



JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER

Under normal circumstances, I would say that June is a month of mixed blessings. It is the first month of summer – and it IS the first month of summer. Right now – today – I will just wait until tomorrow.

The club has returned to a full slate of events. Seeing a need, and recognizing an opportunity, Vance Williamson began scheduling an additional monthly Steel Challenge match at our club. Lots of clubs have not reopened as of yet and the desire for a place to compete safely is strong. Good job, Vance! The numbers responding indicate you are on the target.

SCHEDULED EVENTS FOR JUNE

JUNE 7 2PM STEEL CHALLENGE Arrive early for safety briefing and to assist in target setting if possible.

. Sign up on Practiscore if possible.

<https://www.practiscore.com/acsc-steel-challenge-march-2020/register>

JUNE 14 2PM BOWLING PINS ENTRY FEE IS \$10 PER SHOOTER PER GUN. SAFETY BRIEFING PRIOR TO MATCH. Contact Tim Courtney, Woody Baird, or Scott Watson for more information.

JUNE 28 2PM RIMFIRE RIFLE MATCHES 100 yard match begins at 2PM. 200 yard match follows immediately. Entry fee is \$10 per shooter per match. Swingers @ 100 yards, golf balls @ 200 yards. Contact Scott Watson or Tim Courtney for more information.

The firearms industry was in dire straits. This doesn't appear to be the case now according to statistics from the federal government and industry watchdogs. Percentages of federal sales checks have seen an astronomical increase. Some dealers' shelves are bare of commonly used ammunition. Some have waiting lists on guns and ammo. If you have a friend or relative that's a first time gun owner, take the time to show them the ropes. **STRESS SAFETY.** Most of the first-time buyers are purchasing because they are scared; afraid for

themselves, afraid for their family. If we, as long time shooters and gun owners, can remove even the slightest possibility of an accident due to that fear, it is our responsibility. Reach out. We have a range and a wealth of knowledge. Let's use them.

I thought very seriously about making no comment at all on the current state of affairs in our country. I know that whatever I say can be misconstrued or misinterpreted. However, I cannot and will not sit on the side lines and say or do nothing. That being said, please bear in mind that the following is my opinion and mine alone.

I think that defining social injustice by the destruction of property, either public or private, is akin to committing suicide with a chainsaw. Yes, you certainly created a very visible spectacle and got lots of attention. But, in the process, look at the mess you made. You are gone. The chainsaw did what chainsaws are supposed to do and the result is a large, terrible mess that someone has to clean up. The ones left to clean it up ain't gonna be happy. So, what have you accomplished? In the end, everyone is angry. The people that love you are both hurt and angry. The people that were on the fence, that had not formed an opinion about you – guess what? If they got splattered by the mess from the chain saw, they have an opinion now. Odds are that opinion is not going to be a positive one. Sure, you certainly made a statement, but at what cost? Before you crank up that saw, think of the consequences.

How little we know of what there is to know.

Ernest Hemingway For Whom the Bell Tolls

See you at the range!

Tim Courtney

Secretary ACSC