

AMES RIFLE and PISTOL CLUB

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May 2012 NEWSLETTER

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MEETING:

The April membership meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM on April 9, 2012 by President Ira Siegal. New member Drew S. led us in the "Pledge of Allegiance" and a moment of silence was observed for our troops and our members and their families with medical issues.

An excellent hardy dinner was prepared once again by our own Tony K.

Ira presented a plaque from the club to Stoughton Police Chief Paul Shastiny for his exemplary work in the field of community service and for his outstanding performance at the FBI Academy.

Reports:

The Secretary's report was accepted.

The Treasure's report was accepted.

Steve Driscoll reported that the **Pistol Team** has completed their winter schedule. The summer league matches will begin around the end of May and will be shot at home.

John Harney reported that the **Rifle Teams** summer league will start with a sight in on May 29 and with matches starting the following Tuesday at 6PM sharp.

See the **teams section** below for more information.

Howard Rothberg reported that the **Scholarship Committee** has "many applications for the club scholarship and several of them are incomplete, **incomplete scholarships will not be considered**, if you have a child or relative that has applied make sure they have completed the entire application and attached all the required documents."

The monthly \$100 raffle was won by Leroy W..

Work Party:

The annual Spring work party will be held on **Sat. April 28th**. We will start at 8:00 and plan to finish by 1:00. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided throughout the morning, pizza for lunch and each participant will be eligible for a \$500 raffle ticket drawn in September.

All new members who are required to complete two work parties are strongly encouraged to attend.

Planned projects are as follows and if you wish to participate in or have special tool for a particular project please call the project leader to volunteer and bring the appropriate tools and clothes.

A. New metal target frames – Bob McCarty 508-230-8482

Bob will need welders, people to assemble metal parts and people to set them on the ranges.

B. New large wooden target frames – Steve Buck 305-849-2493

Steve will need people to build 9 more 4' x 4' target frames out of 2" x 4"s and people to paint a 3" yellow border on 40 - 4'x4' panels and set them out on the range. Compound miter saws, nail guns and spray painting equipment would make this go quicker, if you have any of this please let me know.

C. Pot Holes – Joe Hurley 508-230-4174

Joe will need people to do the final grading after he places the new fill in the pot holes around the club. Bring your steel rakes.

D. Range Clean-up – Jim Pendergast 781-710-7696

Jim will need people to pick up the rocks and target debris to get ready for the Spring mowing. Bring steel rakes and gloves.

E. Indoor range repair – Tim Duffy 781-771-6552

Tim will need help repairing panels, cables and backstops. Skill saws, screw-guns and saw horses would be helpful. We will also be cleaning out unused lockers. **If you have a lock on a locker please let Tim know, otherwise, we will be opening them on 4/28.**

F. Computer Room Clean up – Howard Rothberg 617-237-2511

If anyone is not feeling up to a lot of physical work we need someone to maintain the roster of people attending.

The Metro Swat Team will be holding their matches at the club again this year. We are usually able to view them and a few people are asked to help. No date has been set as yet. More details to follow.

The next membership meeting will be held on Monday, May 14th at 7:30 PM.

If you have any questions or comments please contact any board member.

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, age 65 + 5yrs. consecutive years of membership -\$0.

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

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DAV, Senior and Platinum members who are not required to pay dues may give a donation and are required to let us know that you want to continue your membership by Jan. 1 each year, in order to keep your gate card active.

No renewal notice will be sent by mail.

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:

Saturday April 28th. for the annual 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 9/7 for the Summer Rifle Team

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. We have also added various steel plate targets at the 100 and 300 yard ranges. Your comments are welcomed.

The frames at the 300 yard range are more substantial than the old frames, larger and we hope that 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.**

Heating System:

We are progressing with our efforts to upgrade the heating system. We need one more quote and **we are looking for a member who has knowledge of heating systems who can help us evaluate the quotes. Please contact a board member if you can help.**

Security Gate:

Gate Operation:

A. The gate will open by passing your 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 time.

Range Officer:

We have found it necessary to post 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.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

Applications are being accepted now and will now be closed on 4/30/2012.

Scholarships are available for a family member of an active club member and students of Oliver Ames High School, Stoughton High School and Southeast Regional Vocational Technical High School. Forms are available in the club house. See the web site for more details.

TEAMS: (Please see the website for more detail)

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 is currently working with a Sea Scout troop.

The Ames Rifle Team meets on Tuesday nights at 6:00 PM sharp both 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. It is held outside and is a 20 round offhand event at 200 yards. Any rifle, any caliber, any sights, any action and any skill level is acceptable. Matches are open to any club member and there is a \$3.00 range fee per night.

The **Summer schedule** for 2012 is; sight in on May 29, Matches on June 5, 12, 19, 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Aug. 7 pending rain outs.

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 TOPGUNSEFG@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.

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/>

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

Massachusetts Basic Hunter Education Course This course is required for first time hunters or license buyers. We don't offer the course at Ames, but, here is a list of courses: http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/education/hed/hed_basic_listing.htm

NRA annual meeting presentations: I highly recommend that you take the time to view these.

http://graphics.nra.org/freedom_times/ft_73.html

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 FRIENDLY, COURTEOUS, 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 before going down range.
3. Do not use the inside range