



The Marksmen

The Annual General Meeting is coming

AGM

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 20th**. It will begin at **7:00 PM**. All current members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Reports will be given from the sections; elections of directors, motions will be tabled for the usual housekeeping affiliations. As usual, snacks will be served after the meeting. In an effort to have more members participate in the AGM. **If you cannot attend; we encourage you to fill out and send in the proxy form for the major motions being tabled at the meeting with the enclosed envelope.**

General Shooting moves back outside for May

As of May 9th, Saturday General Shooting will be held at the Outdoor Range for Saturdays only. Shooting will continue there for Saturdays (Tuesday nights will remain indoor) until October. **Note one Exception:** On July 25, shooting will be indoors as the outdoor range will be busy.

Guests You are welcome and encouraged to bring guests to the club, but please remember our rules; they can come **two(2)** times; then they must join before coming back after that. **YOU** are responsible for the actions of your guests and **you may not bring more than 3 guests at a time** without permission from the board of AMA. Please make note that in order for someone who does not use the appropriate level P.A.L. for the firearm, someone who has that PAL must be in control of that person.

Are you on our AMA email notification list?

Occasionally we send out reminders of scheduling, issues, notifications, etc. send an email to atlanticmarksmen@gmail.com to be added to the list.

Range Rules are posted at the ranges so you cannot miss them. They are also included with this newsletter, as they have been for the past 25 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.

Card Keys at the Indoor Range. If you have issues with your key cards, please email Sean Hansen and include the card key # in your note.

RO Course – Graham Fortune will put on an RO course on May 28 if there is enough interest – contact Graham to register if you are interested. His contact info is listed later in this newsletter. Note that you must have one year's shooting experience to be eligible for this course.

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.

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 & ricochets a lot plus 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. Magnets are provided in both range bays. If the magnet clings, (even if it's just the case) it's a **NO-GO!** **ROs – Please feel free to check people's ammo. Steel jacketed or core ammo can be shot outdoors all you want.**

Explosive Targets are prohibited at AMA's Indoor Range. They are permitted under special circumstances at the outdoor range. "Shockwave" or "Tannerite" Targets are permitted with written email permission from the club president. If you want to shoot these – on the rifle range – email Sean with the details when and he will book it and provide any conditions. Shooting Tannerite/Shockwave without previous permission will be grounds for expulsion from the club. **"Firebird" targets** – usually available at Canadian Tire are permitted at AMA's outdoor ranges without special permission, **so long as the Department of Natural Resources has deemed the fire index moderate or less.**

AMA Practice Nights - IPSC shooters. AMA IPSC practice sessions will have move to Thursday nights outdoors as of May 7th. This will be for the entire summer. If it is pouring rain, don't expect the gate to be open, but if it's just misting, we'll be there with the gate open.

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RO Hours: The times presented for shooting on Tuesdays and Saturdays are when the RO is on duty, if shooters are present. If the RO has no shooters within one hour of closing time; he may shut down and go home.

Fundy Textiles has offered us a really nice program! If you go to their showroom at 202 Brownlow Dr in Burnside, you'll get 10% off by showing your membership card. They sell 5:11 gear and other tactical style clothing and gear (ie. Backpacks)

Outdoor Range Planned Upgrades - Once the ground solidifies, there is a lot of upgrades planned for the outdoor range. Here's what is on the list.

Range Road will be refreshed.

Range 1 - Refresh gravel floor.

Range 2 - Raise Backstop to protect Range 4 covered firing point.

Range 3 - Enclose End of Covered Firing Point so we can shoot under it.

Range 4 - Enclose End of Covered Firing Point so we can shoot under it.

Rifle Range - Repair 100 and 200m backstops

Rifle Range - Extend side berm to cover loss of trailer.

New Sporting Clays Range - Clear Stumps.

New Shooting Tables for all Pistol Ranges

This will, unfortunately cause the shutdown of some ranges when work is proceeding. Unfortunately, due to weather and equipment access – it's hard to predict what days this will happen. We'll try to email out notice of the days that it happens.

How to use a Target Stand for the Outdoor facility.

