

## AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our new members! I firmly believe you will not find a friendlier or more welcoming club anywhere. I have never found a shortage of assistance at the range regardless the problem – and I am sure I'm not alone in saying this.

Please take the time to review the match schedule for our bowling pin shoots. Due to some scheduling conflicts I found it necessary to change the August and September match dates. I apologize for any inconvenience or confusion.

Looking ahead, I am tentatively going to schedule our first .22 rifle "Egg Shoot" for a Sunday afternoon in September. I have not nailed the date down exactly but will very soon. I have – again tentatively – formatted the match and rules. If you are planning on participating and would like to see where I am at currently, send me a request and I will send it all to you. Nothing I have on (virtual) paper so far is chiseled in stone. This is a club match and a FUN match. Any and all suggestions, comments, and especially assistance would be much appreciated.

**If you are easily offended, here would be a really good point to stop reading.**

I have made it a point to vote in every election since I was old enough to register. My vote was my voice. If I don't speak up, I certainly will not be heard. It agitates and aggravates me to no end when someone is in the middle of a whine and snivel session about some governmental injustice, and then, when asked if they voted, says, "No, I didn't vote. What difference does one vote make, anyway?" I can explain it to them, but I will never make them understand – repeat that "one vote" scenario over and over again, and, yes, your vote makes a difference.

I have never been one to vote party lines, but as I not-so-gracefully aged, I found that there were a lot more things I agreed with Republicans on more so than Democrats. I could not fathom a populace dependent on unearned entitlements. I never could stomach anyone or any political entity telling me that I did not have the right to defend myself and my family. I never figured out why a woman who so obviously sided with an enemy of our country, caused untold harm to American prisoners of war, and proudly voiced her hate for the United States and everything it stands for, could be named one of America's Women of the Century. Jane Fonda, come on down! I never understood that voting for a person strictly based on the color of their skin is not as racist as voting against them for the same reason. I shudder to think of the situation had Al Gore been elected President and had to deal with 9/11 instead of George W. Bush. Now that there are five non-English speaking students in my grandson's elementary school class (their native language is an Arabic derivative), how will they bastardize the Pledge of Allegiance? I am afraid of what the future holds for us as a country once Obama finishes gutting the military and flooding the nation with immigrants who feel absolutely no allegiance

to our flag. Not to mention the farcical drama of the debt ceiling government shutdowns...but I've noticed that the older I get, the longer the list of things I do not understand gets.

I was glad to see some of our club members at the Alabama Gun Collectors Show in Birmingham. The AGCA hosts three of these shows a year; in spring, summer, and fall. The next one is scheduled for October, again at the Birmingham Jefferson Civic Center. The city has done a really great job of developing the entertainment district around the Civic Center. There are a couple of really nice hotels and more than a handful of restaurants and pubs.

As usual, all the opinions expressed in this newsletter are mine. You can't blame anyone else. See you at the range!

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