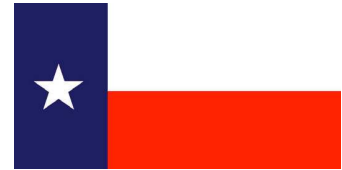


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## President's Message – Jerry Stiller

Well, 2010 is about in the bag. We had a good year of shooting and a little bit of disappointments in land acquisition. 2011 looks like it will be a good year so far. No big changes in the works as far as I can see. Hopefully the land owners to the west will reconsider, and make us a good deal. We are bringing a list of potential improvements to the winter meeting to get a show of hands on. I plan on putting a copy of it on the web before so we can look it over and get an idea of what's really wanted and what isn't. There are currently 4 board members up for election with 4 candidates. We hope to see you at the meeting. We set up the list for 110 guests so we hopefully won't run out of food like the summer.

## Reminders

- **The ranges are now open all day on Monday since Daylight Saving Time ended.**
- **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 fired rounds 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.

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### **RANGE SAFETY**

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

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

Let's enjoy our sport and remain safe.

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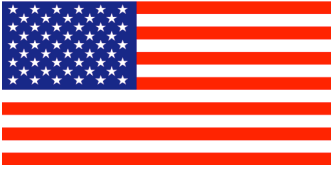
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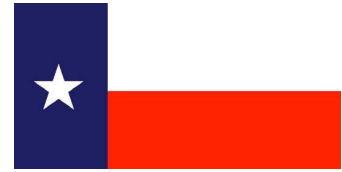
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## ***Rifle Chairman Report – John Myers***

A carbine match was held on Saturday, December 4th with 23 shooters, including 8 NTSA members. The Overall winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> – Bill D., Limited Division; 2nd – Dwain M., Tactical Division; 3rd – Kirk S, Tactical Division. The Iron division winner was Steve H. in 9<sup>th</sup> place. Lowest Points Down: Fred P. with 34. Stage Winner(s): Stage 1: Gary R.; Stage 2: Kirk S.; and Stages 3 -5: Dwain M. The next carbine match will be on January 8th. Sign-up ends at 8:30 AM. You must attend the safety briefing in order to shoot the match.

*Reminder – The Precision Rimfire matches begin on Sunday December 19<sup>th</sup> at 0830. See additional information below.*

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

An Action Pistol match was held on Saturday, November 20th with 20 shooters. Congratulations to: Steve H. for the overall winner and CDP Division; Gary R. for second overall and ESP division; Tom F. for 7<sup>th</sup> and SSP division, and Mike M. for 11<sup>th</sup> place and SSR Division. Lowest points down – Tom F. with 21. The next action pistol match will be on December 18<sup>th</sup>. The match begins at 8:30 AM and sign-up ends at 8:30 AM. You must attend the safety briefing in order to shoot the match.

The Club Pistol Steel Shoot is held on 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***

From Mel Haag:

“The skeet/sporting league held its awards and picnic Wednesday, December 1. League members receiving awards were, Gus Myers, Champ, Joe Alton, 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up, and Carl Dane, 2nd Runner Up. Class Champs respectively were, James Conner, John Rea, Mike Syler and Frank Hughes. A new and annual award called the “Pat Burton Memorable Shot” was also awarded to none other than the trophies namesake Pat Burton. A spring league is being planned with the format to be determined. Look for details at the club in February.”

Thanks for the submission, Mel!

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

The last ATA Big 50 for the year was held on December 7<sup>th</sup> with 16 shooters. The Big 50s will start again after the time change in 2011.

The Buckle Shoot will be on May 7<sup>th</sup> and the Horny Toad will be on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

Our monthly club trap shoot is at noon the second Saturday of the month. Please come and shoot with us.

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## **Annual Winter Business Meeting**

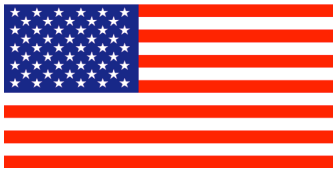
The Annual Winter Business Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at the Denton Country Club, which is located at 1213 Country Club Road, Denton, TX. The meeting will begin at 5 PM and end at 9 PM. Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM. The cost of the dinner is \$10 per person. The land acquisition will be discussed with the membership attending as well as a proposed list of improvements to the club in 2011. An election will be held for four Board members. There are no proposed by-law changes. Thanks to member Margaret Hall for reserving the Denton Country Club.

## **December Board Meeting**

The December Board meeting was held on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. The main agenda item under old business was the land acquisition, the winter business meeting, an update on the portable sporting clay machines, and a list of club improvements for 2011.

The Board received and voted in three membership transfers.

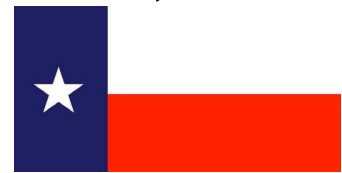
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Member George Clutter brought the monthly treasurer's report for the period ending November 2010, which was distributed to all members present.

Under old business, the Board discussed the acquisition of the 234 acre property to the west. The Board discussed various amounts and agreed on an amount to offer the owners. Although this amount is below the asking price, it is hoped that the owners will take into consideration the \$70K per year of interest that they will gain over a 10 year period, if they carry the note. As stated last month, about 80-85% of the 234 acre property is located within flood plain which would be excellent for recreational use and would keep the price per acre relatively low. The flood plain property is worth about \$2500 per acre. The remaining 15-20% is currently worth from \$7 – 10K per acre. The realtor believes the current value of the entire property is estimated at \$750 – 820K, which is well below the asking price now of \$1,000,000. Although it was discussed last month, the BOD did not develop the criteria to give to the realtor to search for other properties within a 5-10 mile area.

