

AMES RIFLE and PISTOL CLUB

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December 2011 NEWSLETTER

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MEETING:

The December membership meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM on December 12, 2011 by President Ira Siegal. Dennis B. 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.

The highlight of the night was the outstanding holiday Baked ham dinner prepared for us by our own Miles C. and Dianne H. We were treated to a delicious baked ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, fresh baked bread, apple pie and an assortment of cakes and cookies. They served about 60 people and had enough for seconds for a few and thirds for at least one. We won't tell (IS). Thank you so much Miles and Dianne!

Two new members were introduced and welcomed. Welcome Matt N. and Chris L.

The monthly \$100 raffle was won by Rebeka M. and the Remsport custom 1911 frame, slide and barrel was won by Richard S.

Reports:

The Secretary's report was accepted as posted and Steve mentioned to contact him if you want to get the newsletters by email, we don't mail them but they are available at the club.

The Treasurer reported that we are in the good financial shape but the renewals are running behind last years pace. They are due by 1/1/2012 will be overdue on 2/1/2012 at which time your gate card key will be deactivated.

The Treasure's report was accepted as presented.

Range Officer:

We have found it necessary to employ a part time range officer who will be reviewing the range rules with new folks and some who may choose to ignore them. The primary issue is the trash that some people leave at the ranges. We have found target frames completely destroyed and left out on the range, cans, bottles, fruits and vegetables used as targets and left and the continuing issue of brass, steel and shot gun shells not cleaned up.

A word to the wise – If you want to continue to use the range please review the range rules before you shoot and pick up after yourself.

Please respect and heed the advice of the range officer, we are just trying to run a clean, friendly and respectful club without implementing any unnecessary extra rules.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM

Have a good and safe holiday season.

The next membership meeting will be held on Monday, January 9 at 7:30 PM.

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

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS for 2012: Regular Dues: \$108.00 by check or money order only (NO CASH PLEASE)

Please write the first 5 numbers of your Gate Card # on the check.

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

Dues are due **by January 1** each year. Gate keys will be disabled after 2/1. We will accept renewals at the membership meeting or by mail 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. Cards are not necessary at the club, you only need your gate card key.

RANGE CLOSURE DATES:

All ranges:

None 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

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:

Target Frames:

We are experimenting with new target frames at both the 100 and 300 yard ranges with the hope that they will last longer, make less mess and reduce the total cost. The ones at the 100 yard range will be metal and will accept 24" X 24" cardboard or thin plywood. We will try to keep a supply of available but feel free to bring your own sheets.

The frames at the 300 yard range are more substantial than the old frames, larger and we hope people using this range will not shoot the frame material. The target board material is marked with a yellow no shoot zone in front of the supports. **Be aware of your backstop** when shooting at the 200 yard targets make sure that you are not lined up with the ones at 300 yards.

Your comments are welcomed.

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

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

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. 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 . 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:

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 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.

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 are currently offering their stripped AR-15 lower receiver for \$98. Contact John Lawlor at Remsport at 413-579-1994 for more info.

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 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.

Northeast Trading Co., Inc. owner/club member Ted Oven has offered Ames club members a 10% discount on all supplies, excluding guns and bulk lead. They also offer instruction and have a gunsmith on site. Use your gate card or membership card for verification. They are at 580 Kelly Blvd. (Rt. 152 just South of Rt. 106), N. Attleboro, MA 02760 Phone 508-695-4852 or 800-473-3006 and www.northeasttrading.com

They are currently offering additional discounts for Ames members for the holidays.

Club Clothing: Interest was expressed in club hats, t-shirts and spring jackets with the club logo. We will be ordering a number of hats and t-shirts. If you would like jackets please contact Steve at amesrpcsecy@hotmail.com with your size and color preference.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

The Ames scholarship program offers scholarships to students attending a college or trade program at an accredited institution offering two or four-year degree programs.

A \$1000 scholarship will be awarded to an Ames Club member or their family.

Applications are being accepted now and will now be closed on 4/30/2012. Forms are available in the club house.

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, depending on the infraction.

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

Range procedure during power outages:

1. Do not go down range without personally calling a cease fire on all the outdoor ranges.
2. If you are the only one at the club, park your car in front of the 300 yard range with the lights flashing and your alarm siren on if you have one.
3. Do not use the inside range