



ALEXANDER CITY SHOOTING CLUB

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2015?? Has it already been 14 years since the Y2K Doomsday Panic? I'm sure everyone reading this remembers the wild rush to stock up on the survival essentials and the mad escalation of prices on anything that vaguely resembled an AR. Not only did we make it through, but our club has thrived and grown in the years since; surviving perhaps some of the most difficult and dire economic days and situations any small town could be faced with.

I like my gun club. I like it for a number of reasons, all fairly straightforward and simple. First, I like to shoot, and I'm sure my neighbors in Millbrook would prefer that I pursue that endeavor at the range. I enjoy the company of fellow shooters. We all speak the same language and most of us are good people. I like and am proud of the developments I see at our range. I know how long it has taken, how many people have been involved (a goodly number

of them no longer with us), the costs incurred – we own our land, it has not always been so – in both dollars and sweat. I well remember when we were a club in name only with nowhere to shoot. Jerry Green, I hope you take a peek down at us occasionally and see what we have become.

That being said, we cannot remain static. We must, as a club, push to engage younger people and non-shooters in our sport. We must try to develop programs with a broad appeal to both novice and experienced shooters. The Bowling Pin matches have been a success from the beginning; the Golf Ball Classics are showing promise. In order to move forward the members are going to need to be the driving force. Instead of, “I wish we had a rimfire silhouette match.” Take the initiative with your club officers, tell them what kind of support you need, and organize a match. I guarantee you will receive the assistance you need to make it happen.

On to a personal note – I want to thank each and every member of the club that has reached out to me in the last month. I finally took a step I had been avoiding for a long time and had a worn out hip replaced. I know now it is something I should not have put off. While I don’t recommend it for light entertainment, it has certainly improved my quality of life. If you need a good orthopedic surgeon, I’ll be glad to point you in the right direction.

As always, stay involved with your legislators. They have been sent a powerful message in the midterm elections. Let’s make certain they follow up on their promises and responsibilities. If not, fire them. Somewhere along the line our elected officials have lost sight of the fact that they are the employees of the taxpayer, nothing more, nothing less. Unfortunately they have managed to put themselves in the enviable position of being able to control their own wages, benefits, vacations, and are, at least most think they are, free to do as they wish. Personally, I think any raise our federal lawmakers get should be tied directly to the same rate as those on Social Security; they should be forced to use exactly the same health care systems and facilities that are made available to their constituents, and the same retirement benefits. Once a year they should be subject to review by the voters – ONLY the ones that actually voted. A majority failing grade by review would trigger an immediate recall. Better than term limits, I think – show up, do your job, or lose it. This should sound completely reasonable to all of us that have worked for a living.

Enough for one newsletter. As always, these are my opinions. I have spent more than sixty years becoming a curmudgeon and cannot blame it on anyone else. See you at the range!

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