



West Branch R & P Club News

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2026 Dues

Dues for 2026, no increases from previous year and will be as follows (this includes 6.5% local tax):

General Membership - \$225 (+ \$15 tax) = \$240
 Seniors (65 years and older) – 50% off - \$112.50 (+ \$7.50 tax) = \$120
 New Members - \$225 + \$75 admin fee (+ \$15 tax) = \$315

Date for New Member Orientation is set for Saturday, April 11, 2026 at 11:00 A.M.

Dues for 2026 must be received by mail before March 8, 2026, to be able to attend the first orientation of the year, and/or can be paid at the Annual Meeting. We shall have open enrollments throughout the year and will schedule subsequent orientation(s) as needed. Note: There will be no pro-rated dues offered to those wishing to join mid-season or beyond.

Send a check/money order for the appropriate amount, to include work parties attended (honor system). **Work Party Credit for 2026 will remain at \$35. Checks should be made payable to West Branch Rifle & Pistol Club.**

Please include a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE). We use that envelope to return your new membership card. It allows us to process your renewal quickly and get your new membership card out to you in a timely manner. If we receive your dues without a SASE, we will place them in an "incomplete" file until we have time to process them. This will result in a significant delay in mailing out your new membership card.

You must also include current proof of NRA Membership. Proof of membership may be a copy of your NRA Membership Card, valid through at least 2026, or a copy of the most recent mailing label of your NRA Publication. If you receive the NRA publication by email, forward a 2026 mailing to our email address as shown above.

Membership cards will be mailed once dues are received and recorded.

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Work Party Coupons

Since we are currently doing an electronic form of the newsletter, a Work Party Coupon will not be sent out. If you attended a work party (parties), Please deduct from dues and make a note in your sent payment. We will cross reference with the sign-in sheets. **Even if you have been granted a free membership, you also need to send a SASE to confirm your intent to renew. Please note that we will no longer offer gratis membership to non-active previous program directors.**

2026 Annual Club Meeting

Annual Meeting is currently scheduled for March 8th, at the Eagles Hall, in Medina, at 1 P.M. Those that are willing to help with setup, we will be present at 11:30 A.M.

Further updates on range completion/status/updates, etc. will be posted on our website.

Email Notifications

If you do not have an Email account, please include a brief note (such as a Sticky Note) with your dues payment indicating that you do not have internet access. This is so we can be sure that any important announcements, such as unexpected range closings, get out to everyone who doesn't have access to the website. Also, everyone who does have internet access (and email) please sign up for the Members Only area of the website per the instructions on our Home Page. Note that we are in the process of revamping the current website to better suit our needs. Any input as to what features you may like to see would be greatly appreciated.

****Year-end Update****

Range improvements accomplished in 2025 were:

- on the 100 yard rifle range efforts were made toward erosion control at the target line, grass seed was put down on areas where needed
- on the 'short pistol range the reactive bowling pin rack is back in place, it was removed due to supposed ricochets, and a cover has been placed overhead. This cover is not yet completed though.
- Steel plate has been put up in front of the earthen berm on this range. Some welding still needs to be done on the plate.
- Prep work has been done for the placement of a row of Hesco Barriers which will separate the two pistol ranges allowing them to be used simultaneously.
- A fuel tank was purchased, for diesel. With this tank we will be able to purchase fuel and not have to pay tax on it.
- A 20' entrance gate is now in place, replacing the 16' of chain which we had previously.
- Solar panel system, in both containers, were installed or replaced.

Range improvements to be done in 2026

Work Party is scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. Rain date will be April 25, 2026. If needed, future rain date(s) to be determined.

Tentative range improvements goals for 2026:

(1) more Hesco Barriers will be put into place on the pistol ranges.

(2) covers over the firing line(s) will be extended, 24' on the rifle & 8' on the pistol.

(3) prep work will be done on the 'long' pistol range for the steel plate which will be placed in front of the earthen berm on that range and also on the retaining wall which will be in back of the firing line.

******Words from the President******

PCSL Club Matches for 2026

New for 2026 is the PCSL Pistol/PCC match. This match will use the rule-set and format of the Practical Competition Shooting League, with slight variations to meet West Branch needs. You can find the PCSL rule set online at pcsleague.us

All variations from the standard PCSL rules will be covered in the shooters meeting before each match. Matches will be held on the first Saturday of May, June, August, September, October, and November, with setup starting at 9:30 am. Participants should plan on participating in setup, brass pickup, and teardown.

You will need a pistol (most common are 9mm semiautomatics) with enough spare magazines to hold at least 30 rounds, pockets or pouches to carry the magazines, and a strong-side, straight-draw holster for the pistol. You could also use a Pistol Caliber Carbine (PCC) instead of a pistol, which will need to be cased when not in use (.30 M1 Carbines are not PCCs under PCSL rules). Matches can be completed with 150 rounds, but you may want to bring more to make up misses.

The 2 Gun and Pistol Plate club matches will also be converted to PCSL rules format for 2026. Equipment requirements for these matches will be the same as for 2025. A full description of all the Club Matches being run at West Branch in 2026 can be found on the Club website at www.WBRPC.org in the Members Area under "Event Descriptions."

******Rule Change for Shotgun Slugs******

The rules about shotgun slugs on the pistol ranges were changed at the Board meeting on December 14, because of the damage done to one of the bullet traps. The new pertinent rules are:

iii. Pistol caliber carbines, cowboy action firearms, shotguns using shot shells, may be fired at targets set as provided below in subsection b.v. Shotgun slugs are PROHIBITED on the Short Pistol Range. Shotgun slugs may be used on the Long Pistol Range ONLY at paper targets set as closely as possible to the earthen section of the berm.

The Rules and Regulations posted on the club website have been revised to reflect these new rules. Now would be a good time for all members to read through the Rules and Regulations again to refresh your knowledge.