



# OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

I have detected a slight note of fall in the air – none too soon for me. I am always glad to see summer; always equally glad to see it go. This summer, the summer of 2017, will go on record as one of unprecedented progress and achievement for our club. But we have reached a stalling point, so to speak. The plan, moving forward, is to add and relocate benches on Range A (the rifle range). As well, relocating and improving benches on Range B, where the Bowling Pin Match is shot, is on the drawing board. In supposition, a gentleman had committed to doing the block work necessary for all of this to happen, but...you get the picture. We need someone who can – and will – lay block and assist in moving the rifle bench tops. The club is not asking for someone to do this for nothing. If you, or someone you know, has these skills, the tools necessary to get the job done, and wants to do it, please contact Woody at The Sure Shot.

**Next Very Important Thing – The combination at the gate has been changed. If you are current with your dues, the combination will be available to you. Changing the combination annually is the only way to control access to YOUR club!**

I am thinking about establishing a separate, totally independent fund, completely discretionary, to erect a flagpole at the range. In light of all the ongoing controversy concerning both the flag and our national anthem, I feel this is more than appropriate. I need some feedback from members as to whether to pursue this. Again, funding this project would be done by individual contributions.

The schedule for events at the club this month follows.

**STEEL CHALLENGE OCTOBER 8 @ 1:30 PM**

**BOWLING PINS OCTOBER 15 @ 2PM**

**GOLF BALLS OCTOBER 22 @ 4PM**

We are contemplating adding a 100 yard golf ball shoot in 2018. This will be shot immediately prior to the 200 yard event and will be open to sporting class rifles ONLY. The intent is to make this as appealing as possible to everyone.

Thanks to all the volunteers who make these events happen for the club and its' members.  
Thanks to all the participants, both members and non-members, for your support.

Expect an immediate and negative onslaught by the press following the events in Las Vegas. I cannot begin to tell you how heartsick I am that a depraved individual chose to commit such an act. Rumors and theories abound. I will wait and hope to see a clear and fair investigation, far more honestly investigated than some of the things the DOJ has looked at in the recent past. I am disturbed when the left leaning media states that it wants the NRA declared a domestic terrorist organization. I cannot begin to tell you the countless hours I have spent at NRA sponsored events at which guns and ammunition were in abundance; hundreds, if not thousands, of rounds were fired daily. I have never – NEVER – seen a shot fired in anger. Very rarely have I heard a voice raised in anger. My friends, most of my acquaintances, have come my way from my association with guns, gun clubs, and the gun sports. Of the myriads of people I have encountered, very few have managed to leave me with less than a positive feeling. I wish I could say the same about the general public. But, like everyone else, I will wait and weather the storm. I feel there is something about this killer, this worthless piece of humanity, yet to come to light. As we wait, I want this nation to collectively remember a couple of things. Hand in hand, the National Rifle Association and the Civilian Marksmanship Program have developed and produced some of the best marksmen this world has ever seen. This has served the United States, the Armed Forces, our Olympic teams, and all the other competitive venues time and time again. The capability and willingness of the civilian populace is a tremendous factor in there not having been an invasion of the continental US in modern times.

*Never tease an old dog. He might just have one bite left. Robert Heinlein*

See you at the range!

Tim Courtney

Secretary ACSC