## April 2024





# The Marksmen

# The Annual General Meeting is soon.

#### AGM

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday**, **May28th** It will begin at **7:00 PM**. All current members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Reports will be given from the sections; motions will be tabled for the usual housekeeping affiliations.

#### General Shooting moves back outside on May 6th

As of May 6th, Saturday General Shooting will be held at the Outdoor Range for Saturdays only. Shooting will continue there for Saturdays (Tuesday nights will remain indoor) until October 1st.

**Guests** Don't forget AMA's guest policies – it's attached to this newsletter.

#### Are you on our AMA email notification list?

Occasionally we send out reminders of scheduling, issues, notifications, etc. send an email to atlanticmarksmen@gmail.com to be added to the list.

**Range Rules** are posted at the ranges so you cannot miss them. They are also included with this newsletter, as they have been for the past 40 issues of the newsletter. Ignorance of the rules is not considered an excuse to violate them. These rules are for your safety and the safety of others. If you ignore these rules, not only do you jeopardize having the range closed, you jeopardize yours or someone else's life.

**Card Keys at the Indoor Range.** If you have issues with your key cards, please email Sean Hansen and include the card key # in your note.

**Range Officer Schedule** – The new range officer schedule is attached to this newsletter. It will also be posted in the indoor range. If you are on this list, you are required to range officer when you are scheduled. If you cannot make it, contact one of the other ROs and trade. It is your responsibility to find the list and make sure you do your duty. The penalty for not doing your duty is that you have to return your keys. Explosive Targets are prohibited at AMA's Indoor & Outdoor Range. They are permitted under rare, special circumstances at the outdoor range. This includes "Shockwave" or "Tannerite" or "Firebird" targets

#### AMA Practice Nights - IPSC shooters. AMA IPSC

practice sessions will move to Wednesday nights outdoors as of April 17<sup>th</sup> This will be for the entire summer. If it is pouring rain, don't expect the gate to be open, but if it's just misting, we'll be there with the gate open. The indoor range will still be available to IPSC Shooters on Wednesday nights & Sunday as well.

Outdoor Range <u>Ranges 5-7 remain off limits to</u> <u>anyone that is not currently participating in a</u> <u>recognized action shooting discipline.</u> Exceptions are available from the Executive in writing.

**Range Officer Course.** Interested in getting Keys to the facilities for unlimited access? Here's How.

1. Take the RO course.

2. Volunteer to RO at General shoots once every few months.

Graham has scheduled a AMA / SFNS range officer course for May 1 at 7 PM contact him via email at <u>membership@atlanticmarksmen.ca</u> to register. Note that you MUST be a member for at least a year to qualify for the AMA RO course.

#### ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY!!!

**RO Hours:** The times presented for shooting on Tuesdays and Saturdays are when the RO is on duty, if shooters are present. If the RO has no shooters within one hour of closing time; he may shut down and go home.

**Ranges are not parking lots - PARKING** is only permitted at the outdoor range in the parking lots, with a couple of small exceptions. (See Standing Orders) Vehicles parked elsewhere will be pelted with ricochets, mud, rocks and possibly towed downrange to be used as targets.

**IPSC Black Badge course** – there will a Handgun one on June 22/23 @ the indoor range – email <u>ipscnovascotia@gmail.com</u> for information and to enroll.

#### How to use a Target Stand for the Outdoor facility.

The proper way to use a stand is to take a piece of cardboard and staple it across both uprights on the stand. Then attach a target to the cardboard. Do not attach a target so that your shots will penetrate the target and the upright of the target stand. You should always be able to find discarded IPSC and police targets in one of the trailers to use as backers.

## Parking at Outdoor range - When you park; do not block any other vehicle and do not block the access

**roads** to the rifle range or the back pistol ranges. If there is no parking remaining close to the rifle range, you'll have to park in the pistol range parking lot and walk. Please be considerate to your fellow range users so we don't have to deal with this this summer.

