

SPC PRIMER

Syracuse Pistol Club

Summer Edition

July 2013

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Kurt Brown



I hope all of you are enjoying this warm and humid summer so far. We have been busy at the club as I hope you have seen. We now have a beautifully paved parking lot, security systems in place to insure members only are using our ranges and I'm sure we haven't finished just yet. We will be installing new windows which open and allow some much needed air to circulate, we will be looking at a new surface for the floors indoors in the next couple of months.

A couple of housekeeping issues to address;

The bike riders please use a kick stand puck to prevent damage to the surface of the blacktop. Please remember that the cars can cause damage also, so please drive carefully through, watch turns and take off when driving in and out.

Our Raffle winners were drawn at the BBQ. Below are the names and dollar amounts awarded.

Vincent Graziano : SPC Member, Won 650.00 and donated \$600.00 to the club

John Seeland: SPC Member, Won 100.00 and donated \$100.00 to the club

Carlos DaVila: SPC Member, Won \$100.00 and donated \$50.00 to the club

Ron Dean: Won \$50.00

Nick Ranalli: Won \$50.00

I also want you to take note that the top three winners were club members who donated money back to the club, this was more than a grand gesture, it more than speaks well of the members commitment to all

If there are suggestions on how to further improve a member's experience at the club please feel free to contact me. Kwbrown57@gmail.com



WELL, THEY DID IT AGAIN

They ... being some of our elite NYS Representatives in Albany along with Governor Cuomo, published that they will NOT amend the **SAFE ACT** ... **and then they do**. But this amendment is nothing more than giving in to select down-state LE groups, helping them enforce an already unjust Law.

The link below to the Post Standard article may help clear up some of the questions and concerns you may have. First and foremost being a retired police Officer myself, I have no use for any law that separates people. [Your comments on SAFE Act amendment: Is it fair to give retired police officers an exemption?](#)

Don't be fooled, this law doesn't provide any rights to the majority of retired LE, it only provides rights to the elite in Law Enforcement. This law provides special rights to a small number of LE who are politically aligned, might be there to protect the interests of the Politicians. The NY SAFE ACT from its inception was wrong; every attempt at this point to amend it has only made matters worse. This law is unjust; the only real answer to the whole issue is to repeal the law in its entirety.

If the NYS legislature and our Governor really want to provide a safer environment for our NYS families then stop working on special interest issues and enforce laws that are currently in place to the fullest. If you take a

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hard look at how the current laws are enforced in this state you would be appalled, the vast major of crimes go unpunished and the criminals walk away laughing at us.

I ask that all of our SPC members and friends who follow our posts keep the faith and continue to speak out against this law and others that are unfairly imposed on us.

Reach out to our representatives who really want to serve the people and vote the others out.

Kurt Brown
SPC President

SPC CLUB MEMBERSHIP

by Tim O'Boyle



Membership Milestone

From the Membership Chair, Tim O'Boyle, May 2013 marked a milestone for SPC.

With the May Safety Orientation class, we pushed our membership above 500 active members.

The May Class was beyond capacity but with some coordination and patience from the new members, we processed 16 people through the class. There was a mix of men and women, experienced and new shooters, all looking forward to using the facilities.

We are preparing for the 2014 membership renewals now. The paperwork will be showing up in mail boxes starting in September.

Renewals will continue membership from November 1st, 2013 through October 31st, 2014.

Access control Fobs and Cards will remain the same and there is no extra charge for them this year.

Please keep your eye out for the renewal notices.

Any question in reference to SPC Membership, please e-mail Tim at membership@syracusepistolclub.net



SPC SAFETY CORNER

by Tim O'Boyle

The Safety Committee has finished the installation of the Indoor Safety Rules signs (condensed and approved version.)

These Rules are posted in the clubhouse and on the right wall in the indoor range.

They are provided as a reference to all members and to ensure the continued safety of the membership.

While we want all guests to read and understand the published and posted rules, the signs provide the member guests with the rules at a glance.

The outdoor sign will be posted as soon as the ground will allow the digging and pole placement. They will provide the same rule set focused on outdoor range activities.

All guests should stop to read the rules as well.

The Safety Orientation class has been full for the past couple months. June's class is full as well.

The summer has not seen membership trail off as in past years. We continue to offer the classes the

third Tuesday of the month at 7 PM, based on need.

Tim or another committee member will respond with the date and time of the next available class or answer any safety related questions.

Registration for these class are required and can be confirmed by e-mailing the committee at safety@syracusepistolclub.net.

Keep Safety First!



SPC-ORC TROPHY & MATCH

by Matt Withers

The SPC continued our friendly rivalry with the Oneida Rifle Club this past spring with a home-home series of matches.

At stake was the SPC-ORC Trophy and bragging rights for the coming year. Roughly ten members of the SPC ventured to the Oneida Club for the first shoot on a Tuesday evening in late February. We faced a similar number of shooters from the home squad.

The course of fire was two rounds each of the National Match Course per shooter. Scores were tallied for each shooter, added together per team, and divided by the number of participants from each team. After the math was complete, the SPC, lead by top shooter Matt Withers, was on top by an average of almost 20 points per man over the Oneida team.

After some good natured ribbing over the scores, the Oneida shooters treated us to a delicious pot luck dinner before we headed home.

The following week the SPC played host to Oneida with a similar outcome. This time lead by high shooter Dick McCall from the SPC.

After the shooting, all enjoyed the SPC's hospitality and many great

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dishes from the home squad and their wives.

Although we allowed the Oneida Club to hold onto the trophy during the week between matches, that's the extent of their ownership.

The SPC shooters had no intention of letting the trophy leave our trophy case any longer than that. The Oneida shooters are a great bunch of guys and took the defeat with dignity and a good deal of laughter, vowing to make Oneida the trophy's home next year.

Anyone at the SPC can participate in these fun evenings when we schedule the shoots next spring.



MOST OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTOR AWARD

by Matt Withers

The Most Outstanding Contributor Award Committee is now accepting nominations for this years Most Outstanding Contributor honor.

Nominations must be presented to a Committee member in writing, detailing the nominee's contribution(s) to the Club over the past year, and must be received by August 31st to be considered for this honor.

The purpose of this award and it's qualifications are listed below.

Committee Members are George Hotaling, Martin Toly, and Matt Withers (Chair).

Definition of Outstanding Contribution:

- 1)** A cash or in-kind contribution to the SPC in a real dollar amount of \$1,000.00 or more. *Or ...*
- 2)** the participation in a single project of 40 hours or more of unpaid service for the betterment of the SPC. *Or ...*
- 3)** A combination of the above as determined by the Committee.

In general, there is an expectation that a nominee for the Outstanding Contributors Award has demonstrated his or her commitment to the SPC above and beyond that expected of all active Members.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for consideration by the Committee for the Outstanding Contributors Award, the candidate must be a fully paid Member in good standing, or a deceased member of the SPC.

The Candidate must be nominated by a fellow Member in good standing that will supply the Committee, in writing, with pertinent facts associated with the nomination, no later than 90 days before the Annual Meeting.

Time Frame for Consideration and Recommendations:

The Committee will consider all nominations meeting the criteria spelled out here on an annual basis and will forward its recommendations to the Board of Directors for a vote, prior to the Annual Meeting.

It is anticipated that this award be presented at this meeting.

It is not intended that this award be restricted to one recipient per year, nor is it a necessity that an award be made each year.

It is also recognized that this award may be made to the same recipient more than once.

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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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