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A Friendly Reminder of Range Etiquette

From Darin Van Ryswyk

Hello Fellow Ikes-


Another year is half over and it is about time for football games and hunting trips; I can hardly wait. This marks my eighth year as chairman of the Outdoor Range Committee. I enjoy volunteering at the Izaak Walton League Park almost as much as I enjoy actually using the range. It has been a while since I wrote an article for the newsletter so I thought it was time that I refreshed your memory on range management and the law.

Iowa Code 657.9 "SHOOTING RANGES" prohibits nuisance actions against the range, but it does allow for "actions for negligence or recklessness in the operation of the range or by a person using the range." Basically it means we can be sued if we are negligent or reckless in the operation of the ranges. Our ranges are managed well; we are a responsible group who do a good job of keeping our ranges in good repair and we use our ranges responsibly. Since a number of new members have joined the club in the past few years, I feel compelled to remind each member to choose your targets carefully. Though I have not witnessed such target choices in many years, items such as golf balls, metal cylinders, old computer parts, and similar items have hard round surfaces which can cause bullet deflections or ricochets. Paper targets are okay, but reactive targets are a lot fun, especially when teaching new shooters. You are certainly welcome to bring steel targets to the range, but please be certain that the target you choose is appropriate for the firearm you are using. Likewise, if you choose to shoot pop cans or other such items, please pick up the left over parts when you are done and carry them to the dumpster. Our club runs on members who volunteer their time; this should include you.

Finally, remember the goal of the Outdoor Range Committee is to keep our range running smoothly, while providing fun and challenging opportunities for members and area shooters to improve their shooting skills. Currently we are affiliated with the Civilian Marksmanship Program and International Defensive Pistol Association. We host Garand Service Rifle Matches, weekly steel pistol matches, and monthly defensive pistol matches. Plus in the past year, we've had a small bore silhouette match, a man-on-man steel challenge match, and a three-gun match. If you are interested in any of these, please let me know. Likewise, if you are interested in another shooting discipline and would like to see it offered at the Ames Ikes, please feel free to send me an email at outdoorrange@amesikes.org.

Thanks always.

Darin Van Ryswyk
Outdoor Range Chairman
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IDPA update

from Darin Van Ryswyk

Thanks to all of you for shooting with us. Here at the Ikes we host a number of shoots, a link is provided on the Outdoor Range page of our website at <http://www.amesikes.org/outdoorrange.htm> for the Central Iowa IDPA results. Please visit the website and check them out <http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/CentrallowaIDPA/>. The next two Ames match will be on **Sunday, Spetember 14th at 9am and Sunday, October 12th also at 9am**. Cost is \$10 per entry, and \$5 for each additional gun. Also, we are running a 3-Gun Match on the Outdoor Range on Saturday, August 30 from 9am to 2pm.

Hunter Education Dates

Hunter Education **classes** will be held Aug 19, 21, 23. The Tuesday and Thursday evening classes are held from 7p-9:30p and the Saturday classes meet from 8a-2p. All classes are held in the Ames Chapter chapterhouse. The course is free. Hunter safety classes are mandatory for everyone born after Jan 1, 1972. To purchase an Iowa hunting license, the hunter must produce a certificate showing completion of a hunter safety course. Students must be at least 11 years old to receive certification. The class is taught by instructors certified through the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Class size is limited. Participants must register by contacting Story County Conservation at 232-2516 or conservation@storycounty.com. All other inquiries about the class should be made to DNR officer Bill Fribley at 515-232-2516 or 515-290-0527.


These classes would not be possible without the coordination and dedication from volunteers. Thanks to coordinators Bill Fribley (Iowa DNR) and Terry Burleson and volunteer instructors Larry Brown, Dick Webb, Marv Scott, Paul Gierasch, Arzy Clapp, Mike Meetz, Dan Burden, Bert Augustine, Travis Smith, Brenda Lee Smith, Lee Van Brocklin, Darin Hinderacker, Tracy Miller, Ray Tiffany, Dick McWilliams (DNR, retired) and Nate Anderson.

Park Resident

As some of you may have known or now recently have noticed, we no longer have a park resident. We would like to thank Burton for several years of work and dedication at the park and wish him well in the future.

August/September Events Contacts

- Membership & Board meeting / General questions – Brenda Lee Smith 515-233-1629
- Membership Information & New Memberships – Gary Downs 515-292-5094
- Membership Info & Renewal Memberships – John Gookin 515-733-2642
- Outdoor Range / IDPA – Darin Van Ryswyk 515-233-8521
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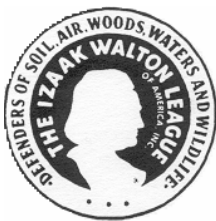
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Monthly Membership & Chapter Meeting

Board of Directors meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month. The next two meetings of the Ames Ikes will be **September 9th and October 14th at 7pm** in the chapterhouse. Guests are welcome to attend with members. Members are also encouraged to attend, especially if you have concerns or questions to voice. Do not expect one board member or officer to be your voice.

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Please note if your newsletter is returned to us marked “temporarily away” or “no forwarding address on file” you will need to contact us to resume your newsletter subscription. Thank you. Please update your Member information with easy to use forms online at <http://www.amesikes.org/memberupdate.htm> and it's FREE!

Electronic Gate

When using the electronic gate for entry into the park, please remember to push the “ENTER” key after punching in the four-digit code. If the electronic gate does not open, the padlock gate uses the same code.
Since we no longer have a park resident the intercom at the gate will not be answered.

Membership

As of the July board meeting we have **646** paid members. Any and all questions in regards to membership will now be available online at www.amesikes.org/becomeamember.htm.

This could be the last month that you see a membership application on the back of our newsletter, this is for your use to recruit new members. The most accurate and up to date information can be found online. It is also the easiest method for new members to find out about our park, it's activities and contact our membership directors should they have a membership question. Renewing members that were members in 2007 and wish to renew in 2008 will still need to pay the renewal cost of \$92 (individual) or \$120 (family) regardless of when you renew in 2008. National enforces this rule—it is not a rule exclusively for our chapter; this rule applies to all chapters. Please send the complete filled out application form to the Ames Chapter, PO Box 148, Ames, IA 50010-0148. If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail the chapter or contact John Gookin or Gary Downs, Membership Directors.

Volunteering

We are also looking to convey to our members the need regarding help. We have several projects that we could use help with. More important is the need for peoplepower. It takes a great effort to maintain our park and only an hour of help from each member would go a long way. If each member were to only contribute 1 hour of time (totaling approximately 650-700 hours a year) we could accomplish a lot. That is the equivalent of having 3 1/2 months of fulltime assistance at the park. Some members do already contribute a extraordinary amount of time to help keep the grounds maintained, but it is certainly a big and ongoing task. Clean-up's are scheduled regularly and posted on the website's calendar www.amesikes.org/calendar.htm and a list of projects can be found at <http://www.amesikes.org/members/volunteering.htm>. If you wish to help please contact us by email at volunteering@amesikes.org.

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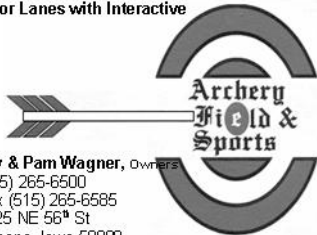
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