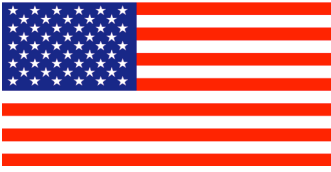
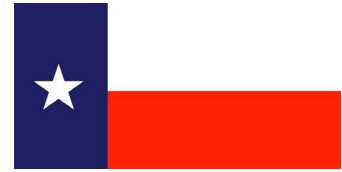


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## President's Message – Jerry Stiller

It's been an interesting year so far. We may be purchasing the land to the north if the owner ever signs the contract. It appears that he is trying to find more land to buy so that he does not have to pay capital gains on it. I really don't blame him on that one. We have had quite a change in board and range management. George Clutter is replacing Joe Powell on the board as treasurer. We added an additional 50 members to the club at the meeting, so the more the merrier as it is said. Matches are going good and a lot of fun. Hope to see some of you out there for them. That's it for now, see ya at the club.  
Stiller

## Reminders

- **Attention benchrest shooters: Please do not block the view of the firing line on the rifle range with vehicles or trailers. The firing line must be kept clear.**
- **All pistol and rifle shooters: Please pick up your used cleaning patches and retrieve your used targets from the target backers.**
- **The ranges are closed on Monday from 8 AM to 1 PM for maintenance.**
- **Please observe the posted speed limit of 7 mph.**
- **Please immediately report any By-laws or Safety Rules violations to the Range Manager or the Range Officer on duty.**

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

- Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
- Keep your finger away from the trigger until ready to shoot.
- Do not shoot any target placed directly on the ground, or shoot targets on top of the target frames.
- On the rifle and pistol ranges, ensure that your fired rounds impact into the berm and do not skip off of the ground.
- On the rifle and pistol ranges, ensure that all rounds fired pass through the black plastic backers impact into the berms. Place targets in the center of the plastic backer and avoid shooting the wood frames or the metal posts.
- Shotgun shooters, open your actions immediately upon removing your firearm from the case, and prior to placing it in the rack.

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## ***Rifle Chairman Report – Michael Conley***

A Precision Rimfire Rifle Match was held on Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> with 11 NTSA members and no non-members. It was cold, overcast, and the wind was blowing out of the north. Five stages were shot including a 100-yard offhand, two 100-yard bench stages with different targets (one stage with front and rear supports and one with a front support only), a 200-yard bench, and a sniper challenge shooting a 6" steel plate at 200 yards. First place was Curtis H. with 771-6X, Second was Jerry S. with a 758-7X, and Third was Gary R. with a 730-6X.

A NBRSA/IBS Texas State VFS benchrest match was held on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> with 19 shooters. There were 100 yard, 200 yard and Grand Championship winners on Saturday and Sunday. The overall weekend winners were 1<sup>st</sup>. Jerry S., 2<sup>nd</sup> – David W. and 3<sup>rd</sup> Russ J. All the winners may be found at <http://benchrest.com/forum.php> under Competition Benchrest.

A carbine match was held on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> with 14 shooters, including 8 NTSA members. The overall winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> – Dwain M. - Tactical Division, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Fred P. – Open Division, and 3<sup>rd</sup> - Shawn M. – Tactical Division. The Iron Division winner was Steve H. in 6<sup>th</sup> place. Lowest Points Down was Dwain M and Steve C. with 14 points. Stage Winner(s): Stage 1 & 2 was Fred P, Stage 3 was Shawn R., and Stage 4 was Dwain M. The next carbine match will be announced..

## ***Pistol Chairman Report – Eric DuChemin***

An Action Pistol match was held on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> with 19 shooters, including 10 club members and 9 non-members. Congratulations to: Steve H. for the overall winner and SSP Division; David C. for CDP division and 5<sup>th</sup> overall; Randy M. for ESP and 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. No one shot in SSR Division. The shooter with the lowest points down was Ken T. with 12. The Stage Winners were Steve H. for Stages 1, 2 and 4 and Randy M for Stage 3.

An Action Shotgun Match was held on March 26<sup>th</sup> on Pistol Bay 1 with 16 shooters, including 8 club members and 8 non-members. Semi-auto/>5 Division: 1st - Ken T., 2nd – Bill D., 3rd - Gary R. Pump/>5 Division: 1st – Matt H., 2<sup>nd</sup> – Carty W. Lowest Points Down: John W. with 0 points down. Stage Winners: Semi-auto/>5 Division Stage 1 & 3- Ken T., Stage 2 & 4 – Bill D., Pump/>5 Division: Stage 1 – Carty W, Stage 3-4 - Matt H. The next Action Shotgun match will be on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 0830.

## ***Skeet Chairman Report – John Rea***

Club skeet shoots are being held on the third Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM. 50 rounds for \$10 with \$4 back to the shooters via Lewis class. View the calendar for any changes or updates. Come check out the East skeet field, and experience a taste of Sporting Clays. Fresh targets are set weekly, and they are guaranteed to challenge and excite you. Or better yet, come join us every Wednesday for some friendly competition with skeet and clays combined. Good shooting, John Rea

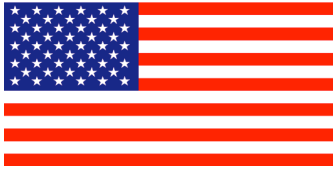
## ***Trap Chairman Report – Frank Hughes***

The Club Trap Championship (“the Buckle Shoot”) will be on May 7<sup>th</sup> and the Horny Toad will be on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Please see the attachment.