#### Outdoor Range Schedule.

**IPSC –** April 28, May 26, June 9, July 14, August 25, October 6, November 3 (Ranges 2-7 in use)

**IPSC Spring Meltdown May 18-19** Ranges 1-7 in Use. (General Shooting Indoors May 18)

**IPSC Nova Scotia Provincial Championships** – Sept 14 & 15 Ranges 1-7 in Use. (General Shooting Indoors Sept 14)

#### 22LR Rifle Practice Day - May 25th

**Project Mapleseed May 31.** Rifle Range and Range 1 in use.

#### CRPS/X-22 - June 02.

## This schedule may change – we will email out if any changes are necessary.

**Ticks at the outdoor range.** Like every year, there will again be ticks at the outdoor range. Make sure that you use insect repellent with lots of DEET in it and check yourself thoroughly when you return from the range to ensure none have hitched a ride on you.

**Please Help Us Clean Up -** Just a reminder that when you use the facilities, please throw your discarded brass, old targets, <u>coffee cups</u>, patch backers, etc. in the garbage cans and not on the range surface. When you use the indoor range, sweep up after yourself and when you're outdoors remember to <u>take down your old target</u>. It's no use to anyone after the rain gets on it the next day.

**Woods Travel Ban:** If we have a dry summer, the province might institute a woods travel ban. The outdoor range is exempt from this and remains open during the ban. Just be sure to be careful when it comes to any fires, i.e. smoking, etc.

## Atlantic Marksmen Association

#### **Contact Us**

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#### Don't forget our Website www.atlanticmarksmen.ca

#### Don't forget at the Outdoor Range:

- Failure to sign in at the facility before you fire your first shot will result in you <u>being sent off</u> <u>the property for the day.</u>
- <u>Through May, please drive slowly and don't</u> cause pot holes.
- **GARBAGE: Take care of it yourself!!!** At the outdoor range, there is a dumpster in the parking lot. If you fill a garbage can, take the bag and put next to the dumpster and we'll put it in
- Have your current membership card with you. No card = no proof of membership and ejection from the facilities.
- **Park properly!** Don't block others in and keep your vehicles in safe locations.
- Steel Shooting at the Outdoor Range Steel plates or poppers shot on Ranges 2&3 cause splatter to land on ranges 5&6. Therefore steel on range 2,3&4 must be shielded. Steel shot on Range 1 causes splatter to land on range 2 & 4, so unless the steel is at the end of the range it, too must be shielded.

# DO NOT shoot steel that does not belong to you.

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| AMA Shooting Schedule |  |  |
|-----------------------|--|--|
|                       | May 1, 2024 to Oct 4, 2024   |  |
| Monday Evenings       | Air Pistol and Rifle Indoors. Begin at 5:00 PM   |  |
| Tuesday Evenings      | General Handgun. All members are welcome. Begin at 6:30 PM at the Indoor Range.  |  |
| Wednesday Evenings    | IPSC Shooting. Black Badge Holders, beginning at 5:30 PM – Indoor and Outdoor Range.   |  |
| Thursday Evenings     | Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday - Rimfire Precision section on Rifle Range and Range 1 Begin at 6.  |  |
|                       | ISU / ISSF Style Shooting in the indoor range. Begin at 6:30.  |  |
| Saturday Afternoon    | General shooting. All members are welcome. Range<br>1. Begin at 1:00 PM <u>at the outdoor range.</u><br><i>NOTE: RO may pack up and leave if no one is left</i><br><i>shooting at 3.</i>                 |  |
| Sunday                | IPSC Shooting. Black Badge Holders, 8:30 AM – 5PM<br>Indoor Range. Range Officer members may also use<br>the range at this time <u>but must defer</u> to IPSC<br>Shooters for range use if they show up. |  |
|                       | Rifle Shooting at Outdoor Rifle Range.<br>Begins at 10, ends by noon.  |  |
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#### Standing Orders for Indoor Range

#### **General Information**

#### If you do not have your current membership card with you while on AMA premises, you may be asked to leave.

- Refer to AMA Guest Rules for information regarding guests at AMA premises.
- One person on the range proper MUST be a certified Range Officer.
- Range Hours are 8:30 AM to 9:30 PM. No shooting outside of those times unless prior approval from the board has been granted.
- The following is prohibited: Steel reactionary targets unless shrouded. (I.e. plates, silhouettes, etc.), Black Powder firearms. Steel core or jacketed ammunition, Incendiary or Explosive Targets, Rifle Caliber Centerfire rifles / carbines, Pistol Caliber Carbines (*i.e. 9mm, 38 Special, 40S&W, 45ACP, 44 Mag, 357 Mag*) are specifically permitted.
- Magnum pistol calibers are permitted with the permission of the Range Officer and Chief Range Officer. Please consider others on the range with regard to concussion and noise.
- Jacketed ammunition is permitted and encouraged (less smoke)
- No shooting within 3 meters of the backstop.
- No Eating, Drinking or Smoking on the ranges.
- Sweep the range floor with dust bane and throw it in the garbage when you are done shooting.

