

Alleghany Rifle Association, Inc.

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Winter Newsletter 2019

ARA, Inc. is a 501C3 tax exempt non-political organization whose purpose is to support our community and to provide our members and their guests with a suitable environment for the safe, proper and responsible use of firearms.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: All club dues must be paid before March 15, 2019. Regular member dues are \$100.00. You can mail your check payable to ARA, Inc. to the address above and your card will be mailed to you, or pay in person Monday – Friday 9AM to 5PM at the Mountain Dreams Realty office on US 21 south.

From the Board: Your 2019 Board members are: President: Jeff Wyatt: 336-287-8821, Vice President: Robert Joines: 336-657-4699, Sect. / Treas.: Lou Morrison: 336-467-4688, Past President: Ryan Lane: 336-200-2464, Directors: Jamie Loggins: 336-200-0307, Gracen Lucas: 336-572-2411, and Dave Coomer: 919-868-6196.

Senior Range Officer: Marion Leys: mdleys@gmail.com

All members of the Board of Directors are available to assist members in any way possible.

FROM THE RANGE

We continue to have an issue with non-member use of the range. This is a problem due to the coverage of our General Liability Insurance which covers our members and their accompanied guests. **Please refrain from “loaning” your privileges to non-members.** It is of extreme importance that ALL guests be accompanied by a member. If you encounter a non-member using the range, offer to allow them to stay as your guest while you are there, and refer them to a Board member or to the ARA, Inc. website to apply for membership.

Thursday Night Match: The Board would like to encourage the membership to become involved in the Thursday Night (members only) Match. The matches are held the second and fourth Thursday night of each month, beginning at 7 pm. They shoot a wide variety of firearms in a yearlong competition to establish the ARA Club Champion. It is great competition, fun and fellowship.

Workday: There will be a Range Workday for general cleanup of the grounds **on February 16, 2019** beginning at 10 a.m. with a rain date of the 23rd.

The following items are currently on the future agenda:

- 1) Extending the railroad tie safety wall between the Handgun range and the 50 yard range
- 2) Construction of a permanent raised platform for the portable toilets in order to increase both privacy and safety.
- 3) Install a skirt board around the bottom of the existing range building.
- 4) Replace the existing interior lighting with LED units. Add lighting at the three bench areas.

We would also like to upgrade the existing electrical panel in the building at the Range. If you have “electrical” abilities, please volunteer.

WHERE WE NEED HELP

There are several areas where the Board needs the support of the membership to improve both ongoing and future events.

Assistants at matches: If you have an interest in organizing and operating competitive shooting events, or if you would like to learn to score events, there are several opportunities available.

- 1) Thursday Night Club Match: Marion Leys / Jeff Wyatt
- 1) Friday night Red Dot .22 match: Contact: Robert Joines:
- 2) UBR Rifle matches (Saturday mornings, 2019 schedule pending): Contact: Jamie Loggins

Assistant Range Officer: If overseeing matches and insuring that the matches are conducted with the safety of both the competitors and the public being paramount, perhaps you would like to assist our Senior Range Officer, Marion Leys.

Black powder Match: We are looking for a member with an interest in operating a black powder match. Interested??

To Volunteer: You can simply contact any member of the Board, Marion Leys, or email the Club at: alleghanyrifle@gmail.com

** The Board would like to say “Thank You” to one of our newer members Bob Sanderson for volunteering to mow and trim the range free of charge. We really appreciate your effort.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Morrison: ARA Sect. / Treas.