to run the Club Manager's Office and SG Hill in case of power failure.
- April 2021. The SG Hill Clubhouse expansion plans were approved and funded by the Board of Directors.
- April 2021. The Capitol Reserve Fund was increased from \$85,000 to \$100,000.
- April 2021. A new club website was designed and installed.

Will Owensby

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, Geoff Rhines, Bill Wettingfeld, Art Thompson, Larry Sollars, David Norcross. 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 has been sent by first class mail in early April to all members in good standing. The mailing also included 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.
- 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.

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- 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 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: _____

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Official Club Business

Highlights of the March 8, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting

President Will Owensby presided over a quorum of seven Board members. Also attending were three club officers, the Club Manager, and the Assistant Club Manager, and the Shotgun Hill Manager. The meeting was convened at 6:59PM on Monday, March 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 February 8, 2021 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:

- Treasurer Geoff Rhines reported that February FYTD income was \$789K, an increase of approximately \$84K versus the same period in FY 2020.
- February FYTD expense was \$684K, an increase of approximately \$82K versus the same period in FY 2020.
- Cash in the bank as of 2/28/21 was \$283,742 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 March 2021 meeting was 2,096, an increase of 128 members from the 1,968 active members in March 2020.
- The number of Senior Members in March 2021 was 176 (8.4% of RBGC membership).
- There were 17 candidates and 2 reinstatements recommended and approved for membership.
- Chief Range Officer Bill Franco reported that there were no matches to report in February.
- Range Use Summary Report for February totaled 1,015 (969 members and 19 guests).
- There was a New Member Orientation (NMO) class held on March 7.
- There were no Tac Rifle Certificates in February.
- Greg Cannon was recommended and approved as RO for ICORE.
- Ted Pesta was recommended and approved as ARO for ICORE.
- Club Manager Bill Illg reported that the silt fence was reset on the High Power Rifle Range berm. Grass seed, fertilizer and hay mats have also been placed on the berm.
- A dueling tree was purchase for the .22 Rimfire Plinking Range.
- Instructions have been placed on the gate regarding the use of the "Call" button.
- The wooden pipe protectors were replaced on the Silhouette range.
- Managers' office rehab cost is \$1,350 for paint, carpet, and chairs.
- Shotgun Hill Manager Bill Wettingfeld reported that shotgun range use in February was 178 shooters (178 members and 0 guests). 678 rounds were fired during the month with no cart rentals. Total February revenue to the club was \$3,559.
- It was requested and approved that the Sporting Clays Course be named the Wayne Taylor Sporting Clays in memory of Wayne Taylor who passed away on February 25, 2021. Mr. Taylor joined RBGC in November of 1997.
- Assistant Club Manager Greg Hughes reported that Senior member Lawrence (Sully) Sullivan passed away on December 31, 2020. Mr. Sullivan joined RBGC in February of 1997.
- Facilities Committee Chairman Art Thompson reported that they are waiting on the HVAC specifications for the Shotgun Hill drawings.
- Cowboy Hill Rehabilitation Committee Chairman Mike Currier reported that they have been unable to obtain quotes for paving.
- Finance Committee Chairman Geoff Rhines reported on the credit card transaction fee and how it may impact RBGC if the fee is waived. The board approved waiving all convenience fee charges when Club Express goes live.
- The Infrastructure Committee presented backup power options and estimates. The board approved \$2,720 for Option 2 which is to purchase and install 4 UPS systems to provide backup battery power to Kings III call boxes (one is teleco line-powered and does not require backup power), and to replace existing 120v AC range safety lights with 12v LED lighting, 12v batteries, and 120/12v trickle charger connected to existing power. Club will use 4 existing 2200w portable generators to supply power to administrative offices and

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Shotgun Hill and will utilize existing portable manual pump for fuel tanks.

- Membership Database and Renewal Automation Committee Chairman David Norcross reported that the Club Express project is making good progress.
- Public Relations Committee Chairman David Norcross reported that they have 2,062 active emails. The March Bullet-IN was opened by 62% of members, and 51% read through the Bullet-IN.
- Will Owensby reported that they will wait to decide whether they will have the 2021 Young Shooters Challenge event.
- The Board recommended and approved increasing annual dues to \$318 for Annual members, and \$159 for Senior members. The new annual dues rates will be effective beginning with the 2021-2022 renewal period.

