



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 gfort@bellaliant.net

Membership dues have not changed – Senior dues remain **\$200** per year.

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 3, 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 occasional reminders of scheduling, issues, notifications, etc. If you didn't get the reminder in July that one of the Saturdays was indoors, send an email to atlanticmarksmen@gmail.com to be added to the list. **DON'T MISS OUT** – send us your email address!

AMA Practice Nights - IPSC shooters - Starting Wednesday, October 21st, 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 still members abusing this privilege** and over the fall, they will be spoken with and disciplined.

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.

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The Federal Election. This is a tough subject to cover. Let's start with the simple facts. The **Conservatives** and Prime Minister Harper **are the only party to ever give us less** gun control laws. They backed out the long gun registry and they logically associated our PALs with ATTs. They listen to gun owners and our lobby groups and they have acted in our favor. If elected, they will not disrupt our sport, and quite possibly improve it.

The **Liberals** under Paul Martin **vowed to ban handguns** if elected in 2006. (*Fortunately they did not get the power to do so*) The Liberals brought in Bill C-68, the gun registry. While they are playing it cool about guns during this election, it's safe to say that our sport is in jeopardy if they are elected.

The **NDP** has a clear platform of **banning handguns now**. The NDP believes in handing powers of gun control to municipalities and provinces which would be a disaster. If they are elected with a majority, you can kiss your restricted firearms goodbye and expect the other ones to be registered again.

I'd tell you (*I'd beg you*) to vote Conservative if it was not for the fact that in most of the ridings that in AMA members live in; a Conservative candidate doesn't have a hope of being elected. Therefore, I ask that you **vote strategically**. **We cannot let the NDP form the government.** Instead of throwing away a vote to a Conservative that can't win – we will have to suck it up and vote for the **lesser of two evils** and vote Liberal. With luck, the Liberals and NDP will split the anti-gun vote and the Conservatives will retain power and our sport will remain safe for another 4 years.

Indoor Range Events Scheduled

November 15 & December 6 - IPSC Matches

Outdoor Range Events Scheduled

October 4 IPSC Match

October 18 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.**

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.

Atlantic Marksmen Association

IPSC National Championships return to AMA for 2016. AMA will again host the IPSC Canada National Championships next August long weekend. 250 of the best shooters in the country (and some from elsewhere) will descend on our outdoor range for the better part of a week. If you've got a Black Badge – here's your chance to shoot the big one and if you don't – then consider getting one and join the fun. Spectators will be welcome.

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

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 2016.
- Membership in IPSC Canada until January 2016.
- Membership in IPSC until January 2016.
- 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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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 but please – discard them in the trash after you use them.**

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.

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)

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 and rocks.

DO NOT block roadways, pathways or other vehicles' exit.

You can walk a few extra steps to the shooting bay; everyone needs some exercise.



New Bay @ Outdoor Range
(To be approved and opened this fall)

AMA Shooting Schedule - Oct 3, 2014 to May, 2015

Indoors:

- **Monday Evenings** - Air Pistol and Rifle Indoors. Begin at 6:30 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)

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| Tues Oct 6/15 | Fred Walsh | |
| Tues Oct 6/15 | Todd Harnish | |
| Sat Oct 10/15 | Simon Field | |
| Tues Oct 13/15 | Glen Gorveatte | |
| Tues Oct13/15 | Chris Waugh | |
| Sat Oct17/15 | Mike Pelham | |
| Tues Oct 20/15 | Michael Duggan | |
| Tues Oct 20/15 | Peter Henderson | |
| Sat Oct 24/15 | Mike Sanford | |
| Tues Oct 27/15 | David Laybolt | |
| Tues Oct 27/15 | David Bardsley | |
| Sat Oct 31 /15 | Daryl Boutilier | |
| Tues Nov 3/15 | Gary Leights | |
| Tues Nov 3/15 | Brian Dillon | |
| Sat Nov 7/15 | John Lothian | |
| Tues Nov 10/15 | Don Roth | |
| Tues Nov 10/15 | Navid Dehgani | |
| Sat Nov 14/15 | Denis Fortin | |
| Tues Nov 17/15 | Bill Makrocki | |
| Tues Nov 17/15 | Steve Parker | |

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| Sat Nov 21/15 | Eric Van Camp | |
| Tues Nov 24/15 | Dragan Perurica | |
| Tues Nov 24/15 | John West | |
| Sat Nov 28/15 | Malcolm MacDonald | |
| Tues Dec 1/15 | Scott Mackellar | |
| Tues Dec 1/15 | Gavin Weeks | |
| Sat Dec 5 /15 | Heather Taylor | |
| Tues Dec 8/15 | Trevor Robinson | |
| Tues Dec 8/15 | Douglas Reid | |
| Sat Dec 12/15 | Graham Curren | |
| Tues Dec 15/15 | Wayne Gillis | |
| Tues Dec 15/15 | Robert Jeffery | |
| Sat Dec 19/15 | David Cieplinski | |
| Tues Dec 22/15 | Michael Gregg | |
| Tues Dec 22/15 | Eric Van Camp | |
| Sat Dec 26/15 | Wayne Doucette | |
| Tues Dec 29/15 | Bruce Gallant | |
| Tues Dec 29/15 | John Parkin | |

**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, 2015;
Note that if you are not a current member, your transport permit is invalid.
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