

LANCASTER PISTOL & RIFLE CLUB

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Dues: 2019 invoices have been mailed, with a due date of January 1, 2019. Please return all forms, whether anything is due or not, because we are asking for DOB for each member so that the work party dues can be properly applied.

Meetings: The January Club meeting will be on Monday, January 14th at Fat Cats Pizza in Lancaster, 1448 Ety Rd. starting at 7:30. Discussion will include changes and upgrades to the pistol range.

The Pistol Range - We've made some good progress. Thank you to everyone who has lent a hand to keep the project moving forward. The concrete is complete and cured, the turning target system has been installed, tested, and is functioning properly. The stationary posts for the existing targets have been installed as well. The railroad ties have been added to the 25-yard line to protect the turning target system. It may require another course of ties in front of the exposed turning target posts but, since they're hardened stainless steel, we might be okay. For now, let's roll with the two courses that are set.

So, we have two colors of pistol target frames, systems, stands, etc. We have **BLACK** and we have **RED**. **BLACK** posts and target frames are for the turning target system, leagues, and matches. They can and will be made available to all club members who partake in the leagues and matches and learn to operate the equipment. These have traditionally been and will remain stored in the pistol league cabinet. **RED** target frames are available for all club members at any time. All of the target frames have been rebuilt and are ready to use. The **RED** target bases are located on positions #12, 10, 8, 6, 4, and a single rifle position on the 25-yard line. There are also **RED** target bases located on the 50-yard line at positions #12, 10, 8, 6, and a single rifle position.

For self-defense distance shooting we have established that positions #11 and 10 are the appropriate positions to use; however, the former exit door (position #12) can be acceptable as well. There will be railroad ties framing an area where mobile target stands can be used. This will be in place by Monday, 12/24. This area is MUDDY. There is a metal 'boot cleaner' lying close to the former exit door that should be used to minimize mud being tracked into the pistol house. We also have found that old cardboard targets can be used effectively to walk around on the mud. It might be advantageous to put some hay or straw in this area defined by the railroad ties in order to minimize mud. We have determined the impact zone for the area defined by the railroad ties to be short of the 25-yard concrete and, while it's muddy and soft, will have minimal to no risk of ricochet.

If done correctly, short distance self-defense shooting can occur with minimal need to leave the concrete or the gravel base above the French-drain system just outside of the pistol house. The brass lights have been adjusted to light up targets in this area. There is a switch for these brass lights inside the entrance door as well as at pistol position #11. If you do need to leave the concrete or gravel, use the metal grating outside of the door to clean the mud off your boots before going into the pistol house.

Finally, this work has been completed so that PISTOLS can be fired from the pistol house on the pistol range. The rifle range is fully functional and open for RIFLES. If members have a need to adjust or establish sights on a rifle, the 25-yard and 50-yard rifle position in the pistol house will remain to serve this purpose. Now that we're back to a functional range, RIFLES should be fired on the RIFLE range from the RIFLE house. PISTOLS should be fired from the PISTOL house onto the new PISTOL range. Club rules and bylaws will be addressed in 2019 to reflect the need to follow this process. In the meantime, please respect this request from the Executive Committee.

Pistol League: The Pistol League will resume when the winter weather breaks in March.

Squirrel League: A simple .22 rifle league that's fun and challenging. Scheduled Tuesday evenings this summer. Contact Jim Potts for more info. The rules are simple:

- 1. Production rifles, < \$500 value. 10x scope. Bench rest allowed. Note: Ruger 10/22 works well.**
- 2. 50 yards, ARA type target and aspirin.**

Matches – Pistol NRA 1800 Matches: The 2019 match schedule is completed. The matches will be on the FIRST Saturday of each month; May through October, except July.

Membership: With renewals in January, we typically have some members that do not renew and will have some openings. We will let the membership know how many openings will be available for new members in January. If you have friends that are interested in joining next year, they can start attending their 3 meetings in January.

Club Secretary needed. After several years of serving on the Executive Committee, I am stepping aside. If you are interested in the position, contact any member of the Executive Committee.

NRA reminder: As an NRA affiliate club, our members are required to be members of the NRA. If your membership has lapsed, please renew it ASAP.

Club website: WWW.LPRCOhio.Com