



# **MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER**

**Warm weather and the shooting season is finally upon us! Activity at the range has obviously picked up – just by the signs of usage and traffic. That’s a good thing; just remember to use common sense and courtesy.**

**The first Bowling Pin Match of the year was a success with 14 paid guns participating. It was a beautiful day in terms of weather and a great day in terms of competition. I always enjoy socializing with fellow shooters. Congratulations to the match winners – 1<sup>st</sup> Scott Watson 2<sup>nd</sup> Woody Baird and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vince Law. Good shooting, gentlemen.**

**MAY 5 STEEL CHALLENGE Registration by PractiScore. Contact Paul Warren or Vance Williamson for details**

**MAY 19 BOWLING PINS Start time @ 2PM. Entry fee is \$10 per gun. Safety and instructional walkthrough prior to match. New shooters welcome!**

**MAY 26 GOLF BALL MATCH 100 yard match starts @ 2PM; 200 yard event follows immediately. New shooters always welcome, equipment and ammo available!**

**Club officers are discussing June 8, 2019, for the annual club meeting and dinner. The meeting will take place at the range, price is tentatively set at \$20 per person. Assistance in the form of volunteers will be much appreciated. As usual, elections of officers will take place, club business will be discussed, and the direction of our club for at least the next year will be determined. There will be a raffle, limited only to those attending to buy a ticket (or tickets). If you have any suggestions, ideas, thoughts, etc., that you would like to put forth prior to the meeting, please contact one of the officers.**

Something very disturbing happened to me at the Bowling Pin Match – besides getting beat like a drum. An observer, a club member, asked me how to find out when the matches took place. My natural response was to ask if he received the newsletter – yes, but he didn't read it. Wow. Even though it may appear at times that I write these for my amusement, be certain that is not the case. Because tact and diplomacy are not listed in the top ten of my skill set, I am reasonably sure this gentleman understands.

Oliver North (speaking of tact and diplomacy) spoke his mind about his perceptions of the leadership and financial irresponsibility at the NRA Convention in Indianapolis. He will not be asked to return to head the organization. Do I think he made some valid points? Yes. Do I think he made a poor choice of picking his battlefield? Yes. At this point in time, gun owners in general and the National Rifle Association specifically cannot appear to have discord in their ranks – a chink in their armor, if you will. This is a fight that should have played out more tactically, possibly with a little more calculation and definitely more allies. No doubt it is time for a change of leadership and direction at the NRA, but – this is big business now. Start by winning with the Board of Directors. Colonel North, we support you and your intent. Let's fight a smart war. Like it or not, the NRA is the single strongest voice that gun owners and shooters in this country have. We, as a group, need them.

*But, the way I see it, a man can't have too many guns.*

*Robert Ruark (excerpt from a Playboy article)*

See you at the range!

Tim Courtney

Secretary ACSC