



## **FEBRUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER**

**As the saying goes, if you don't like the weather in Alabama, wait 24 hours...So has it been thus far into 2017. From sub-freezing to high 70's, tornados and torrents, to sunshine and balmy breezes; so far we have seen it all. The plus side is that the state wide drought conditions have alleviated somewhat and the outdoor no burn ban is gone.**

**More good news! The long awaited grading and general dirt moving projects that have been on the table for the club are now scheduled. Work is scheduled to begin the last week in February and stretch into March. It will begin with the settlement ponds designed to help bring us into EPA compliance and move over into range and parking improvement. The flip side of this is that at any time any work is in progress at the range – grading, construction, grass cutting, etc. – the range is closed. This is an absolute necessity for the protection of both the workers and the club. Safety first!!**

**The Golf Ball Match is scheduled for February 12, 2017 at 1 PM. In addition we are debuting (thanks to Eb Spink) a new .22 rifle game – Know Your Limits. Geared toward the everyday shooter with standard equipment, Know Your Limits is a fun game with twist that could turn a match on its' head with a single shot. It promises to be entertaining!**

**The Bowling Pin matches are scheduled to start in April. The schedule is being put together. Now is the time to start knocking off the rust and get your gear ready. If you are like me, it seems there is always something that pops up at the last minute. A little forethought goes a long way.**

**The Alabama Gun Collectors Association has its' spring show scheduled for March 18 & 19 at the Birmingham Jefferson Civic Center. This is the largest show in the Southeast – usually around 700 tables – and offers something for everyone. They have decided to stick with the theme of A Tribute to American Vets and U.S. Armed Forces. I like it! The displays will include a Vietnam era Huey helicopter and vehicles of the Dixie Division Military Vehicle Club and the Veterans Memorial Museum of Huntsville. Always a good show, if you enjoy gun shows.**

**Each of you that made the effort to go to the polls, to convince friends and family to make the effort, are seeing results of President Trump's campaign promises. The differences**

between a career politician and a lifelong businessman have become immediately apparent. The Democratic side of the aisle has let it be known that anything our President proposes or executes will be met with maximum resistance. Their plan is to filibuster and use every nasty tactic imaginable to delay any and every thing. Every cabinet appointee, the Supreme Court nominee, will be subject to a degree of character assassination that should make good men's stomachs turn. The misinformation and lies spread boggle your mind. There will be nothing off limits – friends, families, religious affiliations will all be placed under the same slanderous microscope. The preceding President had so much of his past records legally sealed and concealed that it may be decades before the American people are aware just how large the deception has been.

It was great to see President George H. W. Bush flip the coin at the Super Bowl. He and his wife Barbara are always a class act. The Super Bowl is the only pro game I have watched this year, by the way. If overpaid 'I play with a ball for a living!' idiots can protest our country, I can protest their behavior.

Stay safe, play safe, and keep your heads up! See you at the range.

*"I hate rude behavior in a man." Capt. Woodrow Call Lonesome Dove*

Tim Courtney

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