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.

Membership Statistics

	Mar 2021	Feb 2021	Mar 2020
Annual and Non-Resident Members	1,720	1,715	1,621
Life Members	194	194	194
Senior Members	176	176	149
Corporate Members	2	2	2
Honorary Members	4	4	4
Total Active Members	2,096	2,091	1,986
Member Applicants for Board Approval	4	4	20
Total of Active Members and Recommended Applicants	2,100	2,095	1,988

New Members Approved

Dallas Blanton, Alpharetta	James Kane, Smyrna	Larry Rice, Gainesville
Byron Brandt, Canton	Manuel Loes, Jasper	James Serra, Alpharetta
Greg Cannon, Alpharetta	Nick McDearis, Marietta	Ricky Stephens II, Woodstock
Warren Eller, Cumming	Denny Meier, Kennesaw	Mark Taylor, Alpharetta
Andy Johnson, Cartersville	Joshua Millican, Atlanta	Nevada Tuggle, Norcross
Patricia Johnson, Dahlonega	Don Morris, Suwanee	

Reinstated Members

Allen Carter Jr, Chicago, IL

Mark Martore, Alpharetta

Open Position at River Bend Gun Club for Chief Range Officer

River Bend Gun Club has an open position for a Chief Range Officer (CRO). The club is seeking a mature individual who is a club member in good standing, possesses sound judgement and who has extensive experience with competitive shooting, firearms related safety protocols and training. Strong presentation skills and people management experience are required. Candidates must be proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel and Power Point. This is a part time, salaried position requiring a minimum of 30 to 60 hours per month.

Pursuant to the RBGC, Inc. By-Laws, the CRO serves as the chairman of the Range Committee which is composed of all range officers (RO's) and also serves as the safety officer for RBGC with authority to appoint assistants. The CRO is responsible for all safety, he shall propose programs of instruction in relation to firearms care, usage and safety, propose rules for the safety and supervision of range usage and supervise the enforcement of such rules when approved by the Board of Directors. The CRO shall assist the range officers in conducting matches, clinics or leagues, shall promote competitive shooting, shall cause the Range Committee to coordinate all range activities and, after consultation with the various range officers, shall propose a schedule of events for the approval of the Board of Directors.

Qualified candidates must submit a detailed resume containing their email address and telephone number via email to Will Owensby, Club President at willborner@aol.com no later than May 15, 2021. Interviews for the most qualified candidates will be conducted in late May at a date to be determined.

CRO Job Functions

1. Maintain open communication with the Club President and Board Members
2. Attend monthly Board meetings or ensure that the CRO is represented at the meetings
3. Actively manage and supervise all Assistant CRO (ACRO) activities and reporting and work with them to facilitate their ongoing professional development
4. Maintain open communication with all RO's and work with them to actively facilitate shooting events, clinics and safety protocols that protect members, guests and club property
5. Make formal recommendations to the Board, as necessary during monthly meetings to approve, change status of or remove RO's and/or ARO's
6. Maintain open communication and cooperation with Club Manager, Shotgun Hill Manager and club employees
7. Compile and present CRO Reports at monthly Board meetings
8. Personally instruct the monthly New Member Orientation or ensure that a qualified club member instructor is available to do so
9. Ensure timely submission of, review and track all Event Use Fee Reports, checks and cash payable to the club and submit checks, cash and reports to the Club Manager monthly