#### Before any Shooting

- All guests <u>must</u> be signed into the logbook. Both their host member and Guest must have their names legible.
- Inform the Range Officer you will be shooting before doing anything else. He will instruct you as to when and where you can un-box your firearm and shoot.

#### **During Shooting**

- Eye and Ear protection are mandatory for all shooters and spectators from the minute they walk into the range until they leave
- No Range may be used without a Range Officer present.

#### Standard (General Shooting) Range Commands:

| Eyes and Ears!          | - Ensure you are using your hearing and eye protection.                           |  |
|-------------------------|---|--|
| Approach The Line.      | - Move forward and un-box your firearm and /or handle it to prepare for shooting. |  |
| On your own Time, Fire. | - Shoot at your target, reload and continue if you have to.                       |  |
| Cease Fire!             | - Stop Shooting, unload your gun, leave it open on the table and step back from   |  |
|                         | the firing line.  |  |
| The Line is Clear.      | - Go around the tables and approach your targets. Do not approach the tables      |  |
|                         | from behind the firing line again until told to do so.                            |  |

#### After Shooting

- Take down your targets and cardboard backers and put them away. Tear up worn-out backers and put them in the garbage.
- Pick up your spent cartridges. This includes rim fire. If you don't want them, dispose of them in the brass bins.
- Turn off the ventilation, turn out the lights and lock the door (both locks) behind you.

#### **Emergencies**

In the Event of an Emergency, call 911. The range Address is 6 Clements St. Dartmouth.

• Violation of these standing orders will incur a review of the member's actions by the board and could result in suspension of privileges and / or expulsion from the club.

### Atlantic Marksmen Association

#### Atlantic Marksmen Association - Standing Orders for the Ralph Dunn Range

#### General Information

- If you do not have your current membership card with you while on AMA premises, you will be asked to leave.
- Guests are entitled to shoot with a member; but must join after the second visit to continue using the club facilities. No more than 3 guests per member are permitted on the property. See AMA Guest policy
- One person in each range bay MUST be a certified Range Officer.
- Range Hours are 10:00 AM to Dusk. No shooting outside of those times unless prior approval from the board has been granted.
- Smoking is only permitted in the parking lot areas. This includes vaping and inhalers.
- The Chief Range Officer (CRO) is the range officer who first opened the gate to the facility. He must designate a new CRO (who must be a range officer) when he leaves or he will have to evict everyone and lock the gate. Anyone who arrives after the CRO who wants to open a new range bay must let the CRO know he is going to do so.
- Parking is to the left and right of the range rules sign. Only vehicles authorized by the CRO & those vehicles with handicapped passes may
  proceed to the range surfaces.
- Steel may only be shot by pistol calibers and never on ranges 1, 2 or 3 unless shrouded.
- Explosive & Incendiary targets (tannerite, shockwave, firebird, etc.) are prohibited.
- Balloons as targets are prohibited.
- Center fire rifle ammunition is prohibited from shooting steel unless the steel is personally owned or the rifle range flash targets are used.

#### Before any Shooting

- All members and guests must sign in the logbook in the sign-in shack.
- Red Flags must be raised at the entrance gate, at the sign in shack and at each range bay that is in use.

#### During Shooting

• Eye protection is mandatory for all shooters and spectators on active ranges. Eye protection must be worn when a red flag is raised on a range bay.

