

AMES RIFLE and PISTOL CLUB

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June 2012 NEWSLETTER

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MEETING:

The May membership meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM on May 14, 2012 by President Ira Siegal. Howard R. 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 of lasagna and pie was prepared once again by our own Tony K. Tony was at the club at 9:00 AM preparing the meal and cleaning up for the meeting. Please give him a word of thanks when you see him.

Reports:

The Secretary's report was accepted as posted.

The Treasure's report was accepted as presented by Ira.

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.

Bob Peoples reported that the **Juniors Program** is currently working with the Boy Scouts on their merit badge program and that there is always more room for non-scouts at the Wednesday night event.

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

The **Scholarship Committee** has accepted 3 applications and the application period is now closed. Presentations will be made on June 11 at our cook-out meeting.

Six new members were introduced, welcome Deb N., Lou P., Carl M., Andrew P., Mark T. and Andrew T.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Work Party:

The annual Spring work party was held on **Sat. April 28th**. 65 members attended and did an outstanding job. Metal and large wooden target frames were built and installed, all the outside and inside ranges underwent a major clean up and refurbishment, the road way and parking lots were regraded and the computer room was cleaned and organized.

Thank you all for the great job.

To all members, please respect the work of these volunteers and keep the ranges clean, don't shoot at the target frames, clean up after yourselves and report those who have no respect for the club.

The next membership meeting will be held on Monday, June 11th at 7:30 PM.

This will be the first of our (very short) Summer meetings which will be preceded by an outdoor **cook out at 6:00.**

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:

No full closure is scheduled.

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 have installed 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 are currently reviewing our three quotes.

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 now closed for the 2012 season.

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; June 5, 12, 19, 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Aug. 7 pending rain outs. All matches are held at 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.

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, bulk lead and bulk powder. 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

Massachusetts Bow Hunter Education Course This is not a required course, but, an advanced hunter education course
http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/education/hed/hed_bow_listing.htm

NRA annual meeting presentations: http://graphics.nra.org/freedom_times/ft_73.html

NRA Freedom Times: http://graphics.nra.org/freedom_times/ft_76.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 FRENDLY, 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