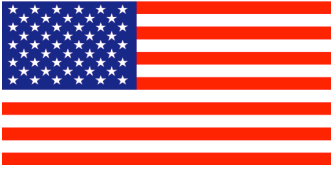
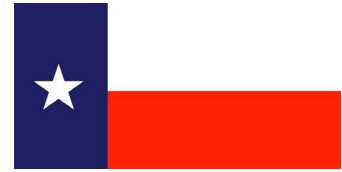


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## President's Message – Jerry Stiller

Spring is here and the club is heating up in all regards. More individual usage is occurring and some matches and leagues are starting up. The benchrest rifle and combat rifle is going great. The new skeet league is drawing record numbers. As you come out to the range, be sure to adhere to the safety rules and use common sense. The more people that use the range, the more chances there are for mishaps. The land acquisition is in full swing with a few new developments outlined below. We are on the way, but there is a long way to go. Purchasing something looks imminent, so please start giving some thoughts on how you want to help pay for the additions. There is a poll on the website and feel free to show up at the board meetings etc. Have a good month, be safe and shoot well.

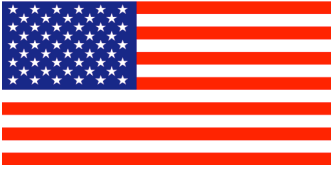
## Reminders

- **Please Pay \$150.00 Dues by June 1<sup>st</sup>.** Please mail payment and any change of address/email information to above P.O. Box.
- **Beginning March 15<sup>th</sup>, the ranges are closed on Monday until 1PM.**
- **Please observe the posted speed limit of 7 mph.**
- **A Steel Reactive Target Training Class is scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup> at 9AM. One member has signed up, but we need three to hold the class. See below for details.**

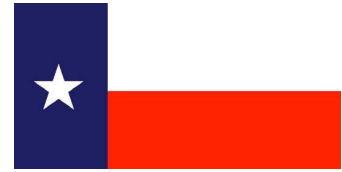
## Safety Notices

- All shooters on the rifle and pistol ranges should ensure that the rounds they fire pass through the black plastic backers and impact into the berms. Please place targets in the center of the plastic backer and avoid shooting the wood frames or the metal posts.
- Please review the Procedures for Casual Pistol Shooters, which may be found in the Reference Section of the NTSA website and on the bulletin board in the clubhouse.
- NTSA Carbine Match rules now require that all shooters bring a yellow or orange chamber flag to be inserted into the chamber after the firearms are cleared after each stage and before being cased.

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## **RANGE SAFETY**

Shooting safety is the responsibility of each club member. While many of us have years of experience handling firearms, anyone can make a mistake. Please remember to adhere to the basic firearms safety rules.

1. Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
2. Assume that the firearm is loaded.
3. Keep your finger away from the trigger until ready to shoot.
4. Ensure a safe backstop

Each person on the ranges is required to wear eye and ear protection at all times, and a hat with a brim to protect the face from shot fall. This is especially important when out from under the metal roofs to set up or replace targets. Let's enjoy our sport and remain safe.

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## ***Rifle Chairman Report – John Myers***

A carbine match was held on Saturday, April 3rd. The weather was great at 70 degrees and sunny with light wind. The attendance was excellent with 20 shooters, including 14 NTSA members and 6 non-members. The overall winners were first place, Dwain M., Tactical Division, second place, Shawn R., Tactical Division, and third place, Kirk S., Limited Division. These folks were shooting centerfire carbines. Three members shot in the Rimfire Division. Steve H. was first shooting his AR22 with red dot optic. The lowest points down were first place, Steve H. with 54, second place, Gary R. with 57, and Fred P. with 58.

The next Carbine match is on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 9AM. Registration ends at 8:30 AM.

Two benchrest matches were held over the past month. A NBRSA club match was held on Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> with 10 shooters. On April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, the club held a NBRSA Texas State Championship and had 18 shooters. Pictures are posted on the NTSA website.

***Please come out and support the club matches.***

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## ***Skeet Chairman Report – Sam Voss***

The six-week long skeet league, which began March 17th, has generated a lot of interest. Details are posted on the NTSA website. Please contact Sam Voss or Mel Haag if you are interested. .

Club skeet matches are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. No tournament pressure and any shotgun that will hold 2 rounds is legal!

## ***Trap Chairman Report – Frank Hughes***

The Big 50 began on Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> and is being held every other Tuesday afternoon.

The monthly trap shoot had a good turnout with 10 shooters split into two groups shooting and the weather was great. They shot from the 16 & 25 yard location and then moved back to the 27 and 28 yard location. Group A winner was Steve Trent and Group B winner was C.S. Erwin. Both groups received \$45.00 as the top prize. The monthly club shoots are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month.

