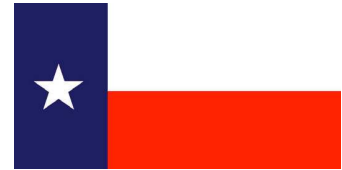


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President's Message – Jerry Stiller

We are moving ahead on the land acquisition. We are looking at a few different possibilities. We are still interested in the land to the north and now an even bigger parcel to the west. The west land will allow the club to expand its use and many new sports. I know that things seem to move slowly, but its a big undertaking and we are making sure the club gets the best deal for future growth. Mike Plaxco is hopefully setting up a new rimfire match in the next few months. I look forward to that. That's about it for now, have a good month and see ya at the club.

Reminders

- **The ranges are closed on Monday until 1PM.**
- **Please observe the posted speed limit of 7 mph.**

Safety Notices

- Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
- Do not shoot any target placed directly on the ground.
- Make sure that your rounds fired impact into the berm and do not skip off of the ground.
- 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.

RANGE SAFETY

Firearms Safety is the responsibility of each club member. Please remember to adhere to the all firearms safety rules, and especially these four basic 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.

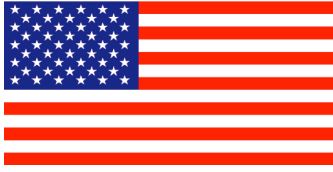
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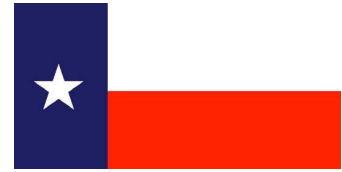
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Rifle Chairman Report – John Myers

The NBRSA Regional “Hotter than Hell” bench rest match was held on Saturday August 14th and Sunday, August 15th. Twenty six shooters competed in four matches: Light Varmint 100 and 200 and Sporter 100 and 200. Ralph Stewart was the overall winner.

A carbine match was held on Saturday, August 8th with 14 shooters, including 8 NTSA members. The Overall winners and Tactical Division were:

1. Dwain M., Tactical Division
2. Aaron B., Tactical Division
3. Steve Hope., Tactical Division

Ltd. Division:

1. Fred P
2. Gary R.

Iron Division:

1. Eric M.

Lowest Points Down:

1. John H. with 14

Stage Winner(s):

Stages 1 - 4: Dwain Meyers

The next carbine match will be on September 4th. Sign-up ends at 8:30 AM. You must attend the safety briefing in order to shoot the match.

Pistol Chairman Report – Larry Erbskorn

An Action Pistol match was held on Saturday, July 24th with 11 shooters. Congratulations to: Eric M. for the overall winner and SSP Division; Eric D. for CDP division; and Jordan C. for ESP division.

The Club Pistol Steel Shoot is normally held the fourth Saturday of the month at 9 AM. It is timed, but not scored, and is very relaxed. It affords members and guests a great opportunity to shoot steel targets with pistols in .22 rimfire, 9mm, .40 S&W, .45 ACP, etc.

Skeet Chairman Report – Sam Voss

A combination skeet and sporting clay league will be held this fall. See the details below.

A club skeet match will be held Saturday, August 21st at 10 AM. No tournament pressure and any shotgun that will hold 2 rounds is legal!

Trap Chairman Report – Frank Hughes

The ATA Big 50's will be held on Tuesday August 17th and will continue every other Tuesday afternoon through November. Don't let the heat stop you from coming out. The monthly club shoot will be held on Saturday, August 14th. We look forward to seeing you shoot trap.

The Horny Toad Handicap Buckle Shoot is scheduled for September 25th. Buckles will be awarded for 5 Yardage Group Winners and a Horny Toad hat pin will be given to all participants.

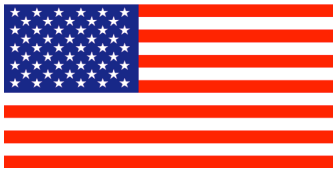
Please come out and support the club matches!

August Board Meeting

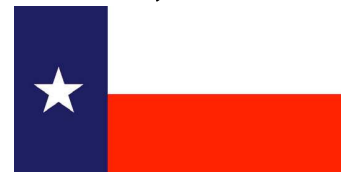
The August Board meeting was held on August 11th. The main agenda items were the land acquisition, safety issues, and voting the removal or termination of delinquent members.

The President gave an overview of the club activities to 24 new members to the club and the Board voted them in.

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The treasurer purchased a two-year CD in the amount of \$85,000. He stated that 18 members have failed to pay their dues by August 1st. The Board voted to revoke the membership of the 18 members. They are not allowed to use the club facilities and have 30 days to appeal. A list will be printed and placed in the clubhouse.

