

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

GATLINBURG SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

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2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 23 Vintage Military Rifle Match
Feb 24 Trap Derby @ Trap Range
Mar 5 Target Tuesday @ Police Range
Mar 14 Monthly Club Meeting
Mar 23 Handgun Challenge @ Police Range

**Monthly Club Meetings are held in the Bridgemont
Room of the Sevier County Library at 6:30 PM on
the second Thursday of each month.**

* Place your event on the GSC calendar by calling Mike Cravy @ 436-0271

2018-2019 CLUB OFFICERS

President	-	Jim Wharton	(774-8866)
Vice President	-	Paul Barton	(258-3579)
Secretary	-	Mike Cravy	(325-2429)
Treasurer	-	Bill Klein	(228-1308)
Past President	-	Dan Blalock	(453-2808)
Board member	-	Jeff Bohanan	(712-3005)
Board member	-	Bill Mills	(310-3606)
Board member	-	Robbie Fox	(428-5655)
Board member	-	Paul Wellborn	(436-4897)

HANDGUN CHALLENGE 2018

Next Match - March 23, 2019

POLICE TRAINING RANGE

9:30 Check In

9:45 Safety and Course of Fire Briefing

10:00 First Shooter on the Course



These matches are limited to 20 participants, so it is important to sign up in advance. Just as important is if you have signed up and then find you are unable to attend, please let us know. You could be knocking someone else out of shooting if we have turned them down because we thought we were full.

Charitable Contributions

The Club is a 501(c)3 tax exempt corporation, which means that donations to the Club are deductible as a contribution as allowed by law. Several members did just that last year. Every dollar of your contribution goes into the operation of the Club and support of our police and the community. There are no paid employees at the Club. So if you have a little room in your budget for charity, please consider a donation to the Gatlinburg Sportsman's Club. Bill Klein will send you a receipt acknowledging your charitable contributions, as allowed by law.

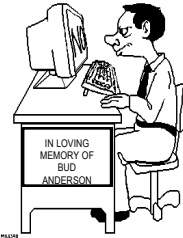


FEBRUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ The February meeting was held on February 14, 2019, at the King Family Library in Sevierville. Officers and directors present were: Jim Wharton, Paul Barton, Mike Cravy, Bill Mills and Paul Wellborn.
- ◆ Jim Wharton called the meeting to order at 6:27 PM.
- ◆ The reading of the January minutes was dispensed and the minutes were approved as submitted.
- ◆ Bill Klein reported that we have received 129% of our budgeted income and have spent 33% of our budgeted expenses. The motion to accept the treasurer's report as submitted was approved.
- ◆ Mike Cravy reported that we have 392 members who have paid their 2019 dues as of 2/10/2019. We have 57 2018 members who have not yet renewed and have not informed us that they do not intend to renew.
- ◆ Samantha Barton reported that we can purchase 40 spots on each of Radio Station 105.5 and Radio Station 106.3 to run during weekday prime time over a 4 week period for \$1099. Also included will be an in studio interview and 20 combo ads. A motion to purchase this advertising package was made, seconded, and approved.
- ◆ Samantha Barton reported on activities for both the First Shots Program and on the Ladies Target Tuesday Program.
- ◆ Paul Barton has scheduled a Vintage Military Rifle match followed by a rim fire rifle match on February 21, 2019.
- ◆ Paul Barton has scheduled the next Handgun Challenge for March 23, 2019.
- ◆ Mike Cravy reported that we are waiting on the COI from Sevierville Police Dept.
- ◆ Mike Cravy reported that the Boy Scouts Winterfest event, held February 9, 2019, used our existing Porta Potties and used 1250 clay targets. A motion was made, seconded and approved to donate the cost of the targets and the porta potties to the Scout Program.
- ◆ Mike Cravy reported that cost of a dumpster on the range will increase significantly this year. Paul Wellborn is to investigate an alternate dumpster source.
- ◆ Jim Wharton reported that we have placed a sign at the entrance to the Treebeard property and that the surveyor staked out the site for the new Police Training Range.
- ◆ The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

"POP'S COLUMN"

A couple of thoughts about
Phone calls.



**Answering the phone
"Sheriff's Department,
Fraud Division"
sure has slowed down
the telemarketer calls.**

**If you call me from
a private number,
I will respect your
privacy and not
answer.**

TRASH AT THE RANGE

The trash dumpster is no longer at the 200 yard range. Thank you to the volunteers who carried away the overflow trash so that the service would haul off the dumpster.

The cost to keep the dumpster will increase significantly in the coming year. We are currently negotiating a new contract, but in the meantime, there is no dumpster.

So until we get this all worked out, each member will need to take away his own target debris and trash. Hopefully, this is a short term problem and that each of you will pitch in and help keep the range nice.

Thanks

TELEPHONE CALLS

If you call the Club while I am pulling Skeet, or if I don't recognize your phone number, your call will go to voice mail. If you leave a message saying that you are a Club Member, I will call you back. If you don't leave a message, I will assume that the call was not important and I will ignore the call.

Orientation Program

The Orientation Program is required reading for all new members. As it contains our Club's Rules and Operating Procedures, we think that it is a good idea for all members to review this information periodically. For your 2019 renewal, we will email each member a current copy of the Orientation Program. You no longer have to find the hidden code, but, you are responsible for being aware of and for following all of the rules and procedures outlined in the Orientation Program. Breaking any of these rules can be grounds for revoking your membership. Ignorance of the rule is not an acceptable excuse.

You will also no longer have to fill out a renewal application to renew your membership. We will email you the contact information that we have for you and you need only to let us know if any of the information is incorrect.

IF YOU SEE ANYONE PLACING TARGETS OVER THE SUPPORT POST, PLEASE ASK THEM NOT TO DO THAT.....OR REPORT THEIR LICENSE PLATE NUMBER TO ANY CLUB OFFICER.

