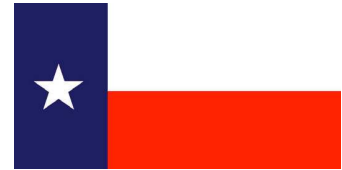


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President's Message – Jerry Stiller

Summer is in full swing and most of the ranges are busy. The shoots have been attended well and members are using the club. Income is up and most of the members have paid the dues. If you have not paid the dues, do so now. Your membership was suspended and will be revoked at the next board meeting. We expect about 50 new members will be coming in off the waiting list in the next few months. Welcome aboard. We are actively dealing with the land acquisition. We hope to see you at the club. Bring plenty of cool drinks.

Reminders

- **If you have not done so, please pay \$150.00 annual dues immediately, which were due June 1st. Members who fail to pay dues are delinquent on July 1st with their membership privileges suspended. On August 1st, suspended memberships are revoked.**
- **The ranges are closed on Monday until 1PM.**
- **Please observe the posted speed limit of 7 mph.**

Safety Notices

- 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

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.

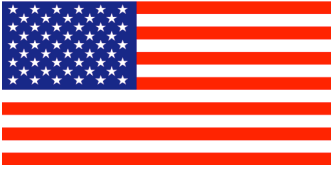
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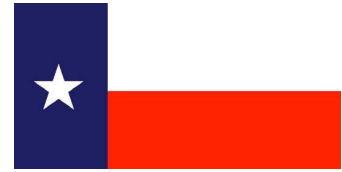
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Rifle Chairman Report – John Myers

A club bench rest match was held on Sunday, July 11th with 23 shooters. Although it was a club match, folks came from Oklahoma and Louisiana. Jerry Stiller won the group event and a shooter from Louisiana won the scored event.

A carbine match was held on Saturday, June 12th but the July 10th match was cancelled due to rain. The June match had 19 shooters and the results were as follows:

1st Place Steve H.- Limited Division
2nd Place Dwain M.- Tactical Division
3rd Place Kirk S.- Limited Division

The shooter with the lowest points down was Dwain M. with an incredible 7 points.

Pistol Chairman Report – Larry Erbskorn

The June Action Pistol match was held on Saturday, June 19th. The attendance was good with 13 shooters. Congratulations to: Dwain M. with the Lowest Overall Score and first place in ESP; Steve H with the second overall score and first in CDP; and Mike M. with the third lowest score and a first place in SSP. Dwain M and Johnny G. tied with the Lowest Total Points Down at 10. ***The next Action Pistol Match will be held on July 24th instead of the Club Pistol Steel Shoot.*** This match was postponed from the third Saturday due to the Swap Meet and Annual Summer Meeting.

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.

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

Trap Chairman Report – Frank Hughes

The ATA Big 50's are being held every other Tuesday afternoon and will continue through November. There has been an average of 18 shooters each time. We look forward to seeing you shoot trap.

The monthly club shoots are held on the 2nd Saturday and are doing very well. We had 7 shooters on July 12th, despite heavy rain the day before.

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!

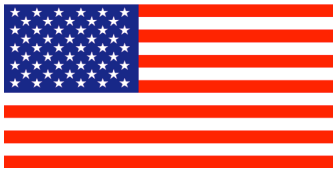
July Board Meeting

The July Board meeting was held on July 14th. The main topics of discussion were the land acquisition and the annual summer meeting agenda. The Board agreed that the dues would have to be raised \$100 per year to pay for the land and improvements. The Board voted to suspend the membership of 64 members (at that time) who had not paid their dues by July 1st. Those members are not allowed to use the club facilities. A list would be printed and placed in the clubhouse.

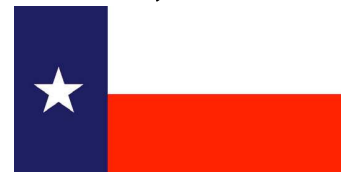
1st Annual Swap Meet

In conjunction with the Annual Summer Meeting, the club held its 1st Annual Swap Meet from 9AM to 12 noon. Judging by the number of members that set up displays and by the amount of activity, the swap meet was a great success. There were some great deals and it was a lot of fun trading and meeting members.