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10. Follow up with RO's who are late and/or deficient in their venue reporting and take appropriate actions to correct errant and/or deficient reporting
11. Compile Range Use Report and Match Use Report and present at monthly Board meetings
12. Maintain awareness of all Range Rule infractions and violations
13. Document serious Range Rule violations, report to Club Secretary within 24 hours, present Range Rule Violation Reports at monthly Board meetings and provide specific disciplinary recommendations
14. Document serious injuries and/or medical conditions occurring on club property, report to Club Secretary within 24 hours and present Emergency Event Reports at monthly Board meetings
15. Actively compile and schedule all shooting venue and related activities annually and work with the Club Webmaster to produce an accurate Club Events Calendar by November 1 of each year
16. Maintain awareness of and report all venue and activity related schedule changes, deletions and additions to the Club Webmaster in a timely manner
17. Serve as Chairman of the Range Committee and conduct Range Committee meetings annually and as necessary
18. Serve as Chairman of the Range Rules Revision Committee and conduct meetings annually and as necessary to review, evaluate and make changes to the Range Rules
19. Serve as a member of the Training Committee, maintain awareness of all training activities (evaluate, approve or disallow and schedule specific training activities) and attend Training Committee meetings as necessary
20. Manage \$500 monthly CRO budget, maintain expense detail and receipts for all CRO business expenses and report to Club Treasurer via regularly submitted expense reports



NRA Light Rifle Match

NRA Light Rifle
April 2021 Match Report

With bluebird clear skies and 27 degrees showing on the SUV's outside temperature gauge, it felt more like early February than early April as 15 hearty competitors were on hand to brave the wind and cold for the first match of the NRA Light Rifle season at River Bend.



The almost cloudless sky allowed for lots of bright sunshine which was a welcome respite from the cold and wind, with competitors soaking up the sun and warmth as the day wore on. Due to ongoing health issues, usual Range Officer Don Coleman was not in attendance (and was greatly missed) meaning that Match Director Bailey ran the match and scored so was unable to compete.

Despite complaints about numb hands and shivers, shooting began at 9:30 with a brief sight-in period. Once everyone was happy with their zero, the match got underway with a large 11 competitor Marksman category, three Sharpshooters and one Expert.

Sharpshooter Brad Reynolds fired a very solid 94-1X first stage to edge out Sharpshooter Bob Morris' 94-0X and Marksman Brad Kanipe's 90-1X to briefly take first place. In the second stage, Morris fired a 92-1X, to move into first place pushing Reynolds to second, with Expert George Wilson's 90-1X result moving him into third.

By the end of the fourth stage, Morris was besting the field by 7 points with a 367-2X to hold first with Wilson moving to second at 360-2X. Sharpshooter King Stracke, starting out slow but gaining momentum, moved into the top three edging out Brand Reynolds by one point 353-0X to 352-0X.

In the Marksman class, Mauro Bisiacci had moved 3 points ahead of Brad Kanipe to move into 1st Marksman with Glen Hegwood a single point behind holding 3rd Marksman with a 343.0X

With very consistent efforts by the top three shooters, and despite a last stage 94-0X by Stracke, the top three places held, with Morris ending as Match winner. Bisiacci and Kanipe also held onto their positions but Charlie Iracondo posted two solid stages (an 88 and an 89) to move from the mid pack to secure 3rd Marksman.



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Congratulations to all winners:

Bob Morris	550.02	Match Winner
George Wilson	542.02	2 nd Place
King Stracke	537.00	3 rd Place
Brad Reynolds	520.04	1 st Sharpshooter
Mauro Bisiacci	516.01	1 st Marksman
Brad Kanipe	509.02	2 nd Marksman
Charlie Iracondo	508.00	3 rd Marksman
Beth Reynolds	500.02	High Woman



Please visit the [NRA Light Rifle](#) webpage for Match Scores.

Thanks to Fran Bailey for Stat office duties and to everyone for helping with setup and teardown.

The next Light Rifle match will be on Saturday May the 1st with first shot downrange at 9:30 AM – and hopefully much warmer temperatures! The match will be an any sight 60 shot match fired at 50 ft. We look forward to seeing you here.



Action Pistol April 2021

Under initially gray skies and seasonably cool weather, forty seven Action Pistol Competitors arrived for the 4th Annual All Steel Action Pistol Match. John Livingstone had originally provided the Course of Fire vision and this match has become a tradition each year. It is a LOT of work but worth it. We welcomed sixteen new-to-action-pistol shooters who got to cut their AP teeth on the real challenge and satisfaction of the sound and feedback of lead-on-steel. Lots of smiles and laughter.

Bay 1 began the steel madness with nothing but plate and pin racks and gunfighter targets. Thanks to Russell Wynne for sharing his personal collection. The big red plate didn't seem so big when surrounded by No Shoot!



