

# SPC PRIMER

Syracuse Pistol Club

Fall Edition

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** by Kurt Brown



Well it appears that our summer is nearly over. We had a great year, at SPC! This year, our outdoor range was open for shooting and I hope all enjoy shooting outdoors again. I would like to remind members that we do not allow the use of shotguns or center fire rifles on our ranges.

### **FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS**

Our new parking lot appears to be holding up well. It will definitely make a huge difference this winter when we shoot at the club and have to walk across the lot to the clubhouse. I would like to remind members that they should park allowing for others to use the facilities too. Let's look at the lot again in the picture below, wow what a nice parking lot at the SPC



Club House Improvements were on our priority list this year also, we installed new windows, a new heating and air conditioning system. I hope to see other improvements as we continue to make the Syracuse Pistol Club one of the best in the area.



## **SPC SUMMER BANQUET**

*by Matt Withers*

Our Summer League Banquet was held on Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Club House. The meal, catered by John Rebour, was an Italian feast featuring home made lasagna, sausage peppers and onions sandwiches, bar-b-que'd chicken, salad, and an array of delicious deserts provided by the attendees. Suffice it to say, no one left hungry.

The grand prize drawing of an annual membership was won by Dominick Maio and everyone took home a door prize.

Awards for the Summer league were handed out and included: The Big Foot Memorial Trophy for Revolver went to Fred Bruce with a season average of 286.5. Ironically, this was the exact same average Fred posted when he won the same award in the previous season.



The Most Improved Pistol shooter trophy went to Eric Buttiglieri with an improvement of 20.83 points.

Silver Plate Awards for Club High average in .22 pistol went

to Matt Withers with an 18 week average of 288.4. In the Center Fire category, the Silver Plate also went to Withers with an average of 275.5

Winners of the .22 shooter's classification awards went to Dick McCale in the Master class, Mark Buttiglieri in Expert, Bob Hanlon in the Sharpshooter class, and Fred Cowburn in the Marksman class.

In Center Fire, the classification winners were Joe Leotta in the Master class, Bob Callahan in the Expert class, and Fred Cowburn in the Marksman class. There was no top shooter in the Sharpshooter class.

100 point "clean" target scores were recorded in .22 pistol for four shooters. Mark Squadrito shot one clean target. Dick McCale shot four, Matt Withers three, and Mark Buttiglieri one. No clean targets were recorded for Center Fire or revolver.

In the .22 Pistol Team category, the Club High Team for the summer was the Blue Knights team made up of Fred Bruce, Al May, George Camerdella, and Matt Withers. They shot a team average of 284.86.



In rifle, the Most Improved Shooter trophy went to Al May with an improvement of 9.23 points.

The Silver Plate Award for Club High Average in .22 Rifle was won by Jack Gardner with an average of 238.4 out of a possible 250.

The winners in Rifle in each classification were Fred Bruce, Master, Clifford Jones, Expert,

Al May in Sharpshooter, and Gordon Maycumber in the Marksman class.

There were no "150" or "100" Clean Target awards in this year's league, but two individuals cleaned single targets to earn their "50" pins. Dan Wilczak had one and Jack Gardner shot three.

All participants earned a patch or season "rocker" to go along with their patch. These will be distributed when they arrive from the manufacturer.

Winter League sign up will be Wednesday Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> in the Club House at 7pm and League shooting will commence one week later on Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Joining a League is a great way to hone your skills, meet other Club members, ask questions of the better shooters, and have a fun competition that's not high pressure.

Cost is \$20/gun, and you can shoot in the .22, Center Fire (.32 and above), or the Revolver competitions for pistol, or all of them if you prefer.

The Rifle League also has several categories of competition allowing the novice to compete with the top shooters.

The League lasts 18 weeks, but breaks for the holidays, and you can shoot ahead and bank scores for those times when the weather is bad or you don't want to miss the SU game!

Come out to sign up and be assigned to a team. I hear Martin Toly will hook you up with a winner for a reasonable tip!



### SPC SAFETY CORNER

by Tim O'Boyle

The safety committee has processed 26 new members in September and is already scheduling the October 15th and November 19th Meetings. We expect to have a good number of new members for those months as it starts to get cooler and more people want to shoot in a heated and controlled environment.

The Safety Meetings are open to general membership if you want a refresher on what we require at SPC from ALL members. This would be good if you have not been shooting in a while. There is no charge for members in good standing.

Please let the safety committee know of your interest by email at [safety@syracusepistolclub.net](mailto:safety@syracusepistolclub.net). As we move indoors, the need to observe the posted Safety rules is extremely important. SPC requires the use of Safety Chamber Flags in all benched firearms so all members know when they are made safe. They are located on the far wall of the indoor range.

We are also reminding members to only unbox their firearms on the firing line. The tables behind the line are only for storing your boxes or bags. We ask that you never take your firearm from the tables to the firing line exposed.



### SPC CLUB MEMBERSHIP

by Tim O'Boyle

We have started the renewal process!

You should look to your mailboxes for the renewal applications. They will have a few more things to fill out to maintain our database. They include your Member ID number and your FOB number. The FOB # is on the Key or Card FOB itself and it is the last 7 digits. Your Member ID number is on your ID Card. You can keep the card until you receive the 2014 card. We are also including a flyer on the fundraiser as well as raffle tickets. It is the only fundraiser we do, so please buy the tickets or sell the tickets and include the completed stubs with your renewal. If you need more, ask and we will get them out to you when the first 12 are returned.

We ask everyone to return their completed renewals by the end of October. We will be turning off FOBs starting in the middle of November. We look forward to your continued membership and we will continue to make improvements around the club.

New members for 2014 started in September. Thanks to the Open House and the Gun Show, we ran two Safety Meetings and welcomed 26 new Pistol Club members. Again, some were experienced and some were new shooters.

### SPC OPEN HOUSE

by Matt Withers

The SPC held an Open House on Wednesday evening September 18<sup>th</sup>. Twenty eight perspective members attended and were given a tour of the facilities by Board members, Ed Hyne, Dan Wiczak, Mark Buttiglieri, Tim O'Boyle, Bob Hanlon, and others.

A presentation of the Club was made by Vice President Matt Withers. Several of the evening's guests have already joined the Club and have successfully completed the Club's Safety program. Welcome to those new members!

The next SPC Open House will be held in the Spring immediately following the Gun Show at the NY State Fair Grounds. An announcement of the date will be posted on the Club website and in the Club House when the date is finalized.



**THE SYRACUSE PISTOL CLUB** was originally founded in 1948, as the Syracuse Pistol League, and later changed to the Syracuse Pistol Club. We've since grown to over 400 active members and continue to attract interest throughout the country and from local citizens who are proponents of safe gun use and who also enjoy the fun of organized target shooting competition. This history is being documented on our website and we also hope to have some snippets of our club history on there as well. Regardless, we are not an overnight success - we have a strong membership of local citizens who are all proponents of safe gun use. Our club is a proud member of the elite NRA Gold Medal Club.



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