The proper way to use a stand is to take a piece of cardboard and staple it across both uprights on the stand. Then attach a target to the cardboard. Do not attach a target so that your shots will penetrate the target and the upright of the target stand. You should always be able to find discarded IPSC and police targets in one of the trailers to use as backers.

Ranges are not parking lots - PARKING is only permitted at the outdoor range in the parking lots, with a couple of small exceptions. (See Standing Orders) Vehicles parked elsewhere will be pelted with ricochets, mud, rocks and probably towed downrange to be used as targets.

Parking at Outdoor range - There were multiple times last summer that we have had to chase people parked inappropriately at the outdoor range – particularly by those using the skeet range and rifle range. When you park; **do not block any other vehicle and do not block the access roads** to the rifle range or the back pistol ranges. If there is no parking remaining close to the rifle range, you'll

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have to park in the pistol range parking lot and walk. Apparently, in the fall, I got some peoples' attention by suggesting that inappropriate parking will result in towing to the range backstop. I apologize for being so harsh, but do appreciate that the message got across. Please be considerate to your fellow range users so we don't have to deal with this this summer.

Outdoor Range Schedule.

IPSC - May 24, June 7, September 13, October 4 (Ranges 2-5 in Use)

IPSC Provincial Championships – July 25/26 – Ranges 1-6 in Use. (General Shooting Indoors July 25)

3 Gun Competitions will be scheduled and email notice sent out.

This schedule may change – we will email out if any changes are necessary.

Ticks at the outdoor range. Like every year, there will again be ticks at the outdoor range. Make sure that you use insect repellent with DEET in it and check yourself thoroughly when you return from the range to ensure none have hitched a ride on you.

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.

Don't forget at the Outdoor Range:

- ***Failure to sign in at the facility before you fire your first shot will result in you being sent off the property for the day.***
- ***Through May, please drive slowly and be careful of pot holes. We will get the road fixed, but probably not until Late May when we can get trucks in there.***
- *****GARBAGE: Take care of it yourself!!!** At the outdoor range, there is a dumpster in the parking lot. If you fill a garbage can, take the bag and put next to the dumpster and we'll put it in.***
- ***Have your current membership card with you. No card = no proof of membership and ejection from the facilities.***
- ***Park properly! Don't block others in and keep your vehicles in safe locations.***

Special Recognition: I'd like to take this time to thank some non-board members who took it on their own to try to help the club out this winter season. They were not asked to do these things, they just saw an issue and stepped up.

Andrew Dobson acquired the blackout drapes from a local Hotel to use at the backstops, which saved us costs. Andrew's also working on a new website.

David Cieplinski did minor repair jobs around the range without being asked to; fixing doors and caulking.

Andrew Landry booked an excavator and was going to volunteer his time to operate it to clear our outdoor range road, but that was just before our biggest snowstorm and the equipment unfortunately couldn't do the job afterwards.

Thanks guys!!

Steel Shooting at the Outdoor Range Steel plates or poppers shot on Ranges 2&3 cause splatter to land on ranges 5&6. Therefore steel on range 2&3 must be shielded. Steel shot on Range 1 causes splatter to land on range 2 & 4, so unless the steel is at the end of the range - it, too must be shielded. **DO NOT Shoot steel that does not belong to you.**

Woods Travel Ban: If we have a dry summer, the province might institute a woods travel ban. The outdoor range is exempt from this and remains open during the ban. Just be sure to be careful when it comes to any fires, i.e. smoking, etc.

Contact Us

The editor, publisher, folder, packer and mailer 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

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Don't forget our Website www.atlanticmarksmen.ca

AMA Shooting Schedule

May 7, 2015 to Oct 3, 2015

Monday Evenings	Air Pistol and Rifle Indoors. Begin at 6:30 PM
Tuesday Evenings	General Handgun. All members are welcome. Begin at 6:30PM at the Indoor Range.
Thursday Evenings	IPSC Shooting. Black Badge Holders. Shooting is on non-rainy nights at the outdoor range, beginning at 5:30 PM.
Friday Evenings	Junior Small bore Program, Begin at 6:30 PM
Saturday Afternoon	General shooting. All members are welcome. Range 1. Begin at 1:00 PM at the outdoor range.

