



ACSC MARCH 2016 NEWSLETTER

March is upon us, with all that it brings. Spring turkey season, the fishing and recreational opportunities Lake Martin offers, and, along with the longer, warmer days, more shooting. Our range will see a major uptick in activity, which is great, but also the associated difficulties that accompany higher usage.

For most, this will be redundant and boring...and for some it cannot be repeated often enough. If you bring target material with you, take it with you when you leave. Don't use anything made of glass as a target on the range. Shooting a shotgun? Great! Pick up your empties and take them with you. Don't use centerfire rifles (AK's, SK's, AR's, etc.) on the metal pistol targets. It will either crater or completely perforate them – either of which render them unsafe to use. You are also risking the chance of a close range ricochet from a high velocity projectile or its' jacket; either of which is a bad thing.

Treat our (your) facilities with respect. Treat your fellow shooters with respect and *always* with an eye to safety. Safety and respect start by reading the club safety rules on the website. A couple of very simple things make life easier – *and safer* – for everyone. Always – *always* – pay attention to the direction your muzzle is pointed. Loaded, unloaded, it simply does not matter. Never let your weapon point at *anything* you are not willing to destroy. Never handle your firearm if anyone is downrange. Interpretation? If someone / anyone is in front of the tables setting targets, picking up targets, etc., do not handle your firearms for any reason. Whether you have checked and double checked, treat every firearm as if it were loaded. Nobody wants or needs an accident. The hobby we have chosen is inherently dangerous unless treated with the utmost care. It is up to each and every club member to hold

themselves and every other club member to the highest of safety standards. We are all Safety Officers. Take that job seriously.

Our 200 yard rimfire rifle match (aka Golf Ball Classic) has continued unabated through the winter months. February was no exception and a bit kinder weather-wise. The day was reasonably warm and the wind was not full gale force. I struggled personally, but shot well enough to be in the mix after the first relay. All doubt as to who was the better man on the day was laid to rest by Scott Watson as he put together a masterful display of marksmanship in a near perfect second relay. The crown passed from last month's winner, Steve Misencik, to Scott, proving once more, bolt guns rule! On March 13, you will have the chance to dethrone Scott. Come on out! The match starts at 1:00 PM.

As is my habit, I want to put in a plug for the Alabama Gun Collectors Association. Their spring show is scheduled for March 19 & 20 at the BJCC exhibition hall. There will be special displays of military vehicles and weapons, custom knifemakers, guns and accessories of all sorts. This is the largest show in the southeast (over 700 tables) so if gun shows are your cup of tea, come to Birmingham.

My political expounding for this issue is going to be fairly short. Choosing to stay home and NOT vote because you do not like the Republican candidate is the same as casting a vote for the Democratic candidate. "Broomstick One approaching the West Lawn. Cleared for landing?" Don't let that happen.

As usual, these are my opinions. Even my wife is embarrassed. See you at the range!

There ain't no such thing as a free lunch.

Robert A. Heinlein

Tim Courtney



The February Golf Ball Bunch



January winner Steve Misencik hands off to February winner, Scott Watson.