

JANUARY 2014 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to 2014! Join me in making this a year of growth project fulfillment for the Alexander City Shooting Club. We have the structure in place to become a really great private club. Now is the time to move forward.

As I have previously stated, all our activities are driven and run by volunteer club members. We have had lots of suggestions as to organized activities / competitions that members would like to see or participate in, but, so far, no one has stepped forward. Some of the suggestions have been rimfire silhouette, handgun silhouette, some type of tactical rimfire rifle event. Bear in mind all these are intended to be fun events, safe and well organized. Your club officers are here to help and assist in any way possible, so don't feel as if you will be thrown to the wolves. Volunteer to make it happen.

I hope each of you got your Christmas wishes. I'm sure that some of the wish lists for Santa involved a first .22, a first deer rifle, or a first shotgun – or at least I hope so. Young people, young shooters, are the injection of fresh blood, if you will, that will keep our sport alive for generations to come. If we take the time to teach youngsters (and new shooters!) the right and safe way to handle firearms, we are insuring the future of the Second Amendment for generations to come.

In these Orwellian times, it seems everything we e-mail or talk about on any form of electronic communication is overheard by the government. Using the Patriot Act and fear of terrorism, you no longer have what was once known as “an expectation of privacy.” With the Affordable Care Act going into full swing, (Obamacare) and the IRS being used as its' policing agency, everything about you is about to become public knowledge. The government denies this, but the security of the ACA website has been proven to be about as watertight as a pasta strainer. Electronic theft and fraud is about to become a national pastime.

I used the term “Orwellian” in the last paragraph. This is a reference to George Orwell, author of renown. In the late 1940s he wrote a fiction classic titled “1984”. In this book, government has become all-monitoring, with an eye and ear on everything. It proved to be quite prophetic for the time. If you have never read

it, I recommend it. You will learn, if nothing else, where the phrase “Big Brother is watching” originated.

As always, any opinions expressed in the newsletter are mine and mine alone. I can't blame anyone else.

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