



NOVEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

I had postponed writing – or at least mailing – the newsletter until after November 3. I guess, at this point, waiting any longer this month is pointless.

We have seen some of the coldest days and nights of the year so far. I have lost track of tropical storms and hurricanes. I have seen some frost but still tree frogs and lizards sunbathing. 2020 continues to be a conundrum.

There is not a lot of news to report on the club front. We have some new stationary targets on Range B (Thank you Vance and Gary). I am going to assume that regardless of the fact that they have been warned and told not to do so, some Mall Ninja with an AR or SK is going to try and poke holes in these nice steel targets. I can only hope that they are observed and forfeit their membership. Don't say you weren't warned...

The construction project is at an obvious standstill. Hopefully, a meeting can be arranged and some conclusions or resolutions reached as to the future of this project. I am still positive about the need and the completion, but just concerned about the lengthy delays encountered.

Both the Steel Challenge Match and the Golf Ball Match have gone on as scheduled this month. The Golf Ball Match took an unprecedented month off last month due to some concerns about the health of some of the competitors – uncertain times and all.

As of yet, I have no December schedule dates for any matches.

I anticipate a fair uptick in the use of the range for those wanting to sight in or shoot their deer rifles prior to the season opening. Please give each other the safety and consideration we deserve. Never forget that the sport we choose to engage in can be deadly in an instant – an instant of carelessness, inattention, or plain just not thinking. Treat every firearm as if it is always loaded. Don't point it at anything you don't want a hole in. That includes your foot, your truck, your dog, and your buddy. Be especially careful with handguns! It is so very easy to lose sight of exactly where the muzzle is pointed. Don't be afraid to call unsafe gun handling to someone's attention. Hurting their feelings is a lot better than looking for a tourniquet. **BE CAREFUL. BE SAFE. ENJOY OUR FACILITIES.**

As has happened with past elections, but seemingly more exacerbated this cycle, gun sales have skyrocketed. This past September recorded the largest number of entries to the federal NICS system than any single month previously. 2020 is on track for a record year in

gun sales hands down. This means lots of first-time owners. Offer your expertise, experience, and knowledge. It is our duty to ensure the future of our sport by providing a stable, safe base of shooters.

The Presidential Election is still questionable. To hear mainstream media reports, that is not the case. There have been countless reports of fraud, deliberate ballot mishandling, computer glitches, irresponsible reporting (or the lack of it), and complete censorship by the big social networks. I am on track to be a three-time loser on Facebook for telling the truth. Facebook jail can be tough...And the same people that spent the last four years telling me what a despicable human being I am, describing in detail the atrocities that I and every Republican that voted for President Trump committed – are now telling us we must unite. I prefer to remain vigilant and remember the insults. I haven't heard the Fat Lady sing yet. This ain't over.

This quote is for all my fellow competitive shooters and borrowed from the latest Accurate Shooter.

Competitive shooting is basically scientology with guns. You're perpetually a few thousand dollars away from complete enlightenment.

See you at the range!

Tim Courtney

Secretary ACSC