

AMES RIFLE and PISTOL CLUB
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DECEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER



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Holiday festivities at the December 10 Member's Meeting: we will enjoy spiral ham, mashed potatoes, string beans, and dessert.

A raffle will be held at the December Member's Meeting: 250 rounds of .45 cal 230 gr. Ball, American-made--\$5 per ticket, 3 tickets for \$10

Members Meeting

November 12, 2012: Meeting called to order by President Siegel at 7:35 PM

Meeting opened with *The Pledge of Allegiance* and moments of silence for our members overseas and those who are ill.

New members Stephen, Scott, Doug, Brian, Mike, Jimmy, Walt, Brendan, James, and Evan were welcomed.

The website is being updated, please visit for information about the club.
<http://amesriflepistolclub.com>

Send Steve any information for announcements at amesrpcsecy@hotmail.com; if you are not receiving notices, make sure Steve has your email address

Announcement: The Executive Board always welcomes ideas, opinions, and possibilities.

The Treasurer's report was presented, detail on our expenses and income where provided.

Replacement Windows The windows have been installed at the 300 yd. range enclosure.

Dues Reminder that dues are due by January 1. Any additional donations will be collected together and sent to the Wounded Warriors.

Scholarships: \$1000 for graduating high school seniors—this scholarship competition is open to any relative of any member. Ames Rifle & Pistol Club welcomes contributions from companies who want to donate to the scholarship fund.

Gate operation Members should always swipe their cards; you do not have to wait for the gate to close all the way before waving the card at the reader.

Announcement for those hunting on the property: The Girl Scouts will be setting up a letter box trail on the conservation land (not Ames Rifle & Pistol Club property) that is approximately 20-30 feet behind the Clubhouse (by the dam and Flyaway Pond area). **KNOW YOUR TARGET** because people will be walking around on that property probably not wearing hunter orange.

Pistol Team: Can always use new members; only the top 5 scores are included in the competition at meets, so the team welcomes all abilities.

Rifle Team: The top 4 are counted toward the team score. Shooters compete prone, kneeling, and off hand. Contact John for more information.

Juniors: The word is getting out—we have scout troops returning for more training.

Keep our club safe—Range officer is present on Sundays

The next membership meeting will be held on Monday, Dec. 10 at 7:30 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

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

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS for 2012/2013:

Regular Dues: \$108.00 by check or money order only (NO CASH)

Please write the first 5 numbers of your Gate Card # on the check or money order (If you use a money order or business check please make sure the members name is written clearly somewhere on the document).

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:

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 9/27 for the Summer Rifle Team

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. **IF SOMEONE IS GOING OUT IN FRONT OF YOU IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO WAIT FOR THE GATE TO COMPLETELY CLOSE. YOU CAN SWIPE YOUR CARD AND THE GATE WILL RE-OPEN FROM THE POSITION IT IS IN. EVERYONE MUST SWIPE IN AND OUT.**

B. The card will also open the clubhouse 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 range officer who will be reviewing the range rules with new members and anyone who may have questions. The primary issue is range safety. Please place all trash in containers provided. This includes target frames completely destroyed and left out on the range. Cans, bottles, fruits and vegetables are not to be used as targets these are not allowable targets. We continue to find them left on the range. Also, if you do not bring home your brass please place brass in the appropriate container and place steel case and shot gun shells in the trash.

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 its 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.

The Ames Rifle Team meets on Tuesday nights at 8:00 PM matches during the winter are both home and away. You can contact John Harney for more information at johnharney@verizon.net. The Summer league meets home only at 6:00PM and 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 are 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.nraila.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. You may also call a Board member.

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