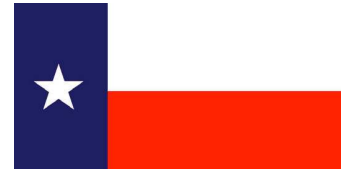


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President's Message – Jerry Stiller

Lots of exciting things are happening at the club. The land acquisition is going strong and we should have this wrapped up later this year. If approved, it will allow the club to expand and add many new sports and expand the old ones. It is going to be a huge undertaking, but I think we are up to it and I am looking forward to getting going on it. If anyone is interested in helping with the new developments, get with Gary or look at the information below. We are also going to try a new rimfire match run by Michael Plaxco. If it works well, we will continue it also. The horny toad match is coming up soon so get out there and practice up for that. The IBS Texas Championship is coming up also. Some of the best benchrest shooters in the region will show up for that. Hope to see you all at the club.

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.

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.

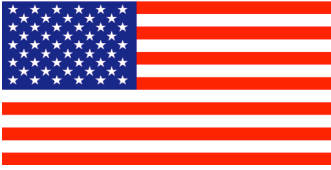
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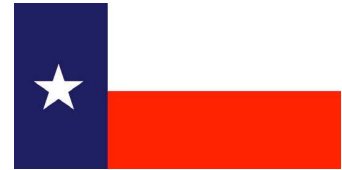
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Rifle Chairman Report – John Myers

On Sunday, August 29, a NBRSA 200 yard VFS bench rest match was held with 16 shooters.

A carbine match was held on Saturday, September 4th with 19 shooters, including 7 NTSA members. The Overall winners and Tactical Division were: 1st Dwain M., Tactical Division; 2nd Shawn R., Tactical Division; 3rd Shawn A., Iron Division. Ltd. Division: 1st Gary R.; 2nd Fred P. Iron Division: 1st Shawn A., 2nd Shawn L. Lowest Points Down: David T. with 53. Stage Winner(s): Stage 1 Dwain M., Stage 2: Fred P., Stages 3-5: Dwain M.

The next carbine match will be on October 2nd. 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, August 21st with 16 shooters. Congratulations to: Robert G. for the overall winner and CDP Division; David C for ESP division; and Dwain M. for SSP division. Fewest points down shooter was Dwain M. The next action pistol match will be on September 18th. 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 will begin September 22nd and run through November 10th. See the details on the website. Sign-up today!

A club skeet match will be held Saturday, September 18th at 10 AM. No tournament pressure and any shotgun that will hold 2 rounds is legal!

Trap Chairman Report – Frank Hughes

The ATA Big 50's will be held on Tuesday September 14th at 4:30 PM and will continue every other Tuesday afternoon through November. The monthly club shoot will be held on Saturday, September 11th. We look forward to seeing you shoot trap.

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!

August Board Meeting

The September Board meeting was held on September 8th. The main agenda items were the land acquisition, safety issues, and voting on the precision rimfire rifle match.

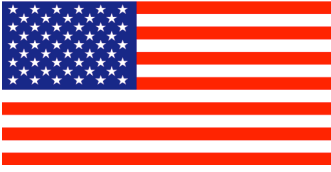
The President gave an overview of the club activities and operating rules to 26 new members to the club and the Board voted them in.

The treasurer provided all members present with the monthly treasurer's report for the period ending August 2010. He advised that the club has approximately \$111,000 in the land fund, \$221,000 in regular CD's, and \$28,000 total in other accounts (money market, checking).

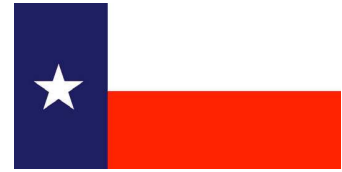
After the NTSA by-law process was completed, the club lost 13 members who failed to pay their dues by August 1st and whose memberships were revoked. Two members appealed their cases in person before the Board and were re-instated by Board vote.

Under old business, the Board discussed the land acquisition. Although specific details can not be published at this time,

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significant progress has been made. However, negotiations are continuing and a comprehensive proposal for the membership needs to be developed to include a financial plan and a range development plan. The Board discussed the possibility of tentatively calling for a special meeting of the membership in early December to vote on the proposal. The Board re-iterated 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 600-yard rifle range, and additional trap, skeet, pistol and rifle ranges.

As a follow up to the August meeting, the Board reviewed the NTSA safety rules in conjunction with the safety rules from the NRA, IBS, NBRSA, ATA, etc., and updated them as necessary. The updated rules were discussed and approved by the Board after some minor changes. The rules are effective immediately and will be placed on the website. They will also be used as the basis for the safety briefing as part of the orientation for new members.

With assistance from club member Merv Stelter, the VP prepared and presented an incident report form for adoption and implementation. The Board approved the incident report form, which will be used to process incidents at the club effective immediately.

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 tabled the proposal until the October meeting when a draft membership application with proposed language will be presented.

The Board discussed Michael Plaxco's proposal to host a .22 precision rifle rimfire match to be held on the 3rd Sunday of each month beginning in January or February. The match would involve shooting paper targets at 50, 100, and 200 yards from the bench using a bipod and a rear rest, and 50 yards standing offhand. At the August Board meeting, Michael requested that the Board approve exclusive use of the rifle range for the match from 8 AM until 1 PM because squads will be using the 50, 100 and 200 yard firing points at the same time, and he expects the match to be very well attended. The Board voted to grant Michael's request for exclusive use of the range on a trail basis initially. This approval would convert automatically to a permanent basis after one quarter if no issues arise that could not be resolved. The match would not be held during the months of October and November to afford members every opportunity to sight in their rifles for hunting season. The match schedule will be placed on the calendar in the club house and the website, and will be coordinated with the bench rest matches.

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.

Range Development Committee Volunteers Needed

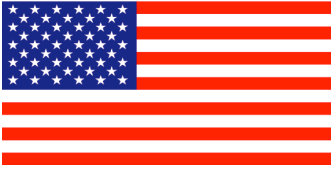
The Board needs volunteers to be a part of the Range Development Committee, who are willing to commit long term to actively working on the development of a proposal for the membership; and, if approved, for the implementation of the proposal. This is an enormous project that will involve a lot of work, but if implemented, will be a major benefit to the club for many years in the future. Please contact the VP at fs5621@yahoo.com or George Clutter, if interested.

Membership Update

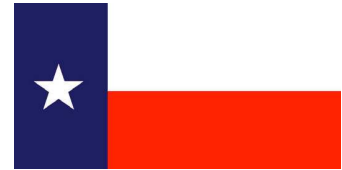
In May, the Board approved an increase in the membership cap from 600 to 700. In September, 26 new members joined the club, including two legacy members. The current voting membership is 691 not including the honorary or legacy members. The remaining members the club needs to reach the cap will be brought on in October. There are now very few people on the waiting list now so inform your friends. An updated list will be posted ASAP on the website.

Steel Reactive Target Training

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The class previously scheduled for Saturday, October 30th was cancelled. 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 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, 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.