



# FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

All that the beginning of February means in Alabama is that we have not seen the last of winter. That is a guarantee. Just ask my knees and hips...

I am looking forward to the changes and the progress that this year promises our club. In light of the possible political threats to our sport, we must remain vigilant and continue to push forward. Our continued development as both a community standard and a supporter of the National Rifle Association can only serve us in good stead.

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## SCHEDULED EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2021

**STEEL CHALLENGE** Sunday February 7 @ 1 PM. Registration and setup starts at noon. Please pre-register on Practiscore if possible

**RIMFIRE RIFLE / GOLF BALL MATCH** Sunday February 21 @ 1PM. 100-yard match begins @ 1PM. 200 yard match follows immediately. \$10 entry fee per event. For more information, contact Scott Watson or Tim Courtney.

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Expect to see some developments from the suggestions that I requested. Needless to say, some of the suggestions were a little beyond my expectations (an Olympic size swimming pool? Really?) most were exactly as I had anticipated. Fence and gate repair, road repair, and some excellent range improvement ideas easily topped the list.

The accrued finances that the club currently has did not happen overnight. It has been a long struggle to secure a firm, reasonably secure foothold – one that allowed us to purchase the land our club sits on. Ongoing projects – a clubhouse, improvements to the lower ranges, etc., - speak for a rather large chunk of these funds. With a little luck, the current COVID crisis will pass, state restrictions will lift, and a general meeting can be held. At least that is what we are aiming for...it seems that every project, every order, every plan that gets delayed or goes awry has the same excuse. “It’s this COVID thing, man. Everything is screwed up.” Maybe. Maybe not. It has become all too convenient an excuse for any and everything. But, like the monkey that swallowed the 8-ball said, “This too shall pass.”

Ammunition and reloading components are at a premium. Most of the components being produced are going into loaded factory ammunition. The profit margin for manufacturers is far greater on ammo than it is on components. Part of the shortages are self-induced. I have said it before. Hoarders and gougers are not our friends. There is much more than a fine line between stockpiling and hoarding. Making sure you have enough ammo or components to get through the season, whether it be competition, hunting, or plinking, is one thing. Draping your stockpile so you can use it as furniture that you no longer have room for is hoarding. Sitting in the parking lot at Academy

waiting for the truck to run so you can take your purchase home and list it on Gunbroker for 4 or 5 times the purchase price is gouging – and the reason most dealers limit your purchases.

Bear in mind that the remainder of this newsletter is my opinion and probably the reason I'm a 3-time Facebook loser. Governing by executive order removes the need for lawmakers. There is no approval process. It is simply a 'because I said so' process. In volume, it reeks of dictatorial conduct – you know, like Communism. I can remember the Senate chambers of Congress having been bombed. I distinctly remember Republican Congressmen and their aides being gunned down on a baseball field in Washington D.C. Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer have conveniently decided to forget these events while spouting hyperbole and listening to AOC talk about the assassination plot against her. The Democrats have the media in their pocket. They will choose what gets airtime and what does not. Anything that happened prior to November 3 is irrelevant. This was an attempted overthrow of the most secure building in the world!! Ignore lots of facts and belly up to the trough! The pre-election calls for unity and acceptance have been replaced with screams for de-programming, re-education camps, and vengeance against every Trump supporter. I will cover you while you give that unity and acceptance a chance.

*"I don't box, I fight. The difference? Rules."* Jesse Stone / Robert C. Parker

See you at the range!

Tim Courtney

Secretary ACSC