



ITASCA GUN CLUB



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Itasca Gun Club Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

Will be held on Friday January 13, 2012 at the Eagles Club, 1776 South Pokegama Avenue, (218) 326-4845. The social hour begins at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6:30 PM, followed by the business meeting and elections at 7:00 PM. The cost is low, \$18.00 per person covers the meal, meeting and gratuity. To make your reservations, please contact Joanne Baker by email membership@itascagunclub.org, mail your reservation form or drop it off at one of these handy drop locations (also, listed on the back page of the newsletter). Reservations are due in before January 6, 2011. Please come, it's a great time and we want to see you!

According to IGC Bylaws, certain actions requiring a vote of the greater membership must be made public 10 days prior to the annual meeting. This newsletter, also available in an electronic version, found on the website www.itascagunclub.org serve as notice that included on the 2011 business agenda, will be discussions that may require casting one or more vote(s) that would result in changes to the Itasca Gun Club Bylaws. Included on the business agenda will be:

- **Discussion about a proposed \$5.00 per year increase in annual membership dues.**
- **Formation of the Itasca Gun Club Foundation with special guest speaker.**
- **Introduction of new business from the floor.**

Election of officers will follow. As of this writing, there will be several changes for 2012. Jeff Sundin, President since 2002 has announced his intentions to step down as president. Instead, Sundin will be running for the office of Vice President.

Current Vice President, Joe Oliver has announced his intention to run for the office of President.

Chief Instructor, Conley Janssen has announced his intention to step down. As of this writing, there are no declared candidates for the office of Chief Instructor.

The remaining current officers have agreed to accept nomination to their existing posts. Treasurer – Bob Ross, Recording Secretary – Phyllis Anderson, Membership Secretary – JoAnne Baker, Chief Range Officer – Vince Rittmiller, Youth Programs - Wayne Christensen.

Nominations, including nominations from the floor, are accepted at any time prior to the final vote. Your leadership is needed! Here's your chance to influence the future of the Itasca Gun Club. All club members in good standing are eligible to run for office. Declare yourself as a candidate or nominate someone you think would do a great job. This is your chance to lead the way to better shooting in the Itasca Area.

Itasca Gun Club Membership Renewals Due Now

Enclosed with this newsletter is your 2012 dues statement. If you haven't paid already, payment for 2012 memberships should be delivered by January 31, 2012.

During mid winter we always get a few questions from life members and those who have already paid their dues about when membership cards will arrive. Typically, it takes a couple of months to get all of the paperwork accounted for. During this time, your 2011-membership cards and the current gate combination will remain in effect.

We never change the gate combination until the new cards are mailed to everyone. Combinations are typically changed on or about March 1st annually. For more answers to frequently asked questions use our website www.itascagunclub.org and click on the FAQ section.

2011-2012 Indoor Shooting Range Season Set To Begin: Arrowhead Rifle League, Bullseye Pistol League, New - .45 ACP Bullseye League and Indoor Range Open Shooting Times.

The Arrowhead Rifle League, 2011/2012 Smallbore Indoor (gallery) Program, Schedule has been announced. According to LEAGUE SECRETARY: PHYLLIS H. ANDERSON, 35840 Co. Rd. 238, Deer River, MN 56636-3109. All Matches are hosted at 7 p.m. on Wednesday nights on the dates listed, except the Season Match Starter, which is at 9:00 a.m. December 3rd. 2011 at Virginia. Standing Match December 7th. 2011 7 p.m. @ Itasca, Standing Match December 14th. 2011 7 p.m. @ Hibbing

*As adopted at the 2008 spring shoot/meeting, they will shoot a three way match (each team scores against two teams). Team score, will be top four persons score. To get the full schedule, contact Phyllis Anderson, 218-246-8742 or 218-246-2396.

The Itasca Gun Club Bullseye Pistol League for 2011-12 will be conducting an 18 match season beginning on December 1, 2011. The matches will be held every Thursday and the final match will be shot on March 29, 2012. The league will shoot the NRA gallery course which are 600 point matches consisting of slow-fire, timed-fire and rapid-fire and use .22 caliber guns.

Starting times this season will be 4:00pm, 5:00pm, 6:00pm, or 7:00pm. If another relay is needed, it will be added at 3:00pm. Shooters can choose the time they prefer if available.

Competition this season will be based on NRA classification, the classes being Marksman, Sharpshooter, Expert, Master and High Master. Medals will be awarded to the Champion of each class. Unclassified shooters will be grouped in an unclassified Masters class until they get their NRA classification.

There will be practice time available on Monday evenings from 5pm to 7pm. The indoor range will be closed except for league members on Nov. 21 and Nov. 28. There will be a practice match held on Nov. 17 to help acclimate new shooters to the Bullseye program. The indoor range will be available for open shooting and practice starting on Dec.5, 2011.

The costs for the Monday practices will be \$1 for club members and \$3 for non-members. A season pass will be available for club members only for \$10. The season pass for Monday practices will also be honored for the Tuesday "Pistols and Coffee" program. The costs for the league will be \$3 for club members and \$5 for non-members. A season pass will be available for club members only and will cost \$25.

If anyone has a question or needs further information, please call Mike Hughes, Pistol Chairman, at 999-7241

Pistols and Coffee (Indoor Range, Open Shooting) is moving to a new time. Starting on December, 14, 2011, the indoor range will be open for Pistols and Coffee every Wednesday from 10 am to 1 pm.

