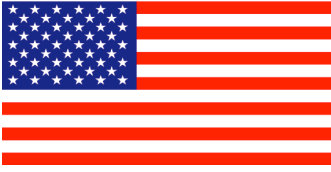
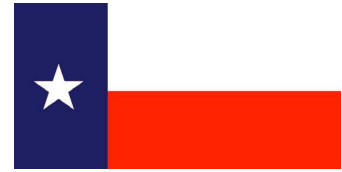


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President's Message – Jerry Stiller

Hopefully spring is here along with some sunshine, better temps and maybe a few non rainy days. We are heavily looking at land acquisition and some rifle range improvements. We are adding a 3 man prone platform on the right side of the 200-yard range. It should be under way in a month or so. All the matches are beginning to start up with the first benchrest match this month. We also have a skeet league going with over 30 participants. WOW, what a turnout for skeet. Congrats to all involved in that. The trap buckle shoot will be on May 15th. I am looking forward to a good spring. See ya on the range.

Reminders:

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

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

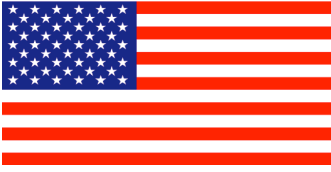
2. Beginning March 15th, the ranges are closed on Monday until 1PM.

3. Please observe the posted speed limit of 7 mph.

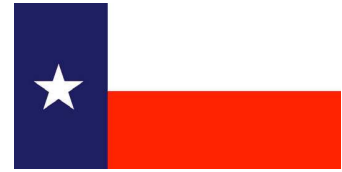
Safety Notices

- 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.

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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 March Carbine match was held on Saturday, March 6th. The weather was 60 degrees, overcast, and breezy. The attendance was excellent with 19 shooters, including 9 NTSA members and 10 non-members. The overall winners were:

1. Dwain M., Limited Division
2. Shawn R., Limited Division
3. Kirk S., Tactical Division

Tactical Division:

1. Dwain M.
2. Shawn R.

Ltd. Division:

1. Kirk S.
2. Larry B.

Iron Division:

1. Steve Hope.

Lowest Points Down (most accurate)::

1. John H., 19 points
2. Tom F., 29 points

Stage Winner(s):

1. Stage 1: Dwain M.
2. Stage 2: Dwain M.
3. Stage 3: Shawn R.
4. Stage 4: Dwain M.

Skeet Chairman Report – Sam Voss

The six-week long skeet league, which is to begin March 17th, has had an outstanding response with 30 competitors signing up. Details are posted on the NTSA website. Please contact Sam Voss or Mel Haag if you are interested. .

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 BIG 50 begins this coming week on Tuesday, March 16th and will be held every other Tuesday afternoon.

The monthly club shoots are held on the 2nd Saturday.

The championship Buckle shoot will be held on May 15th. Further details to follow.

Pistol Chairman Report – Larry Erbskorn

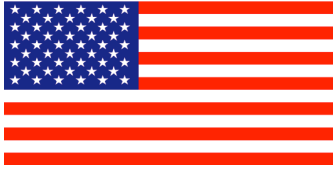
The NTSA Action Pistol Match was held Saturday, February 20th. There were 14 competitors. The overall winners were:

1. Shawn R., ESP Division
2. Steve H., CDP Division
3. Jordan G., SSP Division

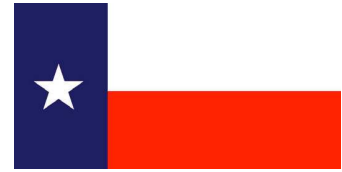
Lowest points down (most accurate)

1. Johnny G., 7 points
2. Steve H., 17 points

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The next Carbine match is on April 3rd. Registration is at 8:30 AM.

Stage Winner(s):

1. Shawn R
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3. Shawn R.
4. Steve H.

The next Action Pistol Match will be March 20th.

The Club pistol steel match was held on February 27th at 9AM. There were only two shooters. Please come out and support the club matches.

Land Acquisition Subcommittee

NTSA Treasurer Joe Powell is chairing 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. Joe held his first meeting with the subcommittee during this past month. Other members that attended were George Clutter, Dale Overstreet, John Cox. Mark Hannah was unable to attend. Ben Dobson will attend the next meeting. If you are interested in being a part of the subcommittee, please contact Joe as soon as possible.

Land Acquisition Poll

The membership poll is operational on the NTSA website and will run for a few months to allow more members to participate. Please take the time to register with the administrator and vote on the poll. It is important that each member first log on to the website and then log on to the poll using the gate combination. Each member will vote twice depending on which options they approve. It is hoped that the poll will provide some guidance to the Land Acquisition subcommittee on what actions the Board should take regarding the acquisition of land.

A report was given to Joe Powell at the Board meeting on March 10th. So far, 26 members have voted and several have written comments in the spaces provided. The comments have been very valuable and informative. For example, one member commented that in order for the club to be protected under the Range Protection Act, it must have 50 acres or more. At this time, the majority of the members favor a dues increase and an incremental increase in membership.

Road Repair

Last month, the Board authorized the Range Manager to have the pot holes filled with gravel and the road graded. A contract to do the work has been completed and the work will be done as soon as the weather allows.

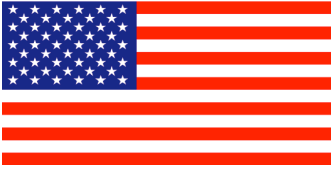
Rifle Range Flashing Safety Lights Repair

During this past month, the Board authorized the Range Manager to contract with Denton Electric to repair the red flashing safety lights on the rifle range. The contract was completed and the work will be done on Monday, March 15th.

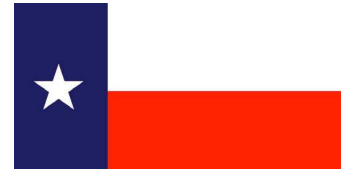
Prone Shooting Positions

The Board reviewed a proposal to build a raised prone shooting platform on the rifle range next to the entrance gate. It was proposed the existing wooden platform be removed and a raised 12-foot wide x 8 foot deep prone shooting platform be

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constructed on the east side of the rifle range entrance gate adjacent to the first concrete bench. The platform would be constructed of concrete blocks with a poured concrete slab and would allow four prone shooting positions with minimal impact. No concrete benches would be taken out and no firing would be done forward of the firing line. The platform would require no maintenance. This structure would reduce the rifle range entrance gate about six feet, but will allow vehicles with trailers to continue to enter the range at an angle.

Emergency Response Plan

The Board adopted and made part of the operating policy an Emergency Response Plan to be used as a guide in the event that an emergency occurs at the NTSA. Prior to each competition or other event, members are designated to perform specific tasks in case of an injury such as rendering first aid, contacting 911, coordinating the arrival of an ambulance or driving the injured person to the nearest hospital, securing the ranges, taking witness statements, etc. The plan will be made available for immediate use in the clubhouse and at all shooting competitions and events. As part of the plan, the first aid kits will be inventoried and updated over the next few weeks.

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

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.

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.