



# THE CLEANING RAG

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**Your input is needed for both the club and this newsletter.**

**Grab an officer and tell them what you want out of your club!**

**Want to see something new show up to a meeting and tell us.**

**Have an opinion then show up to a meeting and give it.**

**Got an idea? Show up to a meeting and share it?**

**It's a New Year let's make changes for the improvement of YOUR Club**

## New Year—New Board of Officers

It is a new year and in December a new slate of officers were elected....sort of! In truth it was more like a round of musical chairs with one exception. The following is your new Board of Officers:

Pres—Earl Ackhurst

VP—Jim Emenheiser

Sec—Dan Hosier

Treas—Dave Overhiser

Director—Walt Harry

Director—Craig Lewis

Past Pres—Dave Wiatrowski.

We will see what the new year has to offer, changes, improvements, expansion it will just have to unfold and we will all see.

Next December to have a little fun at the election we might just try the Musical Chairs with everybody at the meeting...this way we might get some new bodies??

## President's Message! - Earl Ackhurst

A new year, 2011, a new decade, and the most important event for members will be the "NEW DOOR LOCK: at the club house.

1 March 2011 a new lock will be installed that will require an access card to open the club house door in place of the existing key and lock. The access card (about the size of a credit card) will open the lock and record the date and time of each use of that card. Therefore the club management team may review the records to know who and when any member's card was

used to open the door.

This change is being implemented because we have lost track of where all of the issued keys have gone. The new lock system will allow all current and new members easy entry to club house and range gate key. At the same time restrict entry to anyone that is behind on dues or no longer a member.

This change was discussed many times very thoroughly during several meetings and this system was decided on. The main draw back to the new card lock sys-

tem is the cost for the card, a one time ten (10) dollars per card will be charged to those members who want a card. If you lose or mutilate your card it will cost ten (10) dollars to replace it. The management team is confident the card lock system will improve security and safety for all members of our club.

The Major event of 2010 was repairing the club house roof, a big thanks to Dave Wiatrowski.

I am looking forward to a safe and happy 2011 as "New Pres".



## It's that time of year again.....

**Items for the next Meeting:**

- Winter / Spring Schedule
- Building Repairs
- New Members
- Fishing Report
- Fund Raisers

Ok every one says it all the time...It's that time of year again! What does this mean to us? Well new membership cards going out to all those that have paid their dues and a last minute check being written by those who have not paid their

dues and are just now being reminded... **YOUR DUES ARE DUE NOW!!!** Ok was that obvious enough, write the check today.

What else happens this time of year is that the club is very busy because most activities

move indoor and we have nothing better to do than do activities at the club so take a look at the calendar you will see some old activities and maybe some new ones. Come out and support the club and enjoy yourself at the same time.

## JANUARY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 <i>Youth Archery 10am Youth rifle 1pm</i>
9 Breakfast 9am Trap 10am-12pm	10 <i>Meeting 7pm</i>	11 Target Pistol Night	12 Action Pistol Night	13 <i>Target Archery</i>	14 Club Night	15
16 Breakfast 9am Trap 10am-12pm	17	18 Target Pistol Night	19 Action Pistol Night	20 <i>Target Archery</i>	21	22 <i>Youth Archery 10am Youth rifle 1pm</i>
23 Breakfast 9am Trap 10am-12pm Smallbore Rifle 1pm	24	25 Target Pistol Night	26 Action Pistol Night	27 Club Night <i>Target Archery</i>	28	29
30 Breakfast 9am Trap 10am-12pm	31					

## Breakfast Time again!

Breakfast is back! Yes another it's that time of year again. Well we were informed at the last meeting that costs have gone up but not the prices of our meals. What does this mean, in order for us to make the same amount of money from breakfast everyone that attends breakfast has to eat more! Or you can just bring a few friends, you see more mouths equal more money for the club.

A few facts:

Our menu is the cheapest around! Our meals are tasty!

If you complain you will get more of the same! For less than \$5.00 you get a lot of food!

