



## **JANUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER**

**Happy New Year! I hope everyone made it through Christmas relatively unscathed and in good spirits. Alabama (the state) has welcomed rain back and the statewide outdoor burn ban has been lifted. This is good news for our club as we are surrounded by timberland and the extreme drought conditions posed a very real threat. Alabama (the University) has moved one step closer to a national title. One more game against a really tough Clemson team will decide the champs. Roll Tide!**

**Our club moves into a new year in as healthy or healthier position than we could ever have expected. Our membership numbers have relatively stabilized. From a fiscal standpoint, we are in a position to be able to move forward with some improvements. The holdup, in that vein, has been finding someone willing to commit to doing the work we need. Our club has a more active base of interested and dedicated shooters than I can remember. We have two active shooting programs and a third on the horizon. All of this signals continued strength and growth.**

**A quick reminder on range etiquette – ALWAYS let safety be your number one priority. Pay attention. Control your muzzle. Treat all firearms as if they are loaded. How many times have you heard, “I didn’t know it was loaded!”? Be gracious to other shooters. Announce your intentions. Above all, use common sense. The sport, the games we have chosen to play, have potentially deadly consequences if not approached with the respect they deserve. I have made some really good friends through my association with the club. I would prefer not to lose any of them, especially to an act of carelessness.**

**The January 2017 Golf Ball Shoot is scheduled for January 15, 2017. The start time is 1PM. Mike Goss and Ol' Bessie have a crown to defend.**

**Some of you have probably figured out that I no longer have a land line. If you have tried to call me at home or left a message for me and the call was not returned, there's a reason. If you need to contact me by phone, email me and I will provide a cell phone number.**

**The snowflakes, cupcakes, and liberal fruitcakes are still trying to throw any kind of wrench in the works regarding President Trump's election.**

**Unfortunately, they are being led by The Insignificant One, Obama. Mr. Obama is doing everything in his power to put his successor between the proverbial rock and hard place. He has caused the stock in Bic to go up with the number of pens he has gone through – executive orders, clemency, pardons; anything to make life difficult for those who helped pull the straws from The Wicked Witch's broom. Today Mr. Osama ordered ALL new computers for the White House. One has to wonder if this was just to ensure that all the information on all the hard drives disappears before it falls into Republican hands. Personally, I have no doubt.**

*Ignorance is curable. Stupid is forever. Robert Heinlein*

**See you at the range!**

**Tim Courtney**

**Secretary ACSC**