



MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER

Ahh, March...the harbinger of spring in Alabama. Or summer. Or a return to winter. One way or the other, if you don't like the weather, wait a day or two, it will change. It appears that the drought our state has been teetering on the verge of for the last few years is over for the imminent future. Grass is growing and the dogwoods are ready to bloom.

We are still in a holding pattern on the concrete tops for the rifle range. It will work out, just at a slower pace than originally anticipated. Grass and brush growth dictate an upcoming work day for clearing and painting the new bench tops on Range B. There are some dead trees that present a possible threat that need removing; some sand and gravel that will need to be replaced and spread. We have been so fortunate with the number of people that have shown up at work days that I do not anticipate a problem in getting anything accomplished.

Unfortunately, the club lost one of its' founding members in February. Mr. Don Holley passed away. Not only was he a founding member of our club, he was a lifelong dedicated black powder shooter and an artisan in his own right. Off to the Great Rendezvous...our condolences to his family.

The February weather did not cooperate very well. Monsoon conditions made shooting the Steel Challenge Match at the club impossible. Hopefully, March will be better. The match is on the schedule!

The 100 yard golf ball match was a 3-way tie at the end of regular shooting. At the End of the tie breaker, Mike Goss and Ol' Bessie emerged victorious. I'd rather be lucky than good any day...In the 200 yard match, nothing was contested. Scott Watson and the Area 51 rifle took everyone to school – decisively. Maybe March will be my month. A welcome to Tommy Glasscock in both events!

SCHEDULED MARCH EVENTS **REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR 3/11!!**

STEEL CHALLENGE 3/11/2018 1PM. REGISTRATION BY PRACTIScore. MATCH FEE \$15. SETUP AND SAFETY BRIEFING BEGINS @ 1245PM.

GOLF BALL MATCH 3/25/2018 100 YARD BEGINS AT 1PM. 200 YARD BEGINS IMMEDIATELY AFTER. \$10 PER EVENT.

THE BOWLING PIN MATCHES ARE DUE TO BEGIN IN APRIL. AS SOON AS THE SCHEDULE IS FINALIZED, IT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AND POSTED. Time to practice...

As you prepare for the handgun events, always remember to practice SAFETY FIRST. Always use eye and ear protection. Always be aware of the direction your muzzle is pointed. Practice using trigger index points so your move automatically off the trigger to the index point when not firing. Be aware of your surroundings. Have a good time, but be safe!

An almost perfectly choreographed dance of incompetence led to a school shooting in Parkland, Florida. A young man – not a child – with a legally purchased firearm shot and killed 17 of his ex-classmates. On closer review, this gentleman (?) should not have been on the street. Between the combined local law enforcement agencies, they had responded to his residence almost 40 times over the years. Some of the “juvenile” infractions rose to felony level. His intent to become a school shooter was reported TWICE to J. Edgar’s finest. Responding officers – armed, vested up, sworn to serve and protect – were ordered to wait and watch. And all of this was my fault. My fault because I am a Life Member of the National Rifle Association. I let this happen. I put the rifle in his hands. What a twisted, convoluted, nonsensical load of finger pointing crap! An armed man who should have been in jail, walks in off the street, pulls a fire alarm, and walks through the school shooting students. Law enforcement were aware of his intent. Law enforcement were on the scene. Nothing that was supposed to work, worked. And yet, the blame falls elsewhere. I sincerely did not know you could pile fertilizer that high.

Aggressive fighting for the right is the noblest sport the world affords. T. Roosevelt

See you at the range!

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