



## **ACSC 2017 DECEMBER NEWSLETTER**

December is here and 2017 is all but gone. This has been a great year for our club in terms of upgrades, both in facilities and activities. Access to the range has never been easier. The road is in the best shape I can remember in 30 plus years. We control our own gate, our own fence. New sheds have been built. New benches are in process on the 200 yard (rifle) range and the 50 yard pistol range. Active programs that generate revenue for the club are the Bowling Pin Match, the 100 and 200 yard Golf Ball Shoots, and the steadily increasing and improving Steel Challenge Match. The volunteers that make these events run are one of the most valuable assets our club has. They do it because they want to, because they are shooters, and, like you, this is their club. Woody Baird, club president, has a tremendous investment in both time and interest in pulling all these projects together. The due diligence, careful management, and dedication of Eb Spink in his role as treasurer has allowed the club to manage its' resources in a responsible manner. A nod to our VP Mike Goss, as well. His almost constant presence and excellent level of capability – as well as his attention to safety – have pushed us all to better ourselves.

That's the good news. As posted on our Facebook page, someone over the extended Thanksgiving holiday decided to take advantage of the rest of the club members. In their wisdom, they took several heads of cabbage and some other produce to the range to use as targets. These were placed on the Bowling Pin table and shot with what appears to be an AR-type rifle. The results were impressive. There was cabbage, onion, and other assorted garbage strewn all over the pistol range AND LEFT FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO CLEAN UP. In addition, several low hits on the pin table will now need to be repaired with a welder. New pins, purchased specifically for use in the pin match, were removed from the storage shed and used as indiscriminate targets. This costs the club twice. The pins were bought initially and now no revenue will be generated from their use. They, too, were left for someone else to pick up. ALL OF THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE. As a club member, it should be unacceptable to you as well. Every penny, every dollar spent cleaning up or repairing deliberate vandalism is money taken away from improving our facilities. If you know something, if you saw something, please step up. All we need at this point is a name or names. That being said, read the rules – it's a prerequisite of membership. Pick up after yourself. Be safe.

The last Bowling Pin Match of 2017 is in the books – and it was a doozy. The weather cooperated, we had thirteen paid shooters and the top three were separated by a half second. That, my friends, is blistering...The match will pick up again in 2018.

My congratulations to Steve Misencik. He managed a clean sweep of both the 100 yard and 200 yard Golf Ball Shoots on November 19. Conditions were absolutely horrible, but Steve pulled it out.

#### DECEMBER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 10, 2017 1PM STEEL CHALLENGE

DECEMBER 17, 2017 1PM 100 YD GOLF BALLS 200 YD FOLLOWS IMMEDIATELY

It seems as if the dirtiest thing about politics is politicians. The floodgates have opened and those who were once considered above reproach, free to do as they pleased, may not be home free. The only question that remains to be answered is how much hush money, how many damage suits have been settled at the taxpayers' expense? Far more than we will ever know, I'm sure. Probably not a good year for mistletoe at the old Congressional office party.

*"This country has shed more blood for the freedom of other people than all the other nations in the history of the world combined." Senator Fred Thompson*

See you at the range!

Tim Courtney

Secretary ACSC



The crew from the last pin match