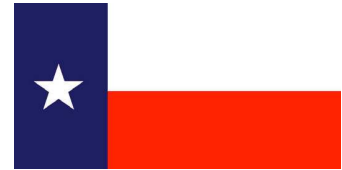


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## President's Message – Jerry Stiller

October was a disappointing meeting to say the least. Joe Powell was not in attendance due to a death in the family. Give Joe your condolences next time you see him. We received a report on the land we are looking at. The land to the north is not for sale at this time. The owners decided not to sell it. The land to the west has also changed stories. It is owned by a sister and brother pair. The sister ball parked us a number a month or so back and it looked reasonable. It was contingent on the brother however. The brother did not agree with her and the price is now too high. We will make a counter offer that they can take at any future date and that is where it is left. It looks like we do not have a piece of land to pursue at this time. It will be a discussion point at the next business meeting. The board election is in a few months. Joe, Sam, Frank and I are up. At this time it looks like Sam is not running. If you are interested in helping the club by serving on the board, contact one of us or show up at the November meeting. On a good note, shooting is up with the cooler weather and the club looks great. See you out there.

## Reminders

- **The ranges are closed on Monday until 1PM during Daylight Saving Time.**
- **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 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.

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### ***RANGE SAFETY***

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

Let's enjoy our sport and remain safe.

### **2010 Board of Directors**

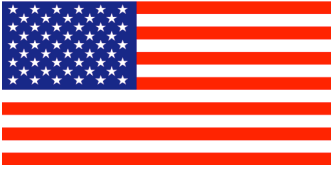
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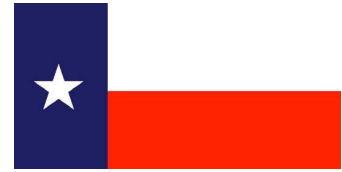
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## ***Rifle Chairman Report – John Myers***

On Saturday and Sunday, October 9 & 10th, the IBS Texas State Championship bench rest match was held with 15 shooters. The Day One results were for VFS HV: 100 yard 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Mike S., 200 yard 1st Place – Bill W. Grand Score 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Bill W., 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Mike C., 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Jon C. The Day Two Results were: 100 yard group – 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Wes J., 200 yard Group – 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Tim O., 2-Gun – 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Mike S., and Grand Group – 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Tim O., 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Mike S., 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Wes J.

A carbine match was held on Saturday, October 2nd with 16 shooters, including 8 NTSA members. The Overall winners and Tactical Division were: 1<sup>st</sup> - Dwain M., 2nd - Kirk S.; Limited Division: 3rd - Gary R., 5<sup>th</sup> -Tom F.; Iron Division 6<sup>th</sup> - Steve H., 13<sup>th</sup> - Andre M. Lowest Points Down: Tom F. with 37. Stage Winner(s): Stage 1 & 2- Kirk S., Stage 3 - Fred P., Stage 4 - Dwain M., Stage 5 Steve H. The next carbine match will be on November 6th. Sign-up ends at 8:30 AM. You must attend the safety briefing in order to shoot the match.

## ***Pistol Chairman Report – Larry Erbskorn***

An Action Pistol match was held on Saturday, September 18th with 14 shooters. Congratulations to: Johnny B. for the overall winner and CDP Division; Dirk R for ESP division; and Harry H. for SSP division. Lowest points down - Johnny B with 18. The next action pistol match will be on October 16th. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> and will run through November 10<sup>th</sup>. The competitors are shooting 25 rounds of skeet and 25 rounds of sporting clays. They are using three portable machines for the sporting clays portion, furnished by member John Rea. Mel Haag submitted the following: “The skeet and sporting clays league finished its fourth week Wednesday, October 13th. The sporting clays targets are a new dimension for the club adding new challenges for the shot gunners. There is something to be said for “Build it and They Will Come”. Participation is strong and shooting is improving weekly. John Rea’s sporting clays targets are certainly challenging leaving many scratching their heads. The league will wrap up on November 10th and a yet to be scheduled is a league fun day, picnic and awards presentation. The monthly Saturday club skeet shoots have been canceled until further notice. But the Wednesday league is going strong.”

Thanks, Mel, for the submission!

## ***Trap Chairman Report – Frank Hughes***

The ATA Big 50’s are held on every other Tuesday afternoon through November at 4:30 PM. The next one will be held on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you shoot trap.

***Please come out and support the club matches!***

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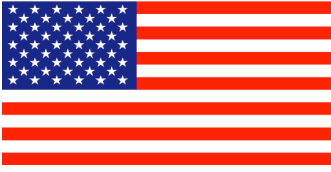
## **October Board Meeting**

The October Board meeting was held on October 13<sup>th</sup>. The main agenda item under old business was the land acquisition and under new business was a new place for the annual winter meeting.

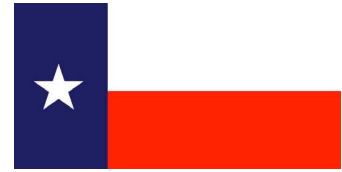
The President gave an overview of the club activities and operating rules to 7 new members to the club and the Board voted them in.

