

FEBRUARY 2014 NEWSLETTER

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

© Spring work party scheduled for April 26

© The next member's meeting is on Monday, March 10 at 7:30 PM

© Safety is essential – if you see something unsafe, say something

MEMBER'S MEETING MINUTES

Meeting opened at 7:30 PM on February 10.

Commenced with the *Pledge of Allegiance* and moments of silence for our warriors overseas, and our club members with health issues. Prayers go out for Jay Rogers' family and friends.

Welcome to our new members Ron G., John F., Derek C., Jackie, Jen and Ross D.

Scholarships applications are now being accepted for scholarships..

Secretary's report the newsletter is on the website and a copy in the clubhouse.

Work party scheduled for Saturday, April 26: Bob M. is coordinating work teams.

Dinner was fantastic, thanks Miles and Diane!

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

Club gear The Club is going to print good quality hats, t-shirts and jackets for members to purchase. Look for an announcement in an upcoming newsletter.

Gun laws Charles H. answers questions about gun laws, see page 5.

Monthly raffle was won by John.

Meeting adjourned 8:08 PM

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.

Regular Dues: \$108.00

Active Military: \$50

Active Law Enforcement:

Initiation fee waved

Disabled American Veteran: \$0

Senior age 65 + 5 consecutive years of membership: \$0.

DAV & Senior members must indicate renewal yearly

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:

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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](http://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. 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

O r o n m o b i l e d e v i c e s :

<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

REPORT ON Q & A ON GUN LAWS

Submitted by Charles Hollins

Charles Hollins, MAGPRO INC, was invited to answer questions about Massachusetts and Federal gun laws for a group of over 50 members gathered at the Ames Rifle & Pistol Club Member's Meeting. What began as a 10-minute Q&A quickly extended into an hour of discussion. The dialog included addressing firearm transportation; licensing authority restrictions; self-defense inside and outside of the home; law enforcement traffic stops; concealed and open carry regulations; an unlicensed partner or spouse who uses the home protection gun to defend against a home invasion; and much, much, more...

All of the adults, youth, families and seniors present possessed shared values for promoting safe, knowledgeable, responsible and lawful gun ownership. There are tens of thousands of collective SHOTS FIRED every week at rifle and pistol clubs across the Commonwealth. This is actually an intentional and grossly understated guestimate. We have thousands of shots fired weekly at our club. These shots fired will not get reported because they lack the sensationalism, horror and negative allure that the general public has become accustomed to being saturated with through our conventional media outlets.

That being said, the shots fired in this post are fired by 1) well supervised youth learning marksmanship and target shooting skills from a parent or an older sibling 2) women, the fasted growing demographic of shooters,

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who have added gun ownership to their self-defense and sporting tool kit 3) families who enjoy a full day at the range before dinner 4) junior who are on rifle teams and compete all over Massachusetts 5) senior who never gave up their passion for skeet shooting and clays or long distance

target shooting 6) the 1 out of 4 households that have taken on the responsibility of keeping a firearm for home protection - many practice often for safety and proficiency 7) retired military and law enforcement who value the techniques and skills they learned as sworn personnel 8) aspiring individuals who plan to pursue a career as sworn personnel and desire to get in early on the firearm related portion of their course of training 9) young and older shooters who enjoy the heritage of hunting and the list can go on.

MAGPRO's training and education services and clubs like Ames are just a few examples of how the under-reported community of lawful gun owners work together to promote safety, education, respect for the law, victim prevention and enjoyable leisure time sporting activities in the firearm industry.

**BE FRENDLY, COURTIOUS &
SAFE!**

**SHOOT OFTEN & BRING A
FRIEND!**