



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 remain the same – Senior dues remain **\$200** per year.

RENEWAL and MEMBERSHIP POLICY - Renewals and new membership applications can either be mailed to AMA's PO Box WITH a check or Money order or emailed to atlanticmarksmen@gmail.com with an **Interac EMT** to the same email address. Please use the password **"AMAMBR2017"**.

Expect + or - 2 weeks for turnaround for cards. We do not process applications at the club.

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 September 23rd, 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 11th, 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**. **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 22+ 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.

Guest Rules Are published with this newsletter as a reminder. They have been in effect since winter. Please do not violate them.

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.

Indoor Range Events Scheduled

November 19 & December 10 - IPSC Matches

Outdoor Range Events Scheduled

October 23/24 IPSC Match (Ranges 1-7 in use – Rifle and Shotgun still open to members)

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 **CCFR**, **CSSA** or the **NFA**. These are Canada's 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 www.nfa.ca, <https://firearmrights.ca/en/> & <http://www.cdnshootingsports.org/> check them out and join one or many.

Range Updates. We desperately needed to fix the backstops in the indoor range. During the weeks of September 11, we sent in welding crews to replace and rebuild the backstops – this will minimize splash back. At the same time, landscapers have been trimming wild rose bushes around the building that were growing into our exhaust systems and preventing oil delivery. In August, we also had our sewer pipe re-done through the parking lot as it was so old it had partially collapsed on itself causing multiple toilet backups. Thank you all for your patience while we did these fixes. We apologize for any inconvenience it may have caused. Outdoors, we've had excavators doing backstop refreshments in anticipation of an inspection by government agencies. We realize that the excavator crew accidentally shortened the 100m rifle range to 90m in the process which will be fixed this year. Cleaning was done and the wood stove replaced at the rifle range so that we could get our lease on the land approved with DNR and I'm happy to report we're good to go for another 10 years.

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

Another IPSC Black Badge Certification is planned for late fall / early winter. This course is the mandatory introductory course for anyone who wants to shoot IPSC (Action Pistol) in Canada

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. No Tokerevs.
- 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 – no raw lead & no steel. Reloads MUST work well in your gun.
- 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 2019.
- Membership in IPSC Canada until January 2019.
- Membership in IPSC until January 2019.
- 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

RIFLE RANGE: Please note that Only the three left-most firing positions in the rifle range building can be used for shooting at the 100m firing point. The 280m firing point can be shot from any position.

Smoking. There is NO smoking in the indoor range. Smoking is only permitted in the parking lots at the outdoor range.

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Explosive & Incendiary 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**" **Incendiary targets** – usually available at Canadian Tire are no longer permitted at AMA's outdoor ranges due to the fire hazard they pose.

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.

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.



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DISCIPLINES MEMBERSHIP RANGES CALENDAR LINKS CONTACT



Check out our awesome Website.

www.atlanticmarksmen.ca

AMA Shooting Schedule – Sept 23, 2017 to May, 2018

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** - 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 07/17	Peter Henderson	
Tues, Oct 10/17	Andrew Kovac	
Tues, Oct 10/17	Daryl Boutilier	
Sat, Oct 14/17	Ross Jefferson	
Tues, Oct 17/17	Don Barton	
Tues, Oct 17/17	Alex Gagnon	
Sat, Oct 21/17	Don Roth	
Tues, Oct 24/17	Gary Leights	
Tues, Oct 24/17	Lot Cossar	
Sat, Oct 28/17	Paul Rowe	
Tues, Oct 31/17	Tim Furey	
Tues, Oct 31/17	Bill Macrocki	
Sat, Nov 04/17	Steve Parker	
Tues, Nov 07/17	Brian Dillion	
Tues, Nov 07/17	Jacqueline Boyle	
Sat, Nov 11/17	Dragan Perurica	
Tues, Nov 14/17	John West	
Tues, Nov 14/17	Malcom MacDonald	
Sat, Nov 18/17	Gavin Weeks	

Tues, Nov 21/17	Michael Duggan	
Tues, Nov 21/17	Heather Taylor	
Sat, Nov 25/17	Trevor Robinson	
Tues, Nov 28/17	Graham Curren	
Tues, Nov 28/17	Wayne Gillis	
Sat, Dec 02/17	Denis Fortin	
Tues, Dec 05/17	Robert Jeffery	
Tues, Dec 05/17	David Cieplinski	
Sat, Dec 09/17	Erin Van Camp	
Tues, Dec 12/17	Wayne Doucette	
Tues, Dec 12/17	David Bardsley	
Sat, Dec 16/17	John Parkin	
Tues, Dec 19/17	Douglas Reid	
Tues, Dec 19/17	Randall Nelson	
Sat, Dec 23/17	Tony Tufts	
Tues, Dec 30/17	Closed New Years Eve	

**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.**

IF YOU NO SHOW, YOU WILL LOOSE YOUR KEYS.

Notice:

Current AMA Memberships expire September 30, 2017;

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

AMA Guest Rules – Applies to Indoor and Outdoor Ranges 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.

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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. See AMA's Specific Guest Policy for more details.
- **One person on the range bay MUST be a certified Range Officer.**
- 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, Explosive or Incendiary 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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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 at any time. See AMA's specific Guest Policy for more details.
- 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.
- Balloons as targets are prohibited as are "Firebird" incendiary targets.
- 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. On the first 3 positions on the left of the rifle range building can be used for the 100m backstop.
- 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 brass 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.