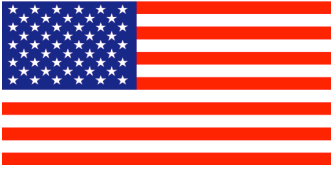
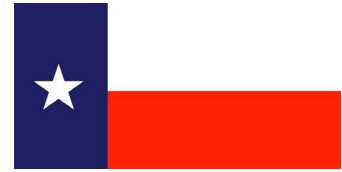


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President's Message – Jerry Stiller

The end of the year is upon us and we seem to be not much further down the road than last year at this time. We still are struggling on the land issue as our main choice has gone up 75% on the price, which is probably more than we can afford. We are going to make a standing offer and see what happens. We are also going to come up with a list of improvements for the club and prioritize them and discuss them at the general meeting. If you have any ideas, send them in ASAP so we can include them. The election is coming up for the board, if you have any interest email Gary or me and we will get you involved. Good luck if you are going out hunting, have a great Turkey day and see you at the range.

Stiller

Reminders

- **The ranges are now open all day on Monday since Daylight Saving Time ended.**
- **Please observe the posted speed limit of 7 mph.**

Safety Notices

- Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
- Do not shoot any target placed directly on the ground.
- Make sure that your fired rounds 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

Firearms Safety is the responsibility of each club member. Please remember to adhere to all the firearms safety rules, and especially these four basic rules:

1. Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
2. Always assume that the firearm is loaded.
3. Keep your finger away from the trigger until ready to shoot.
4. Ensure a safe backstop

Let's enjoy our sport and remain safe.

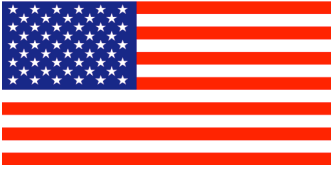
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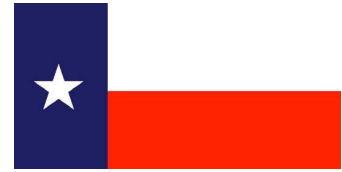
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Rifle Chairman Report – John Myers

On Sunday, November 14, there will be a club 100-yard benchrest match. This will be the last one of the season.

A carbine match was held on Saturday, November 6th with 19 shooters, including 7 NTSA members. The Overall winners and Tactical Division were: 1st – Shawn R., 2nd – Dwain M.; Limited Division: 3rd - Gary R., 4th – Bill D.; Iron Division 15th – Dave R. Lowest Points Down: John H. with 6. Stage Winner(s): Stage 1 & 4 – Shawn R., Stage 2 & 3 – Dwain M. The next carbine match will be on December 4th. Sign-up ends at 8:30 AM and the match begins at 0845. You must attend the safety briefing in order to shoot the match.

Reminder – The Precision Rimfire matches begin on Sunday December 19th at 0830. See additional information below..

Pistol Chairman Report – Larry Erbskorn

An Action Pistol match was held on Saturday, October 16th with 13 shooters. Congratulations to: Chuck S. for the overall winner and CDP Division; Brian S. for ESP division; and Mike M. for SSR division. Lowest points down – Chuck S. with 33. The next action pistol match will be on November 20th. The match begins at 8:45 AM and sign-up ends at 8:30 AM. You must attend the safety briefing in order to shoot the match.

The Club Pistol Steel Shoot is held on 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

The fall Skeet and 5-Stand League began September 22nd and ended November 10th. The competitors shot 25 rounds of skeet and 25 rounds of sporting clays. They were using three portable machines for the sporting clays portion, furnished by member John Rea.

From Mel Haag:

“Skeet and Sporting Clays league members finished the eight week format Wednesday, November 10 in near perfect weather conditions. Congratulations to Gus Myers, Joe Alton, and Carl Dane who placed first, second and third respectively. Five additional honors, yet to be determined, will be presented December 1, at the awards picnic and fun shoot. On a subject dear to our shotgunning hearts, the NTSA Board approved the purchase of three sporting clays machines. A big thank you to the board and to my fellow shooters; look forward to a similar league format in the future. ”

Thanks for the submission, Mel!

