



The Marksmen

The Annual General Meeting is coming

AGM

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 18th**. It will begin at **7:00 PM**. All current members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Reports will be given from the sections, elections of directors, motions will be tabled for the usual housekeeping affiliations. As usual, snacks will be served after the meeting. In an effort to have more members participate in the AGM, we have included a proxy form for the major motions being tabled at the meeting and an envelope you can mail it in with.

General Shooting moves back outside for May

As of May 7th, Saturday General Shooting will be held at the Outdoor Range for Saturdays only. Shooting will continue there for Saturdays (Tuesday nights will remain indoor) until October.

Interested in Archery? Don Ferris has the Archery section up and running. Contact Don at dferris@eastlink.ca or drop in to the indoor range on a Thursday night and check it out.

Reminder Regarding Guests You are welcome and encouraged to bring guests to the club, but please remember our rules; they can come **two(2)** times; then they must join before coming back after that.

Range Rules are posted at the ranges so you cannot miss them. They are also included with this newsletter, as they have been for the past 18 issues of the newsletter. Ignorance of the rules is not considered an excuse to violate them. These rules are for your safety and the safety of others. If you ignore these rules, not only do you jeopardize having the range closed, you jeopardize yours or someone else's life.

Range Officer Schedule – The new range officer schedule is attached to this newsletter. It will also be posted in the indoor range. If you are on this list, you are required to range officer when you are scheduled. If you cannot make it, contact one of the other ROs and trade. It is your responsibility to find the list and make sure you do your duty. The penalty for not doing your duty is that you have to return your keys.

AMA Practice Nights - IPSC shooters. AMA IPSC practice sessions will go outside and move to Thursday nights on May 5th. This will be for the entire summer. If it is pouring rain, don't expect the gate to be open, but if it's just misting, we'll be there with the gate open.

AMA Introductory Course. A year ago, we started on a journey to upgrade the service that our club offers to its members. We felt that too many new people were coming to the club feeling lost or with insufficient safety training. To that end, Andrew Brace, the handgun chairman - started out building an introductory course for all new shooters. Eric Lehre quickly got involved as did Gerald Wheatley & Craig Lawrence. They put on their first course last year and it was a success. Since then, they've held many courses with the goal of making this a monthly outing. They've had Terry Nelson, Steph Butterill and Malcolm MacDonald join in to help out and the board has got great feedback about this endeavor. Their efforts do not go unnoticed, and the club really appreciates the work these folks have put in. Thanks to all.

The Election – Unless you're living in a cave somewhere, you should be aware that on May 2, we go to the polls to elect another Federal Government. The Federal Government is the most important form of government to us firearms owners because they are the ones that make the laws that control our enjoyment of this sport. Of the three major parties, only one party has demonstrated any support for us. Of course, that is the Conservative Party. If you like your guns and like to shoot, there is no other option. **Peter Stoffers' betrayal** of firearms owners when the vote came to abolish the registry should have been a wakeup call. It doesn't matter what the candidate says, it's the party line that matters, and the NDP and Liberals do not want you to have guns. Make sure you vote on May 2, Make sure you **vote Conservative** and if you can, get out and help your local candidate.

RV Show – AMA set up a booth at the RV and Outdoor Sports Show on the weekend of March 11-13. It was generally considered a success. We got out in the public and let people know who we were, and what we did. Thanks goes out to Don Ferris, Heather Taylor, Steven Parker, Rod Kirby, Mike Cox and his sons, Andrew Brace, Craig Fearon, John Parkin, Steve Giffin, Mike Lee and Jim Smith for all their efforts that weekend.

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RO Course – Graham Fortune will put on an RO course this spring / summer if there is enough interest – contact Graham if you are interested. His contact info is listed later in this newsletter.

Card Keys at the Indoor Range. If you have issues with your key cards, please email Jim Smith and include the card key # in your note. Jim can be reached at jim.smith@ns.sympatico.ca

Maritime Gun Show Listings for 2011

April 30 - May 1 Irishtown Gun Show - Irishtown, NB

June 4-5 St George NB Gun Show St George NB Curling Club

Sept 3-4 O'Dells Collectors and Shooters Fraternity Gun Show, Fredericton, NB

Sept 24-25 MACA Annual Gun Show - Bible Hill, NS

October 15-16 Waverly Gun Show - Waverly Legion, Waverly, NS

Please Help Us Clean Up

Just a reminder that when you use the facilities, please throw your discarded brass, old targets, **coffee cups**, patch backers, etc. in the garbage cans and not on the range surface. When you use the indoor range, sweep up after yourself and when you're outdoors remember to **take down your old target**. It's no use to anyone after the rain gets on it the next day.

