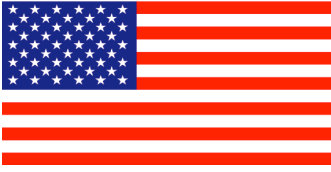
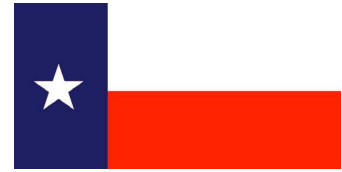


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President's Message – Jerry Stiller (Jerry is traveling to the NRA Show and so the VP is filling in for him this month.) The club is doing very well income- wise, and we are having a lot of activity. This is great that the club is being utilized, but we have noticed evidence on Pistol Bay 1 and the 50-yard Intermediate range that rounds are being fired that skip off of the ground. In addition, shot up aluminum cans have been found. It is absolutely vital that all rounds impact into the berm, and is the responsibility of every shooter that this is done. It is club policy that no targets of any kind be placed directly on the ground. Since the Range Manager cannot be on the pistol and rifle ranges all the time, it is incumbent on all members to ensure that this doesn't happen. Any unsafe practice that is observed should be stopped immediately, or reported to the Range Manager.

Reminders

- *Please pay \$150.00 annual dues by June 1st.*
- **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.

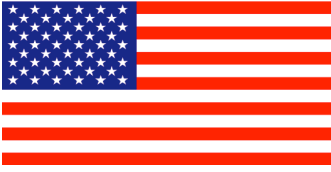
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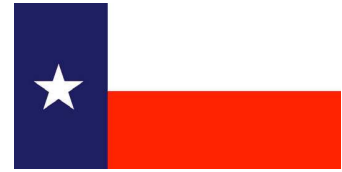
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Rifle Chairman Report – John Myers

A carbine match was held on Saturday, May 1st. The weather turned out to be great at 70 degrees and overcast with a light breeze. The attendance was good with 12 shooters, including 6 NTSA members and 6 non-members. The overall winners were first place, Dwain M., Tactical Division, second place, Fred P., Tactical Division, and third place, Steve H., Iron Division. The lowest points down were first place, John H. with 30, and second place, Gary R. with 49. The next Carbine match is on June 12th at 9AM. Registration ends at 8:30 AM.

The NBRSA Texas Showdown will be held on Saturday June 5th and Sunday, June 6th. This should be a big benchrest event.

Congratulations to Ralph Stewart, one of our benchrest shooters, who recently traveled to Pennsylvania to compete in a world benchrest event. He placed 2nd overall in two-gun and, pending confirmation, set a world record for 200 yards.

Pistol Chairman Report – Larry Erbskorn

The NTSA Action Pistol has had a tough time with weather the last two months, and has been cancelled each time. The next match is scheduled for this coming Saturday, May 15th. However, the forecast is 40% chance of rain. If this happens, the match will be held the following Saturday instead of the Club Pistol Steel Shoot.

The Club Pistol Steel Shoot is normally held the fourth Saturday of the month at 9AM. 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

The six-week long skeet league, which began March 17th, has concluded. Awards will be presented on May 22nd. Details will be posted on the NTSA website. A combination skeet and trap league is now being discussed and considered. If you are interested in participating, contact Sam Voss.

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 began on Tuesday, March 16th and is being held every other Tuesday afternoon. On May 11th, there were 18 shooters and 10 who shot doubles.

The monthly club shoots are held on the 2nd Saturday and are doing very well.

The championship Buckle shoot will be held on May 15th. If rained out, the shoot will be postponed until June 5th.

Please come out and support the club matches.

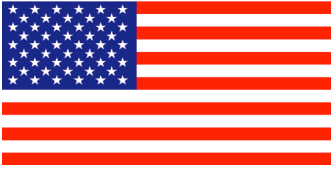
Treasurer's Report

Over the past six weeks, club activities have averaged almost \$2000 per week.

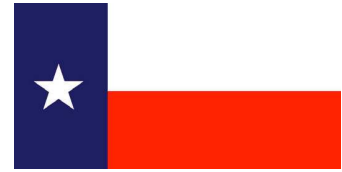
Land Acquisition

The Board's highest priority is exploring all aspects of the acquisition of additional land. This issue has dominated Board discussions in every meeting since February. However, a lot of work has yet to be done before the Board can present a recommendation to the membership during the summer meeting. Details are not available now, but it can be said that the Board is unanimous in their plan of action.

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Land Acquisition Poll

The membership pole is now closed on the NTSA website. The following report is the same as last month.

We had a total of 28 members respond to the poll. A quick synopsis is as follows:

- 32% of the members support a dues increase only
- 39% support a dues and membership increase
- 11% support a dues and membership increase, and an assessment
- 7% would like the club to do nothing.

Of the members that support a dues and membership increase:

- 23% support \$200 dues and 700 membership cap
- 38% support \$200 dues and 800 membership cap
- 23% combined support \$300 dues and 700-800 membership

Road Repair

In February, the Board authorized the Range Manager to have the road graded and the pot holes filled with gravel. The work was supposed to be done when the weather allowed. However, the Range Manager has had difficulties finding someone to do the work. The Range Manager advised the Board that he will purchase a load of gravel and have the pot holes filled until a more permanent solution can be found.

Prone Shooting Positions

The Rifle Chairman received a bid to construct the prone shooting platform. The Board requested that the bid be revised to include labor only, and not materials. The Board prefers that commercial concrete be used to build the positions rather than mix the concrete by hand. One awning support pole needs to be moved by the members prior to the concrete being poured.

The raised prone shooting platform will be constructed on the rifle range next to the entrance gate. The approved plan will maintain the four-foot walk way that currently exists. The platform will be constructed of concrete blocks with a poured concrete slab and will provide three prone shooting positions. No concrete benches will be taken out and no firing will be done forward of the firing line. The structure will not reduce the rifle range entrance gate at all.

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. A NTSA Steel Reactive Target Training class was held on April 24th with four members attending. The remaining schedule for 2010 is as follows:

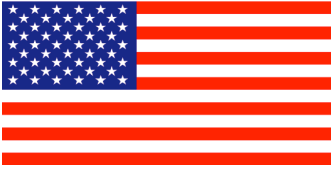
- Saturday, July 31
- Saturday, October 30th

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, but three members are needed to hold the class.

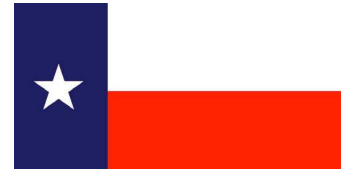
Membership Cap Increase

The Board approved an increase in the membership cap from 600 to 700. There are approximately 87 applicants on the waiting list at this time, which will be contacted.

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Membership Application Changes

Beginning June 1st, all applicants for membership will be 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.

Annual Summer Meeting

The Annual Summer Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 17th. An excellent BBQ dinner will be served at 1PM and the meeting will begin at 2PM.

1st Annual Swap Meet

In conjunction with the Annual Summer Meeting, the club will hold its 1st Annual Swap Meet. The swap meet is open to members only. However, guests are welcome to purchase items from members. The swap meet will begin at 9AM and end at 12 Noon prior to serving the BBQ. All items must be firearms related and must be in compliance with applicable laws. Members are invited to set up a table, use the back of their pickup, or display items on a ground cover adjacent to the club house and across the road from the clubhouse. Please do not interfere with trap and skeet shooters.

Wi-fi at the Club

Thanks to Dan Nindorf for installing the wireless adapter needed to access the internet.

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.