NOTE: RO may pack up and leave if no one is left shooting at 3.

Shotgun Shooting. All members welcome (bring your own clays) Held from the shotgun shelter in the outdoor range. Begin at 1:00 PM.

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Garbage at the Outdoor Range

Please put your garbage in the garbage cans that have bags in them.

When the garbage bags are full, take them out, pull up a new garbage bag, (usually in the bottom of the can) tie it up and leave it next to the dumpster. Someone will be along to put it in the dumpster for you.

If you bring something to the range to shoot, take it home when you are done. We are not the place to dispose of your old TVs, dishes, pop bottles, water jugs, propane & scuba tanks, etc.

You don't want your home to be a dump; don't let your home away from home be one either.

AMA AGM 2015 Fact Sheet

In an attempt to get more of our general membership to participate in the Annual General Meeting, we're sending out proxy forms to all our members for the usual major motions.

The following motions will be tabled at the AGM. A proxy form is attached to this newsletter for you to cast your vote. This is the associated information for those motions.

As of printing time, the individual reports were not available; therefore, no proxy vote will be available for them.

The Proxy Form will be regarding the following Motions.

1. Elections. All the existing board members have re-offered for their existing positions. The Nominating Committee will present the following slate:
 - 1.1 Election of President. Sean Hansen, incumbent is re-offering.
 - 1.2 Election of Vice President, James Smith is offering.
 - 1.3 Election of Secretary; Anees Obeid, incumbent is re-offering.
 - 1.4 Election of Treasurer; Graham Fortune, incumbent is re-offering.
- 1.5 Election of Handgun Section; Andrew Brace, Marcel Boudreau, Ronald Hilchey, Michael Lee Wade MacKay
- 1.6 Election of Rifle Section. Don Ferris, Brad Browne, Terry Hewitt. Shawn MacPhail and Glen Gorveatte.
- 1.7 Election of Members at Large; Rod Regier, Steven Parker, Alex Marks and Mike Wood.
- 1.8 Election of Junior Chairman; Mike Cox.
2. Income issues.

The Board is not recommending a membership increase this year. No Motion needed.
3. These Housekeeping Motions will be presented. We have always approved these motions.
 - 3.1 Motion for AMA to Associate with the Shooting Federation of Nova Scotia.
 - 3.2 Motion for AMA to Associate with the Shooting Federation of Canada.
4. Motion to give the President four free memberships for allocation; one for the Indoor Maintenance Chairman, One for the Outdoor Maintenance Chairman and two discretionary memberships. This will be for the 2015-2016 membership year.

Atlantic Marksmen Association *Standing Orders for Indoor Range*

General Information

If you do not have your current membership card with you while on AMA premises, you may be asked to leave.

- Guests are entitled to shoot with a member, but must join after the second visit to continue using the club facilities. No member may bring more than 3 members to the facility at a time.
- Two people minimum must be present in order to use a range facility. **One person on the range proper MUST be a certified Range Officer.** Both must be capable of calling for help in the event of an emergency
- Range Hours are 8:30 AM to 9:30 PM. No shooting outside of those times unless prior approval from the board has been granted.
- The following is prohibited: Steel reactionary targets unless shrouded. (I.e. plates, silhouettes, etc.), Center fire rifles / carbines, Black Powder firearms. Steel core or jacketed ammunition, Incendiary or Explosive Targets.
- Magnum pistol calibers are permitted with the permission of the Range Officer and Chief Range Officer. Please consider others on the range with regard to concussion and noise.
- Jacketed ammunition is permitted and encouraged (less smoke)
- No shooting within 3 meters of the backstop.
- No Eating, Drinking or Smoking on the ranges.
- Sweep the range floor with dust bane and throw it in the garbage when you are done shooting.

Before any Shooting

- All guests must be signed into the logbook. Both their host member and Guest must have their names legible.
- Inform the Range Officer you will be shooting before doing anything else. He will instruct you as to when and where you can un-box your firearm and shoot.

During Shooting

- Eye and Ear protection are mandatory for all shooters and spectators from the minute they walk into the range until they leave
- No Range may be used without a Range Officer present.

