



# The Marksmen

## The Annual General Meeting Is coming

### AGM

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**. 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 23, 30<sup>th</sup> and August 27<sup>th</sup>, shooting will be indoors as the outdoor range will be busy.

**Guests** Multiple members have been abusing their guest privileges. They're bringing the same guest more than they should and signing them in under other names. They're treating their memberships as group memberships and as buddy sight-ins for their friends who are too cheap to join a gun club. This has to stop. **The AMA board approved a new guest policy that went into effect in January.** It is attached to this newsletter. Please read it carefully as there will be very serious repercussions to members are caught violating these rules.

### 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](mailto: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 28 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 26 at 7 PM 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.

**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 April 28<sup>th</sup>. 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. The indoor range will still be available to IPSC Shooters on Wednesday nights as well.

**Outdoor Range Changes.** Last year, someone shot a bunch of steel on Range 4 with a rifle. If we caught them, they'd never be members of this club or any other in the area again, so to that end... **Ranges 5-7 are now off limits to anyone that is not currently participating in a recognized action shooting discipline.** Exceptions are available from the Executive in writing.

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**IPSC Canada National Championships** will be held at AMA's outdoor range this summer from July 28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> 290 competitors from across Canada and some from the United States will be competing at our facility. There will also be a large vendor area where sponsors will be displaying and selling their wares. It is quite a spectacle and every member is welcome to attend to spectate.

**Note that all of the range facilities will be consumed by this event, so the outdoor range will be closed for Rifle, Shotgun and Handgun from July 19<sup>th</sup>- the 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**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.

### 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 -** 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 have to park in the pistol range parking lot and walk. Please be considerate to your fellow range users so we don't have to deal with this this summer.

### Outdoor Range Schedule.

**IPSC** - May 15, June 12, September 11, October 23  
(Ranges 2-7 in Use)

**IPSC Canada National Championships** – July 28-31<sup>st</sup>  
*(All of the outdoor range is closed from July 19 to the 31<sup>st</sup>.*

**IPSC Provincial Championships – August 27-28**  
Ranges 1-7 in Use. (General Shooting Indoors August 27)

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

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

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**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 lots of 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 the afternoon. You don't have to light it on fire, just put it in the incinerator.
- **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.
- **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

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### 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.

### 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 2016 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.

#### General Information

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

- Refer to AMA Guest Rules for information regarding guests at AMA premises.
- 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.**

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## 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.
- Refer to AMA Guest Rules for information regarding guests at AMA premises.
- 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 2-4 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.
- Ranges 5-7 are off limits to anyone that is not currently participating in a recognized action shooting discipline. Exceptions are available from the Executive in writing.

### 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 3 – October 4, 2016

Tues, May 3/16	Wayne Gillis	
Tues, May 3/16	Denis Fortin	
<b>Saturdays are OUTDOORS (See exception below)</b>		
Sat, May 7/16	Robert Jeffery	
Tues, May 10/16	David Cieplinski	
Tues, May 10/16	Lot Cossar	
Sat, May 14/16	Erin Van Camp	
Tues May 17/16	Gary Leights	
Tues May 17/16	John Lothian	
Sat May 21/16	Wayne Doucette	
Tues May 24/16	John Parkin	
Tues May24/16	Douglas Reid	
Sat May 28/16	Randall Nelson	
Tues May 31/16	Tony Tufts	
Tues May31/16	Fred Walsh	
Sat June 4/16	Todd Harnish	
Tues June 7/16	Simon Field	
Tues June 7/16	Glen Gorveatte	
Sat June 11/16	Chris Waugh	
Tues June 14/16	Mike Pelham	
Tues June14/16	Michael Duggan	
Sat , June 18/16	Peter Henderson	
Tues June 21/16	Bruce Gallant	
Tues June21/16	David Bardsley	
Sat June 25/16	Daryl Boutilier	
Tues June 28/16	David Laybolt	
Tues June 28/16	Don Roth	
Sat July 2/16	Lot Cossar	
Tues July 5/16	Paul Rowe	
Tues July 5/16	Tim Furey	
Sat July 9/16	Bill Macrocki	
Tues July 12/16	Steve Parker	
Tues July 12/16	Brian Dillion	
Sat July 16/16	Dragan Perurica	
Tues July 19/16	John West	
Tues July 19/16	Malcolm MacDonald	

<b>Sat July 23<sup>rd</sup> is INDOORS</b>		
<b>Sat July 23/16</b>	<b>Scott Mackellar</b>	
Tues July 26/16	Gavin Weeks	
Tues July 26/16	Heather Taylor	
<b>Sat, July 30 is INDOORS</b>		
<b>Sat July 30/16</b>	<b>Trevor Robinson</b>	
Tues Aug 2/16	Graham Curren	
Tues Aug 2/16	Wayne Gillis	
Sat Aug 6/16	Denis Fortin	
Tues Aug 9/16	Robert Jeffery	
Tues Aug 13/16	David Cieplinski	
Sat Aug 20/16	Erin Van Camp	
Tues Aug 23/16	Lot Cossar	
Tues Aug 23/16	Gary Leights	
<b>Sat, August 27 is INDOORS</b>		
<b>Sat Aug 27/16</b>	<b>Wayne Doucette</b>	
Tues Aug 30/16	John Lothian	
Tues Aug 30/16	John Parkin	
Sat Sept 3/16	Douglas Reid	
Tues Sept 6/16	Randall Nelson	
Tues Sept 6/16	Tony Tufts	
Sat Sept 10/16	Fred Walsh	
Tues Sept 13/16	Todd Harnish	
Tues Sept 13/16	Simon Field	
Sat Sept 17/16	Glen Gorveatte	
Tues Sept 20/16	Chris Waugh	
Tues Sept 20/16	Mike Pelham	
Sat Sept 24/16	Michael Duggan	
Tues Sept 27/16	Peter Henderson	
Tues Sept 27/16	Bruce Gallant	
Sat Oct 1/16	David Bardsley	
Tues Oct 4/16	Daryl Boutilier	
Tues Oct 4/16	David Laybolt	

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



## AMA Guest Rules

Effective January 7, 2016

- Members are completely responsible for the actions and conduct of their guests.
- Members are permitted to have a total of **Four** guest visits per membership year. (*I.e. 2 people twice each, 1 person twice and 2 more people once each, 4 separate people once each, etc.*) Additional visit credits may be requested from the Executive and will be issued in special circumstances.
- If a member's guest joins the club, their visits will be removed from the member's guest visit count.
- A guest may attend up to **two** times; but must join before being permitted to return the third time.
- **Guests may not bring personal firearms.** Guests may only shoot member's firearms.
- No more than **Three** guests may accompany a member to the range, with the exception of General Shoots on Tuesdays and Saturdays. At General Shoots; members may only bring one guest with them.
- **When guests are shooting, their host member may not.**
- At General Shoots; Members must share their shooting position on the line with their guest.
- When members bring spectators who do not shoot, these spectators are not considered guests. (*I.e. if a Range Officer brings their spouse to be the second person on the range.*)
- Attendance at official competitions & training sanctioned by AMA's executive & included on the AMA Calendar are not considered guest attendance.