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Bay 2 brought more confusion to simple instructions: Shoot the poppers from both sides of the barricade and from between barrels. What could possibly go wrong? And when you mix farmers with accounts, nobody can decide what a row is. Lots of falling steel.



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Bay 3 settled things down a little with just plain ole' racks and plates, and, oh yes, two Texas Stars. Our 2x4 plate racks, rebar and conveyor belt swinging racks and freestanding gongs gave lots of visual and auditory feedback and satisfaction. Good times.



Thank you to all who pitched in and made the heavy lifting not quite so heavy when we tore down the stages, but a very special thank you to Paul van Oudheusden who helped me set up on Friday and to Maverick, Derek, Russell, John B. and AGAIN Paul van O who, after the match, helped return all that borrowed steel (Thanks Randy!)



Our Action Pistol traditions continued after the Bays were cleared with another great lunch superbly grilled by Russell Wynne and complemented by Lori Wynne's outstanding pasta salad. The match was topped off with door prizes of cleaning gear, storage equipment and best of all AMMO.

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



**OUR NEXT ACTION
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Rimfire Benchrest Match Report

April 2021 Rimfire Benchrest Match Report

Simon Bailey

It has been said that Rimfire Benchrest shooters have 137 different names for the wind – none of them are complementary, none of them can be printed here and almost all of them were used at the first match of the River Bend Gun Club Rimfire Benchrest season – now known as Windfest 2021.

The previous day, Saturday, had seen a major late April storm event that caused cancellation of the Prone match due to the rain and chill. But Sunday, just prior to the front passing through, beautiful blue skies and still conditions greeted the sixteen shooters gathered at the Jim Hinkle Rimfire range. Unfortunately, by the time setup, registration and the practice period were over, the wind had changed from none too full-on gale with steady winds between 10 and 16 MPH and frequent gusts up to 24 MPH - and yes, that's almost 4" of lateral displacement for shooters who decided to break their shoot at the peak of the gust!

The addition of two new steel and concrete benches delivered by the match director just before the match helped accommodate the 16 shooters with all four classes (unlimited, Precision, Factory and Semiauto) formed. The match format was four 25 shot cards at 50 yards fired on the RBA 50 yard target for Unlimited and Premium classes and the IBS 50 yard Rimfire target.



The match got underway just before 10:00 AM with wind conditions deteriorating rapidly. Despite the challenge, David Rabin using his prone gun – an Anschutz 1913 with Benchmark barrel - turned in an impressive 245-16X to jump to an early lead in the Unlimited Class followed closely by Grant Toman using his Anschutz with Eley blue box ammo posting a 243-11X. Note that the X ring on the RBA target is about the size of a dot made by a sharp pencil point, so shooting 16 of them in the prevailing wind was an impressive accomplishment.



Shooters in the other three classes were turning in scores in the mid to low 220's with single digit X counts. A notable exception was Alan Rauber in the factory class who posted a 240-4X using a Kimber 82G with Wolf ammo! With lots of wide shots, Match Director Bailey, doing the scoring, put all of his fingers and toes to use keeping track of missed points!

During the second card the wind started really playing havoc with ... well everything. Two shooters had targets blown off the backer and anything not weighted down was blown toward the parking lot. At one point, one shooter was heard to state that they had given up on the scope and were aiming by sense of

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smell as their results were better! After time expired, the targets blown off the frames were replaced, and additional time was provided for the two shooters to complete their cards.

After the second cards were fired, both Toman and Rabin posted 245's keeping Rabin in first Unlimited, while John McBrayer using his Vudoo with Lothar-Walther barrel held a commanding lead in the Premium class. Rauber shot a 243-5X to keep first place in the factory

class. Factory shooters Drew McKay, Lithgow/Center-X, and Neal Shadden, Savage BTVS/Center-X, both shot 231's to close the gap a bit on Rauber. In Semiauto class, Shaun Forgacs using Green Mountain barreled 10/22 and Ealy Match stepped up his score by posting a 240-9X to start building a commanding class lead. Unlimited shooter Robert Powers using his Anschutz, not really having an exceptional day, did have a great second card X total firing a 217-16X – another impressive 16X.