#### Standard (General Shooting) Range Commands:

| Eyes and Ears!          | - Ensure you are using your hearing and eye protection.   |  |
|-------------------------|---|--|
| Approach The Line.      | - Move forward and un-box your firearm and /or handle it to prepare for shooting.   |  |
| On your own Time, Fire. | - Shoot at your target, reload and continue if you have to.   |  |
| Cease Fire!             | - Stop Shooting, unload your gun, leave it open on the table and step back from the firing line.                                    |  |
| The Line is Clear.      | - Go around the tables and approach your targets. Do not approach the tables from behind the firing line again until told to do so. |  |
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#### Range Specific Rules

#### Rifle Range

- All shooting will be from under the covered firing point unless a board-approved action shooting event is taking place.
- All targets will be placed in front of a berm such that the bullet will travel through the target at strike the berm. There are berms at 100yds, 190yds and 280 yds.
- Shooters must check to ensure that the shotgun range is not in use when proceeding downrange to check targets. It is best to go behind the shotgun shack when proceeding downrange.

#### Shotgun Range

- Shotgun shooting from the shotgun shelter with the throwers will only take place under the supervision of a designated "Shotgun" Range Officer.
- No bigger than 7.5 shot size may be used at range 8 (the shotgun shelter with skeet throwers)
- Shotguns will be stored in racks, unloaded, except when actually in use on firing point and will not be loaded until the shooter is given the command to load.
- Shooters are limited to 10 rounds per turn and must provide own clays.
- Shooters will not advance forward past the firing positions (into the line of fire from the rifle range)

#### After Shooting

- Take down your targets and cardboard backers and put them away. Tear up worn-out backers and put them in the garbage.
- Pick up your spent cartridges. This includes rim fire, steel cases and shotgun hulls. If you don't want them, dispose of them in the brass bins or garbage.
- Sign out in the logbook.

#### **Emergencies**

In the Event of an Emergency, call 911. The Range Address is 2965 Old Guysborough Rd.

## Violation of these standing orders will incur a review of the member's actions by the board and will likely result in suspension of privileges and / or expulsion from the club.

## **Atlantic Marksmen Association**

#### RO Schedule April 27 – October 31, 2024

| Sat, Apr 27  | Colin Warman           |  |  |
|--|------------------------|--|--|
| Tues, Apr 30   | Glen Gorveatte         |  |  |
| Saturdays Go Outdoors from<br>May 4 until Fall.<br><i>(Unless otherwise noted)</i> |                        |  |  |
| Sat, May 4   | Dragan Perurica        |  |  |
| Tue, May, 7  | Gary Leights           |  |  |
| Sat, May 11  | Mark Banford           |  |  |
| Tues, May 14   | Tim Furey              |  |  |
| Sat, May 18<br>(INDOOR RANGE)  | Heather Taylor         |  |  |
| Tues, May 21   | Denis Fortin           |  |  |
| Sat, May 25  | Peter Henderson        |  |  |
| Tues, May 28   | Fred Walsh             |  |  |
| Sat, June1   | William Pratt          |  |  |
| Tues, June 4   | Evangeline Colman-Sadd |  |  |
| Sat, June 8  | Don Roth               |  |  |
| Tues, June 11  | John Francis Rooney    |  |  |
| Sat, June 15   | Alex Bergman           |  |  |
| Tues, June 18  | Gary Treadwell         |  |  |
| Sat, June 22   | Ernie Riggs            |  |  |
| Tues, June 25  | John Parkin            |  |  |
| Sat, June 29   | Dwayne Murphy          |  |  |
| Tues, July 2   | Todd Harnish           |  |  |
| Sat, July 6  | Bill Macrocki          |  |  |
| Tues, July 9   | Chris Gidney           |  |  |
| Sat, July 13   | David Bardsley         |  |  |
| Tues, July 16  | Denis Fortin           |  |  |
| Sat, July 20   | Fred Walsh             |  |  |
| Tues, July 23  | Don Roth               |  |  |
| Sat, July 27   | Douglas Reid           |  |  |

