



The Marksmen

Time to Renew Your Membership!!!

(Invoice enclosed with this newsletter)

Once again it's that time of the year to renew your membership in the A.M.A. Your invoice should be enclosed with this newsletter. If the amount is not correct (i.e. didn't get a family rate, etc.) please send an explanation along with your remittance. If a junior has turned 18 before the end of September they are now a senior and would pay half the senior rate. The family rates apply only to spouses and sons or daughters living at home. Please put your invoice # on your cheque or money order.

- **If you've already paid, just disregard the invoice.**
- **If the value on the invoice is incorrect for you, please send the correct amount and make a note with it.**

If you have any other questions please contact the Membership Chairman, Graham Fortune at gbfort@bellaliant.net

Membership dues have INCREASED – At the spring AGM, we voted to increase senior dues to **\$200** per year. Your invoice reflects this change.

RENEWAL and MEMBERSHIP POLICY - All renewals and new membership applications must be mailed to AMA's PO Box. Expect + or - 2 weeks for turnaround for cards. We will not process applications at the clubs anymore.

Remember that October is a very busy time for renewing our 350+ members, so please be patient. We won't start checking memberships at the facilities until November.

MAINTENANCE FEE FOR LATE RENEWAL. Be advised that after November 15th, there is a \$25 service fee to renew your membership late. Memberships received after midnight November 15th will not be processed unless accompanied by the \$25 fee.

(SO PLEASE RENEW ON TIME!!!)

General Shooting moves back inside for Fall / Winter - As of October 4, Saturday General Shooting will be held at the indoor range, starting at 1 PM.

Are you on our AMA email notification list?

We send out reminders of scheduling, issues, notifications, etc. If you have not received an email from us regarding the Thursday night ISU shooting in August, send an email to atlanticmarksmen@gmail.com to be added to the list. **DON'T MISS OUT** – send us your email address!

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.

AMA Practice Nights - IPSC shooters - Starting Wednesday, October 22nd, AMA IPSC practice sessions go back inside. This will be for the entire winter season.

Steel plated, jacketed or steel core ammunition is prohibited at AMA's indoor range. This includes **MFS ammunition**. The Steel core stuff damages the backstop and the jacketed stuff causes sparks that could cause a fire in our facility. If you are in doubt about your ammunition, try touching it with a magnet in one of the ranges. If the magnet clings, it's a **NO-GO. Fair Warning: If you get caught shooting it indoors, you will likely lose your membership.**

Range Rules - They are posted at the ranges so you cannot miss them. They are also included with this newsletter, as they have been for the past 20+ 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.

Reminder Regarding Guests - You are welcome to bring guests to the club, but please remember our rules; **they can come two times**; then they must join before coming back after that. Note that if they are just there watching, they're not shooting and this guest rule is not applicable. **There are members abusing this privilege** and over the fall, they will be spoken with and disciplined.

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ARE YOU A MEMBER? - If you own a gun, you should be a member of the **CSSA** or the **NFA**. These are Canada's two lobbying organizations that fight for our rights. These organizations offer excellent insurance coverage and if you ever get into trouble with the law, legal advice and assistance. Their websites are <http://www.cdnshootingsports.org/> and www.nfa.ca - check them out and join one.

Indoor Range Events Scheduled

November 9 & December 7 - IPSC Matches
February 16th – Smallbore match

Outdoor Range Events Scheduled

October 26 IPSC Match
November 16 Multigun Match (all ranges closed)

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.**

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.

Friday Night Junior Program is looking for assistance running and organizing the shooting program. If you are interested, please email Mike Cox, program chair - COXMA@gov.ns.ca

Smoking at the outdoor range is now restricted to the **parking lots.** Signage will be posted over the fall.

Don't forget our Website www.atlanticmarksmen.ca

Contact Us - The Editor of this newsletter is the president of the club; Sean Hansen. Sean can be reached at work at 455-5483 or via email at sales@freedomventures.ca our mailing address is PO Box 181 Dartmouth Main, NS B2Y 3Y3

RIP Jimmy Drysdale, AMA member. Jim Drysdale passed away on August 4 after a battle with cancer. Jim will long be remembered for being a very friendly, happy gentleman around the club. He will be missed.

AMA's board has met regarding the Binary Targets now available (also known as **tannerite** and **shockwave**). Used improperly, these targets can cause a lot of damage to not only people, but range facilities & equipment and their significant noise level will definitely cause the neighbors to be upset.

AMA's board will not ban these targets; but has decided that use of these targets will be restricted so that they can be tracked and an extra level of **safety & accountability** is applied during use. Members who want to use this type of target must obtain written permission from the executive.

If you want to shoot this type of target, please contact the club president via email or phone and he will book the date and time for your shooting and will give you the requirements for use. Using Binary Targets without written permission of the club executive will result in termination of membership.

Ever donate to Transition House, Bryony House and those other Women's Shelters? Well, they may like your money – but **they don't like you.** In August, CBC ran a news story regarding Canadian Tire selling guns again. Here is what Pamela Harrison; the head of Transition House; an association for member organizations who provide transitional services to women and their children who are experiencing violence and abuse had to say about it. From CBC: *Pamela Harrison says **having more guns available in the province will mean there's a greater chance for people to be killed or hurt.** She says when a Canadian retail icon sells firearms, **it sends the wrong message.** "What it is in some way saying [is], 'Hey guys, come on, it's OK to buy guns again,' Pam should stick to the good cause of helping people and get her facts straight that just because someone likes guns doesn't mean they are prone to domestic abuse.*

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The IPSC Black Badge is planned again for November (Specific date not picked yet) This course is the mandatory introductory course for anyone who wants to shoot IPSC (Action Pistol) in Canada **(Yes, there will still be general shooting downstairs)**

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.
- \$200.00, includes entry to your first two matches.
- Ability to attend all day Saturday and Sunday. Arrive at the course with an open book test complete.

