

Dear Red Cliffs Rifle and Pistol members,

I wanted to update the membership on recent updates from our August 5, 2022 Board Meeting, as well as other recent news.

At the July Board Meeting, I proposed the Board to consider a change to the existing By-Laws, Article VI board elections, terms, and positions. At the August Board meeting, the Board voted to adopt the revision to this section of the By-Laws.

In short, it was agreed that a club member, running for a Board position, should be able to run for the exact position they want and that the membership should have the right to vote for each Board member running for each open position. As part of the change, each Board position will be serving a two-year term and can run for re-election at the end of their term. It also modified the position of Vice President (from President-Elect) and Member at Large (from Past President). Last, it moves the elections up to begin earlier so the election results can take place in December, the new officers receive cross training, and take office January 1. The final revision will be available soon.

Also approved was for RCR&PA to again donate to Wreaths Across America. This organization places wreaths on the graves of our fallen soldiers during the Christmas holiday season. Last year, they placed wreaths in three of our local cemeteries.

The Marketing Committee will again be hosting an Open House this Fall on a Saturday. Date to be determined.

Our current membership cap has been extended to 475 members. We are almost at 450 members!

A reminder that the shooting bays are open from 5-8pm every Friday and Saturday night, to both members and to the public, through Sept. 24.

We have purchased and installed a new flagpole at the clubhouse flying our beautiful American Flag. We also replaced the flag at the main range with a new flag.

The recent monsoon rains required the shooting bays to be closed for almost a week. A reminder that behind the scenes, our team decides to close any part of the range the night before, if possible. Once a decision to close is reached, our Webmaster is notified to post this info on our website homepage of the closure. Sometimes the weather creates problems overnight or in the early morning, at which time the volunteers arriving at the range may contact me to close all or part of the range due to unsafe conditions. That said, for a current status of the range, we ask that you go to the website first or call the office during business hours.

I would like to thank Vice President Tami Popke for her countless hours of work to make the clubhouse office a smooth-running operation. As the Chief Range Administration Officer, Tami solicited input from her team of Range Administrative Officers (RAO's) in simplifying and streamlining office policies and procedures. She obtained a new contract for a simpler credit card machine, worked with the Membership Coordinator to simplify the application process and updated the sign-in waiver sheets and shooting bay rental forms. At the suggestion and help of RAO J. Rose, she created several Shooting Bay Photo Binders of each bay to better assist the shooters that are new to our facility.

I also want to thank our Webmaster Lynne Cheek and RAO/Marketing Committee volunteer Catherine Muller for revising our website. They devoted hours of volunteer time creating a new, updated look, which includes drone video footage of our bays. Please take a look and let us know your thoughts.

All of our volunteers strive daily to the safe operations and continued improvements to our beautiful facility and for your shooting pleasure.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns. It is an honor to serve you.

Sincerely,
John Popke
President, RCR&PA