

SEPTEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

© Fall work party is scheduled for Saturday, October 25, 8:00 – 2:00

© If you hear gunfire coming from the woods around the Club property, please report it to Easton or Stoughton police (business line) and ask them to log it

© You must have an active and valid access card to enter and use the Club

MEMBER'S MEETING MINUTES

September 8, 2014 commenced at 7:31 pm

Commenced with the *Pledge of Allegiance* and moments of silence for our warriors overseas, and our club members with health issues

Annual Meeting The annual meeting was held, this is the time when members vote for candidates to serve positions in the executive committee and the board of directors. All candidates ran unopposed and were unanimously elected by the members present.

be September 8. The \$500 drawing for members that participated in the work party will be held. The Member-of-the-Year, awarded in recognition of a member with substantial contributions to the Club, will be announced.

Fall Work Party is scheduled for Saturday, October 25. It will go from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Alert If any member hears gunfire originating off the range, please call the business line of the Easton police and report this to them. Ask them to log the report.

Teams Rifle team competitions are starting up; the pistol team needs shooters-see Club bulletin board or website for more details; Juniors are starting up with Bob on Wednesday nights.

Welcome to new members Joe B., Bob D., Mike M., Chris D., Randy P., Mark B. Family

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Policy on brass you may take your own brass and pick up from the ground around you, but once it is in the bucket, it belongs to the club.

Annual \$500 work party raffle was won by Jim P. Member must complete at least one work party to be eligible for the raffle; two chances for members that participate in two work parties

Adjourned 8:11 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, COURTOUS & 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: \$108.00

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 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. 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 Website for mobile devices: <http://m.magproinc.com> or Contact Charles Hollins (617-893-0004) 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

Massachusetts Gun Laws: Legislation signed by Governor Patrick in August

By Charles Hollins, MAGPRO, Inc.



The “Good”

1) LTC denials and restrictions can be appealed in district court. This can serve as a useful vehicle for establishing case law and precedence that could result in a higher rate of city-to-city consistency relative to arbitrarily imposed LTC restrictions on lawful citizens.

2) FIDs remain “SHALL ISSUE.” Applications will be accepted at age 14. FID denials, refusal to renew, suspension or revocation must be put in writing to the applicant in conjunction with a district court petition filed by the Licensing Authority (LA). The burden of proof is placed on the LA to substantiate a petition.

3) FID/LTC renewal and first time applicants must be provided with a receipt by the LA. The receipt serves as an indefinite *All Lawful Purpose* identification as a valid firearm licensee until issued your new FID/LTC or you receive a written denial. All Lawful Purposes infers the ability to purchase firearms and ammunition permitted under your LTC/FID. The former 90-day grace period that has caused so many problems due to lengthy processing time has been eliminated.

The “Bad”

1) LTCs remain MAY ISSUE with LA discretion to impose restrictions and apply an undefined standard of suitability

An applicant can appeal the LAs decision in district court within 90-days of the restriction or denial.

2) Self-Defense Sprays – there is no system to prevent prohibited persons from purchasing mace and pepper spray. The new law doesn’t require any level of background check, just an ID to establish age or if under 18 you need an FID. However, legislators just swung the pendulum fully in the opposite direction and opened unbridled access of incapacitating chemical sprays to prohibited persons.

The “Questionable”

1) On March 1st of even years (e.g. March 1, 2016), the Executive Office of Public Safety is required to collect, examine and report on statistics relative to firearm crimes including trafficking; the connection of confiscated firearms to crimes; source of firearms used in attempted or completed suicides; arrest and prosecution of firearm related offenses; for the purpose of evaluating whether Massachusetts gun regulation are effective in reducing crime.

This would document that violent criminal behavior with unlawfully possessed guns IS NOT IMPACTED by burdensome laws affecting law-abiding. The disclaimer “Subject To Appropriations” is a commonly used excuse for not implementing a law or poor performance. A challenge to the Commonwealth could return the response that the law was not funded.

For more information, visit malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2014/Chapter284