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Current membership 588

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Annex at 7:00 p.m.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We had our 50th Anniversary Banquet on 7-15-17 to honor our Founding Members. Everything went well and the Founding Members appeared to all have a good time and enjoyed the evening. We had plaques made up for them and they really appreciated it. We had two members, Ray Cover and Buzz Lashley, make custom knives that were auctioned off and the proceeds went to the Security Fund.

It is coming up on renewal time for the gun club. Renewals will be going out in Sept.. Renewals are due between Oct. 1st. to Dec. 31st.. Any renewals received after that will require you to apply for new membership and pay the required fees and attend a range safety meeting. So to avoid all this please renew early.

As everyone should know, we brought up the issue of range security in the Feb. 2017 newsletter after suffering several break-in's in 2016. Over the past several years it is estimated the club has suffered losses of around \$23,000.00. We discussed and approved a 3- Stage Plan. Stage 1- Alarm system, video camera system, and dusk to dawn lights, Stage 2- Card reader gate system, and Stage 3- A cable barrier fence along the front and north side of the property behind the block wall.

We have completed everything in stage 1, except the lights which we will be working on in the near future. We have had quite a few members make donations to the project, however nowhere near enough to cover the total cost. We were hoping that the membership would step up and make a voluntary donation to the fund so we could have had stage 2, completed by this time. The card reader system would save the club about \$800.00 yearly on the cost of new locks, key blanks and cutting them. On the card reader system everyone would be issued their own individual access card allowing you to enter and exit the property just by waving it at the card reader. As the secretary receives renewals he would just have to activate the members card for the new year. Any member who does not renew would have his membership card deactivated.

It was brought up at the Aug. meeting that since the donation request did not produce the desired results we hoped for. We decided on a one time security assessment fee of \$40.00 per member due with your 2018 renewal. This assessment fee does not apply to the members who voluntarily made a donation. We also approved to increase the initiation fee for new members from \$25.00 to \$50.00. That way they are also paying a fair share for security. It was also brought up at the meeting that a lot of members expressed a desire to use credit cards, therefore we approved for Larry LaChance to buy a credit card reader and to start accepting credit cards.

We know we may lose a few members over the assessment fee, but I hope most of the members realize how nice of a club we have and how reasonable our dues are. They kick in a few dollars here and there for projects like this, so we can keep our dues at a very reasonable amount. What we end up with is a club we can all be proud to be a member of. We receive a lot of compliments on our club! I'm proud to be able to do the work of the President.

Thank you.

Rick Rapert
President 67 Gun Club

\$40 Gate Assessment for 2018

Each member this year will be charged a \$40 assessment on their membership renewal. This is to pay for a new automatic gate system in to the range. The projected cost is to be around \$20,000 for the gate, key cards and complete labor. The new gate will open by a key card that looks similar to a credit card. You will just have to have the card and this will end the mailing of keys to members. You will no longer have to get out of your car to open the gate or to close it. The gate will be installed sometime during the summer of 2018.

Range Safety

Hope all is well. It will be great shooting now that the weather has cooled down. Just a reminder that everyone needs to be vigilant about safety at the range. I have noticed that someone has put a round through one of the roof boards at the pistol range. We still have people shooting shotguns at the rifle backers. This is not to be done. The warning light system is working. Anytime you go down range, this must be used, even if you are there alone.

Fall work day is October 14th. We have a couple of projects that need finished and all help is appreciated. Remember to be safe and have a great time shooting.

Thank you,
Tom Bridgewater

Membership Renewal starts in October

Membership renewal will start on October 1st and end on December 31st. This year we have changes that some may like. Renewals this year will be a little different as you will have the option of renewing in person and to pay by debit or credit card. Also most members will not have to show proof of NRA membership. The NRA will let us know who needs to renew their NRA membership. If you wish to renew your club membership in person you may do so Monday – Friday from 8:30am to 5:00pm at 22 Crane street in Park Hills at LaChance Heating and Cooling / LaChance Locksmith / LaChance Storage. Or at the Range on Saturday mornings during the month of October from 9am to noon. If you pay in person we will accept cash, checks, money orders, Visa, MasterCard or Discover.

Renew your NRA Membership Early

We now will have an NRA membership renewal link on our website that you can renew your NRA membership directly with the NRA at our clubs special pricing. You will be able to renew your NRA membership anytime or your friends can also join the NRA there also.

Found items

If you have lost an item at the range contact Rick Rapert, Tom Bridgewater, Larry LaChance or any club officer. Over the past year we have found steel targets, hearing aids, staplers and many more items. Please remember you will need to describe the item to us so that we know it is yours.

Fifty Years

The 15th of July.2017 was the night of the 50th Anniversary Celebration. The location was The Knights of Columbus Hall in Bonne Terre. With close to 100 people in attendance it was a great night for all. Everyone enjoyed the silent auction with several items to bid on. Two special items were handmade knives donated to the club to help raise funds for future club improvements. The two knives were donated by knife smiths, Raymond Cover and Buzz Lashley, whom are also club members. Everyone enjoyed a fabulous meal of roast beef and fried chicken with all the fixings, salad and desert, no one went home hungry. Raffle tickets were sold during the evening for chances to win one of five firearms. Three handguns and two rifles were up for grabs. Tony M., Leslie F. and Eric R. each walked away with a handgun, while Jennifer R. made off with both rifles. Lots of big smiles. The six founding members of the 67 Gun Club were in attendance that evening to help celebrate. Before introducing each one, Francis Asher, gave a brief talk on the forming of the club after which Club President Rick Rapert came up to the podium to introduce each founding member, Francis Asher, John Ratliff, Jerry Ratliff, Victor Thomas, Gene Williams and George Oliver M.D. Each founding member was gave a plaque in recognition of their hard work, effort, and dedication to forming The 67 Gun Club 50 years ago and helping to get it where it is today The evening concluded with the Match Captains handing out the 2016 Shooting Match Awards to the top shooters of the 2016 Match Season.

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. Don't like the way something is done in the club or at the range then attend the monthly meeting and be part of the decision making process.

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 idea or suggestion?

Do you have an idea 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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