

Bullseye Newsletter

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE AGAWAM REVOLVER CLUB, INC.



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Welcome, to the 2016 Bullseye.

This is Your Club

Your club is a non-profit corporation, member-owned, with a volunteer Board of Directors, which includes all club officers. Although we hire outside firms for most of the services that we require, such as cleaning, trap maintenance and our recent range expansions, there is always an opportunity to volunteer your time to assist with the operation of the club. If you have an idea that you think would make the club more efficient or safer, please contact one of your board members.

November is not far away!

This year, more than any time in your life, the Second Amendment is on the ballot. It is absolutely essential for you, your descendents and your club that you register to vote and then vote this year. If you don't vote or vote for a Libertarian, that is a vote for Hillary Clinton (who thinks the Supreme Court 'got it wrong' in Heller and McDonald and also believes that an 'Australian style gun ban is worth considering'. Remember, this is not about the presidency, but about the Supreme Court and who gets to appoint several replacement justices. **We must regain the rights we once had.** Massachusetts and Connecticut do NOT reflect the laws in the other states. Nationally, most guns aren't registered, most gun owners aren't licensed, and firearms-related violent crime is at an all-time low. Nine states now do not require a carry permit. (What the Federal government does not seem to be able to do with regards to reciprocity, the states are doing for them.) See handgunlaw.us for the latest information.

Suppressors are now legal in many states for hunting.

Write your legislators! **VOTE!**

Exercise and protect your rights!

Range Safety

Your board is making their best effort to make our ranges safer.

New Minimum Target Distance on our 100 Yard Range



In order to increase safety in our outdoor spaces, a new minimum distance has been implemented on the 100 yard range.

If you plan to shoot at a target less than 25 yards, please use

one of the two shorter outdoor ranges that are located behind the club house. This means if your goal is to shoot both at less than 25 yards and beyond 25 yards, you may have to move between the appropriate ranges.

Misuse of our Ranges

In the last year, we have many inappropriate uses of our ranges. Here are some important things to remember:

- Clean up after yourself.
- **If you bring it to the range, please take it home.** Our trash cans and dumpsters are for paper trash: NOT household items that have been shot on the range.
- You will be required to return and remove ANY items discovered on our ranges.
- Rocks should NEVER be shot on our ranges, or even added to prop or weight something else. Rocks will direct bullets in unknown directions.
- **NEVER climb on our berms.** This puts you in line with firing positions on other ranges.

- **GLASS HAS NEVER BEEN ALLOWED** as a target on any of our ranges.
- **DO YOUR PART.** This is your club.

Indoor Range Issues

STEEL jacketed bullets are NOT ALLOWED on our indoor ranges, because their use exceeds the rating of our trap systems. If you are buying the cheaper steel case ammo, most all of it also uses steel jacketed bullets.



Some brass cased ammo also has 'bimetal bullets' (a steel jacket covered with a copper 'wash'). Please check your ammo with a magnet. If a bullet sticks to a magnet, it should be fired only on our outdoor ranges. There are some other items that have recently caused problems for our trap systems and are not allowed:

- **shotgun shells (of any type, fired from any firearm)**
- **rubber bullets**

Here is a picture of one of our trap system sump pumps that was disabled by shotgun wads and rubber bullets, which you can see stuck in the impeller.



Loading/Unloading Firearms Reminder

- Firearms must be loaded and unloaded **ONLY** while facing down range from a shooting position. If a firearm is loaded and needs to be removed from or placed in a holster, this must also be done from a shooting position facing down range.
- Firearms (loaded or unloaded) must be pointed in a safe direction at all times.

NRA Life Membership Special

NRA is offering a \$500 Life Membership, **until the end of July 2016 only**. The regular price is now \$1500. If you would like to take advantage of this offer, simply go to our club renewal page, where there is a link (or click [here](#)).

Facility Improvements and Maintenance

Since our last newsletter, here is a few of the many enhancements that have been implemented:

- new high visibility tape on two gates
- regular landscaping
- annual power washing of our building
- our well head was lowered to facilitate range expansion
- our men's room was remodeled (women's room remodeling will be coming soon)
- electronic key use expanded
- cabinet added, specifically for range repair parts and tool storage
- rear doors on our building were replaced
- septic system was pumped
- the club room, training room and indoor ranges were repainted
- left outdoor range structure was repaired and improved

Lost and Found

If you find any item of value at our facility, please just put it in the 'Lost and Found' box in our club room. If you are looking for an item of value accidentally left at our facility, the 'Lost and Found' box is the only place to look (besides where you think you may have left it).

Other Issues of Interest

Review of ATF Concealed Carry Course

On Sunday May 1st, I took one of the training courses offered at our club. It was the "Concealed Carry Pistol/Revolver" course conducted by Advanced Tactics and Firearms LLC. Jim Markowski and Mark Poirier were our instructors. Both have amazing resumes and have been there and done that. Although I have been shooting for decades I have never had any formal instruction. In speaking to Jim, he said it was about time! I was a little apprehensive since I really didn't know what to expect and didn't want to make a fool out of myself in the actual shooting portion of the class. I was wrong. The class was not only informative but geared toward all skill levels I've never drawn from a holster so I obtained an OWB Kydex holster, a two magazine belt carrier and a solid belt to hold it all including my S & W 1911 .45 ACP.

The course started out with about 45 minutes of classroom instruction covering a multitude of concealed carry issues. It was very interesting and went by fast. Then it was on to the shooting!

We went through a number of drills including draw and fire, reloading on the fly, and much more. We each fired over 300 rounds. Jim and Mark encouraged everyone to go at their own pace. It was more about technique than being the fastest. Both of them have a lot of patience and never raise their voices when a shooter makes that inevitable mistake. Safety was number one and was constantly stressed throughout the course. I think anyone who decides to carry concealed or even just wants to learn some defensive techniques should consider this course. Obtaining your LTC is just the beginning of a long learning experience.

As for me, I now have a lot more confidence in my gun handling techniques. Defensive shooting is a much different experience than punching paper or plinking at tin cans.

More information is available on the club's website under training or you can contact Jim at jpm264@aol.com.

Chuck D. (club member)

Volunteers Needed

Your club is looking for volunteers to do general minor cleanup to help keep our ranges clean. If you are interested, please contact the Secretary.

NEW Rapid-fire Pins and Plates League

Your club has purchased new steel targets for this league (which only started this month) and runs every other Saturday during the Summer. See our web site for more information (or click [here](#)).

Quote: Philip Van Cleave, [Virginia Citizens Defense League](#)

"As Americans we must continue to say, 'no' to any further gun control as we work to repeal most of what is already on the books. Dallas is a reminder that we need to be armed everywhere we go, just in case the unthinkable happens."

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