

# JUNE 2014 NEWSLETTER

**AMES RIFLE &  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

© The Annual Meeting is September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 (come early for dinner).

© The positions of Club President and 3 Directors are open for election. Any member in good standing interested in being listed on the ballot should contact Ken at (508) 631-0492.

## MEMBER'S MEETING MINUTES

**June 9, 2014**

Meeting opened at 7:30 PM and commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance and moments of silence for our military members overseas, and our club members with health issues. Our prayers go out to member Mark M. and his battle with cancer.

**Scholarship recipients** every year the Club gives out two \$1,000 scholarships for deserving young adults related to members. Ashley McDermott and Christopher Naughton demonstrated outstanding achievement were awarded these scholarships.

**Fiscal** The Club is in good shape financially and many thanks to treasurer Tim for his attention to details and his knowledge.

**Safety** violations are observed by members and will be reported to the Board.

**Membership** We now have over 700 members in good standing.

**Work parties** We have two work parties per year-one in the spring and one in the fall. We get the club in shape and improve our facilities. Please let us know if you have any suggestions.

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**Juniors** finishing Brockton scout group; the juniors need ammunition—donations are greatly appreciated (.22 LR)

**Opportunity** MagPro Inc. seeks members with MA state police licensed to work as instructors

**Raffle** the raffle was won by John G. Thank you John for your donation to the Wounded Warriors!

**Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM**

## 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 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

## 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.

## 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.

## 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 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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:topgunsfg@aol.com)

For more information and schedules:

[www.amesriflepistolclub.com/teams.html](http://www.amesriflepistolclub.com/teams.html)

## WEBSITES OF INTEREST

National Rifle Association [www.nraila.org](http://www.nraila.org)  
Massachusetts Gun Owners Action League  
[www.goal.org](http://www.goal.org)  
Civilian Marksmanship Program  
[www.odcmp.com](http://www.odcmp.com)

## EDUCATION

MAGPRO Inc. offers several courses. 1) The LTC-016 Basic Firearm Safety provides the certification required for a LTC or FID in Massachusetts and 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. 2) The Home Personal & Business Firearm Safety Course (LTC023) includes 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. 3) The non-resident Utah Concealed Firearms Permit is recognized in over 32 states in the U.S.. 4) Private lessons are available upon request.

Class schedules and sign-up are online at [www.magproinc.com](http://www.magproinc.com) Website for mobile devices: <http://m.magproinc.com> or Contact Charles Hollins (617-893-0004) [Charles.hollins@comcast.net](mailto:Charles.hollins@comcast.net)

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

## 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](http://www.northeasttrading.com)

## **D-Day July 31<sup>st</sup> For New Massachusetts Gun Law Bill. Is It More than a “Brochure Bill”?**

By Charles Hollins, MagPro Inc.

On March 28, 2013 Massachusetts House Speaker Robert DeLeo created a Committee to Reduce Gun Violence. Committee members were told that no issues are off of the discussion table, including proposals for additional revenue.

Nothing more clearly identifies the driving force behind DeLeo’s committee than his own words: “In the wake of some very high profile instances of gun violence around the country, I knew we had to do something.”

By my definition, a Brochure Bill is foremost a legislative campaign to convince constituents that their elected officials are taking some action on an issue. A central characteristic of a Brochure Bill is that elected officials are aware that the Bill will not likely find its way into statute. However, the Bill will serve well as a pulpit talking point against claims of inactivity or lack of action. Is the new gun law Bill more than a brochure?

So what are a few of the somethings that are proposed in the DeLeo Committee Gun Control Bill for Massachusetts, a State that enjoys a top-six ranking for the strictest gun laws in the U.S.?

1) To expand the already confusing and non-standardized suitable person discretionary authority that police chiefs presently have to deny a license to carry handguns to include rifles and shotguns. The committee also believes that placing a definition of suitability in MA statute “will not provide the necessary flexibility and discretion needed in allowing the licensing authority to make a reasoned decision.” As it presently exists, this discretionary authority is arbitrarily applied and void of guidelines for licensing authorities.

2) Require background checks on all gun sales, including private sales. This requirement will likely include non-monetary transfers of firearms. The committee report doesn’t address non-monetary firearm transfers in the Bill.

3) Bring Massachusetts into compliance with the National Instant Background Check [NICS] Improvement Act of 2007, which requires that addiction and mental health records be submitted to the NICS system database used to qualify or disqualify individuals applying for gun licenses. Now this is among one of the “somethings” that deserves careful consideration. Pre-existing and formally diagnosed mental health issues have been an unfortunate, but real, common thread in the high profile mass shootings.

4) Standardize Basic Firearm Safety Training curriculum and add a statutory requirement for live-fire training and a module on suicide. I’m a firm believer that firearm safety training businesses, Independent civilian instructors, as well as RET officers should ALL conduct firearm safety training that includes structured curriculum content in compliance with the standards of the existing MGLs and CMR.

5) Enforcing and encouraging compliance with existing gun storage laws – There is no sales tax on purchases of gun safes. The committee recommends an additional financial incentive be considered, such as a tax credit for the purchase of a gun safe.

Brochure Bill? Maybe, in part. It is likely that we may see a July 31<sup>st</sup> D-Day passage of a version of the DeLeo Committee to Reduce Gun Violence Bill. Why? Some of the items on the discussion table resonate on both sides of the gun debate aisle. Another reason is because Massachusetts, like so many other States, prefers the academic task of writing laws over the less desirable task of fixing the glaring problem of lack of judicial enforcement and penalties for the illegal transport, possession and criminal use of guns in the Commonwealth.