

AMES RIFLE and PISTOL CLUB

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August 2011 NEWSLETTER

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MEETING:

The August membership meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM on August 8, 2011 by President Ira Siegal. Mark M. led us in the "Pledge of Allegiance" and a moment of silence was observed for our troops overseas, our members and their families with medical issues and family deaths and our SEAL teams and Special Forces.

An excellent barbeque dinner with hot dogs, hamburgers and sausage was provided prior to the meeting by our own Tony K. with Ira manning the grill. "Outstanding"

Two new members were introduced, welcomed and "initiated". Welcome Chris R. and Jeff B.

Reports:

The Secretary's report was accepted as posted.

Ira gave the Treasurer's report and noted that we continue to have the best year in the history of the club and are about to surpass 800 members. Ira noted that we are still not crowded and that all members should continue to be polite and courteous, particularly to new members, and actively help them to understand our safety, housekeeping and range courtesy policies.

The Treasure's report was accepted as presented.

Club Hats:

A vote was taken and passed to order a minimum quantity of black baseball caps with the club logo.

Worthy Cause:

Last month the members voted unanimously to send \$1000 to support a Marine sniper team currently stationed at a remote outpost in Afghanistan. This request came from a member of this team who is now home in Foxboro recovering from serious wounds sustained while with the team.

The donation was gratefully received and packages are already on there way.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM

The next meeting will be on September 12th at 7:30 PM. The dinner will start around 6:15

The September meeting is our election meeting and when we draw the \$500 work party ticket. The election committee will present their recommendations for Vice President and two director positions. If anyone else would like to be considered for one of these positions please contact Ken Goldblat, chairman of the election committee, prior to the meeting.

If you have any questions or comments please contact anyone on the executive board.

RANGE CLOSURE DATES:

All ranges:

No total club closures scheduled at this time.

Outside Ranges:

Every Easter and Memorial Day

Inside Range:

Every Wednesday from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, for the Juniors Team

300 Yd. Range:

Every Tuesday from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM from 5/31 to 8/23 for the Summer Rifle Team
League

PROJECTS:

The New Security Gate:

The new security gate is now fully operational and a great success. Thank-you again, Howard.

Gate Operation:

A. The gate will open by passing your new card within 12 inches of the card reader and will close when you have passed through with your vehicle. **DO NOT TAILGATE with the car in front of you..**

B. Once you use your card to get in, you must use it again to get out as the system records each "round trip" you make and may not let you back in until a round trip is completed.

C. A manual override and a battery back up is available in case of a power outage.

D. The card will also open the club house door and the inside range.

E. The gate will make the club much safer as it will record who is at the club and their arrival and departure times.

We are continue to make improvements to the gate, that latest being a Winter covered tunnel and an automatic opening system in the event of a power loss. With improved lighting and parking areas planned.

The Indoor Range:

The indoor range has been modified and is now open again.

Please be careful when using the inside range, we have a first class facility and want to keep it that way.

Club Rules for The Indoor Range:

Special rules in addition to general firearm safety rules:

FIREARMS

- Handguns up to .45
- .22 rim fire rifles.
- Air rifles/pistols (with pellets only).
- No other rifles or shotguns are allowed.
- Black powder is not allowed.
- No sub guns or carbines in any caliber

AMMUNITION

- Lead, alloy, jacketed, semi-jacketed bullets are allowed.
- No steel core bullets of any caliber are allowed.
- Handgun caliber ammunition only up to .45
- Magnum loads are allowed.
- Armor piercing, incendiary and tracer ammunition is prohibited.
- No BB's are allowed. Pellets are allowed.
- No center fire rifle ammunition, shotgun, shot shell or slugs are allowed.

TARGETS

- Paper targets only
- No targets larger than 24"x 24".
- Targets must be set all the way to the backstop, 50 feet from the shooting bench at all times. If you need to shoot at a distance less than 50 feet you must shoot OUTSIDE.

