MARCH 2014 NEWSLETTER

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spring work party scheduled for April 26

We welcome ideas to help make the Club safer and better

The next member's meeting is on Monday, April 14 at 7:30 PM

MEMBER'S MEETING MINUTES

Meeting opened at 7:30 PM on March 10.

Commenced with the *Pledge of Allegiance* and moments of silence for our military and our club members with health issues.

Welcome to our new members Matt N., Stephen M., Bobby, Luis C., Doby H., and Mike R.

From our President Welcome everybody to the meeting and thanks to Miles for arranging the pizza.

Secretary's report report is in the Newsletter posted on our website; a hardcopy is in the binder by the microwave. Please provide your email address if you want to get Club announcements

Work party is on April 26, breakfast and lunch are provided. We will begin around 8:00, and will likely be done by 2:00; Bob McCarty is running the work party and will assign people to tasks; please, let us know about your ideas for keeping the club safer and better. **continued on page 6**

MEMBERSHIP for 2013/2014

No renewal notice will be sent by mail. Annual dues are due by January 1 each year. **Gate keys of non-renewed members** were disabled on 2/1. They will be turned on when dues for 2014 are received.

NO CASH, only check or MO: Write the first 5 numbers from your Gate Card on the check or money order. Money orders or business checks must include the member's name. Renew at a Meeting or mail to:

AMES RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB, PO BOX 88 NORTH EASTON, MA 02356

New members must apply in person and pay additional fees. New members must complete a first year probationary period, 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.

RANGE CLOSURE DATES

Outdoor Ranges:

Easter and Memorial Day

Indoor Range:

Wednesdays from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM for the Juniors Team

Tuesday and Thursday nights during Pistol Team and Rifle Team home matches;

see schedule in the clubhouse and website

SECURITY GATE

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.

EVERYONE MUST SWIPE IN AND OUT

DO NOT TAILGATE the car in front

If someone is going out in front of you it is not necessary to wait for the gate to completely close. Swipe your card and the gate will re-open.

- **B.** The card will also open the clubhouse door and the indoor range .
- **C.** The gate makes our Club much safer as it will record who is at the Club and their arrival and departure times.

RANGE OFFICER

We have range officer who will be reviewing the range rules with new members and anyone with questions. The primary issue is range safety.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Applications are now open the 2014 season. Applications and instructions are in the clubhouse.

SAFETY

This is our club. Those of us who have seen other clubs know that we have an incredible gem here at Ames Rifle & Pistol Club. 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. Unfortunately, we live in a part of the country where most people do not understand our sport and act to eliminate our right to possess and use firearms. If we practice safely, we reduce negative publicity.

We cannot stress enough the importance of safety—for our Club and our members, guests, and neighbors. We take our rules very seriously, and will take action for safety violations. Members committing egregious safety violations will have their access card shut off and may be called before the Board.

Every one of us is responsible for enforcing the safety rules and ensuring the cleanliness of this 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, not confrontational. You may also call the President or a Board member to report the issue.

IN THE EVENT OF A POWER OUTAGE

- 1. Do not go down range without 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

RANGE COURTESY

Place all trash in the 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. We continue to find them left on the range.

Pick up your brass and place it in the appropriate container and throw steel cases and shot gun shells in the trash.

Bring binoculars or a spotting scope to review hits; it is unfair to members using the range to have cease fires every time someone wants to check out their 5 hit groups.

Come to the Ames Rifle & Pistol Club website:

www.amesriflepistolclub.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CLUB RULES

Visit our web site and review the rules at: www.amesriflepistolclub.com/site/docs/ AmesRifleClubRules.pdf

TEAMS

The Junior Rifle Team meets on Wednesday nights 7:00 to 8:30 PM on the indoor range. Check out the great pictures of the kids located inside the clubhouse. If you need any information about the juniors, please contact Bob Peoples at majorpeeps@verizon.net. Or come down on Wednesday nights if you have an interested young person.

The Ames Rifle Team meets on Tuesday nights at 8:00 PM. Matches during the winter are both home and away. Competitions are 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 with is a \$3.00 range fee per night. Contact John Harney for more information at johnharney@verizon.net.