The Trap Chairman reported that thanks to member Margaret Hall, the Denton Country Club (DCC) has been reserved for Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup> from 5 PM to 9 PM for 110 members. As in the past, the cost per person for the dinner will be \$10 each, which is well below the actual cost to the club which is approximately \$23.

The President asked if the Board members have received any candidates for election for the Board of Directors. The Skeet Chairman advised that member John Rea would like to take his position. Member Mel Haag was contacted and stated that he would run for the Board, if needed.

Last month, the President requested that all BOD members submit a wish list of proposed improvements with cost estimates to the Treasure. The goal was to prioritize these proposed improvements and provide them to the membership at the Winter Business Meeting. Member George Clutter received the lists from the Treasurer and compiled them for the Board meeting. Each item was discussed and given a priority number. Some items were dropped because they were not feasible or too expensive. The remaining items will be discussed at the winter meeting.

Also last month, the Board approved the purchase of three portable sporting clays machines for \$6,000. The Range Manager stated that the purchase is still in works.

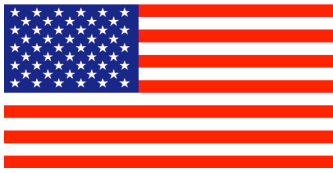
The Board spoke with member Harry Hettinger about taking pictures of the club facilities and having them posted on the NTSA website. Harry asked permission to take some instructional videos and the Vice President offered to assist him.

Under new business, the Rifle Chairman presented a request to move the Precision Rimfire match, which is starting on December 19<sup>th</sup>, from Sunday to Saturday. The Board discussed, but did not approve this request because of the large number of benchrest and other rifle shooters that use the 100/200 yard range on Saturday. The Board believed that the Sunday schedule would impact those shooters the least.

Member George Clutter raised an issue on the 200-yard rifle range that there is evidence of bullets striking weeds and trees a few feet above the berms. It is unknown whether or not these rounds are caused by bullets skipping of the ground, or by improperly sighting in rifles. The Board discussed installing baffles and/or raising the berms. The Board acknowledged that the berms are in need of periodic maintenance, but that raising the berms is not the solution to the problem, and baffles could severely impact competition. The President requested that the Rifle and Pistol Chairmen investigate other ranges in the DFW area that have baffles or other means to keep rounds within their property boundaries and report back to the Board for further discussion and resolution.

Also under new business, at the request of several members, the Pistol Chairman presented a proposal for adopting an Optional Range Fee for Pistol and Rifle (ORF). The optional fee would be \$100 per year in addition to the annual dues and would apply to pistol and rifle ranges only. By paying the annual fee, the member would not pay the \$3 daily fee for using the rifle and pistol ranges. Under this proposal, the fee would only apply to an individual member and not the entire family. In addition, the fee would only apply to casual shooting and not a sanctioned event The Pistol Chair's proposal would require that the Range Manager maintain a list of members who have paid the fee and check it against the daily sign-in

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sheet. The members who use this option would write "ORF" in the box under "Rifle" or "Pistol" in lieu of the \$3 fee. This fee would benefit the members who use the pistol or rifle ranges more than three times per month. The Board discussed the concept in general and decided that there would be a number of positive benefits and that the proposal would probably increase the club's income rather than decrease it. The Board then discussed the amount to charge each member annually and did not come to an agreement. The amounts ranged from \$60 to \$100 annually. However, the Board did agree to approve the ORF on a trial basis to end on May 31<sup>st</sup> for a pro-rated amount of \$50, effective immediately. The Skeet Chairman suggested that the ORF include not just the individual paying the fee, but also the individual's wife. There were no objections to this suggestion. The President asked the Range Manager to maintain a list of those members that paid the ORF fee and consider adding something to the membership card to indicate that the fee was paid. As stated above, the Board approved the ORF on a trial basis and will monitor the program over the next several months and decide to continue or discontinue it prior to June 1<sup>st</sup>. The decision to discontinue the program will be made if it is determined that the club is losing income.

As reported last month, the Board received a resignation letter from the Range Manager, Bob Carmichael, which is effective April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The Board has a highly qualified individual in mind and intends to have him hired by April 1<sup>st</sup> so that he can learn the day-to-day operations from Bob before he leaves. That individual is currently employed and asked that his name not be announced until March.

## **Precision Rimfire Rifle Competition**

The first Precision Rimfire Rifle competition will be held on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> on the 100/200 yard rifle range. The match will vary each month, but primarily consists of shooting paper targets at 50, 100, and 200 yards from the bench using a bipod and a rear rest, and shooting targets at 50 yards standing offhand (unsupported). Any precision rimfire rifle is welcome. You will need approximately 100 rounds of quality rimfire ammunition. The match begins at 0900. Registration ends at 0830 and the safety briefing begins at 0840. You will need to attend the safety briefing in order to shoot. Mike Plaxco is the match director. He recommends that if your rifle/scope combination is sighted-in with a 100-yard zero, you will need about 18 - 19 minutes of angle elevation for 200 yards, depending on the ammunition used.

## **Updated Range Safety Rules**

Please check the reference section on the NTSA website for the updated safety rules, or stop by the club for a copy. All members and their guests are requested to abide by the NTSA safety rules and to review them periodically.

## **Steel Reactive Target Training**

The Steel Reactive Target Training Classes will resume next year. A schedule will be announced in the newsletter and posted on the website. 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 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.

## **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, soon 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. It is very important to keep your contact information up to date.