

**AMES RIFLE and PISTOL CLUB**

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**September 2011 NEWSLETTER**

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**MEETING:**

The September membership meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM on September 12, 2011 by President Ira Siegal. Bob McCarty 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 dinner was provided prior to the meeting by our own Tony K. "Outstanding"

Four new members were introduced, welcomed and "initiated". Welcome Tim L., John H., Jim M. and Bob P.

Owen S. led us in the singing of "God bless America"

**Reports:**

The Secretary's report was accepted as posted.

The Treasurer reported that we are in the best financial shape in years and that it would be helpful if we could start sending in dues starting now as they will be overdue on 2/1/2012 at which time your gate card will be deactivated.

The Treasure's report was accepted as presented.

**ClubHats:**

A vote was taken and passed to increase our order of black baseball caps with the club logo to 100 due to the favorable response.

## **Elections:**

The election results were as follows:

Vice President: Bob McCarty

Directors: Tony Kemzura and Joe Hurley

## **Member of the Year:**

Howard Rothberg was nominated and elected as Member of the Year for his long and tireless effort in developing and installing the state of the art gate and security system that we now have. This system will make the club and all of us much safer when we are there and as an unintended consequence our insurance rates are reduced.

## **Raffles:**

We had three raffles with the following winners:

\$500 Work Party – Joe H.

\$100 Monthly - Skip C.

\$25 Northeast Trading Co. gift certificate - Bill F.

**Rem Sport 1911 raffle** – See the the following Rem Sport section under “Miscellaneous” for details on the 1911 custom frame, slide and barrel raffle.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM

The next meeting will be on October 10th at 7:30 PM. The dinner will start around 6:15

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

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## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS for 2012:**

**Regular Dues: \$108.00 by check or money order only (NO CASH PLEASE)**

**Please write your Gate Card # on the check.**

Other Dues: Active Military-\$50; Disabled Veteran-\$0; Senior 65 + 5yrs. member-\$0

Dues are due **by January 30** each year. Gate keys will be disabled after 2/1. We will accept renewals at the membership meetings or 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.

## **Membership Cards:**

If you need a card to indicate your membership for a CMP or local dealer purchase we will have them available at the membership meetings or by sending a self addressed stamped envelope to the club.

## **RANGE CLOSURE DATES:**

### **All ranges:**

Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> for work party.

### **Outside Ranges:**

Every Easter and Memorial Day

### **Inside Range:**

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

The First Monday of the month from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

The Second Monday of the month from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

### **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 and for the @ Ames Winter league dates listed below.

## **PROJECTS:**

### **The New Security Gate:**

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.

### **Fall Work Party:**

A fall work party is planned for Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup>. We will be working on the gate tunnel, the indoor range, outside range clean up and new target frames. Any time you can give to the club is greatly needed and appreciated. Start time will be 8:00 AM.

## **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.

## Miscellaneous:

**Rem Sport** has given members an open invitation to visit their shop in Ludlow, MA. They have also agreed to give us one of their hand fit 1911 Commander frame, slide and barrel assemblies to raffle off. The tickets will be on sale at the membership meetings through December for \$20 each and all proceeds will go to The American Cancer Society. Payment may be by **check only** made out to the "**The American Cancer Society**".

**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](mailto: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](http://www.magproinc.com) to register someone.

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## 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](mailto:majorpeeps@verizon.net) . Please call Bob or come down on Wed. nights if you have an interested young person. Bob reports that he currently has 6 scouts and 2 other students at this time.

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](mailto: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.

Winter Schedule: 10/11 @ Braintree, 10/18 @ Holbrook, 10/25 Old Colony @ Ames  
11/1 @ Sharon, 11/8 @ Angle Tree, 11/22 Braintree @ Ames, 11/29 Holbrook @ Ames  
12/6 @ Old Colony, 12/13 Sharon @ Ames, 12/20 Angle Tree @ Ames  
1/10 @ Braintree, 1/17 @ Holbrook, 1/24 Old Colony @ Ames 1/31 @ Sharon  
2/7 @ Angle Tree, 2/21 Braintree @ Ames, 2/28 Holbrook @ Ames  
3/6 @ Old Colony, 3/13 Sharon @ Ames, 3/20 Angle Tree @ Ames

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](mailto: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](mailto: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 FRIENDLY, COURTEOUS, SAFE -- SHOOT OFTEN AND BRING A FRIEND.