Under new business, Michael Plaxco presented a proposal for a .22 precision rifle rimfire match to be held on the 3rd Sunday of each month beginning in January. The match would involve shooting paper targets at 50, 100, and 200 yards from the bench using a bipod, and 50 yards standing offhand. The Board asked Michael to test the impact of rimfire rounds into the berms from the various positions and report back. Michael requested that the Board approve exclusive use of the rifle range for the match from 8 AM until 1 PM because squads will be using the 50, 100 and 200 yard firing points at the same time. The Board advised that the match director would be in charge of the entire range but would need to allow casual shooters use of the range. Michael advised the Board that for safety reasons, he would not be interested in being the match director. The Board will discuss his concern and vote.

Also under new business, the Board discussed the proposal of re-instituting the requirement that all new members attend a safety briefing/orientation at the clubhouse on the first Saturday after the Board meeting and/or within 60 days of joining as was done in the past, and discontinuing the on-line safety briefing. The major concerns with the on-line briefing were the difficulties of ensuring that all new members actually completed the briefing and that it did not afford new members an opportunity to ask questions. The Board unanimously agreed to re-institute the old program. The original safety briefing will be reviewed and updated for use by all members involved in providing the safety briefing/ orientation.

The Board discussed safety issues pertaining to muzzle discipline and other actions when not on a firing line actually preparing to fire. The Board decided that each shooting venue or discipline has its own set of unique circumstances which would prevent an across the board adoption of the 180 degree rule or having all firearms cased when not in use. The Board re-affirmed that all firearms must have the actions opened when not being fired or the bolts removed and that chamber flags should be used when ever possible, and that no live ammunition be placed in any firearm away from the firing line that is capable of being fired. The Board also stated that Match Directors could impose additional safeguards. The Board will review the NTSA safety rules in conjunction with the NRA, IBS, NBRSA, ATA, etc., and update them as necessary.

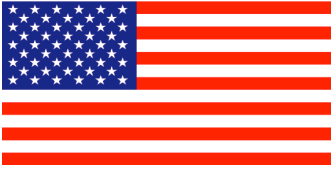
The Board discussed the method of handling safety violations or other incidents which might involve disciplinary actions. If the incident cannot be satisfactorily resolved at the time of the occurrence, a standardized incident investigation form would be prepared for use by the range managers to report the incident to the vice president (VP), who is tasked by the by-laws "with determining and applying sanctions placed on members for disciplinary actions" with Board approval. Upon receipt of the completed investigation form, the VP will individually contact and discuss the incident with all parties involved and advise the parties of their right to address the Board, particularly if disciplinary action is being considered. The VP will prepare and present an incident investigation form for adoption at the next meeting.

Under old business, the Board discussed the land acquisition. Details are not available for publication at this time because the negotiations are continuing. A special meeting will be called for the membership to vote when the purchase details can be disclosed and membership approval is needed. The President advised in the annual summer meeting that the annual membership dues will increase \$100 with the land acquisition, but the value of each membership will increase substantially and the club will be able to offer sporting clays, five-stand, a 600-yard rifle range, etc.

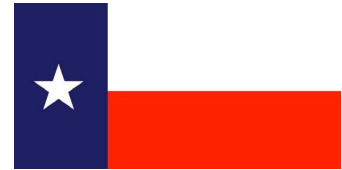
Also under old business, there was a discussion about allowing casual shooters to shoot reactive steel targets with other than .22 rimfire ammunition. A subcommittee meeting will be scheduled for late August at the clubhouse to develop a proposal for a future Board meeting.

The Board discussed the proposal of a background check for new members. Some Board members expressed concerns with administration of such an action and potential privacy issues. A suggestion was made that the membership application could have included some statements regarding whether or not the new member is in possession of a current CHL and/or if a new member can legally own a firearm in Texas. The Board tabled the proposal until the next meeting when a draft membership application with proposed language will be presented.

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Fall Skeet/Sporting Clays League

A combination Skeet/Sporting Clays League will begin in the latter part of September or early October. Dates will be forthcoming. The League will be 8 weeks long and will consist of 25 skeet targets and 25 sporting clays targets each week. The sporting clays will be shot over a temporary 3-station layout placed on the east trap field. John Rea, a Level II Instructor and Master Class Sporting Clays shooter, will provide the traps and his expertise in setting the targets. Sign up will be at the club in the near future. Look for more about this exciting event on our web site, www.shootntsa.com.

Steel Reactive Target Training

A NTSA Steel Reactive Target Training class was held on Saturday, July 31st with six members attending. The class previously scheduled for Saturday, October 30th was cancelled. An alternate date will be announced this fall. The class is from 9AM to 11 AM. Please email Gary at 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. 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.

Membership Update

In May, the Board approved an increase in the membership cap from 600 to 700. In August, 24 new members joined the club. The current voting membership is now approximately 680 not including the honorary or legacy members. There are approximately 25 people on the waiting list and approximately 10 applications were received. An updated list will be posted next week on the website.

Membership Application Changes

As of June 1st, all applicants for membership are required to submit a non-refundable \$50 deposit with their application. This will be applied towards the \$500 initiation fee when the applicant becomes a member. If an applicant on the list is called and is unable to join at that time, he or she will be moved to the back of the list for one time only. However, if an applicant on the list fails to respond within 30 days, the \$50 is forfeited.

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.