What do you get in return?

- Ability to Shoot in IPSC matches (15 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 2014.
- Membership in IPSC Canada until January 2014.
- Membership in IPSC until January 2014.
- 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.

Classes are limited to 10 participants.

IPSC NS' website is: www.ipscns.ca

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CSSA INDOOR WINTER PISTOL POSTAL LEAGUE & Thursday night practice.

Are you interested in trying **Bullseye competitive shooting**? Well, why not try out the Canadian Shooting Sports Association's (CSSA) Winter Postal League series to be shot at the AMA indoor range this winter. The beauty of Postal matches is that you can participate in a national competition in the comfort of your own range. As participants receive an official shooting classification after the 2nd match you also only compete against shooters of your own skill level. Never tried a formal Bullseye match but are curious?

Then come out to the regular Thursday evening Bullseye training sessions and give it a try (Thursday evening in downstairs range).

The matches to be shot will be very similar to House league except they will be full 60 round matches. To be eligible for the CSSA awards you will need to complete 3 out of 4 monthly matches (if more than 3 shot, the top 3 scores are used). Matches will be shot on the third Thursday evening of the month in the AMA downstairs range. We will shoot a series of .22 matches (Standard Pistol) through the fall and switch over to center fire in the spring. **Dates for the fall .22 matches will be Thursdays evenings of Sept 18, Oct 16, Nov 20 and Dec 11.** Dates for the centerfire portion will be determined once House league dates are set. If there is sufficient interest we may hold a practice match the week before the official sessions.

Competitors will be required to be a member of the CSSA and matches will cost \$5 for AMA members.

Pre registration is appreciated, so if you're interested or want more please details contact Randall Nelson at (902) 449-4085 or nelsonr@magma.ca.

Its great fun as well as a fantastic way to improve your shooting skills!

AMA Shooting Schedule - Oct 4, 2014 to May, 2015

Indoors:

- **Monday Evenings** - Air Pistol and Rifle Indoors. Begin at 7:00 PM
- **Tuesday Evenings** - General Handgun. All members are welcome. The format is the standard distance from the tables. Begin at 6:30 PM
- **Wednesday Evenings**- IPSC Shooting. Black Badge Holders beginning at 5:30 PM.
- **Thursday Evenings** - Archery Indoors, Begin at 7:00 PM
ISU Practice Night, Begin at 7:00 PM
- **Friday Evenings** - Junior Small bore Program, Begin at 7:00 PM
- **Saturday Afternoon** - General Handgun. All members are welcome. The format is the standard distance from the tables. 1 PM – 4 PM (or until no one is left shooting – don't show up at 3:30 and expect to get much shooting done)

Outdoors:

- **Saturday afternoon** - Shotgun clays shooting, Begin at 1 PM

Range Officer Roster (All Dates are Indoor)

Sat, Oct 4	Andrew Dobson	
Tues, Oct 7	Fred Walsh	
Tues, Oct 7	Michael Duggan	
Sat, Oct 11	Simon Field	
Tues, Oct 14	Glen Gorveatte	
Tues, Oct 14	Robert Sleith	
Sat, Oct 18	Mike Pelham	
Tues, Oct 21	Scott Mackellar	
Tues, Oct 21	Pete Williams	
Sat, Oct 25	Heather Taylor	
Tues, Oct 28	Mike Sanford	
Tues, Oct 28	David Bardsley	
Sat, Nov 1	Don Roth	
Tues, Nov 4	Navid Dehgani	
Tues Nov4	Bill Macrocki	
Sat, Nov 8	Graham Curren	
Tues, Nov 11	Gary Leights	
Tues, Nov 11	John Lothian	
Sat, Nov 15	Robert Sleith	
Tues, Nov 18	Randall Nelson	

Tues, Nov 18	Dragan Perurica	
Sat, Nov 22	John West	
Tues, Nov 25	Malcolm MacDonald	
Tues, Nov 25	Scott Mackellar	
Sat, Nov 29	Gavin Weeks	
Tues, Dec 2	Heather Taylor	
Tues, Dec 6	Trevor Robinson	
Sat, Dec 6	Graham Curren	
Tues, Dec 9	Wayne Gillis	
Tues, Dec 9	Kevin Muise	
Sat, Dec 13	Robert Jeffery	
Tues, Dec 16	Terry Madden	
Tues, Dec 16	Michael Gregg	
Sat, Dec 20	Warren Zimmerman	
Tues, Dec 23	Wayne Doucette	
Tues, Dec 23	Robert Sleith	
Sat, Dec 27	John Parkin	
Tues, Dec 30	Douglas Reid	
Tues, Dec 30	Tony Tufts	

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

IF YOU NO SHOW, YOU WILL LOOSE YOUR KEYS.

Notice:

Current AMA Memberships expire September 30, 2014;

Note that if you are not a current member, your transport permit is invalid – and the CFO checks!!!

Atlantic Marksmen Association Renewal Form

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ POSTAL CODE _____

PAL# (IMPORTANT!!!) _____

EMAIL (IMPORTANT!!!) _____

Cost of Membership: \$200 for Seniors. \$30 for Juniors

There is a \$25 maintenance fee if you pay after November 15th.

Make Check or Money Order Payable to **Atlantic Marksmen Association.**

Send to: **AMA**, PO Box 181 Dartmouth Main, Dartmouth, NS B2Y 3Y3