



# JANUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the beginning of – hopefully – a new and better year. Calendar speaking, we are also at the threshold of a new decade. No doubt, there are changes on the horizon.

There have been an estimated 70 million new firearms purchased in the United States since late 2019. SEVENTY MILLION. If each of those new firearms owners purchased only two boxes of ammunition for their gun of choice, you can begin to understand the empty shelves. Add to that the rhetoric of politics, the fearful nature of people, and hoarding accompanied by profiteering and you have a perfect storm of self-inflicted shortages. All major manufacturers are doing their best. When will the shortages alleviate? I don't know. I won't guess. That's the honest answer.

In the last newsletter, I asked for suggestions from members as to how to improve our club. I have compiled a list of all the submissions. We have scheduled an executive meeting of officers to discuss the current problems and new suggestions, and hopefully map out a course of action. Stay tuned...

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## SCHEDULED EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2021

**STEEL CHALLENGE 1/3/2021 @ 1PM** Registration by PractiScore. Set-up and registration begins at noon; safety briefing at 12:45. \$15 per gun.

**RIMFIRE RIFLE / GOLFBALL 1/17/2021 @ 1PM.** 100-yard event begins @ 1PM. 200 yard event follows immediately. Entry fee is \$10 per event. A new year, a new chance for glory...

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The combination of the lock at the gate has changed. If you are current on your dues and have a valid email address on file with the club, you have received the new combination. I completed the emailings last week. Please check your email and spam folders for this info. I will begin purging the membership roll this week of all members who have not paid their dues. To refresh your memory, once purged from membership, you are required to start over – as if you have never been a member. This is a necessity on the part of the club. Some will be unhappy about this but this rule has been in effect for years.

I asked when the new gate combination was mailed out that it not be shared. I think the reasoning for this is self-evident. Our paid members – those that received the combination – have a vested interest in the club. Those who do not pay dues have absolutely nothing to lose. If they destroy club property, if they leave a mess behind, if they create an

unsafe situation – the burden still falls on us as a club with no shared responsibility for the offenders. So, please – treat your gate combination as valuable information. I feel that it is.

As firearms owners and proponents of the Second Amendment, I am afraid that the next four years (at least) will prove to be a rough ride for legal gun owners and law-abiding citizens. Democrats openly campaigned on their willingness to ban “assault weapons” and employ confiscation by any number of means. Buy backs? You cannot technically buy back something you never possessed, Onerous taxation has already been proposed – per weapon, per magazine, etc. Unenforceable, but on its face a tremendous source of income for a cash strapped kingdom. Ban the police, free the criminals, disarm the citizens...what could go wrong? Consider that China added their voice and said, “Private firearms ownership in the United States is a great problem.” For who?

*“The man who does not read has no advantage over the man who cannot read.” Mark Twain*

See you at the range!

Tim Courtney

Secretary ACSC