New for 2011! Bullseye League for .45 ACP. Dave Schultz will be hosting a 45 cal. Bullseye league starting December 14, 2011 at 5 pm. The league will run at the indoor range on most Wednesday evenings, except for the dates reserved for the Arrowhead Rifle League's home matches. For the full schedule, contact Dave at 218 326-4982.

2011 Sight In Days and Raffle prizes Report - Conley Janssen

The 2011 sight-in days event was a great success! To all of the dedicated sight-in volunteers: THANK YOU! This year was the easiest by far for filling the schedule. I made NO phone calls, that means members called me requesting time slots and before I knew it the schedule was filled. We also had an abundant amount of un-scheduled volunteers. This is fantastic! The only down side to it was there was a few members that were long term sight-in volunteers that did not get their "normal" spot. That's probably a good problem. As always there were a few minor glitches but for the most part it ran very smoothly and I have some new ideas for next year. Now that I have said how great and easy it is to set up this event I would like to announce the search for my replacement. If any club member would like take over the event, it is open. I will make myself available to ensure that it is EASY transition and I promise to sign up for at least three shifts on the line! Once again... Thank You!!! Conley Janssen.

During this years event, visitors to the club sighted in 1311 guns. Raffle ticket sales were brisk, in fact the best ever with proceeds totaling \$8,294. Congratulations to the raffle prize winners, Joe Oliver 1st prize, Weatherby 30-06 rifle and Bushnell scope. Louis Richardson, 2nd prize, Remington 597 .22 rimfire rifle. Dana Borchardt, 3rd prize, Nikon Binoculars and Gary Becicka, 4th prize, hunters survival pack.

For 2012, we'll be looking for a new volunteer or group of volunteers to organize the range schedules. Conley Janssen has the system perfected and the workload is modest, but the job is critical to the club and it's members. We'd love to have you step forward and volunteer to help out. You can get more information about the responsibilities by clicking here to contact Conley Janssen.

Itasca Gun Club Future Vision Committee Report - Conley Janssen

Last year, one the "new" things at the club was the formation of the Itasca Gun Club Future Vision committee. We were tasked with several long term club issues to research and give our advise on how the club should proceed. After much discussion, we decided that some of these issues were above our pay grade to decide. To deal with this we put together an online survey. As surveys go it was a success with a great turn out. The main overall consensus of the membership seems to be that the club should be continually improving itself and facilities for the good of the membership and shooting community. One of the ways that is being discussed to do this is the formation of an Itasca Gun Club Foundation (IGCF). The IGCF would be grant issuing foundation that could be used for anything the club wanted but the main purpose would be to eventually give scholarships to youth that applied and meet the criteria. This is a work in progress and a presentation, by an expert on the subject will be given at the annual meeting this January. with a guest expert speaker. It is our belief that forming the Itasca Gun Club Foundation will help ensure that Itasca Gun Club remains a positive influence within our community. We believe that by setting long term goals, the IGCF can help to support and shape the world of sport shooting well into the future.

Club Notes:

Missing Action Pistol Timers: No one can presently account for the timers that we use for our action pistol matches. If you have them, please get in touch with either Vince Rittmiller or Joe Oliver.

Range Brass: There are lots of questions these days about the range brass collected during sight in days. Here's the scoop, brass collected at the range is being sorted and cleaned, then offered for sale to club members during the summer gun show/swap meet.

IGC newsletters: Have typically been sent by US Mail bulk mailing. These newsletters are an especially inefficient way of keeping you informed about club business and as an expense to the club, they are of particular concern. Going forward, we will continue to mail a printed copy of an "Annual Newsletter" every winter in order to get your membership cards delivered. But for general news throughout the year, we will be switching to an "Opt-In Only" system for printed versions of the newsletter. If you are unable to gain access to the newsletter by computer and can't visit the clubhouse to get a copy, you may request to receive the newsletter by US Mail.

Delivering the newsletter electronically not only reduces printing and mailing costs, but reduces administrative time and greatly improves our ability to provide news on a timely basis. Since the website can be updated quickly, it provides a great location for members to check out "breaking news". At the Itasca Gun Club, we're doing everything we can to provide up to date, accurate information and we hope that the improved delivery system will serve you well. If you want to continue receiving your newsletter by US Mail, please contact Membership Secretary, Jonne Baker 218- 326-4982

Minnesota Pistol Permit Classes

Triple TC will continue to offer Minnesota pistol permit classes every month. This is an all day class and requires 50 rounds of ammunition. The class is based on the NRA BASIC pistol class with additional information added for the Minnesota requirements. Minnesota law, basic pistol skills, and the mental/legal aspects of carrying and using a handgun are covered. Non-resident permits are also discussed for traveling in other states. Overall a great basic pistol class for anyone, even if they never intend to carry. For scheduled classes, check the calendar on the website www.itascagunclub.org

IGC 2012 Sight in Days Schedule

Opening Sat. 10/20/12 and Sun. 10/21/12 9:00AM to 5:00PM Mon thru Fri 10/22/12 - 10/26/12 1:00PM to 5:00PM Every Day - Sat 10/27/12 thru Fri 11/2/11 9:00AM to 5:00PM Raffle Prize winners are drawn at the end of sight in at 5:00 PM November 2, 2012

We want to hear from you! So send your photos or written reports about hunting trips, shooting matches or interesting shooting news to me by email at president@itascagunclub.org