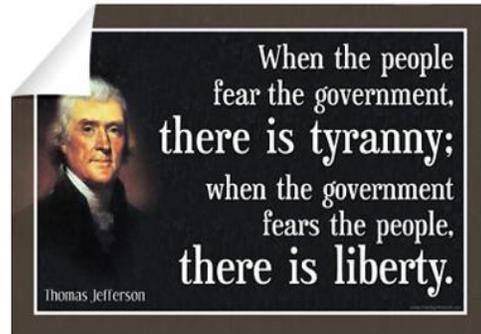


SMLPSA ON TARGET NEWS

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Hello SMLPSA Membership,

Here we are again at the end of the full Range Operating Season and summer is approaching fast. We have had another year of consistent membership numbers hovering just above 200, but can't seem to increase our membership to much higher than that. I know it's been 7 years now since the Club started and we have tried a lot of different ideas to expand membership. Even without membership expansion, overall daily use during open Range hours seems to be waning as well. The only time we see solid attendance is for the Monday Night shooting events. Paul Giammattei has done an outstanding job organizing, operating and training everyone who has attended. But with all things, sometimes it's time to hang up the hat and let someone else take the reins. Paul has advised me he would like to step down from operating the Monday night leagues and start to get back to what he likes to do most, shoot. He finds that he has not been able to keep up his busy competition schedule and maintain his own skills with practice. So **we are now looking for someone** to take over Paul's position as League Organizer, and that will begin in September.

We also have a new Lifetime Member, who is Steve Huff. For those who don't know Steve, he is a top competitor in both handgun and long gun events nationwide, garnering many trophy and top awards for his skills. Steve lives in Hardy and is the owner of Accuracy X. His firm is a builder of Custom 1911 handguns and Precision Long Range Rifles. He builds some of the finest firearms in the industry.

We hope to have Steve come to the Range in the Fall or Winter and possibly put on some shooting clinics for our Members. If you are looking for the best of the best in handguns or rifles, call Steve.

Recently, the NRA gave another \$5000 range improvement grant to 4-H for repair and replacement of the Ceiling Baffles. That work was done, but we have already noticed unusual damage in areas that should not be hit unless there is an accidental discharge of a firearm.

The plan is still to raise the baffles and light fixtures 18" above their present height, to hopefully prevent further damage. I ask everyone to use caution when placing targets, and when shooting rapid fire strings.

Errant rounds not only damage the facility, but can come back to hit you after fragmentation against the target backer frame and mechanism.

I also want to point out that humanoid targets should be placed as low as possible on the target backers to avoid damage at all times.

This year I have tried to purchase unique or highly desired firearms when they become available at a significant discount, and, any specific firearms members look to purchase. We are still having difficulty getting Bear Creek Arsenal AR 15's that average 2 months or better on back order due to such high demand. If you want to own one of these guns, let me know and I will take a deposit to secure your order. I typically order 6 at a time, and they sell out within a week.

I have one more to arrive soon. It is a custom AR15 pistol in Flat Dark Earth finish, with Sig Arm Brace, and Iron flip up battle sights. It will be equipped with a 10" barrel. This is an awesome package and will sell for around \$750.00

We also have a customized Ruger Single Six with Southern Cross grips, and high gloss black finish. It is a beautiful revolver and would make a great keepsake or present for any young person learning to shoot.

We have also seen a lack in ammo purchase at the range lately. I'm not sure why this is down since all the inventory has been replaced with low priced ammo that is actually cheaper than most big box stores. We even donated all of our High Priced 22LR ammo this year to the 4-H Youth Program, and have replaced it with high quality Aquilla ammo at \$3.50 per box of 50.

We do also carry a selection of 12 gauge ammo and 223/5.56 ammo so you can shoot your Home Defense Shotgun or AR15 at the range.

I caution everyone again, to place targets as low as possible and at least 30' away when shooting with a shotgun or AR15.

Be aware of noise protection when using these firearms as they have a very loud report.

Finally, I would just like to wish everyone a safe and happy Summer season both here at the Lake and wherever you may travel. Summertime is full of activity and is also when we see the most boating and PWC accidents. Please be careful out there and be as cautious with your watercraft as you would with your firearm. Don't take anything for granted and always assume the worst.

Peter Fiset
President

My Favorite New Firearm Product

Trailblazer Firearms LC1 Lifecard 22 Club Price \$379

SPECIFICATIONS

Caliber:	.22LR
Action:	Single Action
Length (Closed):	3.375"
Height (Closed):	2.125"
Thickness:	0.5"
Weight:	7 oz.
Materials:	4140 Pre-hardened Steel (barrel, bolt, trigger) / Aluminum (frame, handle). 100% machined billet.
Finish:	Corrosion Resistant Isonite® Steel / Hard Coat Anodized Aluminum.
Safety:	Will not fire when closed





