

Alleghany Rifle Association, Inc.

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Winter 2018 Newsletter

The Alleghany Rifle Association, Inc. is a 501C3 tax exempt non-political organization.

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From the President

Welcome to 2018!! First, the big news... the Alleghany Rifle Association, Inc. owns the range property! Let us continue to be responsible stewards of *our* land.

The Thursday night club matches will continue as always on the second and fourth Thursday nights of each month beginning at 7:00 pm. The schedule is completed, and can be found on our website, *alleghanyrifle.com*. Many thanks to Dennis Bennett for running the matches this year. Come on out and join us!

There will be other matches scheduled throughout the year as events and dates are finalized. Details will be posted on the website as they become available.

See you at the range!

R. Jeff Wyatt - 2018 President

From the Board of Directors

The above members of the ARA, Inc. Board of Officers and Directors are dedicated to the continued improvement of your Club. Board members are available to assist members with questions and information regarding the operation of the Association and the Range. The ARA, Inc. Board meets the first Saturday of each month.

***Club Dues:** Club dues for 2018 will be \$100.00. This increase will help with our land purchase payments. Please mail your renewal check to the address above. A \$25.00 fee is charged after March 15th.

* The Board of Directors are proud to announce to the membership the purchase of the remaining ½ interest in the Rifle Range property. The property came available when the owners made a charitable donation of their property interest to the Alleghany Memorial Hospital Foundation, Inc. The Alleghany Rifle Association Board negotiated the purchase with Shirley Richardson of the AMH Foundation, Tom Gentry of Skyline National Bank in Sparta assisted with the financing and Heather Klein of Sparta handled the property closing for the Club.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in this process for their commitment to keeping this important asset in our community.

***Range work date:** February 17th at 10:00 a.m. Contact any Board member for details.

* The Board is pleased to announce that charter member and longtime competitive shooter, **Dennis Bennett** has accepted the position of **Master Range Officer**. Dennis and his appointed Senior Range Officers will be

responsible for the **review, approval** and **scheduling** of all proposed matches, and group activities. In addition a Range Officer will be present to oversee operation, scoring and to ensure range safety during matches. If you have an idea for a match, or **if you are interested in assisting at an upcoming event**, please email Dennis at dsbennett@embarqmail.com .

From the Range

2018 is shaping up to be a really great year at the Range. There will be several matches scheduled and hopefully more to come. Here is what we have confirmed at this time:

*Thursday night Club Match: This match is open to Club members and occurs on the 2nd and 4th Thursday night of each month. It is a points competition which culminates in the awarding of the Club Champion at the end of 2018. You do not have to compete for the Club Championship in order to take part in this Match. There are several different disciplines that are shot over the course of the year. Everything from factory 22 to unlimited centerfire rifles, handguns, even skeet. Any member can compete in any of the matches.

*Friday night "red dot" Match: The match takes place the first Friday night of each month at 7 pm. This is an open match, so anyone can compete. The only restrictions are: 22lr rifles with a maximum 6.5 power scope at 50 yards. There are 4 matches per night. The first three matches pay back 50% of the entry fees for that match. The fourth match pays back 100% of the entry fees paid for that match. This is a very competitive match that everyone really enjoys. Come out and try it out.

*Saturday UBR (Ultimate Benchrest) Match: This match is sanctioned by UBR. It consists of 4 classes: Factory, Modified, Custom and Unlimited. This match is shot at 100 yards. You can see match schedules and learn more about the organization by visiting www.UltimateBenchrest.com

The schedule for the upcoming season is not definite at this time. If you are interested in competing or helping with the match , contact Jamie Loggins at loggins@skybest.com .

*If you are a blackpowder enthusiast, we had a series of blackpowder matches last year that were very popular. We are currently looking for someone to run this match for the upcoming year. If you are interested please contact Senior Range Officer, Dennis Bennett at dsbennett@embarqmail.com

Fundraising

Due to our recent land acquisition fundraising is vitally important to the future of our Club. If you have an idea for a fund raiser to benefit the land purchase, get in contact with any of the Board members listed at the top of the newsletter. Please provide a detailed description of your idea in order to have it presented to the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

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