North Texas Shooters Association, Inc



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President's Message – Jerry Stiller

Well, it looks like we made it through last year without any big mishaps and let's hope that this year will be the same. The match directors are getting all the matches in line and it looks like we are up for a full year. The skeet program needs help and is going to get it. I want this year's skeet program to be better and see the same good participation we had in the past. We are looking for a few new games to play, the .22 rimfire precision shoot may be a good one. The details still need to be hammered out. We may also see about shooting some ARA matches. That is a benchrest game for the .22's that seems to be the major sanction for the US at this time.

The board needs some help. The membership wants us to look at the land situation and we need to form a committee to get it going. Please come out and give us some support on this one.

Also, the board meetings happen on the 2nd Wednesday every month. If you have any issues or just want to see what's going on, come on out. Starts at 6:30.

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 basic firearms safety.

- 1. Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction
- 2. Assume the firearm is loaded.
- 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 as well as a hat with a brim to protect 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.

2010 Board of Directors

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Rifle Chairman Report - John Myers

The calendar is full of upcoming 2010 Benchrest and Carbine matches. There are currently (7) registered benchrest matches starting on March 21st with the NBRSA 100yd VFS. We also have April 10th,11th NBRSA - Texas State Championship, June 5th, 6th NBRSA - Texas Showdown 4 gun 200, August 14th, 15th NBRSA - Hotter'N Hell Gulf Coast Region LV-SP, August 29th NBRSA - 200yd VFS and October 9th,10th - IBS Texas State Championship where our own local member will be defending his 2009 state title. The benchrest club matches are March 21st (100 yd), May 23rd (200 yd), July 11th

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.

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(100yd), August 29th (200 yd) and November 14th (100 yd).

The Carbine matches are typically the first Saturday each month with only two exceptions. The June and July matches are the second Saturday due to another scheduled match and the fourth of July holiday. Carbine matches are scheduled to be February 6, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 12, July 10, August 7, September 4, October 2, November 6 and December 4.

We have a great schedule for 2010 and plenty of shooting opportunities for everyone. Please come out and be part of the fun.

Skeet Chairman Report - Sam Voss

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

Trap Chairman Report - Frank Hughes

Trap matches are in full swing with the BIG 50 every other Tuesday afternoon and the monthly club shoots on 2nd Saturday. See the web site for schedule.

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

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

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was held on January 9th at the Denton Country Club. Attendance was relatively low with approximately 60 voting members. Four members were elected to the Board of Directors for a two-year term: Michael Conley, Larry Erbskorn, John Myers and Gary Runyon. The two main topics of discussion were a proposed amendment and the acquisition of additional land. The proposed amendment is as follows:

II.9 Reporting of Income and Expenses – All income and/or details of expense, resulting from an event, activity, competition, fund raising, fee, or any other source associated with the use of facilities, or properties owned by NTSA, shall be surrendered to the NTSA Treasurer, to be reported as NTSA business. Persons responsible for surrendering such funds and/or details of expense, shall submit a written general accounting of how funds and/or expenses were realized to the Treasurer within 7 days.

The amendment passed and will be implemented with the February matches.

The land acquisition will be addressed separately in a membership poll on the NTSA website. Members are requested to vote only once. The results of the poll will be used by the Board as a guide to determine what actions to take.

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. 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.

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

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• Saturday, October 30th

The class is from 9AM to 11 AM. Please email Gary at <u>fs5621@yahoo.com</u> 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 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 ifmyers 2002 @ 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

Beginning with the February match, the NTSA Carbine Match rules will require that all shooters bring a yellow or orange chamber flag to be inserted into the chamber after the firearms is cleared after each stage and before it is cased.

Speed Limit

Please observe the posted speed limit of 7 miles per hour. Driving above the speed limit kicks up a lot of dust, which coats the shotguns in racks, etc.