The conversation is always there! Might not be good but it is there.

Our Kitchen Staff are under paid! Our Kitchen Staff enjoys what they do!

Our Kitchen Staff is good looking? Ok maybe not all of them but then again who cares! The food is good!!!

## FEBRUARY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Target Pistol Night	2 Action Pistol Night	3 <i>Target</i> Archery	4	5 Youth Archery 10am Youth rifle
6 Breakfast 9am Trap 10am-12pm Smallbore	7	8 Target Pistol Night	9 Action Pistol Night	10 <i>Target</i> Archery	11 Club Night	12
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## New lock coming!

Since about 1999 we have been talking about changing the main door lock to one of them new fangled locks that use a security card. Well it has only taken about 12 years and we are getting one.

The lock will do a few things for us. First it will allow us to secure the club. It has been awhile since the door lock was changed. The cost for a new lock set and 150+ keys costs around \$400. The new card reader system costs around \$1200. So how can we justify this? Well we will not have to change the lock

again because with the new system we can deactivate individual cards saving use from changing out the entire lock system.

The next item that the new lock will do is monitor use of the club. NO, Big Brother is not watching but the new system will record every time your card is used. With this we now have a way to narrow down who was at the club when something happens and no body was there to see what happened.

The last thing the new card system

will do is allow us to deactivate individual cards when dues expire. This will allow us to secure the club from non-members.

The new system is expandable so that we can make changes or add more doors to the system at a low cost. It seems we are moving into the 21st Century.

Nobody says things move fast at the club but we are working on things after all the Club is over 90 years old and the building is over 50 years old.

## Website update

Look for new changes on our website. We have a new person to help with the website, Bob Torstenson has stepped up to the plate and will be making few changes and updates to our website.

Did you know the Club has a website? What's a website you might ask? Well it's this new

thing in the world of technology that allow us to share information with our members. Instead of getting the newsletter in the mail after it has been written, printed and mailed (at a cost to the club) you can just go to the website and download or read the newsletter minutes after it is written. Wow instant information at your finger tips.

Better yet you can lose the old fashion newsletter. The old fashion type would be tossed in the trash or used to wrap fish....not any more it is available 24 hours a day on the website. Forget what is going on at the club then jump on the website and get the latest info. Oh by-the-way, [www.shrgc.org](http://www.shrgc.org) is the website.

## Newsletter update!!!

Over the past few years....OK since Mr. Bruce stepped down as the editor of our newsletter (BTW—Thanks for over 20years of newsletters Paul!!!) The clubs newsletters have had a few different editors and a few different looks and a few different publishing cycles. Well here we are again and we are looking for your input.

A few facts:

It costs about \$140 to print and mail the newsletter to all members MONTHLY!

We have tried mailings every 2 months or so to save money.

But now we are looking for your input. WE could do a few things, put a monthly newslet-

ter on the website and mail bi-monthly to those without internet access. We could do a lot of things but after all this is your club and your newsletter so let's hear from you! So show up at the next meeting and give your 2 cents worth. After all changes can not be made without your help!!! So HELP.

## Building repairs!!

So does this sound like a broken record yet? Well let's recap, our building was built in 1961, the building has a few upgrades but these have all been minor.

Fixing a building is cheaper than starting over with a new building. We have replaced a few doors over the years. About 12 years ago put a new roof on after 30+ years which had to be repaired in 2010 because of the

construction type and material failure. But we are dry now.

Back to the list of need repairs / updates.

Windows in Clubroom and Range

Outside doors (back door and Furnace room)

Insulation???

Peaked Roof & Insulation

New Furnaces (more efficient)

### Range Ventilation

As you can see the list is long and that is only the building. We would like to put a roof over the rifle range. Remodel the range building to make it more user friendly, improve our berms for safety.

So how do we do this? We raise money through Fund Raisers, Activities, and PARTICIPATION!

