



## **AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER**

Two major things that must first be covered prior to any other news. First, annual dues for your club membership are due beginning this month – August. The rate remains unchanged - \$75.00 per year for annual members and \$20 per year for Life Members (to cover range liability insurance). If you have joined the club since May of this year, there will be a prorated dues amount. Your dues can be paid in one of two ways: at The Sure Shot during business hours. No cards – checks or cash only! Or by mail: ACSC PO Box 177, Alexander City, AL 35010. Deadline for dues payment is October 31.

The second item – August is National Shooting Sports Month. Take the time to take a friend or acquaintance to the range! In particular, take a non-shooting friend to the range. Try and introduce someone new to the lifelong enjoyment and skills that shooting have brought to the lives of millions. Particularly in a time when firearms and all related to firearms is villainized, it is important to demonstrate why we enjoy doing the things we enjoy. Demonstrate to them the rules of firearms safety, range courtesy, and range manners by showing pride in your facility.

### **SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST**

**STEEL CHALLENGE AUG 4 2PM \$15 PER GUN SETUP / REGISTRATION BEGINS @ 1PM, SAFETY BRIEFING @1:45PM. REGISTER ONLINE PRACTIScore.COM IF POSSIBLE**

**BOWLING PIN MATCH AUG 11 2PM SAFETY BRIEFING AND ORIENTATATION PRIOR TO MATCH \$10 PER GUN PER SHOOTER. HANDGUNS ONLY, WOMEN AND JUNIORS WELCOME.**

**GOLF BALL MATCH AUG 25 3PM 100 YD EVENT BEGINS @ 3PM, 200 YD EVENT FOLLWS IMMEDIATELY. \$10 PER RIFLE PER EVENT. .22LR LIMITATIONS APPLY.**

In addition to the construction on our range, intermittent logging is making a mess of our road. It is being addressed on an ongoing basis. The logging work schedule is dictated by weather. Poor weather makes for even poorer road conditions. As you can see, if you have made the trip to the range, it appears most of the sellable timber has been cut. Hopefully, we are on the downhill side of the operation.

If you are a club member (or know a club member) I urge you to become a member of our Facebook community. Information regarding the club is most often available there – on

the Facebook page – before it is anywhere else. All announcements appear on Facebook first. *We have become a society oriented to social networks.*

I am an avid reader. I have followed the adventures of Bob Lee Swagger (and his family) since he first appeared in Stephen Hunter's best seller *Point of Impact*. Hunter is not your average writer. As a shooter, I was initially impressed with his knowledge of the game – and I continue to be. Well researched, well written, knowledgeable, entertaining...I guess that about covers it. He has released the latest book in the Swagger series *Game of Snipers*. Bob the Nailer rides again!

I have too often used the Theodore Roosevelt quote, "Complaining without offering a solution is whining." So, from this point, I'm not complaining, simply stating my more than likely unpopular opinion. It seems that every Liberal pundit uses the same lead line. "We have a systemic problem of gun violence!" Then they go on to explain how banning guns will eliminate this "systemic" problem. A couple of questions – reasonable questions, I think. Aren't street drugs illegal? Isn't the production, distribution, and sales of these drugs illegal? Has the government been conducting a decades long war against illegal drugs? Have they had ANY success? Illegal narcotics can be bought on our streets, in our schools, and even in Federal prisons. So...how is making guns illegal going to stop bad guys from having them? The availability of these drugs is part, but not all of the systemic problem. The government has more and more injected itself into child rearing, imposing the ideals of "experts" on the general populace. Mind and mood altering drugs have substituted themselves for switches and hard work. When I got my tail tore up, odds were I was probably overdue – long overdue. Cell phones and monitors have replaced family discussions. People have been desensitized to the reactions and emotions of other people. This didn't happen in a week, a month or a year – and it won't be fixed in a hurry either. Technology and the lack of front porches is killing us.

*Uncommon valor was a common virtue.* Admiral Chester Nimitz

Inscription on the base of the statue on Iwo Jima

See you at the range!

Tim Courtney

Secretary ACSC