The Ames Pistol Team meets on Thursday nights at 8:00 pm, both home and away. Their schedule is posted on the white board in the clubhouse and on the website. The team participates in the summer and winter leagues. For more information contact Steve Driscoll (781-341-0160) topgunsfg@aol.com

For more information and schedules:

www.amesriflepistolclub.com/teams.html

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

National Rifle Association www.nraila.org
Massachusetts Gun Owners Action League
www.goal.org
Civilian Marksmanship Program
www.odcmp.com

EDUCATION

MAGPRO Inc. offers several courses. The LTC-016 Basic Firearm Safety provides the Certification required to apply for your LTC or FID in Massachusetts. Get the non-resident Utah Concealed Firearm Permit, which is recognized in over 32 states in the U.S. The Basic Pistol Clinic is designed to assist new shooters in applying the fundamentals of shooting revolvers and semi-automatic pistols. Private handgun lessons are available upon request.

For the complete schedule of classes visit:

www.magproinc.com

Or on mobile devices: http://m.magproinc.com

The new Ames member training discount code is ARPC2014. This code provides a 20% off discount on all MAGPRO firearm safety training offered at Ames.

Contact Charles Hollins (617-893-0004) Charles.hollins@comcast.net

RESOURCES

Northeast Trading Co., Inc. Ted Oven offers Ames Club members 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. 580 Kelly Blvd. (Rt. 152 South of Rt. 106), N. Attleboro (508-695-4852/800-473-3006) www.northeasttrading.com

Beyond Massachusetts - States That Recognize Your License-To-Carry

By Charles Hollins, MagPro Inc.



First, let's clearly describe the difference between <u>recognition</u> and <u>reciprocity</u> as it pertains to firearm license acceptance between states.

Recognition – example: Utah honors
Massachusetts' LTC holder's carry privileges
because the Massachusetts license requirements
are similar or even more stringent than Utah's
requirements. Unfortunately, Massachusetts
chooses NOT to honor Utah's license holders.
This is a one-way street that Utah was so
gracious to pave for Massachusetts license
holders. As you can extrapolate, we are in a
precarious position that can change if ever Utah
decides that this one-way relationship is no
longer desirable. A changing total of 18
states presently recognize your Massachusetts
LTC.

Reciprocity – when two states enter into a written agreement to honor the other's firearm carry license in the same manner as states honor the driver license of an out of state visitor.

MASSACHUSETTS License To Carry
States that recognize the Massachusetts LTC Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa,
Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Montana,
North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Dakota,
Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont

States that have reciprocity with Massachusetts – NONE

States that Massachusetts recognizes – NONE

UTAH Non-Resident Concealed Firearm Permit State that recognizes the Utah CFP —

Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Vermont, Wisconsin, Wyoming

States that have reciprocity with Utah -

Alabama, Alaska, Colorado*, Florida*, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Hampshire *, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, Washington State, West Virginia

* Utah resident CFP only.

An excellent interactive state-to-state reciprocity/recognition map - http://www.handgunlaw.us/LicMaps/ccwmap.php

Upcoming LTC/FID course April 5, 10am-2pm

Please visit us at www.magproinc.com and LIKE US on FaceBook – by doing so you help to strengthen the advocacy voice of our public education efforts to promote safe, responsible and knowledgeable gun ownership.

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Work Party There are two work parties per year and those who participate will be in the drawing to win \$500. Reminder: New members must complete 2 work parties during their probationary year.

Scholarships applications are now being accepted for scholarships. The Club offers 4 scholarships for member's relatives. Applications must be submitted by April 30. Make sure all the information is included in the application, including supporting materials. See application and instructions in the Clubhouse.

Donation We have been collecting Member's donations for the Wounded Warriors.

Snowstorms After every snowstorm, Joe Hurley plows out the road and parking lot.

Training by Charles Hollins from MagPro. Utah firearms permit course is coming up.

Juniors great facility for training young people; we use match rifles and have a course for Boy Scouts. Encourage a young person to come to the Juniors program – Held every Wednesday night

Rifle team 8 wins 9 losses, shoot at 8-9 on Tuesday nights; heavy and light rifles. The summer league begins in April.

Club Gear Dom S. has done a lot of work on the design for the hats, jackets, sweatshirts, and polo shirts; look for an announcement at a future meeting.

Raffles The raffle of \$50 gift certificate to Mario's Trattoria was won by Marcel! The monthly \$100 raffle was won by Mark M. who promptly said "make out the check to the Wounded Warriors."

Meeting adjourned 8:04 PM

BE FRENDLY, COURTIOUS & SAFE!

SHOOT OFTEN & BRING A FRIEND!