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## There is a new Sheriff in Town Boys . . .

This one, Brian Gardner means Business. If you have not heard, the CCW program has been changed in several key ways. You no longer need to "Carry Large Sums" of cash. Your desire for personal protection is sufficient to get you an application to take the class. A proper background check will be made and if you pass you can come to the CCW class right here at the Ikes Chapter house on the first Thursday of the month. The four hour class concludes with a 30 minute written test. Pass that and you can come out and shoot the qualification test, an IDPA Silhouette Target at 10 yards. You must score at least 80% to pass the 10 shot course of fire in three minutes, with a reload after the first 5 shots. This test is considerably easier than the old Bullseye test shot at 50 ft indoors, 25 yards outside. If you have wanted a CCW permit, this may be the best time. Note: The Class Size has been capped at 50 and they are already full till April!

## Indoor Range has been running Full

Due to the increasing CCW Class sizes, the Indoor Range has been full for most of the available open times. Measures to improve this for the members are as follows. You may be asked to rotate off the line after one hour. Fees will change as follows, Members and Families \$5, Guests of members \$10 and Non Members = \$15. We will look for an evening to open the Indoor Range for the CCW and other Non Members to reduce traffic during normal Indoor Range Times. More people can mean more problems so keep an eye on people without name tags.

## Indoor Range Is Open

Our Indoor Pistol and small bore (.22) Rifle Range is open on the following Schedule: Sunday 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM; Tuesday nights 6:30 till 8:30; Saturdays 8:00 until 12:45 PM. Fees are still \$5 for members & their families, \$10 for their Guests, but Non Members are now at \$15 per hour. Your Guests are still at \$10! You may be asked Rotate off the line after an hour and to cleanup after yourself. Our Range is run by volunteers during good Winter weather, in Bad weather it may be closed!

**Please Mark your calendar for Sat. April 18<sup>th</sup> 2009 for the Spring Range Cleanup 9 to 11:30. We do need your help. Battery Power Drills! Shovels, Rakes & Bobcats needed.**

## Membership Renewal Cycle has Ended

For those of you that renewed, thank you. For anyone else out there, sorry it will cost you a little more now. We started the renewal cycle in October, payment was due January 1 and by February 1, three months after we started renewals, it closed. We did not choose this cycle, January 1 through December 31, the National Ikes did. I wish it were due March 1, a better time of year for us all. We dropped from about 600 members to 500. From now through March, if you recruit a new member, you can choose \$10 off your 2010 dues or \$10 off their starting dues. If you recruit 2 people, same deal except it will be \$20 for the second member. Lets bump up the membership #'s.

## Our Front Electromagnetic Gate . . .

Works just fine, however we have noticed that if it gets some ice on it, it could freeze shut or get a coating of ice and not lock. This does not mean your Gate Card does not work, just the Gate is having a few issues. I have checked the calendar and I think it has something to do with a full Moon. Every Spring, during the thaw cycle, for reasons of its own it does not work sometimes. Give it 10 minutes and try again. It works most of the time and is not worth spending the money to replace it. Your White Gate Card does have a life cycle, generally about three years. You may need to replace it if it is old. \$5 by mail or just before or after the tour on Saturdays. A number of people come out in the Spring after not being at the range for a while and it doesn't work. There is no magic fix, if you try your card a few times, 10 to 20 minutes apart and it fails while others are getting in, the Card died, its usually not the Gate. Please leave the Gate Open or Shut, however you found it!

## We could use some help with the Range

We need to recruit a few more Range Officers to volunteer to help keep our Indoor Range open. Our current crew is stretched thin and there is a need to open the Range more hours. There will be a meeting at the Ikes Chapterhouse, Sunday February 15th from 11:30 to 12:30, **we will provide Lunch.**

This message is for **You only, no one else will see it** unless they read **your newsletter!**  
2009 Dues Paid = and is currently listed as a Member in Good Standing =  
Watch this panel for information in the future to confirm your status with the Chapter!

February 2009							March 2009						
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**Each Saturday Morning Tour** in February the 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> and in March the 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. Our Volunteer has a priority to meet the prospective members at **8:00 Sharp**, give a Guided Tour, Beginning at the Indoor Range, first building on the right. Orientation, questions and answers addressed. By 8:05 that volunteer has started the only tour, and by 8:45 they are gone for the day with no other Ikes Volunteer to help you after that! **If you have a question about your membership, call the person in charge of membership, we do not keep the records at the Ikes.** If you need a Frame, Gate Card, or Tag Holder, get there before the tour starts or wait till they are finished between 8:45 and 9:00 Saturday Mornings! **So, If you snooze, you lose! Airgun on Tuesday nights.**



**Do we got any Chili Cooks out there? We are looking to Cook up a bunch of Chili in March!**

The Ikes will have a **Free Chili Dinner March 19<sup>th</sup>** to get everyone we can together and check out the new **Three Season Deck**. We need someone to help cook up a bunch of Texas Chili to go with the mild version we will also have.

So, if you have the recipe, we will provide the fixins for a gallon of your best stuff, **Call Bob**. Serving starts at 6:30 on the Third Thursday in **March**. Did I mention it's free!