Trap Chairman Report – Frank Hughes

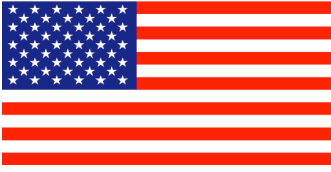
We have two ATA Big 50's left this year, November 23rd and December 7th. We will start the ATA Big 50s again after the time change in 2011. We are having an ATA doubles marathon starting at 1:00 PM on November 16th. Our monthly club trap shoot is at noon the second Saturday of the month, November 11th and December 8th. Please come and shoot with us.

From Ben Dobson:

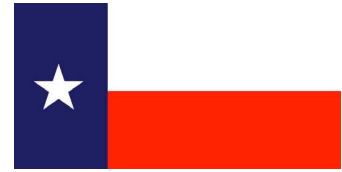
“On November 16th, starting about 1:00 pm, there will be a Doubles Marathon. Targets will be \$12.00 per hundred. ATA/TTA fees are \$5.25. There will be a loader so \$5.00 will be collected per shooter or less, if we have more shooters to pay for loader's services. Shoot as many doubles as you want, we will use two traps as long as possible. No trophies, targets only, just having a good time shooting. We will shoot some other types of marathons like singles/ handicap. We will talk about it at this shoot.”

Thanks for the submission, Ben!

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November Board Meeting

The November Board meeting was held on November 10th at 6:30 PM. The main agenda item under old business was the land acquisition, the winter meeting, dozer prices, and pavement bids.

The Board received and voted in two membership transfers.

The Treasurer provided all members present with the monthly treasurer's report for the period ending October 2010.

Under old business, the Board discussed the land acquisition. John Withers, the realtor representing the NTSA, provided a brief history of the transaction regarding the property to the west. Originally, the NTSA offered to purchase 116 acres, which the BOD believed would accommodate all present and future needs. The party decided not to sell the 116 acres, but instead to sell all 234 acres. The BOD made an offer on all 234 acres. About 80-85% of the 234 acre property is located within flood plain which would be excellent for recreational use and would keep the price per acre relatively low. The flood plain property is worth about \$2500 per acre. The remaining 15-20% is currently worth from \$7 – 10K per acre. The realtor believes the current value of the entire property is estimated at \$750 – 820K, which is well below the asking price now of \$1,000,000. The BOD did not request the realtor to make another offer at this time, because we appear to be too far apart. The BOD advised the realtor that they would like him to search for other properties within a 5-10 mile area that would meet the minimum criteria. Over the next week, member George Clutter will draft some minimum requirements for BOD review to be forwarded to the realtor. If any members have any suggestions, please forward them to the BOD ASAP to be included.

During the past month, the Trap Chairman contacted several venues for holding the January Winter Meeting, including Ashton Gardens and Metro Catering. The past three years, the January meeting was held at the Denton Country Club (DCC). Unfortunately, the NTSA member who previously arranged for the club to use the DCC is no longer a member. The Trap Chairman will contact other DCC members to check the current price and availability. At this point, no reservation has been made.

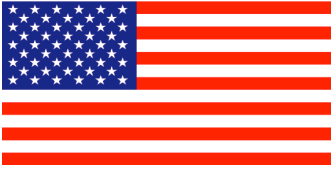
The Winter Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, January 15th at 5 PM. Another issue that was discussed was an estimate of how many members would attend. Previous winter meetings had about 75 to 80 people attend, including wives. The BOD decided to raise the estimate to 100-110 people, since the membership has increased to 700 members. As in the past, the cost per person for the dinner will be \$10 each, which is well below the actual cost to the club.

Two Board members have been casually looking at dozer prices and have determined that one with a 1.5 square yard bucket in the front and rippers in the back range in price from \$25 - \$45K.

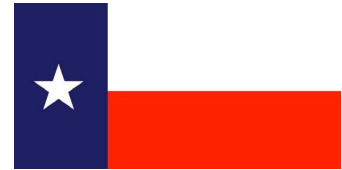
The Vice President received one estimate to have the road professionally paved with asphalt to the first corner, and to the rifle ranges. This issue was previously tabled, pending the possibility of a land purchase. The estimate appeared to be reasonable, but will need membership approval since it is over \$25K. This discussion led in to another discussion of general improvements to the NTSA property. The Treasurer suggested that if the club is not going to buy land in the immediate future, that the BOD should improve the current facility, including paving the road and the construction of men's and women's bathrooms on the rifle/pistol ranges. The President requested that within the next week, all BOD members will send a list of proposed improvements with cost estimates to the Treasurer, who will head a committee to list and prioritize the improvements submitted. The President will assist the Treasurer and member George Clutter with this assignment. The goal is to provide these proposed improvements to the membership at the Winter Meeting.

