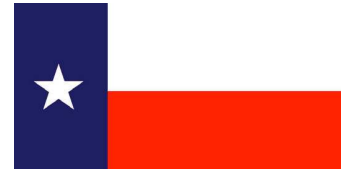


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President's Message – Jerry Stiller

We had the February board meeting and are getting close to getting a land committee going. Joe Powell is going to take the lead on it. We also firmed up our match procedures per the new by-laws. It is being discussed on how to put in a prone berm on the 100 yard rifle range. Gary and I are going to take the lead on it and get something for our ever growing tactical shooters. The shooting of 50 caliber guns was discussed. The ruling is it IS LEGAL to shoot on our rifle range, so bring 'em out. Joe also put a budget together with some help from the boot shop gang. Thanks to all for getting it done and making us compliant with our bylaws. Now if the weather will ever warm and dry up we can get on with our spring shooting. Have a good one and keep 'em on the target.

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

The February Carbine match was held on February 6th. Although it was cold and windy, there were 24 competitors. The overall winners were:

1. Steve H., Limited Division
2. Kirk S., Limited Division
3. Shawn R., Tactical Division

There was 1.17 seconds difference between first and second places overall.

Lowest Points Down (most accurate)::

1. John H., 14 points
2. Kirk S., 15 points

Stage Winner(s):
Stage 1: Kirk S.
Stage 2: Steve H.
Stage 3: Steve H.
Stage 4: Steve H.

Pistol Chairman Report – Larry Erbskorn

The NTSA Action Pistol Matches are held each month on the third Saturday and are a lot of fun. Eric DuChemin is the Match Director and has been doing a great job. Please come out and join us. If you have any questions, please contact Eric at eric.duchemin@verizon.net.

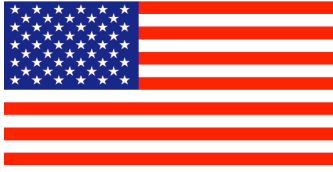
The Club pistol matches for the remainder of the year will use steel targets. These matches are held on the fourth Saturday of the month and begin at 9 AM.

Skeet Chairman Report – Sam Voss

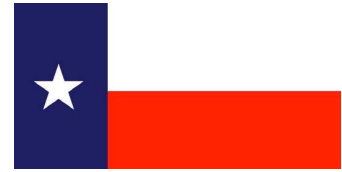
Sam Voss received a proposal for a six-week long skeet league to begin in March. Please contact Sam if you are interested. Details will be posted on the NTSA website.

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

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The next Carbine match is on March 6th. Registration is at 8:30 AM.

Trap Chairman Report – Frank Hughes
Trap matches are in full swing with the BIG 50 every other Tuesday afternoon starting March 16th, and the monthly club shoots on the 2nd Saturday. ***There is a trap competition this coming Saturday so come out and shoot! The Buckle shoot dates will be in May and will be posted soon.***

Reminder, Please Pay \$150.00 Dues by June 1st.

Please mail payment and any change of address/email information to above P.O. Box.

Land Acquisition Subcommittee

NTSA Treasurer Joe Powell will chair 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. This includes the possibility of raising dues and/or assessing each member an undetermined amount to purchase land. If you are interested in being a part of the subcommittee, please contact Joe as soon as possible. He is planning on holding a meeting before the next Board meeting.

Over the past couple of weeks, a membership pole was developed for the NTSA website to determine what actions the Board should take regarding the acquisition of land. Each member was to vote twice. However, during testing, the poll was found to have problems with voting. As soon as these problems can be worked out, it will be made available for use.

NTSA Budget

The Treasure provided the Board with a proposed budget for 2010, which was unanimously approved.

Road Repair

The Board authorized the Range Manager to have the pot holes filled with gravel as the first part of a multi-stage process to improve the road.

Prone Shooting Positions

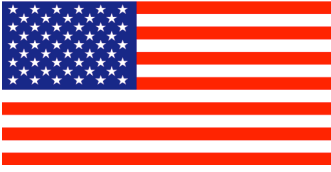
The Board is researching the possibility of building some prone shooting positions on the west side of the 100-yard range. A proposal will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Steel Reactive Target Training

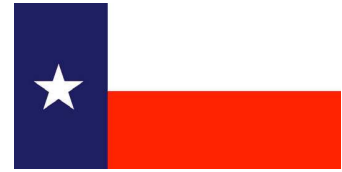
A Steel Reactive Target Training class was held on January 30th. Eight members attended the class and received their certification. NTSA members may use steel reactive targets with .22 rimfire ammunition when in compliance with the NTSA policy and after completing a NTSA training course. The NTSA Steel Reactive Target Training class schedule for 2010 is as follows:

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

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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.

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.

Precision Rimfire Rifle Competition

Is there any interest in holding a monthly or quarterly Precision Rimfire Rifle Match? Each shooter would need an accurate (sub-MOA) bolt-action or semi-auto .22 rifle or carbine equipped with a target scope and target grade ammunition. The target distances would be 25, 50, 100 yards and the targets would be paper, steel and, clay targets. The shooting positions would be standing (offhand), sitting, and prone and would involve no movement between stages. Bipods or rests with rear bags would be allowed. We would need a match director and three RSO's. Please contact the Rifle Chairman at jfmyers2002@yahoo.com, if interested.

Rimfire Carbine Competition

Another rimfire match that we would like to get started is Rimfire Carbine. It would be run exactly like the centerfire carbine matches held each month, but on a separate date. This match could be held monthly, bi-monthly or quarterly depending on the interest and RSO's to help run it. Please contact Gary at fs5621@yahoo.com if you would like to participate or have any suggestions.

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. We used them during the February match and there were no problems.

Newsletters, Notifications, Changes of Address

Twice each year, before the January and June meetings, the NTSA will mail a newsletter to all members. This is very costly and time consuming. However, each month, a newsletter will be posted on the website, or members may have it emailed directly. 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.

Speed Limit

Please observe the posted speed limit of 7 miles per hour. Driving slowly keeps the dust down and off of the expensive shotguns in the racks.