NEWSLETTER
Of The
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And the Louisiana Shooting Association
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Next meeting is on Tuesday, April 5th at Genesis Fitness Center in Westlake.
Please arrive by 7:15, meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. sharp.

Notes from March meeting called to order at 7:30
Range Report: The range is in great shape!

Treasurer's report: Members are welcome to view and/or obtain a copy of the financial report at any meeting. We are at 394 members for 2015-2016. We had expenditures of $7778. The major expenditure was $5650 for the pad on the Rifle side and drainage work. We also had some electrical work done on the Rifle Range in preparation for the National Tournament in June.

Match Reports:

- **Bullseye Discipline** No report; the next Bullseye Match will be March 12.
- The **Rifle Discipline** held a match in February with 21 shooters.
- The **Action Pistol Discipline** held a monthly match in February and is gearing up for the Crawfish Cup Regional that will be held April 22 and 23. The range will be open for practice the entire week of April 18th, but will work around members who wish to shoot. The New Bay will be set up for the Practical Event and closed for general practice that week.

New Applicants (Sponsor) Petitioning the Club for Membership:

- Burt Young (RSO) (Harold Racca)
- Ken Yantis (Gary Yantis)
- Donald Verret (Garland Prejean)
- Sam Ihli (Doug Walsworth)

New Members Voted In:

- Wayne McClure, Chris Stickel, Richert Self, J.J. Richard, Dustin Hebert, Rob Morse, Michael Peal and John (Jack) Robichaux were voted into the club.

Meeting Discussions:

- Each January, the President appoints a Dues Committee and a Nominating Committee to recommend the dues and officer nominations for the coming year. These committees will report at the March Meeting. Their recommendations will be voted upon by the general membership in attendance at the April meeting and take effect in May.

    - The Dues Committee recommended an increase of $20 per year to $110, plus the $10 New Range Fund fee for a total of $120. Initiation for new members is 50% of the dues amount, so the new initiation will be $55. This will be voted upon at the April meeting. ***Due to this pending vote, please do not send in renewals until you receive an email or snail-mail notice after the April meeting!***
    - The Nomination Committee recommended the existing Board be accepted by acclamation since no one expressed interest in any positions and there were no nominations from the floor.
- Update on Projects:
    - The new pad on the Rifle Side is in place and drainage work has been completed. Fly ash will be spread in the parking area when it becomes available.
    - The berm extension work and general range drainage work will continue as weather permits
- The gate has been modified; try not to drag the locking post on the north gate. There is a tool to clean out the locking post socket hanging on the fence to the right of the gate when facing the range. Simply insert it in the socket, rotate it clockwise and lift dirt out of the socket.
- ***It was reported that live rounds continue to be found in burn barrels!*** Please put live rounds in the yellow containers mounted around the range.
- There is a new breaker box on the Rifle Range. Be careful.
- A member asked about using bowling pins as targets. Bowling pins are normally allowed to be shot only in approved Club activities. The Board will discuss the personal use of bowling pins and respond.

Announcements:

- **Project updates:**
    - Work in the New Bay has been ongoing this past month. The bay is being prepared for a temporary Action Pistol Practical Event target array. This will not impede on the use of the New Bay for general shooting except for the week of the Regional Tournament that is held each April. The New Bay will be closed to general shooting April 18th through April 24th. *This project is being funded by the **Midsouth Shooters Supply** sponsorship money.*
    - **The range will be open for Crawfish Cup practice the week of April 18th through 21st. Every effort will be made to avoid restricting member use of the range during those dates. The entire range will be closed on Friday and Saturday, April 22nd and 23rd for the Crawfish Cup Regional.**
    - We currently have 85 competitors registered for the Crawfish Cup, including quite a few well-known names, Past National and World Champion Doug Koenig, past National Champions Bruce Piatt and Kevin Angstadt, Chris Cerino of Top Shot fame, Tony Holmes, Carl Bernosky, Becky Yackley and more! Chris Cerino is reportedly bringing a film crew. Volunteers are needed both during the week and on match days. Contact George or Gary. Spectators are welcome. Midsouth Shooters Supply will be tweeting and posting live updates from the range.
    - The berm behind the Mover and Plate Ranges has been extended south to the Great Wall II in order to provide a better backstop for the Bullseye Range. ***The dirt contractor still has about a day's work to perform down range, but the area***

in which he needs to work is too wet. He has one track-hoe behind the New Bay berm, where he will clean out the large ditch that runs behind that berm. It is in a safe location. There will be a closure of approximately one day in the future, whenever the ground is dry enough. Check the website for closure notices before heading to the range!!!

- To sign up for the free online magazine Shooting Sports USA, click on this link: http://www.ssusa.org/sign-up-for-updates
- **New website address:** The new address is www.swlarifleandpistol.club.
- We now have a "Join the NRA" link on our site. Joining or renewing via this link offers a discounted price and the Club gets a small commission from the NRA.
- **Swap Meet:** A reminder that members are encouraged to bring items for sale or trade to each meeting. While our meetings are held in a firearm-friendly facility, please ensure all firearms are ***UNLOADED and CASED***.

- **Range Schedule:**
  - Always check the website for the latest revision of the Range Schedule before planning your Range trip. We will always work to keep the latest schedule as accurately as possible on the website at **www.swlarifleandpistol.club**.

2015 – 2016 RANGE SCHEDULE (Revised 11/05/2015)

Please keep this schedule to help in planning your range visits!

APRIL	MAY	JUNE
9: BULLSEYE MATCH* 17: RIFLE MATCH (VFS)** **23 & 24: REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: ACTION PISTOL**	14: BULLSEYE MATCH* 21: ACTION PISTOL MATCH*** **22: STATE CHAMPIONSHIP HUNTER CLASS RIFLE MATCH****	**5 THROUGH 10: NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: BENCH REST RIFLE (Entire Range Closed)**

* = Indicates the Handgun Side is CLOSED until the match is over. (Late afternoon)
**** = Only Steel Bay is CLOSED.
*** = Indicates the Handgun Side is CLOSED until the completion of the match. (About noon)
BOLD dates and description indicate that the entire range is closed.