Standard (General Shooting) Range Commands:

Eyes and Ears!

- Ensure you are using your hearing and eye protection.

Approach The Line.

- Move forward and un-box your firearm and /or handle it to prepare for shooting.

On your own Time, Fire.

- Shoot at your target, reload and continue if you have to.

Cease Fire!

- Stop Shooting, unload your gun, leave it open on the table and step back from the firing line.

The Line is Clear.

- Go around the tables and approach your targets. Do not approach the tables from behind the firing line again until told to do so.

After Shooting

- Take down your targets and cardboard backers and put them away. Tear up worn-out backers and put them in the garbage.
- Pick up your spent cartridges. This includes rim fire. If you don't want them, dispose of them in the brass bins.
- Turn off the ventilation, turn out the lights and lock the door (both locks) behind you.

Emergencies

In the Event of an Emergency, call 911. The range Address is 6 Clements St. Dartmouth.

- **Violation of these standing orders will incur a review of the member's actions by the board and could result in suspension of privileges and / or expulsion from the club.**

Atlantic Marksmen Association *Standing Orders for the Ralph Dunn Range*

General Information

- If you do not have your current membership card with you while on AMA premises, you will be asked to leave.
- Guests are entitled to shoot with a member; but must join after the second visit to continue using the club facilities. **No more than 3 guests per member** are permitted on the property.
- Two people minimum must be present in order to use a range facility. Both must be capable of getting help in the event of an emergency. **One person in each range bay MUST be a certified Range Officer.**
- Range Hours are 10:00 AM to Dusk. No shooting outside of those times unless prior approval from the board has been granted.
- Smoking is only permitted in the parking lot areas. This includes vaping and inhalers.
- The Chief Range Officer (CRO) is the range officer who first opened the gate to the facility. He must designate a new CRO (who must be a range officer) when he leaves or he will have to evict everyone and lock the gate. Anyone who arrives after the CRO who wants to open a new range bay must let the CRO know he is going to do so.
- Parking is to the left and right of the range rules sign. Only vehicles authorized by the CRO & those vehicles with handicapped passes may proceed to the range surfaces.
- Steel may only be shot by pistol calibers and never on ranges 1, 2 or 3 unless shrouded.
- Explosive targets (tannerite, shockwave, etc.) may only be used with written permission of the club president. Firebird explosive targets may be used but caution should be exercised to prevent bush fires by only using it when the DNR Fire Index is Moderate or less.
- Center fire rifle ammunition is prohibited from shooting steel unless the steel is personally owned or the rifle range flash targets are used.

Before any Shooting

- All members and guests must sign in the logbook in the sign-in shack.
- Red Flags must be raised at the entrance gate, at the sign in shack and at each range bay that is in use.

During Shooting

- Eye protection is mandatory for all shooters and spectators on active ranges. Eye protection must be worn when a red flag is raised on a range bay.

Standard (General Shooting) Range Commands:

Eyes and Ears! - Ensure you are using your hearing and eye protection.

Approach The Line. - Move forward and un-box your firearm and /or handle it to prepare for shooting.

On your own Time, Fire. - Shoot at your target, reload and continue if you have to.

Cease Fire! - Stop Shooting, unload your gun, leave it open on the table and step back from the firing line.

The Line is Clear. - Go around the tables and approach your targets. Do not approach the tables from behind the firing line again until told to do so.

Range Specific Rules

Rifle Range

- All shooting will be from under the covered firing point unless a board-approved action shooting event is taking place.
- All targets will be placed in front of a berm such that the bullet will travel through the target at strike the berm. There are berms at 100yds, 190yds and 280 yds.
- Shooters must check to ensure that the shotgun range is not in use when proceeding downrange to check targets. It is best to go behind the shotgun shack when proceeding downrange.