GENERAL RULES Indoor Range

- The hours of operation are twenty-four (24) hours a day, 365 days a year, except during work details, scheduled shooting events and during club general meetings.
- Lights must be turned on when shooting unless match dictates.
- Exhaust fans must be turned on while any person is on the range.
- If you are the last person to leave the range/clubhouse, turn off all the lights and exhaust fans.
- No smoking or eating is allowed on the indoor range.
- All socializing is to be confined to the meeting area. The indoor range is for shooting only.
- All other general rules and regulations apply.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS:

Dues: \$128.00 by check or money order only (NO CASH PLEASE) (\$108.00 for your regular dues and \$20.00 for the one-time key-card assessment).

Dues are due by January each year. We will accept dues by mail starting in October at:

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No renewal notice will be sent by mail.

New Rule: New members will now need to complete a one year probationary period during which they will need to attend two membership meetings and complete two work parties.

MISCELANIOUS:

Rem Sport has given members an open invitation to visit their shop in Ludlow, MA. We are trying to get another fine Rem Sport 1911 to raffle off again this fall.

Tackle Unlimited Trading Co. owner/club member Al Porges has offered to supply any MA- compliant gun to a member for 10% over his wholesale cost. Contact him at 781-344-4943 or attitude91@aol.com, or visit <http://www.tackleunlimitedtradingco.com/>

The **MAGPRO Basic Firearm Safety Course** will be taught by owner/club member Charles Hollins for \$99.95 ea. at the club on the third Sat of the month from 11:00am to 4:00pm. **July 23 may be the last class this season.** Charles donates 15% of the proceeds to the club and will donate an additional 5% for any student referred to him by another club member. Please visit www.magproinc.com to register someone.

TEAMS:

The Junior Rifle Team meets on Wednesday nights from 7:00 until 8:30 PM on the indoor range. Bob has put up some great pictures of the kids. Check them out inside the clubhouse. If you need any information about the juniors, please contact Bob Peoples at majorpeeps@verizon.net . Please call Bob or come down on Wed. nights if you have an interested young person.

The Ames Rifle Team meets on Tuesday nights. Matches are home and away. You can contact John Harney for more information at johnharney@verizon.net . The Summer league will start the Tuesday after Memorial Day and runs through mid August. The Summer league is held outside and is a 20 round offhand event at 200 yards. Any rifle, any sights, any action and any skill level is acceptable.

The Ames Pistol Team meets on Thursday nights at 8:00pm, both home and away. Their schedule is posted on the white board in the clubhouse. You can contact Steve Driscoll for more information at TOPGUNSFG@aol.com or call him at 781-341-0160. The team participates in the summer and winter leagues.

The Practical Shooting classes meet outside at the far combat/plinking range. Please contact Rob Chermisino at noidlight@yahoo.com for information about the practical classes on Saturday afternoons.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

Our Scholarship Committee (Howard, Ken, and Skip) reported that we have \$3200 in scholarship funds to award this year. One \$1,000.00 scholarship and three \$750 scholarships to students attending a college or trade program at an accredited institution offering two or four-year degree programs.

The \$1000 scholarship will be awarded to an Ames member or their family, and the \$750 scholarships will be awarded to a resident of Easton, Stoughton or a student attending the Southeast Regional Technical High School. The club has been offering scholarships for a number of years. This year, because of several generous donations, we are able to offer four. We want to thank those generous donors, especially since their donations are NOT tax deductible. Since we are a non-profit organization, donations made are based on generosity and kindness, not financial motives.

Applications are closed for this year

SAFETY:

This is our club. Those of us who have been to or were members of other clubs know what an incredible gem we have here. Unfortunately, we live in a part of the country where most people do not understand our sport and would just as soon not have us here. We have the privilege to practice our sport safely in this country and the only thing that can stop us is US if WE are unsafe. That is why we are constantly stressing the importance of safety...for our club and our members, as well as guests and our neighbors. We take our rules very seriously, and we take all safety violations seriously as well. **Every one of us is responsible for the safety rules and the cleanliness of our club.** If you notice anyone behaving in an unsafe manner, call a cease fire, and explain to them what they're doing that is unsafe. Be polite about it, not confrontational. Get their name, if you can. Get their license plate number, and note the date and time of the offense. Then call a Board member ASAP. We have a ZERO TOLERANCE policy for safety violations. Violations can result in temporary suspension of membership privileges or permanent loss of membership privileges. We may also notify your license issuing authority.

BE FRENDLY, COURTEOUS, SAFE -- SHOOT OFTEN AND BRING A FRIEND.