

SPC PRIMER

Syracuse Pistol Club

Spring Edition

April 2013

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Kurt Brown



Well it appears that our long winter might indeed be over. We need to look forward to the summer season and shooting at SPC. This year our outdoor range will be 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. We have had a couple of incidents where people have fired in violation of the club rules on the ranges, and have been sanctioned for it. Our club has a great relationship with the neighbors and enjoys a good safety history. **Please follow the rules or face removal from our membership!** If you have questions or you're not sure of the rules, please call me @ 315-345-8696 or check our SPC website and download a copy of the club rules.

NY & National Politics:

By now, everyone should be aware that our **2nd Amendment** rights are under attack. Your SPC Officers & Board have since decided to become more proactive in this issue. We will be attending rallies & sending important updates to members throughout the year. As we approach the upcoming elections, we will remind our members of those representatives who seemingly abandoned us. We will be asking that we vote for different people to represent our interests in the future. Please get involved and voice your opinions to our NY & National representatives to show we care about our rights and wish to preserve our sport from these attacks against law abiding citizens. The NY SAFE ACT has and will continue to impact us in a negative way. We respect the rule of law, however the laws need to be directed towards those who choose to harm others and commit illegal acts. This law doesn't change the criminal behavior or violent acts that our society has been exposed to, **this law impacts US.** Get involved, or we risk losing more of our rights, we need to have everyone work towards electing representatives who better support our causes and changing these laws.

Summer Leagues:

Our summer **Pistol & Rim Fire 22 Rifle Leagues** will begin soon. Sign up dates for the outdoor summer leagues will be held on **May 1, 2013 at 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM**, inside the clubhouse.

Our first league shooting will start on Wed. May 8th:

Morning Leagues @ 8:00 AM for 22 Rifle & @ 9:15 AM for Pistol.

Evening Leagues @ 5:00 PM for 22 Rifle & @ 6:15 PM for Pistol.

SPC Cleanup Day:

May 18th has been selected as cleanup day at SPC; we will begin cleaning up the grounds and facilities at 8:00 AM until noon. The club will provide Food & Drinks for the volunteers who help us clean up our club. Please set this time aside so that we can get the club looking good for the summer's shooting at SPC.

Winter League BBQ:

June 9th is the date we've selected for our winter league BBQ. A signup sheet will be available inside the clubhouse for members and league shooters to sign up to attend. We also will draw the fundraising ticket winners that day. The BBQ meal will start at 1:00 PM.

SPC ATTENDING THE SYRACUSE GUN SHOW

by David Wells



The SPC will be participating in and manning a table at the spring Syracuse Gun Show, being held at the New York State fairgrounds on Saturday & Sunday, April 20 and 21st. Our primary objective at the show is

to inform any interested individuals about our SPC organization and to encourage any prospective members into attending our Open House scheduled for Wednesday, April 24 at 6:30 PM at our Henry Clay Blvd. facilities.

SPC STANDING HOUSE RULE

PLEASE do not bring any furniture to the range such as chairs etc., without prior approval of the Board.

SPC HISTORIAN

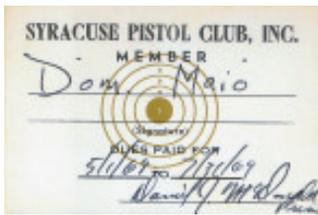
by David Hagenmayer

This request is aimed at our elder statesman that have been members of this pistol club for quite some time. Would you please send me information as to the facilities where club leagues and matches were held in the past; such as the old Syracuse Armory on Franklin & West Jefferson streets and also,

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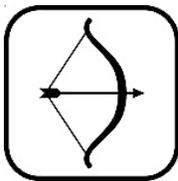
if you remember the dates and names of the residing club presidents at that time?



Information can be sent to me at dnguyenmayer@verizon.net

ARCHERY CORNER

By Bob Hanlon



We are introducing a NEW and exciting platform at our Syracuse Pistol Club beginning this spring! Hi everyone, my name is Bob Hanlon and I will be your Archery Point of Contact for the Syracuse Pistol Club. The club has given us permission to shoot archery at positions 1-4 on the outdoor pistol range.

We have safety rules approved by the Board of Directors (listed below). So that we can plan accordingly, I would appreciate getting a count on the number of people interested. *So please, if you're interested in shooting archery at the club, send me an email at bunnyman01@aol.com.*

If you have any questions about this new activity, please feel free to email me. The following proposal has been approved by the Board of Directors.

Archery at Syracuse Pistol Club:

We will be allowing archery *on lanes 1-4 of the outdoor range* on the basis that it does not interfere with pistol and rifle shooting. Syracuse Pistol Club members would be allowed to bring their archery equipment to the outdoor range and use the range (positions 1-4) as an archery range. Cross-bows are not allowed on the range due to the extended range and higher power of crossbows. Members will bring their own archery targets to shoot at as described below.

Range Safety Rules:

- All shooting of arrows will take place at the firing line.
- All shooting of arrows will be in the down range direction.
- Arrows will not be placed on the bow until the shooter is ready to shoot them.
- Bows will only be drawn in the down range direction.
- Archers will wear hearing protection if firearms are being shot on the range at other positions.
- To pick up arrows that have been shot down range, archers must first make the line safe.
- To do this they must coordinate with firearm shooters to make the line safe before proceeding down range.
- If only archery is taking place, then the archer must also make the line safe with other archers before proceeding down range to retrieve arrows or to adjust targets.

Targets:

Acceptable targets are of the block type sold at most sporting goods stores. Paper targets may be attached to the block targets. Field tip or Broad Heads may only be used if a members target supports them.



SPC SAFETY CORNER

By Mark Buttiglieri

Our Safety Class (offered the 3rd Tuesday of every month) was developed by our safety committee as our membership increased, to insure that our new members learned about our range capabilities, operations, specific rules and regulations and last but not least, how we define safety at the SPC.

At the SPC, for the purposes for which it was designed, our indoor & outdoor ranges have some limitations and we have specific shooting activities which are authorized and prohibited. Center fire magnums are strictly prohibited.

For a full list, please go to our site, www.syracusepistolclub.net and read the RULES and BYLAWS.

At our Safety Class, you'll also learn about the club operations; hours, opening and closing procedures, types of targets and applications with respect to both the indoor & outdoor ranges.

Lastly, we cover the range rules, etiquette and safety. But wait, there's more ... each new member has the opportunity to shoot their firearm on the range as part of the course.

The safety committee is comprised of knowledgeable firearms enthusiasts, certified NRA instructors and board members. To register, please go to our aforementioned website.



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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