Shotgun Range

- Shotgun shooting from the shotgun shelter with the throwers will only take place under the supervision of a designated "Shotgun" Range Officer.
- No bigger than 7.5 shot size may be used at range 8 (the shotgun shelter with skeet throwers)
- Shotguns will be stored in racks, unloaded, except when actually in use on firing point and will not be loaded until the shooter is given the command to load.
- Shooters are limited to 10 rounds per turn and must provide own clays.
- Shooters will not advance forward past the firing positions (into the line of fire from the rifle range)

After Shooting

- Take down your targets and cardboard backers and put them away. Tear up worn-out backers and put them in the garbage.
- Pick up your spent cartridges. This includes rim fire, steel cases and shotgun hulls. If you don't want them, dispose of them in the bins or garbage.
- Sign out in the logbook.

Emergencies

In the Event of an Emergency, call 911. The Range Address is 2965 Old Guysborough Rd.

Violation of these standing orders will incur a review of the member's actions by the board and will likely result in suspension of privileges and / or expulsion from the club.

RO Schedule May 2 – October 3, 2015

Sat May 2/15	Don Roth	
Tues May 5/15	Navid Dehgani	
Tues May 5/15	Gary Leights	
BEGIN OUTDOOR SCHEDULE SATURDAYS		
Sat May 9/15	Bill Macrocki	
Tues May 12/15	Steve Parker	
Tues May 12/15	Brian Dillion	
Sat May 16/15	Dragan Perurica	
Tues May 19/15	John West	
Tues May 19/15	Malcolm MacDonald	
Sat May 23/15	Scott Mackellar	
Tues May 26/15	Gavin Weeks	
Tues May 26/15	Heather Taylor	
Sat May 30/15	Trevor Robinson	
Tues June 2/15	Kevin Muise	
Tues June 2/15	Graham Curren	
Sat June 6/15	Wayne Gillis	
Tues June 9/15	Robert Jeffery	
Tues June 9/15	David Cieplinski	
Sat June 13/15	Michael Gregg	
Tues June 16/15	Glen Ehler	
Tues June 16/15	Wayne Doucette	
Sat June 20/15	Bruce Gallant	
Tues June 23/15	John Parkin	
Tues June 23/15	Douglas Reid	
Sat June 27/15	Randall Nelson	
Tues June 30/15	Tony Tufts	
Tues June 30/15	Fred Walsh	
Sat July 4/15	Todd Harnish	
Tues July 7/15	Simon Field	
Tues July 7/15	Glen Gorveatte	
Sat July 11/15	Chris Waugh	
Tues Jul 14/15	Mike Pelham	
Tues July 14/15	Michael Duggan	
Sat July 18/15	Pete Williams	
Tues July 21/15	Fred Walsh	
Tues July 21/15	Mike Sanford	

INDOORS FOR JULY 25 ONLY		
Sat July 25/15	David Bardsley	
Tues July 28/15	Daryl Boutilier	
Tues July 28/15	Scott Mackellar	
Sat Aug 1/15	Brian Dillion	
Tues Aug 4/15	John Lothian	
Tues Aug 4/15	Don Roth	
Sat Aug 8/15	Navid Dehgani	
Tues Aug 11/15	Gary Leights	
Tues Aug 11/15	Bill Macrocki	
Sat Aug 15/15	Steve Parker	
Tues Aug 18/15	Brian Dillion	
Tues Aug 18/15	Dragan Perurica	
Sat Aug 22/15	John West	
Tues Aug 25/15	Scott Mackellar	
Tues Aug 25/15	Malcolm MacDonald	
Sat Aug 29/15	Gavin Weeks	
Tues Sept 1/15	Heather Taylor	
Tues Sept 1/15	Trevor Robinson	
Sat Sept 5/15	Kevin Muise	
Tues Sept 8/15	Wayne Gillis	
Tues Sept 8/15	Graham Curren	
Sat Sept 12/15	Robert Jeffery	
Tues Sept 15/15	David Cieplinski	
Tues Sept 15/15	Michael Gregg	
Sat Sept 19/15	Glen Ehler	
Tues Sept 22/15	Wayne Doucette	
Tues Sept 22/15	Bruce Gallant	
Sat Sept 26/15	John Parkin	
Tues Sept 29/15	Douglas Reid	
Tues Sept 29/15	Randall Nelson	
RETURN TO INDOORS FOR SATURDAYS		
Sat Oct 3/15	Tony Tufts	

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

PARKING GUIDE

