



MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER

Impending springtime and all that it promises has almost arrived. But, be aware. We are in Alabama. Winter may not be gone. Just because it was 80 degrees two days ago means nothing. Absolutely nothing.

With an eye to the future, a fresh approach to scheduling our club events was called for. With the assistance of Paul Warren and the Steel Challenge Team, last year's schedule, this year's calendar, and a two-headed coin, a month-by-month listing of events (Steel Challenge, Bowling Pin Matches, and the ubiquitous Golf Ball Matches) has been created. You will find attached to this newsletter in both Word and PDF format, both the comprehensive listing and a stand-alone list of the dates for the Bowling Pin Matches. I will continue to post dates on our Facebook page (when I am not in Facebook jail) and in our newsletter. If you have the capability, PLEASE print the schedules that interest you.

MARCH SCHEDULED EVENTS

STEEL CHALLENGE 3/7@ 1PM The March ACSC Steel Challenge match will be held Sunday, March 7th, at 1:00PM. Registration and setup starts at 12:00PM. If possible, please register on Practiscore.

GOLF BALL / RIMFIRE RIFLE MATCH 3/28 @ 2PM. NOTE START TIME!! 100-yard event begins @ 2PM. 200-yard match follows immediately. \$10 entry fee per event. All shooters welcome!

Contact Scott Watson or Tim Courtney with questions or for assistance.

Logging is still an ongoing issue and the road to the range indicates such. The large mudhole immediately inside the gate has been filled with gravel and is a huge improvement. Improvement- slowly but surely.

Bowling Pin Matches will begin again in April. Get ready. Handgun skills are perishable and the only way to maintain any degree of mastery is practice. Speed follows accuracy, but accuracy is paramount. You cannot miss fast enough to win. Hopefully, the ammunition and component crunch will not impact the number of competitors we have in this event. It has been a long-time favorite and a staple of our programs for many years. It is a great

introductory level event for someone that wants to see what it is like to shoot under pressure – or in front of hecklers. And it's fun!

The ammunition “shortage” continues and may get worse – if possible. All the major manufacturers assure the consumers that production is at an all-time high. But shelves remain bare. I have been of the opinion that the majority of the shortages are self-inflicted. Not just the shortages, but the skyrocketing bootleg prices. There are people with literal basements full of rimfire ammunition that will never see the light of day – but they have it. And when the truck backs in at Walmart or Academy, they are there waiting to snap up all the available incoming inventory. If it doesn't show up on the interwebs for an astronomical price, it disappears into the Land of I've Got Lots. Primers for a dollar a piece. An 8-pound jug of powder for over a thousand dollars. That's not making a living or a profit. The people that do such are not friends to the shooting community. It is no worse than profiteering from any other shortage and should be treated as such. A pirate by any other name...

Expect an all-out assault on the ability to own firearms by any and all means. Personally, I expect the use of Federal agencies to make the most drastic statements. The Environmental Protection Agency will use a big hammer to make lead all but impossible to obtain and illegal to use as a hunting projectile. It has already been done for migratory waterfowl. OSHA will be brought to bear on all manufacturers of ammunition and firearms in an intolerable fashion. The IRS is a formidable weapon. The taxation and insurance regulation that the Biden / Harris Administration is going to try and enable against firearms owners will cripple individual ownership. Don't let the media mislead you about the efficacy of the NRA.

I never knew a man not to be improved by a dog. Robert Ruark

See you at the range!

Tim Courtney

Secretary ACSC