

AMES RIFLE and PISTOL CLUB

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October 2012 NEWSLETTER

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MEETING:

The September annual meeting was called to order at 7:43 PM on September 10, 2012 by President Ira Siegal. We started a few minutes late as we needed to move everyone to the indoor range to accommodate the large crowd. Nick Anastas led us in the "Pledge of Allegiance" and a moment of silence and prayer was observed for our troops and our members and their families with medical issues.

The pizza dinner was good and plentiful as usual, Thank You Tony for organizing that.

Six new members were welcomed and introduced: Mike, Corbit, Josh, Gene, Jim and Eric.

Reports:

The Secretary's report was accepted as posted. Steve explained that the newsletter is available two ways, at the club in a book and online at the website. Those with email will receive a notification when the posting to the website occurs. We are planning a work party for the Fall, details to be announced.

The Treasurer discussed, at length, the secure procedures in place to handle dues and other small income items, the history and issues found when he acquired the job and how we are rectifying them. He agreed to have more detail available at future meetings. Jim S. called for an audit, which will be taken up by the board. The treasurer subsequently requested and the board voted to conduct a financial audit in conjunction with this tax season for our tax year ending Aug. 30.

The President thanked all the volunteers who worked this year (73 were entered into the work party raffle) and highlighted a number of individuals who went above and beyond. Howard R. and Miles C. for the gate system and construction, Joe H. for all the road and grounds maintenance using his own heavy equipment at no charge and Jim P. for proactively keeping the ranges looking like a golf course.

Teams:

John H. reported that the Rifle Team had finished the summer league matches, Ames came in 3rd. out of 16,made \$450 and will begin the winter schedule in October. Please see the winter schedule on the website under 'Teams'.

Frank R. reported that the Pistol Team has completed the summer league an will resume the fall schedule with 22LR pistols. Please see the winter schedule on the website under 'Teams'.

Bob P. reported that the Junior Rifle Team has no groups signed up yet and is looking for Scout or Explorer troops.

Raffles:

The monthly \$100 raffle was won by Jack C.

A \$50 Gift Certificate from Northeast Trading was won by Paul. (Thank You, Ted)

The \$500 annual Work Party raffle was won by Steve B.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Annual elections began at 8:51 PM.

Four positions were up for election, Secretary and three directors. Five people were on the ballot and no one was nominated from the floor. Voting was completed and tallied at 9:10 PM

The results were:

Secretary - Steve Buck

Director - Miles Cavanaugh

Director - Howard Rothberg

Director – Jim Pendergast

The next membership meeting will be held on Monday, October 8th. at 7:30 PM.

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

Support and VOTE for your Pro 2nd amendment candidates

It's critical this year

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS for 2012/2013:

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.

Active Law Enforcement Officers – Initiation fee waved.

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

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DAV, Senior and Platinum members are not required to pay dues, however they may give a donation and are required to let us know if they want to continue their membership by Jan.1 each year, in order to keep their 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:

As of August all quotes seem to be too high to justify the savings in fuel cost.

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 open the 2013 season. Applications and instructions are in the clubhouse.

TEAMS: (Please see the website for more detail)

The New England Swat Team is planning to hold it's competition at our club for the third time in the Spring. More details as the time approaches.

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 has openings for more scout troops.

Teams cont.

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. See the website for the current schedule.

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. See the website for the current schedule.

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, 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

MAGPRO, owner/club member Charles Hollins will teach the LTC-016 Mass. Basic Firearm Safety Certification Course required for LTC and FID cards In Massachusetts. Class dates of 9/8, 9/22 and 10/13 are currently planned. Ames members will receive a 20% discount. Use discount code AMES110A on your application. Contact Charles directly if interested at www.magproinc.com
See the last two pages for more information.

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: Check often and sign up for email alerts as this course fills up fast.

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

National Rifle Association news: <http://www.nrila.org/>

Massachusetts Gun Owners Action League news: www.goal.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, COURTIOUS, 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

Welcome to the MAGPRO Basic Firearm Safety Course LTC-016

MAGPRO Inc. is a domestic corporation organized on July 1, 2004, under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Our president and founder developed the MAGPRO Basic Firearm Safety Course # LTC-016.

LTC-016 is a Department of State Police approved Basic Firearm Safety Certification Course. Basic Firearm Safety Certification is required in order to apply for a License to Carry [LTC] or Firearm Identification [FID] in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

This is a one-day, five-hour training that includes classroom instruction in lawful and responsible gun ownership, safe firearm handling and live-fire skill practice using hand guns and long guns. All training is held at the Ames Rifle & Pistol Club, 110A Canton Street, N. Easton, MA 02356. Classes are scheduled on Saturdays from 11:00am - 4:00pm.

We have over twenty-five years' experience in the gun industry. Our courses are taught by Certified Commonwealth of Massachusetts Basic Firearm Safety (BFS) Instructors. Our staff includes a Hunter Education Instructor under the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife.

Our mission is to provide firearm and precision airgun education that fosters safe, knowledgeable and lawful gun ownership and shooting sports activities.

We achieve this mission through basic gun safety training, writing gun and gun-related publications, creating/marketing products and services, and building strategic partnerships that strengthen the public image of, and legal protections in, the gun industry.

We support the law-abiding American right to own firearms for personal, family, home and business protection, as well as sporting use.

Regards,

Charles Hollins

Master Instructor

Office 774-776-8699

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Basic preparatory information for the LTC016 training experience...

- No pre-class reading preparation is required.
- Arrive on time for the training. Expect a wonderful experience learning about firearm ownership and receiving skilled instruction and practice to safely shoot firearms.
- You must have proper identification [Driver's license; MASS ID; Passport].
- The course fee of \$120.00 must be paid in full a minimum of two weeks prior to the training date. We accept PayPal (Master Card, Visa), Money Order or Bank Check.
- Please wear comfortable clothing [jeans, shorts, sneakers], preferably a long sleeve top.
- We encourage you to bring a bagged lunch for break time. The location does not have nearby access to convenient stores, etc.
- Restrooms are located on the top level of the clubhouse building where the training is held. At this time, we do not have handicap accessible areas within the clubhouse.
- At the beginning of the training you will review and sign two separate waiver forms, one for the club facility and the other for the LTC016 course. You must be at least 18 years old to sign the waiver forms. If you are under 18 your form must be signed by a parent or legal guardian.

Our primary commitment to you, the host facility and the shooting sports industry is that we maintain a ZERO tolerance policy for unsafe handling of firearms. This includes the non-firing equipment used during the classroom training. Anyone observed as compromising their personal safety or the safety of others will be asked to leave the club grounds.

There will be four (4) primary training segments:

(Note: equipment handling, audio/visual presentations and anecdotal vignettes make the learning experience enjoyable.)

- 1) Classroom – Massachusetts General Laws and shooting sports industry guidelines governing the safe handling, transportation, maintenance and storage of firearms in the Commonwealth.
- 2) Classroom – Components of ammunition, revolvers, semi-automatic handguns and rifles.
- 3) Indoor Firing Range – Supervised live fire techniques and practice
- 4) Multiple choice written examination – must score 80% or higher.

I look forward to assisting you with obtaining your Massachusetts Basic Firearm Safety Certificate.

Best,

Charles Hollins

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