***The championship Buckle shoot will be held on May 15th. Further details to follow.***

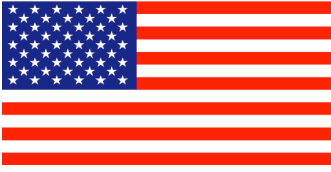
## ***Pistol Chairman Report – Larry Erbskorn***

The NTSA Action Pistol Match for Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> was cancelled due to weather. The next match is scheduled for this coming Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

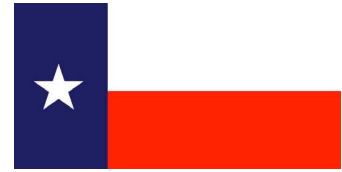
The Club pistol steel shoot was held on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 9AM.

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There were five shooters. This event is timed, but not scored, and is very relaxed. It affords members a great opportunity to shoot steel targets with pistols in .22 rimfire, 9mm, .40 S&W, .45 ACP, etc.

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## Treasurer's Report

Over the past two weeks, club activities have brought in \$2000 one week and \$2300 another week.

## Land Acquisition Subcommittee

NTSA Treasurer Joe Powell is chairing a subcommittee to explore all aspects regarding the acquisition of land for the NTSA and develop a plan that can be presented to the membership at the summer meeting. The subcommittee members are George Clutter, Dale Overstreet, John Cox, Mark Hannah, and Ben Dobson. If you are interested in being a part of the subcommittee, please contact Joe as soon as possible.

## Land Acquisition Poll

The membership pole is still open on the NTSA website and will run for one more month to allow more members to participate. Please take the time to register with the administrator and vote on the poll. It is important that each member first log on to the website and then log on to the poll using the gate combination. Each member will vote twice depending on which options they approve. It is hoped that the poll will provide some guidance to the Land Acquisition subcommittee on what actions the Board should take regarding the acquisition of land.

We had two more members vote during this past month, for a total of 28 members. A quick synopsis is as follows:

- 32% of the members support a dues increase only
- 39% support a dues and membership increase
- 11% support a dues and membership increase, and an assessment
- 7% would like the club to do nothing.

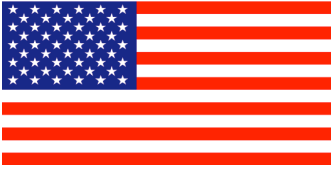
Of the members that support a dues and membership increase:

- 23% support \$200 dues and 700 membership cap
- 38% support \$200 dues and 800 membership cap
- 23% combined support \$300 dues and 700-800 membership

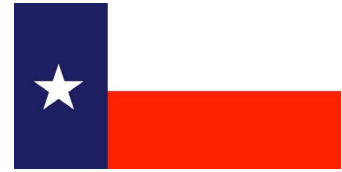
## Road Repair

In February, the Board authorized the Range Manager to have the pot holes filled with gravel and the road graded. The work was supposed to be done when the weather allowed. The weather has improved, but the Range Manager has been unable to contact the individual to come out and do the work. On Monday, Michael Conley will call another company in Ft. Worth to request an estimate. This past month, some improvement was made to the pot holes in the entrance when a member donated some gravel, which partially filled the holes.

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## Rifle Range Flashing Safety Lights Repair

Denton Electric repaired the red flashing safety lights on the rifle range on Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Prone Shooting Positions

The Board has finalized the plan to build a raised prone shooting platform on the rifle range next to the entrance gate. The plan was revised to 7 x 9 feet and will maintain the four-foot walk way that currently exists. The platform will be constructed of concrete blocks with a poured concrete slab and will provide three prone shooting positions. No concrete benches will be taken out and no firing will be done forward of the firing line. The structure will not reduce the rifle range entrance gate at all. The work will begin on May 8th. Volunteers are needed. Please contact John Myers, the Rifle Chairman.

## Steel Reactive Target Training

NTSA members may use steel reactive targets with .22 rimfire ammunition when in compliance with the NTSA policy and after completing a NTSA training course. The NTSA Steel Reactive Target Training class schedule for 2010 is as follows:

- Saturday, April 24th
- Saturday, July 31
- Saturday, October 30th

The class is from 9AM to 11 AM. Please email Gary at [fs5621@yahoo.com](mailto:fs5621@yahoo.com) to register and to obtain the course materials and instructions on what to bring. There is no charge for the class, but three members are needed to hold the class.

## Range/Safety Officers Needed

The NTSA needs a corps of Range Safety Officers (RSO) to participate in the monthly matches. We should have a minimum of six per match (three RSO's per squad) to safely and efficiently run the matches. If you are interested in being trained as an RSO, please contact the Rifle or Pistol Chairmen, or the match directors.

## Newsletters, Notifications, Changes of Address

Twice each year, before the January and June meetings, the NTSA will continue to mail a newsletter to all members. Each month, after the Board meeting, a newsletter will be posted on the website, or members may have it emailed directly, or members may pick up a copy at the clubhouse. If you would like to have the newsletter emailed directly to you along with any other notifications, please provide the Range Manager with your current email address as soon as possible. Likewise, if you have any changes in your address or other contact information, please notify the Range Manager.