

# Whitefish Rifle and Pistol Club News Letter

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**Next meeting will be September 7, 2016 at Flathead County Fairgrounds 7:00pm**

A Regular meeting of the Whitefish Rifle and Pistol Club was held on Wednesday, July 10. The main item discussed at the meeting was the new range lease.

**Range Lease.** We were finally able to finalize a new lease for the rifle range after a lengthy back and forth with the DNRC. The main highlights of the new lease are as follows;

- The new lease is for 10 years, instead of the 15 we previously had.
- Lease will be going up 2% per year for the next ten years.
- Club has to provide a \$10,000 bond payable in 3 installments over the next three years.
- Club had to up our liability insurance
- We were also able to get clarification on several issues that affect the operation of the range in relation to safety requirements the club is required to do. This includes the new range SOP.
- At the meeting we went over the lease line by line to explain to the membership what was in it.

**New Range Standard Operating Procedures and Liability Waiver,** One of the items required by the DNRC for our lease was a "Safety Plan" for the range. We have adopted a new Range SOP as this plan. Every member will be required to read and understand this new plan and sign a waiver of liability. Starting this month (August) all orientations will use this new SOP and members will be asked to sign it. All existing members will have to read and sign a copy before next March 1, 2017. What this means is **all member will be required to attend a safety orientation before being given a key beginning in 2017.** If you are an existing member in 2016 you can attend an orientation and sign the new SOP & Liability waiver at any time between now and March 1<sup>st</sup>. A copy of the new range SOP will be posted on the website for everyone to read.

**Liability Waiver required for all Guests.** Starting immediately, **all guests, of members using the range will be required to sign a Liability Waiver at the range.** If your guest signs the waiver once they do not have to sign again each time they come to the range. This waiver includes children under 18 who must have their parent or guardian sign the waiver for them. These forms are available at the range. Please sign them and leave them in the box provided.

**Women on Target,** was held on Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup>, with 18 women attending and again was a resounding success. I want to thank Stan Rube for his dedication for organizing this event and all the other people who helped out with it.

**Hunters Sighting** will be held **October 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>,** and again on **October 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>.** From 9:00am to 4:00pm each day. All ranges will be closed for this event both days. If you can help out please attend the next meeting in September and let us know.

President Whitefish Rifle & Pistol Club  
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