

# WGC Newsletter

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### **Club Hours**

8 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday, Friday &  
Saturday.

8 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Wednesday

1 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Sunday

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## **October Member Meeting**

The October Member Meeting will be held at 7PM on Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. The recently approved new member procedure will take effect at the meeting and thereafter. We are happy to have our Treasurer back in action and able to attend. He will be available to discuss his plans for the 2022 budget at the October meeting.

At the last EC meeting, the lack of volunteers for 2022 officer positions prompted a few “what-if” scenarios, such as hiring a membership coordinator if no one volunteers to perform those tasks. Maybe some members might have suggestions to present at the meeting.

We are currently investigating where and whether we can put on the annual WGC Christmas party. As we cannot foresee any limitations due to future Covid mandates, the party is tentatively set for December 9<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to present any helpful ideas or wish to help make the party happen – bring it up at the October meeting.

Also note that several members have not yet met the requirement to attend at least one member meeting in order to renew their membership. There are only three meetings remaining to do so.

## **Storm Damage to Range & Clubhouse**

There was some miscommunication about improvements at the 300 yard range as addressed in the last newsletter. New gravel was added to replace the gravel that washed away in the bench area. Good news for the users of the bench rests, possibly bad news if another storm passes through. Hopefully we’ve seen the last of the wrath from Meat Camp Creek!

## **Rimfire Benchrest**

The September match was again well attended. Come on out for the next match on October 10<sup>th</sup> and meet some new friends. The entry fee is \$5 per rifle. The match starts about 1:30 PM.

## **WGC Steel**

The recent competition has been fierce and the attendees are having way too much fun. The next match is Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. This match will be the last of the year. Rumor is that Match Directors Steve and Sally Jones may mix things up with some alternative stage set ups. Come on out and see what happens and have some FUN!

## WGC Action Pistol

The next match is Saturday, October 9th. Come on out and try something new. The previous matches have been a load of fun and very rewarding. There is plenty of room for new shooters to participate in a course of fire format somewhat less procedural than IDPA. This match will be the final match for the 2021 season.

## Web Site

The web site is maintained for member use. Please familiarize yourself with the available information. The webmaster position is being maintained by the Publicity Officer, however a more experienced webmaster is needed. If you are familiar with Word Press and have an interest in becoming webmaster, please contact the Publicity Officer through the web site.

Also, the email notifications each month for the newsletters will soon cease. Every member can easily check the web site for the latest newsletter. Many of the mass emails in the past have not reached their destination, were kicked back as undeliverable or end up unread in the junk mail folder for many recipients.

## Range Etiquette

We are experiencing a lot of bullet skip on Bay 2 as members or their guests do not place their targets high enough for the bullets to impact the bank down range. We may need to take disciplinary action for anyone witnessed making this serious error. If any member witnesses another member or member's guest skipping bullets off the ground in Bay 2, report it directly to the range office – preferably with a date and time so video and the gate time stamp can be used to verify the offending party.

Also, it seems some members or their guests seem to think they can leave target stands out on the range or lying in the grass for our mowing contractor to deal with. It really is not that hard to put stands back where they are stored.

Please be good club members and be considerate of other members that also use the facilities. It is sad that this has to be mentioned. And sadder still that it has to be mentioned often.

In addition, it appears we are possibly receiving range visits from non-members. Video surveillance indicates some suspicious activity and two particular vehicles that access the range, but whose occupants do not use the range. The vehicles are a white pickup truck and a red pickup truck. If you witness any suspicious visitors or vehicles, check to see if they are members and/or at least get a tag number. The gate to the range should not be left open unless authorized.

## 2022 Club Officers

All club officer positions for 2022 are still available. No one has volunteered for any position. The prior language requesting

volunteers has been solicitous. This is apparently falling upon deaf ears. The club and the range cannot function without officers. Full time officers. It might be a bad thing when your gate pass doesn't work any longer because there is not a membership coordinator.

The current Membership Coordinator is in the process of testing new, and hopefully more user-friendly software whereby a new Membership Coordinator can start from scratch implementing the software and keep track of only current members (as any prior or non-renewing member must start as a new member in 2022). There were discussions at the last EC meeting that the club may need to hire someone to perform the myriad tasks performed by the Membership Coordinator (see prior Newsletters). This expense will increase the club expenses and may necessitate an increase in future annual dues.

The descriptions of officer responsibilities are included in the WGC Members Manual. The club relies on the efforts of the EC to maintain the range and keep club business affairs in order. As an incentive, EC officers dues are waived during years of service.

We need officers. Step up.

## Manual & Application Updates

The new member application and the club manuals have all been updated to reflect recent changes in Bylaws and procedures. The new application and the manuals can be found at the club web site.

Each year, renewing members sign an affidavit stating in part that they have reviewed these manuals and understand the content. Please take the time to review the new and old material to fulfill renewal requirements.

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