

SPRING 2015 NEWSLETTER

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- © Thank you to work party participants!
- © We are all responsible for safety at the Club: If you see something unsafe, report it to the Board of Directors
- © Upcoming Member's Meetings: July 13, August 10

CLUB NEWS

Spring Work Party

The range work went extremely well: We built 4 large target frames, 5 small frame bases, 2 tall bench stools and cut, painted and lettered 20 target boards. Please do not shoot at the outside 4 inches of the target boards so the frames are not destroyed.

Fellowship Recipients

The following were selected to receive support from the Club:

Emily MacDonald, South Eastern Regional High School

Kristina Nguyen, Stoughton High School

Lauren Carter, Stoughton High School

Alycia Carroll, Oliver Ames High School

NEW EVENT: Egg Shooting Competitions (see p. 3)

CLUB 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 OFFICER

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

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

**People shooting on closed ranges
risk losing their membership**

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

Missing something?

To reduce the length of the quarterly Newsletter, the Member's Meeting minutes were moved off the Newsletter and will be on file at the Club

Comments, suggestions, stories are welcome

Please contact the Secretary at amesrifleandpistolclub@comcast.net, or leave a note in the Newsletter binder next to the microwave in the Clubhouse

WHATS NEW AT THE CLUB?

100 - 200 - 300 Yard Bench Rest Egg Shoots

At Ames we like to shoot highly accurate rifles and we were thinking about targets we could use at 100, 200 and 300 yards that would show impact and didn't have to be cleaned up after the shooting was done. As an added bonus eggs explode when hit, are non-flammable, are quiet, are just plain fun to shoot at and easy to score.

Next Match

Sunday, September 13, 2015
Registration: 8:00 AM to 8:45 AM
Shooting: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Entry Fee: \$15, + \$10 for a second entry

Safety

All Club rules apply, including eye and ear protection. Visible chamber flags will be in guns at all times, except when on the bench and the range is safe.

Additional "Perks"

Coffee, donuts and lunch will be provided First place trophies will be awarded, so come, relax, have some fun!

Four Ames members, per match, will receive 1 (easy) **work party credit** for helping set up and clear the ranges after the match.

Volunteers will be able to participate in the match. Start time for volunteers will be 7:30 To volunteer call/text Steve at 305-849-2493 or just show up.

Rules

- Front Rests or Bi-pods and Rear Bags are allowed (no one piece rests)
- Any safe trigger, stock, bolt or receiver is allowed
- Semi automatics must have brass catchers or deflectors and all shoot in factory class
- 100 yard shooting may be done with any sight or a scope set to a maximum of 9X and any caliber from .17 to .223
- 200 & 300 yard shooting may be done with any sight or scope and any caliber from .17 to .30

More details about these events and barrel classes are on the Club website
www.amesriflepistolclub.com

May 17 Results

100 Yd Factory - Bob P.	15/15
100 Yd Super Stock - Steve T.	15/15
200 Yd Factory - Art C.	15/16
200 Yd Super Stock - Steve T.	15/16
200 Yd Custom - Roy B.	15/16
300 Yd Factory - Art C.	8/26
300 Yd Super Stock - Ralph L. M.	14/21
300 Yd Custom - Mike R.	15/17

21 people went to the line firing a total of 27 events in 6 of the 10 classes available.

June 14 Results

100 Yd Factory - Terry T.	15/16
100 Yd Super Stock - Steve T.	15/16 *
200 Yd Super Stock - Art C.	15/16
200 Yd Custom - Chris R.	15/15 *
300 Yd Super Stock - Steve G.	6/16
300 Yd Custom - John W.	15/20

* Two events were decided by a "closest to the bulls-eye" one shot shoot off.

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 schedules: www.amesriflepistolclub.com

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

National Rifle Association www.nraila.org
Civilian Marksmanship Program
www.odcmp.com

Massachusetts Gun Owners Action League
www.goal.org

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.

Summer Classes at the Club

LTC023

Sat 7/18 10:00am – 2:00pm

Sat 8/8 10:00am – 2:00pm

LTC016

Sat 6/27 10:00am – 2:00pm

Sat 8/1 10:00am – 2:00pm

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.