

JANUARY 2015 NEWSLETTER

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

© January 1 was deadline for membership renewal; key cards will be deactivated until dues are paid.

© We are all responsible for safety at the Club: If you see something unsafe, report it to the Board of Directors

© Next Member's Meeting on February 9

MEMBER'S MEETING MINUTES

Meeting started 19:30

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and prayers for those overseas and our friends and family with health challenges.

Secretary report: The newsletter production is behind schedule; members should contact the Secretary if they want e-mail announcements.

Treasurers report: All on track and paying the winter bills.

Juniors: Youngsters from troops and members' families participating-they start out with safety orientation and information about the laws before learning how to shoot. Donations of ammunition (.22 LR) are welcomed.

Rifle team: Always looking for new shooters; we have a couple juniors shooting with the Team. The schedule is on the Club website.

Pistol team: Thursday nights at Ames or away. Shooters use .22 cal. See schedule on website.

Ammunition: Northeast traders has .22 cal set aside for Club Members. Present your membership card to take advantage of this favor!

Attention: Members can contact the Board if they see something that could use attention.

Scholarships: The Club offers scholarships for high school seniors that will be attending college. Any relative of Member is eligible to apply. Applications are in the Clubhouse.

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Notice: Hunters are shooting on Club property. If members hear gunfire that is off the range, please report this to the police. The police may not respond, so tell them to log the report.

Education: Charles reporting that new courses will be offered (See page 4 for more details).

Dinner: Thank you to Tim for providing the food!

New Members: We welcome Gary, Bill, Mike, Roland, Adrian, Mike, and Joe

Raffle: The \$100 Raffle was won by Gene

Adjourned 20:11

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.

RANGE CLOSURE DATES

Outdoor Ranges:

Easter and Memorial Day

Indoor Range:

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

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

see schedule in the clubhouse and website

RANGE OFFICER

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

RANGE COURTESY

Place all trash in the containers provided.

This includes target frames completely destroyed and left out on the range.

Cans, bottles, fruit 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.

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.

MEMBER DISCOUNTS

Northeast Trading Co., Inc. 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

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

**BE FRENDLY, COURTIOUS & SAFE!
SHOOT OFTEN & BRING A FRIEND!**

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

MEMBERSHIP for 2015

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

Regular Dues: \$108; no work party \$158

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 initiation fees. New members must complete a first year probationary period, attend two membership meetings, and complete two work parties.

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 Juniors would greatly appreciate donations of .22 LR ammunition, standard velocity.**

The **Ames Rifle Team** meets on Tuesday nights at 8:00 PM. 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

See the website for more information

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 at the Club:

1) LTC023 Home, Personal & Business Firearm Safety (women only sections offered). These include a review of state and federal laws governing defense in a dwelling and in public places; the elements of an emergency plan in the home or place of business; concealed carry practices; and the use of progressive force.

2) LTC016 Basic Firearm Safety course includes a review of state and federal laws governing gun ownership and responsibility; how to safely handle firearms; shooting fundamentals; and 1:1 supervised live-fire.

Both LTC023 and LTC016 provide the certification for a LTC or FID in Massachusetts.

3) The non-resident Utah Concealed Firearm Permit Course. The Utah Permit is recognized in over 32 states in the U.S.

4) Basic Pistol Clinic is 2 1/2 hours of shooting fundamentals and live-fire practice drills.

5) Private lessons are available upon request.

Upcoming Classes:

Sat 2/7 10:00am–2:00pm LTC016
Sat 2/28 10:00am–2:00pm LTC023
Sat 3/7 10:00am–12:30pm Basic Pistol Clinic
Mon 3/16 6:00pm–9:30pm Utah Course
Sat 3/21 10:00am–2:00pm LTC023
Sat 3/28 10:00am–2:00pm LTC016

Sign-up online at www.magproinc.com or Contact Charles Hollins (617-893-0004) Charles.hollins@comcast.net Use the Ames member discount code ARPC2015 for 20% off on all MAGPRO firearm safety training offered at Ames.