

**AMES RIFLE and PISTOL CLUB**

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**August 2012 NEWSLETTER**

**OFFICERS:**

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**MEETING:**

The shortened Summer July membership meeting was called to order at 7:24 PM on July 9, 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.

A great outdoor cookout was provided with the help of many hands and was enjoyed by all. Thank you Tony for gathering all the supplies.

**Reports:**

The Secretary's report was accepted as posted.

The Treasure's report was accepted as presented.

Five new members were introduced and Sean. won the monthly \$100 raffle.

**Please check your gate card number against those listed on the signs.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

**The next membership meeting will be held on Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. at 7:30 PM.**

This will our third (very short) Summer meeting which will be preceded by an outdoor **cook out at 6:00.**

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

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**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 American 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:**

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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.

### **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 [attude91@aol.com](mailto:attude91@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](http://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](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](http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/education/hed/hed_bow_listing.htm)

**NRA news:** <http://www.nraila.org/>

### **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