| Tues, July 30                  | Chris Turner     |
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| Sat, Aug 3                     | Simon Field      |
| Tues, Aug 6                    | Tony Tufts       |
| Sat. Aug 10                    | William Pratt    |
| Tues, Aug 13                   | Lot Cossar       |
| Sat, Aug 17                    | Keith Knight     |
| Tues, Aug 20                   | Malcom MacDonald |
| Sat, Aug 24                    | Ryan Craswell    |
| Tues, Aug 27                   | Colin Warman     |
| Sat, Aug 31                    | Glen Gorveatte   |
| Tues, Sept 3                   | Dragan Perurica  |
| Sat, Sept 7                    | Mark Banford     |
| Tues, Sept 10                  | Gary Leights     |
| Sat, Sept 14<br>(INDOOR RANGE) | Tim Furey        |
| Tues, Sept 17                  | Denis Fortin     |
| Sat, Sept 21                   | Heather Taylor   |
| Tues, Sept 24                  | Peter Henderson  |
| Sat, Sept 28                   | Fred Walsh       |
| Tues, Oct 1                    | William Pratt    |
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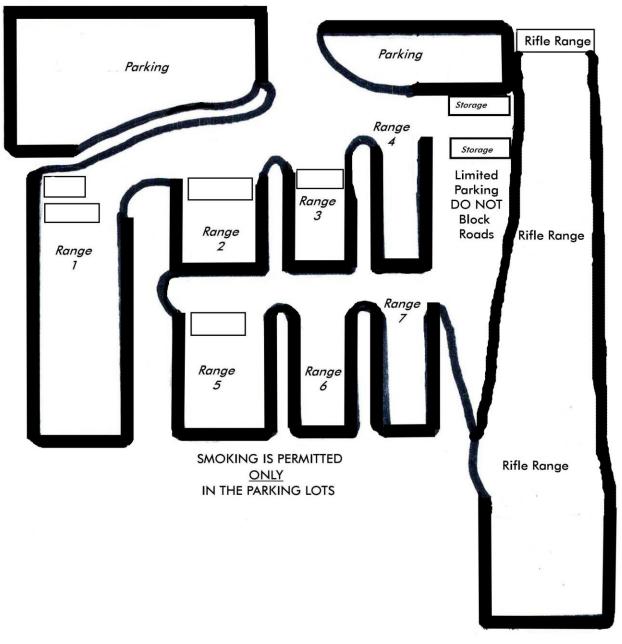
#### Saturdays Go Indoors for Fall Oct 5th.

| Sat, Oct 5   | Evangeline Colman-Sadd |
|--------------|------------------------|
| Tues, Oct 8  | Don Roth               |
| Sat, Oct 12  | John Francis Rooney    |
| Tues, Oct 15 | Alex Bergman           |
| Sat, Oct 19  | Gary Treadwell         |
| Tues, Oct 22 | Ernie Riggs            |
| Sat, Oct 26  | John Parkin            |
| Tues, Oct 29 | Dwayne Murphy          |
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## YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE TO OPEN THE RANGE AT THESE DESIGNATED DATES IF YOU CANNOT OPEN THE RANGE, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILY TO ENSURE YOUR REPLACEMENT DOES.

## Atlantic Marksmen Association OUTDOOR RANGE PARKING GUIDE & RANGE #s

## Atlantic Marksmen Association Ralph Dunn Range



## IF IT DOESN'T SAY YOU CAN PARK THERE, DON'T PARK THERE!!!!

We won't be responsible to the damage that will occur to improperly parked vehicles.

#### AMA Guest Rules – Applies to Indoor and Outdoor Ranges Effective January 7, 2016

- Members are completely responsible for the actions and conduct of their guests.
- Members are permitted to have a total of <u>Four</u> guest visits per membership year.
   (*I.e. 2 people twice each, 1 person twice and 2 more people once each, 4 separate people once each, etc.*) Additional visit credits may be requested from the Executive and will be issued in special circumstances.
- If a member's guest joins the club, their visits will be removed from the member's guest visit count.
- A guest may attend up to <u>two</u> times; but must join before being permitted to return the third time.
- <u>Guests may not bring personal firearms.</u> Guests may only shoot member's firearms.
- No more than <u>Three</u> guests may accompany a member to the range, with the exception of General Shoots on Tuesdays and Saturdays. At General Shoots; members may only bring one guest with them.
- When guests are shooting, their host member may not.
- At General Shoots; Members must share their shooting position on the line with their guest.
- When members bring spectators who do not shoot, these spectators are not considered guests. (*I.e. if a Range Officer brings their spouse to be an observer on the range.*)
- Attendance at official competitions & training sanctioned by AMA's executive & included on the AMA Calendar are not considered guest attendance.