Contact Us

The editor, publisher, folder, packer and mailer of this newsletter is the president of the club; Sean Hansen. Sean can be reached at work at 455-5483 or via email at schansen@eastlink.ca

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An Black Badge Course is scheduled May / early June This course is the mandatory introductory course for anyone who wants to shoot IPSC (Action Pistol) in Canada.

It teaches advanced handgun techniques; Safely surmounting obstacles, moving and shooting, drawing, changing sources of ammunition on the fly, weak hand shooting, strong hand shooting and various shooting positions. It also teaches the fundamentals of the IPSC rules. Throughout, safety is foremost.

What is required to take the course?

- You must be able to hit an 8.5" by 11" piece of paper with every shot at a distance of 20 yards with no time limit.
- A center fire handgun; 9mm or bigger caliber.
- A holster that protects the trigger guard of the gun. (so you can't touch the trigger while it is holstered)
- At least 2 magazines or speed loaders and pouches to hold them - but the more you have; the easier it is for you.
- 400 rounds of ammunition
- Eye and ear protection.
- \$150.00
- Ability to attend all day Saturday and Sunday, and write an open book test on Saturday night.

What do you get in return?

- Ability to Shoot in IPSC matches (20 will be held in Nova Scotia this year around the province - hundreds throughout the country)
- Engraved Black badge pin (after shooting in your first match)
- IPSC Rule book.
- Membership in IPSC Nova Scotia until January 2012.
- Membership in IPSC Canada until January 2012
- Membership in IPSC until January 2012.
- An intimate knowledge of using a full power firearm safely and quickly.

Please contact Sean Hansen (contact info elsewhere) should you be interested in taking the course. Pre-registration and pre-payment is mandatory. IPSC NS' website is: www.ipscns.ca

AMA Shooting Schedule - May 7, 2011 to Oct 1, 2011

Monday Evenings – Air Pistol and Rifle Indoors. Begin at 6:30 PM

Tuesday Evenings – General Handgun. All members are welcome. Begin at 6:30PM at the Indoor Range.

Wednesday Evenings – Smallbore (22) shooting at the indoor range. Begin at 6:30.

Thursday Evenings – IPSC Shooting. Black Badge Holders. Shooting is on non-rainy nights at the outdoor range, beginning at 6:00 PM.

Thursday Evenings – Archery Indoors, Begin at 6:00 PM

Friday Evenings – Junior Small bore Program, Begin at 6:30 PM

Saturday Afternoon - General Handgun. All members are welcome. Range 1. Begin at 1:00 PM at the outdoor range.
- Shotgun Shooting. All members welcome (bring your own clays) Held from the shotgun shelter in the outdoor range. Begin at 1:00 PM.

The Outdoor Range Page

Rifle Range RO Volunteers – With all the improvements going on at the Rifle range, we think it's time to staff it with range officers on Saturdays. We're looking for some volunteers. If you're interested and willing to help out a couple Saturdays during the warmer months, please contact Andrew Brace, handgun chairman.

Ticks have arrived at the outdoor range. Make sure that you use insect repellent with DEET in it and check yourself thoroughly when you return from the range to ensure none have hitched a ride on you.

New Range Rules!!! The CFO has required some changes to the way that the outdoor range is run regarding flags and who is designated as the CRO for the facility. Please review the Rifle Range rules ASAP to ensure that you don't get caught violating them.

Don't forget at the Outdoor Range:

- **Failure to sign in at the facility before you fire your first shot will result in you being sent off the property for the day.**
- **Through May, please drive slowly and be careful of pot holes.** We will get the road fixed, but probably not until Late May when we can get trucks in there.
- **GARBAGE: Take care of it yourself!!!** At the outdoor range, there is an incinerator on range 3. If you fill a garbage can, take the bag and put it in the incinerator. You don't have to light it on fire, just put it in the incinerator.
- **Have your current membership card with you.** No card = no proof of membership and ejection from the facilities.

Steel Shooting at the Outdoor Range Steel plates or poppers shot on Ranges 2&3 cause splatter to land on ranges 5&6. Therefore steel on range 2&3 must be shielded. Steel shot on Range 1 causes splatter to land on range 2 & 4, so unless the steel is at the end of the range - it, too must be shielded.

