



SEPTEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

It is hard to believe that two thirds of the year have escaped us, but the early months have come and gone and we find ourselves on the threshold of fall – finally.

I would like to remind everyone that your club membership dues are due before September 30, the last day of the month. The guidelines the club has adopted state that new members that joined prior to June 30, 2015 will need to pay annual dues for 2016. If you joined the club after June 30, 2015, you are good until September 2016. All membership dues will be considered late on October 1, 2015, and subject to a \$15.00 late fee. This applies across the board.

Our Bowling Pin Match seems on the verge of being discontinued. The August 16 event had a grand total of 4 (four) shooters show up and was cancelled by mutual agreement of those that did come. Part of the fault was mine; I was out of town and unable to participate – something that was unavoidable. I don't know what happened to the rest of our regulars.

This match is something I really hate to see go away. Besides being a long-term fixture of the club, it has been a fairly steady source of additional income. From the very beginning we have paid back 60% of all shooter fees to the competitors and held 40% for the club. It was simple math; if we had ten shooters at \$10.00 apiece, the payback to at least the top three would be a share of \$60.00, and the club kept \$40.00. All labor was voluntary. I want the club members to tell us, the club officers, what it will take to salvage this event. Please! If there is not a considerable uptick in the number of participants on September 20 at 2 PM, it could very well be the last match of the year if not the last match period.

As fast as the Pin Match is fading, the 200 yard rimfire rifle Golf Ball Shoot is growing. We had the largest number of shooters to date for the event and a fairly tight race. Once more Mike Goss stepped up and showed his ability with a rifle. There was a strong contingent of 10-22's, 40X's, and Sako made an appearance. The 10-22 once again emerged the victor. We will do this again on September 27 at 9 AM. If you are interested, I can send you a copy of the rules. It is a hoot.

The Alabama Gun Collectors Association will host its' Fall Show October 3 and 4 at the Birmingham Jefferson Civic Center. This is a large show and consistently has more than 700 tables. This is an Open Theme show, but, relative to the times, the AGCA has decided to honor all law enforcement and first responders with featured exhibits including Fire & Rescue Units, K-9 Units, Bomb Squads, Tactical Units, and more. If you like gun shows, this is a good one.

The 2016 Presidential Race has turned into a circus that the Ringling Brothers would be proud of. The only certain conclusion I have reached so far (other than I will continue to vote Republican) is that I only trust career politicians as far as I can throw Gov. Chris Christie on a bad day and that every circus has to have a clown. As time goes on, the numbers in the race will dwindle, Hillary will remain ignorant of anything and everything that might smell bad if it stuck to her, and HOPEFULLY a ray of light will shine through – or at least beam some of them up.

Now, more than ever before, we need to unite in support of our uniformed police officers. A few bad apples and reckless litigation supported by the Department of Justice has literally painted a target on every officer's back. With no word from the White House about the unjustified killing of LEO's, our President has all but sanctioned this radical mess.

The Democrats in D.C. have once again presented a united front and gathered enough rotten eggs in one basket to pass President Obama's nuclear deal with Iran. Using the "bad deal is better than no deal" rhetoric is asinine. Obama can claim victory all he likes, but if he seriously believes the Israelis are going to sit on their hands while the seat of terrorism in the Middle East develops a nuclear arsenal, he needs to enlist some help in assisting the extraction of his head from his...posterior. They – the Israelis – have everything to lose and nothing to gain from this deal as well as a proven track record of aggressively protecting their interests.

As usual, any opinions expressed in these newsletters reflect my thoughts and mine alone – or the lack thereof. See you at the range!

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