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Winter has arrived. The accompanying wind, rain, and cold have made for some uncomfortable shooting conditions for all but the most dedicated.

The tough conditions did not daunt the few who gathered to shoot the 200 yard rimfire match - aka the Golf Ball Classic - on January 17. There was no rain but the wind made up for its' absence. They say the wind plays no favorites and blows equally on all competitors - participants? - but I find this extremely difficult to believe. While I struggled to keep my shots in the right county, the match winner could have been shooting on a calm, warm spring day. And so it went, shooter by shooter. At the end of the day, Steve Misencik and his Anschutz cleaned house, winning the match and the side bet for most consecutive hits as well. He left no doubt that they are the combination to beat.

Barring any difficulties, such as weather extremes, the 200 yard Rimfire Match will be held on Sunday, February 21, at 1 PM at the club range. If you want to try your hand at this, come on out. No equipment? No problem. I think I speak for everyone involved when I say that you will be welcome to use

whatever we have. As usual, this match is intended to be FUN. So far, it has been a truckload of that...

The membership roster has been reduced to actual contributing persons. It was a somewhat drastic reduction in numbers relatively. However, the reduction has been offset by a tremendous influx of new members / shooters. This bodes well for the club. I would like to remind everyone, especially the new members, if there is any type organized activity that you would like to see take place at our club, step up! The only ongoing events we have are the Bowling Pin match (scheduled to resume in April) and the Golf Ball shoot. Both have been organized by and run by interested individuals on a volunteer basis.

I have decided to forego my usual political expounding in this issue of the newsletter. I know that most people, like myself, are beginning to tire of the endless commercials and newsroom speculation of an election year. Instead, just a couple of other minor things...first, for years I have been a "kinda" knife collector. "Kinda" because I collected the knives that I liked. No other criteria, no specific maker, just an eclectic like, don't like, approach. The last couple of years have been tough on serious knife collectors. Investors with no real interest in the blades buy them for the same reason investors buy quality guns - they will only continue to appreciate in value. But I digress. When I look at and read about the current crop of so called "tactical" knives, I am just left cold. No matter how hard I try there is nothing there for me. I see nothing that any self-respecting kitchen drawer would not have in it. Take a look. Which leads into the next question - exactly what does it take for a product to be labeled tactical? Is there a master list against which a certain number of points must be checked off? "Nope. Sorry. You're one check mark short. Redesign and try again." I seriously doubt that this is the case. Why? Because I have seen everything imaginable labeled tactical - tactical operators, tactical weapons, tactical clothing, ad nauseum. I am relatively sure if I looked hard enough I could find some tactical drawers to wear under my tactical overalls. Then I could load all my tactical stuff into my Urban Assault Vehicle and go to my tactical training facility...oops, sorry. I meant range. And, oh yeah, by the way, cheap

gas is bad for the economy...but so is expensive gas. So, depending on which school of economics you have chosen to subscribe, you must either upsize or downsize your tactical ride.

So, at last, at long last – Iowa. The pundits have spent the day picking the results apart, knowing full well they mean no more than the groundhog’s shadow – or lack of. Hillary’s broom got some of its’ straw singed by a razor thin “victory”, and the Donald got a stiff dose of reality. And it all adds up to nothing but more wind for the sails of the political propaganda machines.

As usual, these are my opinions and mine alone. I have taken it upon myself to share my narrow minded view of the world and therefore no one else should be held responsible.

See you at the range!

“All our freedoms are a single bundle. All must be secure if any is to be preserved.” President Dwight D. Eisenhower

Tim Courtney

Secretary ACSC



The Golf Ball Bunch

Steve Misencik, match winner, in the middle!