Ranges are not parking lots - PARKING is only permitted at the outdoor range in the parking lots, with a couple of small exceptions. (see Standing Orders) Vehicles parked elsewhere will be pelted with ricochets, mud and rocks.

Woods Travel Ban: If we have a dry summer, the province might institute a woods travel ban. The outdoor range is exempt from this and remains open during the ban. Just be sure to be careful when it comes to any fires, i.e. smoking, etc.

Outdoor Range Events Scheduled

IPSC: May 15– Pistol Match
June 12 – Pistol Match
August 7– Pistol Match
September 11 – Pistol Match
October 30 – Pistol Match

July 9/10 – Provincial Championship
(All ranges will be closed for this event, so no general shooting Saturday, July 9.)

HPD on the Rifle Range:
(Rifle Range will be closed these days)

May 16
August 12
November 24

How to use a Target Stand for the Outdoor facility.

The proper way to use a stand is to take a piece of cardboard and staple it across both uprights on the stand. Then attach a target to the cardboard. Do not attach a target so that your shots will penetrate the target and the upright of the target stand. You should always be able to find discarded IPSC and police targets in one of the trailers to use as backers.

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AMA AGM 2011 Fact Sheet

In an attempt to get more of our general membership to participate in the Annual General Meeting, we're sending out proxy forms to all our members for the usual major motions.

The following motions will be tabled at the AGM. A proxy form is attached to this newsletter for you to cast your vote. This is the associated information for those motions.

As of printing time, the individual reports were not available, therefore, no proxy vote will be available for them.

The Proxy Form will be regarding the following Motions.

1. Elections. All the existing board members have re-offered for their existing positions. The Nominating Committee will present the following slate:
 - 1.1 Election of President. Sean Hansen, incumbent is re-offering.
 - 1.2 Election of Vice President, Ralph Dunn, incumbent is re-offering.
 - 1.3 Election of Secretary; Anees Obeid, incumbent is re-offering.
 - 1.4 Election of Treasurer; Graham Fortune, incumbent is re-offering.
 - 1.5 Election of Handgun Section; Andrew Brace, Marcel Boudreau, Ronald Hilchey, Michael Lee, & Richard Young, incumbents are re-offering.
 - 1.6 Election of Rifle Section. Don Ferris, Brad Browne, Terry Hewitt. Ray Fisher and Hank Burrill, the incumbents are re-offering.
 - 1.7 Election of Members at Large; Rod Regier, Fred Hansen, Alex Marks and Jim Smith, incumbents are re-offering.
 - 1.8 Election of Junior Chairman; Mike Cox, incumbent is re-offering.
2. The Motion to Raise Membership Fees is on our agenda; The Board is not recommending a membership increase this year.
3. These Housekeeping Motions will be presented. We have always approved these motions.
 - 3.1 Motion for AMA to Associate with the Shooting Federation of Nova Scotia for 2011
 - 3.2 Motion for AMA to Associate with the Shooting Federation of Canada.
4. Motion to give the President four free memberships for allocation; one for the Indoor Maintenance Chairman, One for the Outdoor Maintenance Chairman and two discretionary memberships. This will be for the 2011-2012 membership year.

Atlantic Marksmen Association *Standing Orders for Indoor Range*

General Information

- If you do not have your current membership card with you while on AMA premises, you may be asked to leave.
- Guests are entitled to shoot with a member, but must join after the second visit to continue using the club facilities.
- Two people minimum must be present in order to use a range facility. **One person on the range proper MUST be a certified Range Officer.** Both must be capable of calling for help in the event of an emergency
- Range Hours are 8:30 AM to 9:30 PM. No shooting outside of those times unless prior approval from the board has been granted.
- The following is prohibited: Steel reactionary targets unless shrouded. (I.e. plates, silhouettes, etc.), Center fire rifles, Black Powder firearms.
- Magnum pistol calibers are permitted with the permission of the Range Officer and Chief Range Officer. Please consider others on the range with regard to concussion and noise.
- Jacketed ammunition is permitted and encouraged (less smoke)
- No shooting within 3 meters of the backstop.
- No Eating, Drinking or Smoking on the ranges.
- Sweep the range floor with dust bane and throw it in the garbage when you are done.

Before any Shooting

- All guests must sign in the logbook.
- Inform the Range Officer you will be shooting before doing anything else. He will instruct you as to when and where you can un-box your firearm and shoot.

During Shooting

- Eye and Ear protection are mandatory for all shooters and spectators from the minute they walk into the range until they leave
- No Range may be used without a Range Officer present.