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Annual Summer Meeting

The Annual Summer Meeting was held on Saturday, July 17th with a record number of members attending. An excellent BBQ dinner with brisket, chicken, and pulled pork was served to 75 people but unfortunately at least a dozen members did not get to eat because the caterer ran out of food. We apologize to those members that did not get to eat, and will ensure that that doesn't happen again. Also, next year the swap meet will end at 11:30, the dinner will be served at 12 noon, and the annual meeting will begin when the members are through eating, or about 12:30.

The summer meeting began at 1:35 with the reading and acceptance of the minutes from the annual winter meeting. The President advised that the club grounds and the machinery are in great condition thanks to the efforts of the Range Managers and some members. He said that all the shooting disciplines are doing well and encouraging excellent participation. The Treasurer advised that he purchased one \$16,000 CD for the land fund with dues received and will purchase another one when the remainder of the dues is received. He advised that (at that time) there are about 54 members that have not paid their dues for this year. The President stated that it is the individual members' responsibility to pay his or her dues on time. The Board of Directors will vote to remove those members that have not paid by August 1st. The Range Manager advised that Mike Needham retired from being the weekend range manager and that Jason Nindorf, who has been filling in, would be leaving soon. Kip Staton will be the weekend range manager beginning August 1st. The President stated that we would like to have more .22 rimfire competitions including an ARA-style bench rest match and a precision/tactical style match. However, we need members to volunteer to act as match directors and range safety officers.

Under old business, the President provided a comprehensive update on the land acquisition, which was an action item for the Board from the annual winter meeting. Details are not available for publication at this time because the negotiations are in the early stages. However, 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 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 longer rifle range, etc. The President stated that the membership cap was increased from 600 to 700 in anticipation of the land acquisition, but only after studies were conducted on the usage of the present facilities.

Under new business, there was a discussion about allowing casual shooters to shoot reactive steel targets with other than .22 rimfire ammunition. The President advised that the Board had previously discussed the issues at great length but would discuss it again at the next meeting.

The last item of new business discussed was the proposed change in the by-laws, which pertained to bringing new members on board. The proposed by-law was unanimously approved by the membership and is as follows:

1.1.1 Family Membership * A voting, fully participating family membership may be obtained by an individual who is at least eighteen (18) years of age, executing the proper application and attending a Board of Directors meeting when notified to do so. The attendee must be an adult covered by the membership. In lieu of the attendee, a current club member in good standing who knows the applicant may appear before the Board on the new member's behalf. Applicant must be prepared to submit the full initiation fee and one year's dues at the time of acceptance into NTSA, Inc.

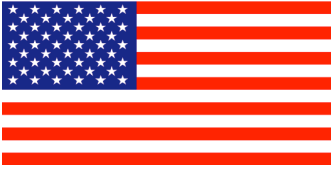
Fall Skeet/Sporting Clays League

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.

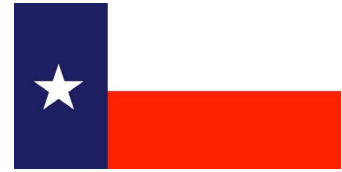
New Weekend Range Manager

Beginning August 1st, Kip Staton will be the weekend range manager. He will be on duty from 8AM to official sunset.

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Steel Reactive Target Training

An extra NTSA Steel Reactive Target Training class was held on June 26th with five members attending. The class scheduled for Saturday, July 31st will be held as three members have already signed up. However, the class scheduled for Saturday, October 30th will not be held. 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. During the June meeting, we had three transfers and 26 new members join the club. In July, 30 new members joined including one transfer. The current voting membership is now approximately 657 not including the honorary or legacy members. There are some folks on the waiting list which raise the membership to the cap.

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.