The Skeet Chairman provided all members present with the monthly treasurer’s report for the period ending September 2010. The Treasurer was unable to attend due to a death in the family. The Range Manager stated that the club has been receiving about \$2000 per week from matches and regular range fees.

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Under old business, the Board discussed the land acquisition. One party has decided not to sell and the other has raised the price significantly, so no progress has been made.

During the August 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. The Board discussed the draft statements and voted to adopt them for inclusion in the membership application.

Under new business, the Board discussed looking for another location other than the Denton Country Club to hold the winter meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>. The criteria for the new location would be:

- Large enough to accommodate 150 members and their wives,
- Have a decent sound system,
- Either be able to serve food or allow the meeting to be catered.

A couple of the Board members will look for another site and advise at the next meeting. A decision needs to be made in November.

Under new business, member Harry Hettinger raised a concern with the berms on Pistol Bays 2 and 3 and the possibility of rounds exiting the bays under certain conditions. The Board adjourned to the pistol ranges and inspected the berms. The Board acknowledged that there is a potential problem in the event of an accidental discharge, particularly while sitting, and shooting at the 7 and 10 yard target backers. The Board believes that after two years (since the original berm work was done), the dirt in the berms has settled and partially compacted. The Board will look into raising the berms and doing some normal maintenance due to the amount of use the rifle and pistol ranges receive. The Board acknowledged that it is incumbent on all members to ensure that rounds impact into the berms and place their targets properly on the target backers.

While at the rifle and pistol ranges, the Board found some IPSC targets mounted improperly on the target frames. The "head" portion of the two targets was placed so that rounds impacted into the wood frame causing significant damage. The Board also discussed the problem of the portable target frames being moved away from the berms, which raises the possibility of rounds not impacting into the berms. The Board decided that the portable frames will be modified so they can fold down, but not be moved. The frames will be anchored until the modifications can be done.

The Pistol Chairman showed the Board a cartridge case that had been shot on Pistol Bay 1 about a month ago. It appeared that the case had been placed on top of the wood frame and shot of the frame. There was a group in the wood where grooves had been cut by several rounds. The Board is researching ways to prevent this happening from requesting additional inspections/visits by the range personnel to installing closed circuit cameras with recording devices. Members are requested to watch for this type of activity and report it to the range managers or the Board for disciplinary action.

The Board received a request from the Trap Chairman to purchase \$1400 worth of buckles for next years Buckle Shoot. The Board voted to authorize the purchase.

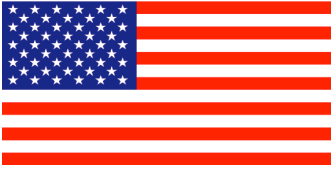
The Board received a request from the Skeet Chairman to purchase three portable trap machines for approximately \$10,000. The Board decided to table the request until other improvements can be made.

The Board discussed paving the road from the entrance to the first corner, or to the rifle ranges. This issue was previously tabled, pending the possibility of a land purchase. The Vice President advised that he would get some estimates to have the road professionally paved.

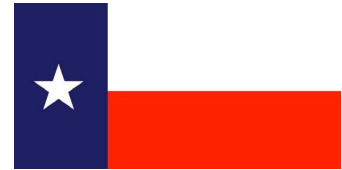
## **New Member Safety Orientation**

On Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Safety Orientation for new members. However, all members are invited to attend for a review of the safety rules. The orientation will begin at 0830 and end at approximately 1030. The Board is seeking volunteers to assist in this vital program.

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## Texas State Rifle Association - 2010 George Tubbs Memorial Long Range Championship

The TSRA held the Texas State Long Range Championship on Saturday and Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, south of Houston at the Bayou Rifle Club range. This match consisted of 105 rounds shot at 800, 900, and 1000 yards. Our current Rifle Chairman, John Myers, won the match with the highest overall score and was 1st Place in F-class Open. His score was a 1039 with 48 X's, which means that he only dropped 11 points during the entire match. This competition included the current Texas State Mid-range Champion, David Mann, who came in 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (1036-52X) and the 2005 F-Class Open National champion, Jeff Cochran. John's F-class rifle is a Stiller Precision P-1000 in .284 Winchester built by Stiller Precision Firearms on a Robertson FX stock with a 28" Krieger barrel. John used a Nightforce 12-42X scope on a 20 MOA base.

## 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Membership Update

In May, the Board approved an increase in the membership cap from 600 to 700. In October, 7 new members joined the club, including one legacy member. The current voting membership is now at the cap of 700, not including the honorary or legacy members. There are 14 people on the waiting list.

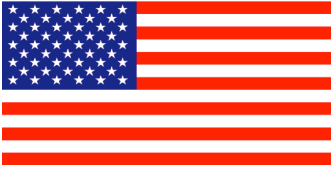
## Steel Reactive Target Training

The class previously scheduled for Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> was cancelled. An alternate date will be announced for November or December. The class is from 9AM to 11 AM. Please email Gary at [fs5621@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

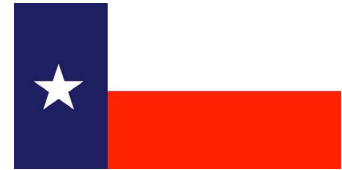
## Newsletters, Notifications, Changes of Address

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

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