



ACSC JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a very merry Christmas, all your Christmas wishes were fulfilled, and you made it through the holidays with your checkbook relatively intact. I was very fortunate in several ways. I got to spend time with extended family on my wife's side and my sister and her husband (two of my favorite people) came to visit. I finally got the Shelby Mustang I've been asking Santa for forever – white, red racing stripes, just beautiful - and my grandson immediately drove it off the dining room table and knocked one of the front wheels off. Such is life...

2015 in retrospect was a very successful year for the club. Plans to grow the club, both long term and short term, have successfully been set in motion. A brand new form of competitive shooting – new to us, anyway – was launched and has taken a firm grasp on the dedicated hair pulling 200 yard golf ball shooters. The golf ball shoots have continued on a monthly basis uninterrupted so far. The January 2016 match is scheduled for January 17, 2016, at 1:00 PM, weather permitting. Come shoot! If you want to try, just to see if it is something you want to pursue, the regular shooters will be more than happy to provide equipment. Entry fee remains at \$10.00 per rifle.

The December Golf Ball Classic on December 13 was won by Eb Spink. I can't think of anyone who has worked harder or deserved a win more than Eb. He and his CZ (The Alphabet Rifle) were at the top of their game and took home all the marbles, not just the high score, but most consecutive hits as well. All of this in very challenging conditions. Congratulations, Eb! Once again, old guys and bolt guns rule!

I would like to make sure that a very large THANK YOU goes out to the volunteers that make all of our events run. From the little things like sweeping, setting targets, keeping score, picking up brass – everything that goes on during a match or behind the scenes – is done by

people that show up and sweat and ask for nothing in return. They are too many to name but all know who they are. Good people, gun owners, and nary a wild-eyed maniac in the bunch.

It is common to start a new year with resolutions. I gave up on this years ago and this year decided that I would have a goal instead. Two, actually. First, I am going to shoot more. Or as much as I can. Secondly, I will do everything in my power to make sure the next President of our country is a Republican. I cannot and will not accept the fact that any individual, regardless how egotistical, narcissistic, or petulant, believes he can change the rights guaranteed every citizen of the greatest country on earth, the United States, by the most powerful document written by a group of men, the Constitution, with his pen! Refusing law abiding citizens the right to self-protection while welcoming with open arms those that are self-avowed instruments of our destruction is senseless. There is nothing I can say that hasn't been said repeatedly already. This is an election year. Perhaps the most important election year in the history of our country. VOTE!

This is my third rewrite of this section of the newsletter. I have watched our President tell the public how distraught he is about gun violence, how much he believes in the Second Amendment, and that neither he nor anyone he associates with has any intention of "taking your guns away." All the while he holds Australia, the United Kingdom, New Zealand, and the like as good examples of how common sense gun laws should be written. Each and every one started with mass confiscations. Almost every Democrat on Obama's side of the aisle do not hesitate one second to compare the NRA to a terrorist organization. Just exactly who do they think the millions are that comprise the membership of the NRA? Last time I checked, I, a Benefactor Member, do not consider myself a terrorist.

Pinocchio went to lying contest to win a little easy money. He came home in a huff. When asked what had happened, he said, "Who is Hillary Clinton?!?" As always, the opinions contained herein are MINE and MINE ALONE.

See you at the range!

Audemis jura nostra defendere.

The Alabama State Motto "We dare defend our rights."

Tim Courtney

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