

MAY 2014 NEWSLETTER

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

◎ Know the rules of the Club!

◎ Use paper targets only; no larger than 24" x 24". Set targets in designated target holders. Targets must be set to the backstop on the indoor range.

◎ The next meeting is Monday, June 9th at 7:30 PM. Come earlier for dinner.

MEMBER'S MEETING MINUTES

On May 12, the meeting was called to order by President Siegal at 7:30 PM. New member, David, lead the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Safety We have 800 eyes watching, video cameras, and every Club gate and Clubhouse entry is logged by computer. Safety is first. The MA SWAT team recommends no second chances for safety violations. If a member feels uncomfortable he/she should speak up either to the person being unsafe or contact the President or one of the Board members. The members protect the Club.

Scholarships Two \$1,000 scholarships were awarded; the recipients are Chris Naughton and Ashley McDermott

Rifle team the winter league has concluded. The summer league will start on May 27 with a sight in. See the schedule on the Club website.

Juniors program is going strong. They welcome donations of .22 ammunition.

Donations There is still time to make a donation to the Wounded Warriors Project (www.woundedwarriorproject.org); the Club will send in all the donations from members by the end of this year.

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Thanks to Miles for the delicious dinner of steak tips, chicken, potato salad, and cookies!

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM

BOB PEOPLES ON THE JUNIORS:

At the beginning of May we ran Troop 88 Bridgewater through the merit badge. Nice group, a couple wanted to try black powder so we did that one evening in the rain. One of the kids had problems at scout camp when he tried to do the rifle badge; no coaching given and one of the instructors called him a loser when he couldn't hit the target. I was horrified to hear that. I noticed the boy seemed a bit nervous. Well, he started out using the wrong eye (left eye, right handed), so we fixed that by covering the weak eye and then had him shoot lefty. Then I left him alone to practice. He shot s l o w l y ...like 5 rounds in 15 minutes. But once he got the hang of it he did just fine thank you!! Life is made of little victories. Tonight we started Troop 2000 Brockton (Pearl St. Methodist), which were joined by one more from Troop 42 Easton. Another nice group of kids, Two qualified, and the rest got a start and will be back next week. We all had a great time! See page 4 for more information about the teams.

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.

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 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, COURTEOUS & 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 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.

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.

Upcoming Training:

May 31, 2014 10AM-2PM Basic Firearm Safety Course (Live-Fire) LTC016

June 7, 2014 10AM-2PM Utah Concealed Firearm Permit Course

June 21, 2014 10AM-2PM Basic Firearm Safety Course (Live-Fire) LTC016

Members can sign-up online at www.magproinc.com and use the Ames Member Code ARPC2014 to redeem the 20% discount. Website for mobile devices: <http://m.magproinc.com>

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