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### 2009 Hunters Education

The State of Iowa requires that anyone born after January 1, 1972 must have attended and become a certified Hunter Education student in order to purchase a hunting license after they reach the age of 16. The Ikes have once again offered their facilities for the purpose of sponsoring the Iowa DNR Hunter Education program. These three-session classes are held Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. **Students Must Attend all three days** of the class they register for and must be 11 years of age before class. All classes fill up in a few minutes, so be in line at **Gander Mountain** at 6:00 PM on the Wednesday evening before the next class. February Class is Feb 17, 19 & 21, registration on Feb 11. Late Spring class on April 21, 23, & 25 with registration on April 15th at 6:00 PM. For info concerning Hunter Ed classes Please contact Doug Bramow Sr. 360-2091 day or 319-366-2389

### Youth Air Gun Safety Training and Marksmanship

The Ikes offer our Youth Air Gun Training on **Tuesday nights** in the **Chapter House at 6:30 pm**. Most Tuesday nights Tom Delaney & Company will be at the Chapter House for kids young and old to come to a safe place to learn how to handle and shoot a gun. We use a high quality and very accurate air gun due to the low cost of operation, NO recoil, NO noise and NO fumes and little money. Membership not necessary, anyone interested in a very basic gun safety and marksmanship program is welcome. Yes, older kids 15 to 80+ are welcome too. We provide the guns, ammo & targets all for only **\$1 for Kids under 18**, \$2 for adults bringing Kids and \$3 for any kid over 18! Through mid April this year!

The Linn County Ikes is a Conservation and Environmentally friendly organization. One of the ways that we can all help is to only place burnable trash in the trash cans on the ranges. Put the Brass in the labeled Brass Buckets. Look for the labels such as Rimfire, Center Fire, or non brass Wolf /Blazer Buckets. Please look for the "Non Burnable" containers for anything else you may wish to discard. Thanks.

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*These people are volunteers, we have no paid staff, so you will not get them during the weekday! This group has regular jobs during the day, you may leave a message but do not expect to find them at home. If you want prompt and friendly assistance don't call before 8:00 in the morning, during dinner 6-7 or after 9:30 PM. Be courteous and to the point. We are not paid to help you, we volunteer to do this work. Please check this and other Newsletters and our Web Site where you will find most of the answers to your questions!*

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**Membership Dues Information**  
2009 Annual Dues, includes Local, State & National New or Replacement Gate Card, \$5  
New Member Dues \$127 for 2009  
You may call with any questions you can't find the answer to in the Newsletter!  
Membership Tours Saturday Mornings at the Indoor Range starting at 8:00 AM Sharp. This is the only day and time that our tours are given.

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**GANDER MTN. WE LIVE OUTDOORS**

We have the registration for the Ike's Hunters Education Classes on the Wednesday night before the next class at 6:00 PM. Upcoming Classes are February 17th with Signup on Wednesday, February 11th at 6:00 PM and April 21st with signup on Wednesday, April 15 at 6:00 PM. You must be there to sign up!

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**Fantasize all you Want!**  
If you are looking for someone to clean up after you on our Ranges, you will not find it at the Ikes.  
**Clean up your own mess.**  
**Sadly, there is No Maid Service**  
**Sweep up your used brass and patches, including the .22 brass and put it in the appropriate brass bucket so we can recycle it!**

**Youth Shooting Sports Update:**  
The youth sport shooting program conducted by Venture Crew 2000 is off and running with another active season in the indoor range. There are now over 100 active rifle shooters from Venture Crew 2000 and Troop 766. Additional participants who have completed the NRA Basic Firearms instruction classes are also joining in the winter fun in the range.

New this year, and playing to a full range each Friday night, are BB gun sessions attended by 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders from Cub Scout Packs located at Viola Gibson, Jackson, Pius, St. Jude, Pierce and Hiawatha Elementary Schools. Participants shoot in three flights of 8 students and are individually coached by "veterans" in the 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades who are graduates of the Crew's NRA Basic Firearms Education Programs.



**Ikes Guest Policy** For our outdoor Rifle, Pistol & Practice Trap Ranges the rule is One Guest at a time and One visit per Guest! You tag them or we'll bag them for \$5  
If you have a special request please give Bob Godlove a call

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### Youth Shooting Range, Outdoor AirGun

After a number of members have called for and a bunch of kids have wanted one, we are going to build an outdoor AirGun range. We will build a picnic shelter type of structure to give cover and a solid dry cement floor with space enough for eight shooters and coaches and family. This is what it might look like when completed. Range Targets at a standard 5 and 10 meters. Another project we can get out tools to build. This will be done during the time we will be working on our Action Range as many of the same skills, equipment and people will be needed. The Action Range will get the first priority.



We have a lot of Fun Things to do here so please Follow our Rules or find some place else to play!  
Please don't try to change your targets too often.  
Please don't shoot too long when people want to change targets. Normal times would be 5 to 10 minutes on the Pistol Range and 15 to 20 minutes on the Rifle.

**Our Ranges are designed for shooting your gun off, not your mouth, so please go outside to talk when others want to shoot!**

Moving or Recently Moved, your Ikes Newsletter cannot follow you unless you tell us. It is mailed 3rd Class Mail!

**Frames!** New Folding Rifle Frame crafted out of some very nice wood by David Stevens, Inc. are again available and are quite sturdy and will last a long time. **Pistol Frames** and a **larger Rifle Frame** available for \$19, \$24 and \$29 when in stock.

**Outdoor Range Hours 8:00 AM until Sunset!**