## Club Activities!

Hmmm got nothing to do this winter? Looking for something that will get you out of the house and have a little fun? Well look no further, your club has a lot of activities that will do this. Some weekly, some bi-weekly, and a few monthly. So let's review what we have to offer (also see calendar)

Target Pistol—Slow fire target shooting

Action Pistol—Rapid fire scenarios & knock down targets

Archery—Target shooting

Smallbore Rifle - New Activity

Breakfast—Good food and conversation

Club Night—cards, BS, and

jokes

Youth Archery, - Kids shooting bows

Youth Smallbore—Kids learning the discipline of target shooting.

So as you can see there is a few things going on and if you can think of something new, we will find a spot for it.

## New Activity—Smallbore Rifle (.22lr) Sundays

Dave W. has started a new activity, it is Indoor Smallbore Shooting. It will have two different classes of firearms Bench Rest and Sporter class. He has several different targets to shoot at and if things go well we may see some expansion of this activity. Dave is working up a set of rules based on the American Rimfire Association rules. These rules will be used to level the playing field so that everyone can compete and have fun at the same time.

This activity starts on Sunday January 23rd at 1pm and will continue on every other Sunday. Come on out and see what this new activity has to offer, it sounds fun for the marksman or the plinker and heck shooting the .22 is probably the cheapest shooting that can be done. Cost for this activity is \$3 per Gun / round (target batch). So bring your guns and ammo and join in on this new activity. And who knows you just might beat everyone else and have some fun at the same time.

Rant topics.....hmmmm maybe a multiple rant....

Well as you can see the rant is back along with the Newsletter! The newsletter - should we have changes? How often should it be published? What kind of content do we need? Well It is my opinion that we should be able to have a monthly newsletter published to the website and maybe mailed out every two to three months to the non-internet people. I do feel that the newsletter can be a good source of information of stuff at the club and other things. So why not show up at a meeting and give your opinion this is mine!

**Money!** Ok that should be easy to find something to rant about if money is concerned right. Well let's take a look. How much money do we need (the CLUB!). Well we need enough money to operate, enough to maintain and improve the building and grounds, enough money to expand operations. Do we have enough? The answer is NO! We can operate (pay the bills). We have enough to keep things up around the club to a point. Do we need repairs? Yes, our club is over 50 years old. What do we need, well the roof is good for another 5—10

years, But we need new windows, a couple of new doors, some paint in the range. Oh yes let's not forget the furnaces are 50 years old!!!! One day they are going to give up. Maybe some insulation to help with the heating bills....wait this is about money not repairs...oh yes it takes money to do the repairs. So where do we get the money from....Raise dues? Charge more for activates? Charge for range use? Charge for FFL use? Oh yea, we already charge for this! The question comes up if we keep fleecing the same sheep do we get more money or bald sheep? A member asked at a meeting not to long ago...If you want to charge me for everything I do at the club. Why do I pay my dues for you to charge me more money? What does a member get for his dues? Well in a way yes but that should not be done for every little use of the club. A member should have a few benefits for their dues, range use, inexpensive firearms transfers, a monthly newsletter. Maybe you can come up with a few of your own!

But what we need is more activities that make money for the club and bring in more members....Hmmm novel idea, more activates, more mem-

bers, equal more \$\$. That way we do not have to keep charging the same few members \$\$ to make \$\$\$\$.

**MEMBERS!** Ok as long as this is the rant here goes again. We need more money what about more members. Look around at our club even with a few of the Gen-X'ers in the crowd the average age of our members well let's just say is ancient. Ok I am not saying that we have a bunch of old farts around but when a guy in his 50's is one of the young people in the crowd something needs to happen. Remember the saying "The youth is our future" Well where are the youth you know them people that are in their 30's or 40's?

Do you know someone that may need a place to shoot and have fun? Well sign them up today, get an application, collect the dues, get them to an officer! Simple!!!

Next—Rant Topics????

Where did the Rod go in Rod & Gun!  
Bees nests—Poke with stick or throw stones?

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