

Sights & Action

The official newsletter of the Rivanna Rifle & Pistol Club
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Founded in 1950, the Rivanna Rifle & Pistol Club is a private, 100 acre shooting facility organized and maintained by member volunteers.

The club is located in southern Albemarle County, 4 miles south of I-64 on Old Lynchburg Rd (the extension of 5th St in Charlottesville).

Affiliated with:

National Rifle Association

National Shooting Sports Association

Virginia Shooting Sports Association

Civilian Marksmanship Program

International Defensive Pistol Association

Amateur Trap Association

Single Action Shooting Society

"To promote the sport of shooting; to educate the public on firearm safety and responsibility; and to uphold and defend the 2nd Amendment."

Cowboy Action Shooting

The Rivanna Rangers held their first soot this year on March 22. The Vernal Shoot (that's Latin for Spring folks) was held on a beautiful Spring day with a threat of rain that never happened. Twelve shooters shot four regular stages followed by the ever challenging Texas Star. When the smoke cleared the overall winner was Tye River man from Waynesboro Virginia followed by newcomer Jeff Davis of Gordonsville, and third went to RRPC's own Blue Ridge Grizz.

Dunderburg Drifter is concocting up the next shoot that will be held on May 10. Setup starts at 7:30am, followed by a safety meeting at 8:30, and the match starts at 9:00. Cost for Rivanna Ranger shoots is \$10 for RRPC members and \$15 for non-members. Visitors are welcome!

For information contact the Virginia Ranger at rdickman@embarqmail.com or 434-973-8759

Wear your membership card when you're at the club.

Note that the skeet and trap fields will be closed for an invitational "Crimestoppers" event on Saturday, June 7 until about 3:00.

The regular meeting will be on Thursday, May 8., beginning at 7:30 P.M. There will be a cookout prior to the meeting.

This month's board meeting will be on Thursday, May 15, beginning at 7:00 P.M. Anyone desiring to bring an issue before the board is welcome to do so during the meeting.

Food, Fellowship and Martial Arts

This month's membership meeting, on May 8, is going to be a doosey! Prior to the meeting, beginning about 6:30, the Rivanna Rangers will be cooking up some fine chow on the grill. The meeting will feature a demonstration of martial arts, featuring several different disciplines, by some experts. Plan to come out for a good time at your club.

SHOTGUN

Skeet and Trap shooting is open to members and the public every Sunday from 1:30PM to 5PM. Throughout the year, weather permitting. Five Stand is shot the second Sunday of each month. Throughout the year in place of Trap for that day. Trap is also shot and new trap shooters are coached every Wednesday from 1:00PM to 9:00PM; during daylight savings time. All shotgun shooting is open to members and guests. If you would like to shoot skeet or trap at other times please contact a shotgun work team member to confirm when the fields may be open. Charges are \$2.50 a round (25 birds) for club members and \$4.00 for non-members. Contact shotgun Chairman Jesse Davis at 434 293-3811, or e-mail jcd@cstone.net or for trap Mike Kreynus 804 263-1008 or mkerynus@verizon.net. Check the RRPC.ORG calendar for additional shotgun events that may be scheduled.

Registered ATA Trap Programs

On Saturdays, May 24, 2008 and on June 21, 2008, we will be holding ATA 300 bird registered Trap shoots. 100 Singles (16 yards), 100 Handicap, and 50 pair Doubles. Registration and practice starts at 9AM, competition at 10AM. Shoot ends at Sunset. Both Trap Fields will be utilized. Shoot program posted on RRPC.ORG.

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Boones Mill Showdown

The Franklin County town of Boones Mill, VA is embroiled in a gun-ban controversy. According to the "Franklin News-Post", police chief Lynn Frith has posted a sign on the Town Hall that "**firearms are prohibited by order of the police chief and town manager**". This seems to violate state pre-emption laws. Also, it is reported, that the town council never passed such an ordinance. Last year, the mayor of the town and two town council members resigned after failing in a bid to fire Lynn Frith from the post of police chief. Now, it's reported, they are running for election along with a 4th candidate so that they can have enough town council votes to effect change. That election will come to a vote on May 6.

