



# DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

I have found the truth in what my Mother and Father always said, “The older you get, the faster the years slip away.” It seems like only last month my wife was agonizing over just what to buy who – or where she had put whatever she had bought the aforementioned who – and here we are again. Leftover turkey still on the menu, Christmas sales at every store, and endless streams of carols blaring out of whichever speaker you happen to be closest to. Not that I am the proverbial Grinch and dislike Christmas, it’s just the overt overcapitalization of the season that has become almost unbearable. I truly enjoy the time spent with family and friends, I just don’t think that it has to be driven by a commercially fueled spending orgy. Enjoy the season for what it is and what it represents.

The November Golf Ball Shoot was great. To properly frame just how difficult a target golf balls represent for .22 rimfire rifles at 200 yards, prior to the November match, the highest score that had been recorded was 8/20 – that is 8 balls hit out of 20 shots; a mere 40 percent. At the end of the October match, Scott Watson stated that his goal was 10 hits (or 50 percent). True to his word, Scott won the November match with 10/20, a truly spectacular feat of marksmanship. Once again, bolt guns rule! We will gather again to try and beat Scott on December 13 at 1 PM, weather permitting. We’re starting at 1 PM to ensure enough daylight.

This has been a successful year for our club. We have lost some members due to the employment flux around Alex City but we have gained a tremendous amount of new members. At the end of the year, Eb Spink (club treasurer) and I (club secretary) will sit down and flush all the members from our membership that are more than a year in arrears on their dues. At that time, we will be able to present a true count and list of our membership. On the same timetable, I hope to be able to present in January 2016 a 3-year plan for lead control and reclamation on our range. The schedule for the Bowling Pin Matches will be made

available (hopefully) in February of 2016. With help from our members, enough pins have been acquired to assure us of another season. Now is the time to prepare!

Like most of the country, I have watched the terrible situation in San Bernardino unfold over the last 24 hours. I have watched the Federal law enforcement spokespersons do everything they can to avoid calling a turd a turd. Never one to wait on the facts, our President immediately called for stricter gun laws. Obviously he had no idea that this act of Radical Islamic Terrorism had taken place in the Peoples Republik of Kalifornia, home of some of the most restrictive gun laws in our country. But, true to form, never missing a chance to let a good crisis go to waste, all of the Leftist puppets immediately fell in line, blaming the Republican Party, the Tea Party, and the NRA for the massacre. If, after what transpired in Paris and San Bernardino, the Democrats still believe that the government can protect them, that their personal policeman will be there in a matter of seconds after dialing 911, let them go. Let them be the sheep. Let them be led blindly to slaughter. Just don't expect the Americans that still believe in the firm foundation the Constitution has provided this country for over 200 years to go down without a fight.

Merry Christmas! See you at the range!

*"If you absolutely must fire a warning shot, make sure it goes center of mass."*

*Col. Jeff Cooper*

Tim Courtney

Secretary ACSC