Standard (General Shooting) Range Commands:

Eyes and Ears!

- Ensure you are using your hearing and eye protection.

Approach The Line.

- Move forward and un-box your firearm and /or handle it to prepare for shooting.

On your own Time, Fire.

- Shoot at your target, reload and continue if you have to.

Cease Fire!

- Stop Shooting, unload your gun, leave it open on the table and step back from the firing line.

The Line is Clear.

- Go around the tables and approach your targets. Do not approach the tables from behind the firing line again until told to do so.

After Shooting

- Take down your targets and cardboard backers and put them away. Tear up worn-out backers and put them in the garbage.
- Pick up your spent cartridges. This includes rim fire. If you don't want them, dispose of them in the brass bins.
- Adjust the thermostats to 10 degrees, turn out the lights and lock the door (both locks) behind you.

Emergencies

In the Event of an Emergency, call 911. Range Address is 6 Clements St. Dartmouth.

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Violation of these standing orders will incur a review of the member's actions by the board and could result in suspension of privileges and / or expulsion from the club.

RO Schedule May 7 – October 29, 2011

Begin Outdoors Saturdays		
Sat May 7	Gary Leights	
Tues , May 10	John Lothian	
Tues , May 10	Bill Macrocki	
Sat, May 14	Graham Curren	
Tues, May 17	Don Chafe	
Tues, May 17	Rodney Watters	
Sat, May 21	John West	
Tues May 24	Wayne Doucette	
Tues May 24	John Parkin	
Sat May 28	Michael Gregg	
Tues May 31	Rod Kirby	
Tues May 31	Bob Cooke	
Sat June 4	Steve Parker	
Tues June 7	Charles Schafer	
Tues June 7	Wilfred Debay	
Sat June 11	Stan Slesinski	
Tues June 14	Graham Fortune	
Tues June 14	Pete Williams	
Sat June 18	Glen Gorveatte	
Tues June 21	Simon Field	
Tues June 21	Steph Buterill	
Sat June 25	David Bardsley	
Tues June 28	Mike Pelham	
Tues June 28	Stan Lewandowski	
Sat July 2	John Parkin	
Tues July 5	Daryl Boutilier	
Tues July 5	Terry Nelson	
Tues July 12	Michael Gregg	
Tues July 12	Eric Lerhe	
Sat July 16	David Laybolt	
Tues July 19	Don Roth	
Tues July 19	Paul Clarke	
Sat July 23	Peter Dobson	
Tues July 26	Fred Walsh	
Tues July 26	Graham Curren	
Sat Jul 30	Robert Little	
Tues Aug 2	Stan Slesinski	
Tues Aug 2	Charles Schafer	
Sat Aug 6	Fred Walsh	

Tues Aug 9	Simon Field	
Tues Aug 9	John Lothian	
Sat Aug 13	Gary Leights	
Tues Aug 16	Robert Little	
Tues Aug 16	Bill Macrocki	
Sat Aug 20	Peter Dobson	
Tues Aug 23	Don Chafe	
Tues Aug 23	Rodney Watters	
Sat Aug 27	John West	
Tues Aug 30	Wayne Doucette	
Tues Aug 30	John Lothian	
Sat Sept 3	Rod Kirby	
Tues Sept 6	Eric Lerhe	
Tues Sept 6	Bob Cooke	
Sat Sept	Steve Parker	
Tues Sept 13	Charles Schafer	
Tues Sept 13	Wilfred Debay	
Sat Sept 17	Stan Slesinski	
Tues Sept 20	Bob Cooke	
Tues Sept 20	Pete Williams	
Sat Sept 24	Glen Gorveatte	
Tues Sept 27	John West	
Tues Sept 27	Graham Fortune	
Sat Oct 1	David Bardsley	
Tues Oct 4	Mike Pelham	
Tues Oct 4	Stan Lewandowski	
Sat Oct 8	John Parkin	
Tues Oct 11	Daryl Boutilier	
Tues Oct 11	Terry Nelson	
Sat Oct 15	Simon Field	
Tues Oct 18	Andrew Brace	
Tues Oct 18	Eric Lerhe	
Sat Oct 22	David Laybolt	
Tues Oct 25	Don Roth	
Tues Oct 25	Paul Clarke	
Sat Oct 29	Bill Macrocki	

**YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE TO OPEN THE RANGE AT THESE DESIGNATED DATES
IF YOU CANNOT OPEN THE RANGE, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBLY TO ENSURE YOUR
REPLACEMENT DOES.**

PARKING GUIDE

