



## DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

We, as both club and individuals, have made it through another year. The Bowling Pin Match looked a little shaky but came back strong at the end of the season, and the Golf Ball Match is picking up competitors steadily. Plans are in place to add benches and cover to accommodate more shooters in this match. The December Golf Ball Match is scheduled for December 11 AT 1 PM. This is a temporary adjustment to allow for shorter days and less light. ONE HOUR EARLIER!

Our club membership is growing steadily. That is a decided plus. Along with this growth we are still encountering the individuals who are vandalizing your club and the equipment. If you encounter someone shooting steel targets with a centerfire rifle, use your phone and make a picture. The club officers will handle it from that point. If you absolutely feel that you need to see what your AR or AK will penetrate at close range, shoot your truck or car.

December is the month usually associated with Christmas. A lot of young people were introduced to shooting by a neatly wrapped package under the tree. Thanks to our electoral process, we may have the opportunity to continue this for at least a few more years. I don't care what the press tells you, 2016 was a banner year for firearms sales in the U.S. Once again, hopefully, we are on our way to becoming a nation of riflemen. If you have a child that shows an interest in the shooting sports, encourage them. Teach them the respect due to firearms and how to handle them safely. There is a lifetime of joy and friendships to be had through these pursuits.

**It is difficult for me to believe that this is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. I was not around when that occurred, but have had friends and acquaintances that were; some who were at Pearl Harbor on that day of infamy, one who won the Navy Cross that day. The lesson we should take from this is that you must expect the best but prepare for the worst. Never forget history or deny the facts.**

**Our military is at its' lowest, weakest point in many decades. I fully expect a turnaround in this with the change in Washington. That being said, I know the Army has added one great new soldier. Nephew Jeb Baird graduated from Basic at Ft. Benning on 12/1. The world is a safer place! Congratulations to him and his proud parents, Kim and Woody Baird.**



**See you at the range!**

**Tim Courtney**

***Next time you hear something described as "government funded" remember that the government is 100% taxpayer funded.      Unknown***