There is much confusion about the source of authority for the police chief to put up the sign. It is variously reported as an ordinance, a resolution and a responsibility of Lynn Frith to maintain public safety. Whatever the case, it seems an obvious violation of state law prohibiting such local firearms regulations.

As for the sign banning firearms, it has been taken down, put back up, and reworded a number of times but reportedly remains displayed. Candidate Robert Hogan brought the illegal gun-ban to the attention of the VCDL. Philip van Cleave of the Virginia Citizens Defense League announces that he plans to attend the May 13 Boones Mill town council meeting. He says he plans to address the council on Mr. Frith's attempt to ban guns.

Boones Mill will be holding elections on May, 6 2008. The dispute between the candidates and the police chief coupled with the sign banning guns all combine to make this one heck of a small town Virginia story.

"We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion... Our Constitution was made only for a moral and a religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."
-John Adams

Buy or Sell

For Sale: 1993 GMC Jimmy full size 4WD automatic. \$1,250. Call Marshall Johnson at 434-286-3702

Want to trade: Ruger 9mm for .32 Colt or S&W in good condition or better. Call Marshall Johnson at 434-286-3702

Many antique items, glass and furniture as well as interesting collectible items are for sale by Robert Lee Summers. To find out what he's got that would interest you, call (434)989-8131

New Members

The following were introduced as prospective new members at the April membership meeting: Allan Clarke, Jaqueline Clarke, Stephen Estes, Paul Lefkowitz, Denny Milby, Joseph Orsolini, Andre Ortiz, Dawn Peters, David Seguin, Jeffrey Sexton, Edgar Spigle, John Manning, John Hartless, Samuel McKelvey, Mike Wiggins and Craig DePiazzy.

The following members were voted in: Paul Wirt, James Webster, Dirk Ringers, William Randolph, William Mellen, Cynthia Long, Christopher Hendricks, Luis DeJesus, James Toth, Bruno Giraldi, and Dennis Mennerich. All approved pending payment and service.

Please contact Luther Morris, chairperson of the membership committee, if you have questions or comments about membership or prospective members. jfmlgm@earthlink.net or (434) 295-2902

May Gun Shows


5/17-18 C&E, Richmond Showplace

To place a classified ad, email newsletter editor, Fred Newsom, at fred@newsomandco.com or call 434-974-7688. Members only.

"[W]hereas, to preserve liberty, it is essential that the whole body of the people always possess arms, and be taught alike, especially when young, how to use them;"
-Richard Henry Lee

Rivanna Rifle & Pistol Club, Inc.-Calendar of Events

May 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>ACPD</i>	2 American Legion Air Rifle Tournament	3 High Power rifle match American Legion Air Rifle Tournament
4 Skeet & Trap 1:30-5:00 Bulls Eye Pistol 4:00	5	6 <i>Indoor Range Work Party</i> 6-9	7 12-2 High Nooner's Bulls Eye Pistol	8 <i>ACPD</i> Membership Meeting 7:30 Cook-Out 6:30	9	10 Cowboy Action
11 Youth 4-6 5 Stand Sporting Clays 1:30-5:00	12	13	14 12-2 High Nooner's Bulls Eye Pistol	15 <i>ACPD</i> Board Directors meeting 7:00	16 Newsletter deadline	17 IDPA
18 Skeet & Trap 1:30-5:00 Bulls Eye Pistol 4:00	19	20 <i>Indoor Range Work Party</i> 6-9 New Member Orientation	21 12-2 High Nooner's Bulls Eye Pistol	22 <i>ACPD</i>	23	24 ATA Registered Trap Shoot
25 Youth 4-6 Skeet & Trap 1:30-5:00	26	27	28 12-2 High Nooner's Bulls Eye Pistol	29	30	31

Plan ahead:

2700 Match – June 1

FUN DAY- June 28

“Sic Semper Tyrannis”

“Thus always to tyrants”

Virginia state motto, adopted July 5, 1776