

Due to the coronavirus Covid19 pandemic, the Union County Commissioner's office has advised the Union County Gun Club that we not hold our yearly March club-wide membership meeting. County officials are still concerned that inside meetings in such large numbers is not in the best interest of our community just yet. As more immunizations are administered to the public, that concern will be changing for the better--- and we are all hoping that happens soon.

In the meantime---and as a recap:

The final go-ahead decision for Union County to begin requesting bids for the physical work to create our Union County Target Range is on the shoulders of **the steering committee**. As mentioned in previous emails, the Steering Committee is made up of:

- Breed Love Architect firm's engineer,
- Union county commissioner---Lamar Paris and three of his staff members,
- US Forest Service commander---Andy Baker, and
- the Department of Natural Resources---Walter Lane.

Last September, the Department of Natural Resources---Walter Lane, commissioned a sound study engineering company out of Gainesville, Florida to administer a detailed sound-study with live-fire (rifles and pistols) and digital recording devices set out in strategic locations around and as far away as a mile from our proposed target range site---this was a two-day recording event taking in ambient noise readings as well as readings during the live-fire. Due to the Covid19 pandemic, it has taken much longer to get the final results.

The findings have now been finalized and in the hands of the steering committee but not released to us or the public, just yet. We expect that release within the next week or so. As soon as Walter Lane gives us the ok, and he provides us with a copy, we will post that copy of the sound study findings onto our Union County Gun Club web site for your review.

Based on those findings, all eyes are again on the Architect firm to provide alternative sound-abating plans, for our firing-line, to be presented to the steering committee for best-fit and their approval.

Once the new alternative sound-abatement plans are accepted by the steering committee then the Architect will be free to continue on with his mandate to provide the steering committee with his **final site-plan designs**.

The Target Range site-plan design was requested as a final requirement of the Forest Service for giving us the final-go-ahead to use Forest Service property under their care to be used for our Union County Target Range.

Once the steering committee has accepted the site-plans then our County Commissioner will be eager to issue work-bid invites to start physically developing our new Union County Target Range.

According to recent conversations with the Architect, his site-plans are nearly 90% completed.

Folks, we are nearly there. It has taken us three years to get to where we are and our goal is looking positive to becoming a reality in the near future.

Since we will not have our March Meeting for us to pay our membership dues, please send your 2021 dues to the following address:

- Charter membership is \$35.00 for those who have been paying dues from the beginning.
- For recent non-charter membership, your dues are \$70.00

**Mail to: Union County Gun Club
P.O. Box 442
Blairsville, GA 30514**

Paul Clark (President of UCGC) and board members.