Under new business, former NTSA President Dean Westerman spoke to the Board and advised against conducting background checks on new members because of potential legal issues. The Board informed Mr. Westerman they had discussed this issue in August and had decided against it. During the same meeting, the Board discussed the proposal that the membership application include some statements regarding whether or not the new member is in possession of a current CHL and/or if a new member can legally own a firearm in Texas. In October, the Board discussed the draft statements and voted to adopt them for inclusion in the membership application.

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Member Tom Kinzer demonstrated a product called a "ShotLock", and proposed that the BOD consider stocking and selling these products to raise additional income. The President advised member Kinzer that this issue had been discussed previously with past Boards and had been dismissed because of the administrative and logistical problems involved, as well as the unknown problems it could have with the NTSA's non-profit tax status.

The Board received a resignation letter from the Range Manager, Bob Carmichael, effective April 30th, 2011. The Board would like to have his replacement hired by April 1st so that he can learn the day-to-day operations from Bob before he leaves.

The Range Manager advised the Board that the trailer was rented as of November 1st. The person renting the trailer has proven to be quite a handyman.

The Range Manager requested that the Board approve taking some pictures of the club for inclusion in the website. Harry Hettinger will be contacted to do so.

The Board received a request from the Range Manager to purchase three portable sporting clays machines for \$6,000. The Board unanimously approved the request because the machines can pay for themselves in two years or less, and they will encourage participation in more shotgun events.

The Vice President advised the Board that targets need to be ordered for the carbine and action pistol matches because the club has only two boxes of 50 each in stock. The VP will forward the ordering information to the Range Manager for purchase.

Seeking Candidates for 2011 Board of Directors

Four Board members' terms will end in January. Accordingly, the Board is seeking candidates for 2011. Please let the Board know by the December meeting to be placed on the ballot.

Benchrest Swap Meet

On November 14th, after the 100 yard club benchrest competition, there will be a benchrest-related products swap meet from approximately 12 noon to 2 PM. All club members are welcome to attend, but members are requested to bring benchrest-related items only.

Precision Rimfire Rifle Competition

The first Precision Rimfire Rifle competition will be held on Sunday, December 19th on the 100/200 yard rifle range. The match will vary each month, but primarily consists of shooting paper targets at 50, 100, and 200 yards from the bench using a bipod and a rear rest, and shooting targets at 50 yards standing offhand (unsupported). Any precision rimfire rifle is welcome. You will need approximately 100 rounds of quality rimfire ammunition. The match begins at 0900. Registration ends at 0830 and the safety briefing begins at 0840. You will need to attend the safety briefing in order to shoot. Mike Plaxco is the match director. He recommends that if your rifle/scope combination is sighted-in with a 100-yard zero, you will need about 18 - 19 minutes of angle elevation for 200 yards, depending on the ammunition used.

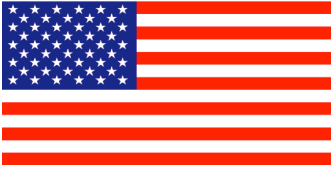
Updated Range Safety Rules

Please check the reference section on the NTSA website for the updated safety rules, or stop by the club for a copy. All members and their guests are requested to abide by the NTSA safety rules and to review them periodically.

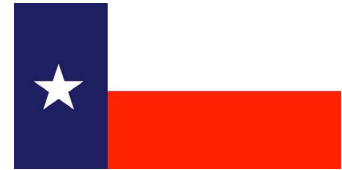
New Member Safety Orientation

On Saturday, October 16th, a Safety Orientation for new members was scheduled. However, no one attended. New members will be required to attend the orientation in the future, watch the safety video on the NTSA website, and complete the on-line questions for turn-in.

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Steel Reactive Target Training

A Steel Reactive Target Training Class was held on October 23rd for three members. This was the last class for the year, unless enough members request another 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. 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.

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, soon 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. It is very important to keep your contact information up to date.