

STRAIGHT SHOOTER

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Current membership 611

Meeting Information

Third Tuesday of the month St. Francois County Courthouse Annex at 7:00 p.m.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The renewal for the year is coming to an end on Dec.31st. I hope all members will have renewed by now. Otherwise you will have to re-apply as a new member and go through the safety meeting all over again.

We have done a lot at the club this year. We bought the trailer park to the south of the club and will be closing on that soon. We had the concrete poured for the new addition on the bench rest side. We replaced target backers with new drill rod. We replaced the old pavilion by the pistol range and bought some new picnic tables.

I was finally able to locate a drilling company to drill the holes needed at the 300 yd. line. Out of 12 holes drilled we hit granite in 11 of them. We also picked up a new member by the name of Ken Humphrey out of Fredericktown.

We had a good turnout of members at the spring workday. I was hoping since we had so much work to do this fall we would get another good turnout. I was wrong! Only 12 members including myself showed up. We installed the 300 yd. backers and cleaned the gutters.

We had worked many days prior to the workday to have all the material ordered and on site to extend the roof over the bench rest area. It had to be moved inside for storage. We had members drive up wanting to shoot and when we told them it was the work day, they got back in their trucks and left instead of offering to help.

Other clubs have assessments for members when they don't show up for workdays. We have over 600 members and 12 showed up! We will be bringing this issue up at the next meeting. If the members won't turn out to get the work done, then we will have to contract it out. Think about it!

Now I would like to address the issue of the gongs we put up earlier in the year! The gongs we put up were capable of withstanding thousands of hits with lead core ammo. We told everyone not to shoot magnums, steel core, or AP rounds at them because it would destroy the gongs.

Well the gongs have been destroyed! They had the mounting tabs broken the chains shot, and even the mounting link on the overhead bars shot off. Either we have some piss poor shots or some good marksmen who purposefully aimed at these areas that were damaged. Even mounting plates for the 2x4's have been shot. Some wear and tear is normal, and we expect that. But this is not!

The gongs cost the club \$500.00!! We got about 5 months of use out of them. We will need to re-evaluate if the gongs will be replaced. STOP DESTROYING YOUR CLUB!!! If you feel the need to destroy something, please go home and destroy something of yours!

I would also like to point out that we are a gun club! Not a archery club, artillery range, or any other thing that our members think they can shoot. We had a member show up at the range on Oct. 20th and shoot off a small cannon. We had members going down range to get their arrows while people were shooting. NO ARCHERY!!! NO CANNONS!!! It makes me wonder if you're using your head for something other than a hat rack!

I get compliments all the time from people when they see the club. They are very impressed with what we have, Let's keep it that way.

I want to wish all our members a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. God Bless.

Rick Rapert President 67 Gun Club

It's Membership Renewal Time

In mid-October membership renewals were sent out in the U.S. mail to all members. The deadline for renewals is 31 December 2015. As of the 15th of November we have only received 215 renewals out of 611 current members. Please remember when you renew you have to complete a renewal application, have proof of NRA membership and include the correct funds. Please pay with a check or a money order, do not send cash in the mail. If by chance you lost or never received you membership renewal, you may go to the club website and print out the renewal application in the membership area.

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Range Safety

It is important at all times to follow safe handling and firing of firearms. We do not want anyone to be injured while enjoying shooting. If you see someone not following safe shooting or handling of firearms please let them know. Safety is very important at all times. Here are just a few safety rules.

- 1. All firearms should be pointed down range at all times
- 2. Rifles sitting in the rifle racks should have chamber safety indicators
- 3. When the line is called safe step away from the shooting benches and do not touch any firearms or ammunition.
- 4. Always wear ear and eye protection

Fall Work Day

I would like to personally thank the following members who showed up and worked on the fall workday:

Greg Robbs - Vice President

Tony Miano - Range Safety Officer

Scott Meyers - High Power Match Captain

Don Carr, Scott Mullen, Dean Murphy, Ted Holland, Gary LaBruyere, Keith Heime, Gary Underwood, Jerry Miller, and myself.

Larry LaChance - Secretary, Tom and Bill Bridgewater who did a lot of prep work for the workday.

Again Thank You!!

Rick Rapert

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Monthly Business

The club holds a monthly business meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 PM. This meeting is held at the St. Francois County Courthouse Annex on the top floor. All business is handled during this meeting with normally about 10-15 members voting on major projects that effect the around 600 members. This meeting is open to all members and we invite everyone to attend and help make the decisions that make your club better.

E-Mail Updates

Want to get more range updates and current information on matches? E-mail the club at 67gunclubinc@gmail.com During the summer the Secretary will send out e-mail updates and news.

Do you have an ideal or suggest

Do you have an ideal that would help improve the range or a suggestion that would make the range a better place to shoot? Attend the monthly business meeting and lets us know. If your work schedule or distance prevents you from attending one of the monthly meetings then contact a club officer or email the club at 67gunclubinc@gmail.com

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