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June 9, 2019: Annual Membership Meeting and Work Day

The whole and entire purpose of this little newsletter is to remind you of the most important event of the year at the Abe Lincoln Gun Club. On Sunday, June 9, we will hold our annual membership meeting, which immediately follows our most important work day. You are all urged to attend, both because we need all the help we can get to get the Club spruced up for summer, and because this is your best opportunity to brainstorm with your fellow members and have a big voice in how this club is operated.

There are no major agenda items for the meeting this year such as elections or by-laws changes. However, the Board has been kicking around some ideas to add some additional organized shooting competitions at the club, and we would like to hear your ideas and suggestions to expand competitive programs. And, although a lot of little improvements are being made continuously at the Abe Lincoln, we would like to hear your ideas as well.

The Work Day part of the annual meeting starts at 8:00 in the morning. Tasks to be addressed will include:

-The usual replacement of badly damaged target backers on all ranges and assembly/repair of portable frames. Heavy duty box cutters and assorted hand tools needed for this work;

-Removal of numerous dead limbs along the Club's north boundary fence, and possibly some fence repair (Saws and loppers needed);

-Painting the north outer wall of the indoor range building. Only the lower half was ever painted, and that is peeling. The upper part was never painted, and for that we are likely to need some tall extension ladders and rollers on long handles; -Work on the 200-yard steel target bunker. We actually hope to have quite a lot of prep work for this completed prior to Work Day (Weather permitting), and we are asking you to monitor the Club website and your email for notice as to when work on this major project will commence;

-Cleaning the bullet trap in the indoor range as needed, plus anything else we dream up.

In any case, the "Work" part of the Work Day will wrap up by around noon, and earlier if we have enough help. At that point we will gather around the clubhouse and have our annual Membership Meeting. Please try to be there. Your participation is very important to this Club.

Annual Dues to Be Paid by July 1

You are reminded once again that annual dues MUST be paid by July 1. Dues are \$125.00, but are reduced to a mere \$100.00 if you show up and pay at the Annual Meeting/Work Day.

Thanks for the Help!

On Saturday, April 23, a pretty good sized crew answered an Email call and turned out to cut brush on the 200-yard berm. We had a line of guys armed with saws and loppers running the length of the berm, and under Steve Rowoldt's direction they ran right up that berm like so many goats, chewing up everything in their path. The job took only about 3-hours, start to finish, thanks to our ready volunteers.

New First Aid Equipment

When next you visit the club, you will find just inside the door of the clubhouse a new defibrillator and a set of clotting packs to stop traumatic bleeding. This is equipment that is designed for anyone to use, but at the Annual Meeting some time will be devoted to discussion in detail on how and when to make use of this potentially life-saving 1st aid equipment. There is a possibility of "Stop the Bleed" classes being offered to those interested, and this will also be discussed at the meeting.

Juniors Program-

The Juniors Program is scheduled for April 28, May 26, and June 23. The program is free of charge and we provide target rifles and ammo.. Please look at the Club website for details, and bring those kids! This year four of the seven persons working with the juniors have completed the NRA Range Safety Officer course, thanks to the efforts of Don and Claudia Pitchford.

Legislative Affairs-

I am sure you will all be relieved to hear that there does not appear to be any further legislative actions impacting firearms owners in the hopper for this spring despite noises from individual lawmakers. Laws already passed this session will, of-course, have an impact on most of us this next year, with the new 72-hour waiting period and the addition of state licensing requirements for gun dealers. Budget and tax issues have priority this year, but we can expect another difficult time in the next fiscal year.

And that pretty much wraps this up. See you at the Work Day/Annual Meeting!!

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