The vicious wind continued during the third and fourth cards, blowing over wind flags and everything else not firmly anchored. Toman and his blue box ammo stayed consistent on both cards (245-8X and 244-12X) while Rabin suffered a disappointing third target and a good fourth target (238-11X and 244-9X). Unfortunately, Rabin's difficult third card dropped him out of the lead to leave Toman in First Unlimited. McBrayer fired a very solid third card (245-9X) and finished with a 232-3X to command first Premium by almost 200 points.

Rauber finished consistently with a pair of 241's while McKay's magic Lithgow posted a 248-5X and 243-5X to make a push for first Factory but fell short just a bit short. Forgacs also finished well to keep his strong lead in Semiauto.



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Congratulations to all winners:

Grant Toman	977-44X	1st Unlimited
David Rabin	972-40X	2nd Unlimited
John McBrayer	929-24X	1st Precision
Alan Rauber	956-36X	1st Factory
Drew McKay	948-15X	2nd Factory
Shaun Forgacs	958-25X	1st Semiauto



After the match, the massive prize money and congratulations were awarded. Despite the conditions, everyone had a great time. Please see the [website](#) or Forum for the Match Bulletin and photos.

The **next match will be on Sunday May 23rd, 2021** so bring your 22lr rifle, a bi-pod or rest, a rear bag some decent ammo and come join in! It's a fun event and a great way to sharpen your wind and bench shooting skills.



May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 NRA Personal Protection Outside The Home NRA Light Rifle Rifleman's Weekend Cowboy Action Sporting Clays Match
2 Rifleman's Weekend NRA Personal Protection Outside The Home IDPA Match	3	4	5	6	7	8 NRA Women On Target Centerfire Benchrest High Power XTC Match ICORE
9 Steel Challenge	10 Board Meeting	11	12 NRA Basic Pistol Class	13	14	15 MultiPurpose 1 Range Closed for Annual Meeting Set-up Action Pistol Bullseye Pistol Match Rimfire Silhouette Match Tactical Rifle Certification
16 River Bend Gun Club Annual Business Meeting	17	18	19 Southern States Classic High Power Match	20 Southern States Classic High Power Match	21 Southern States Classic High Power Match	22 Southern States Classic High Power Match Cowboy Hill Pavilion Closed at 15:00 for Southern Classic Event and BBQ USPSA Match 100 Yard Match/Clinic Buffalo Rifle Match
23 Southern States Classic High Power Match Buffalo Rifle Match Rimfire Benchrest Match New Member Orientation Meeting	24	25	26	27 Cowboy Bays 1- 2 , High Power Range and Action Shooting Bays 4 & 5 Closed for Run and Gun Set Up	28 Cowboy Bays 1- 2 , High Power Range and Action Shooting Bays 4 & 5 Closed for Run and Gun Set Up Smallbore Rifle Prone Match	29 River Bend Gun Club 5K/10K Run and Gun Match Smallbore Rifle Prone Match
30 Smallbore Rifle Prone Match	31 Memorial Day Smallbore Rifle Prone Match					

Events on calendar are subject to change. Please visit: <https://www.rbgc.org/> for the most current events.

June 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Cowboy Hill Bay 2 Is Closed	4 Cowboy Hill Bay 2 Is Closed	5 200 Yard Rimfire Match NRA Light Rifle Cowboy Action Sporting Clays Match
6 IDPA Match	7	8	9	10	11	12 Centerfire Benchrest High Power XTC Match High Power Silhouette Match NRA Basic Rifle Class NRA Women On Target
13 High Power 600X3 Match Steel Challenge	14 Board Meeting	15	16 NRA Basic Pistol Class	17	18	19 Hunter Rifle Match Action Pistol Rimfire Silhouette Match Tactical Rifle Certification
20 3Gun Match Bullseye Pistol Match	21	22	23	24	25	26 USPSA Match 100 Yard Match/Clinic Buffalo Rifle Match NRA Defensive Pistol Class Smallbore Rifle Prone Match
27 Rimfire Benchrest Match New Member Orientation Meeting	28	29	30			

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