



DECEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

Merry Christmas and happy holidays to all our members and to everyone that this newsletter might reach. We have reached the final month of what has proven to be the most trying year in my memory. So many problems with so few solutions and so little will to work together to get them solved. Be that as it may, we now rejoice...

This has been a successful year for our club, even in light of restrictions and setbacks that have affected the entire nation. Due to the outdoor aspect of our sport, we have been able to continue relatively unabated. The Bowling Pin Match had one month cancelled. Steel Challenge and the Rimfire Rifle series have continued monthly. The Bowling Pin matches are scheduled to resume in April of 2021 (no hard dates finalized yet) for the standard 6-to-7-month series. The other events continue, with match dates posted as soon as they are scheduled – usually appearing on our Facebook page prior to anywhere else.

WHAT WOULD OUR MEMBERS LIKE TO SEE AT THE RANGE? What changes? What improvements? What events? We have discussed a Trade Day in the past. With the scarcity of components, this may be an idea whose time has come. A general work day is in order. The storage building (what's left of it) needs replacing and removed. A couple of loads of gravel on the road inside the gate would be an asset...These are my ideas. What are yours?

In looking back over 2020, I would like to thank some of the club members for making it a friendly place. I have made friends and acquaintances through my years engaged in shooting and shooting related activities that will endure for the remainder of my life. I want all our members to remember this every time they meet someone new at the range. No one was born knowing anything. Experience is the greatest teacher of all. Good experiences lead to great teaching moments. Be kind, be patient, and be safe. It will add up. Demonstrate good habits.

Thanks to the officers that have given freely of their time to make our club grow – Woody Baird, President; Paul Warren, Vice President; Scott Watson, Treasurer. There are others that have been very active, organizing, acquiring, officiating, and generally making the wheels turn – Vance Williamson, Gary Guilmette, Jonny Warren, George Mahan, Steve

Misencik, and countless others that I have overlooked. Volunteers have kept this club running and will keep it running.

The election is over. The consequences remain to be seen. BATFE is already moving forward with some questionable rulings on polymer kit guns and pistol braces. With “executive orders” on gun control promised by the Biden administration within the first 100 days, the Feces Fan is going to be busy. Just the suggested imposed taxes on “assault rifle” owners and every high-capacity magazine should provide a huge tax dollar influx for the Democrats. But the tax dollars will be needed to build prisons and hire corrections officers. All remains to be seen...and I blame Republicans as much as anyone. Republicans had 12 years to craft a reasonable replacement for Obamacare and have nothing. They could have united against an obvious Socialist threat to our country but did not. When blatant censorship became so obvious it was laughable, the majority of Republicans chose to ignore it until it was too late. They refused to take sides in order to not become targets of the Liberal Left – and now we have to live with it. Third party, anyone?

“You don’t have to burn books to destroy a culture. Just get people to stop reading them.”

Ray Bradbury

See you at the range!

Tim Courtney

Secretary ACSC