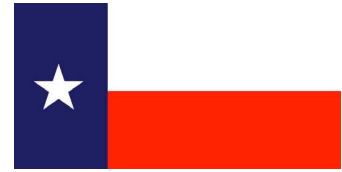
Our monthly club trap shoot is at noon the second Saturday of the month. Please come and shoot with us.

NTSA Winners at the Southwestern Grand American – Member Pat Burton submitted the winners of the Southwestern Grand American in San Antonio over the past two weeks. Attached are the NTSA members and their results.

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## Call for Special Meeting - Land Acquisition

On Saturday, April 9th at 2PM, a Special Meeting was held at the clubhouse to discuss the purchase of the Belcher property and request membership approval. About 75 - 80 members attended. The President called the meeting to order and said that he had appointed the following new Board members: Eric Duchemin replaced Larry Erbskorn as Pistol chair and since Larry Erbskorn moved into the Range Manager position, Margaret Hall replaced John Myers as Secretary. The President asked that the new Board members be ratified by the members present. A motion was made and was unanimous to accept the new Board members.

The President then began the discussion on the purchase of the Belcher property. The President advised the members that Mr. Belcher has a signed contract from the NTSA for \$225K plus closing costs in his possession. Mr. Belcher has not signed the contract because he is looking for another property to do a 1031 tax exchange. The purchase of the land would resolve several issues including reducing the liability of the club, allow for a 5-stand shotgun competition, and increase the amount of parking on the pistol and rifle ranges. The President advised that the members present would vote on the purchasing the property first. If the vote was against the purchase, the meeting would be adjourned. If the vote was for the purchase, the members present would discuss how to pay for the property. If paying for the property could not be determined, the meeting would be adjourned and the contract voided. A motion was made and the members present unanimously approved the purchase of the Belcher property. The President then began to discuss how to pay for the property and described four options as listed below.

- Option 1 – Use \$113K in the existing land fund and pay the remaining amount from the general fund. Increase the annual dues by \$50 for 3 years for all members and increase the initiation fee for new members by \$50 starting June 1, 2011 and ending May 31, 2013. The new annual dues would be \$200 with \$75 going to the land fund and \$125 going to the general fund. The initiation fee would go up \$50 per year for three years and remain at \$650. New members coming in on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> would pay the additional annual dues amount, but not the initiation fee.
- Option 2 – Raise membership by 70 people per year to replenish the land fund.
- Option 3 – Permanently raise annual dues by \$50. This would raise the money going into the land fund from \$25 to \$75.
- Option 4 – Purchase the Belcher property by using the land fund and general fund and not increase dues.

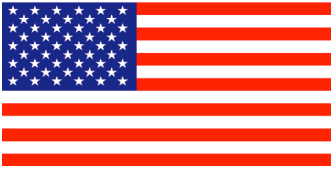
The Treasurer made the statement that the club has an additional \$50K that was not accounted for in the budget that could be spent on the land. The BOD members present were not aware of this and quite a discussion ensued. The President stated that the Board would get to the bottom of this at the next BOD meeting on Wednesday. (Jerry Stiller)

After everyone had a chance to speak, the President called for a vote. Option One received 37 votes, Option Two received no votes, Option Three received no votes, and Option Four received 28.

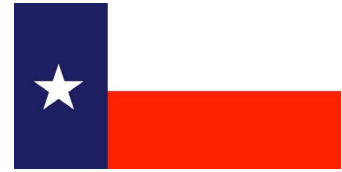
## Changes in the Board of Directors

As noted above, the President recently appointed two new members to the Board of Directors. Larry Erbskorn was replaced by Eric DuChemin and John Myers was replaced by Margaret Hall. Larry resigned to be the new full-time Range Manager and John, who is the currently both the Texas State Long and Mid-range Champion, resigned to concentrate on the F-Class Nationals in June in Lodi, Wisconsin. John is trying hard to be picked for the U.S. team to compete in the F-Class World Championships in 2013 in Raton, NM. For those of you that don't know, Eric is the match director for the Action Pistol Matches. He has been running the matches for about two years. Margaret is an active competitor in Action Pistol and Trap.

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She is currently having an AR15 built to compete in the Carbine Matches. Please welcome both new members when you get a chance!

On April 13<sup>th</sup>, the Treasurer, Joe Powell, resigned to pursue other activities. The Board thanks him for his service and wishes him well in his new endeavors.

## April Board Meeting

The April Board meeting was held on April 13th at 6:30 PM. There was 1 membership transfer. In accordance with a Board decision last month to raise the membership cap by 50 to pay for a tractor, 38 new applicants were voted in as new members. They will attend a Safety Orientation at the club on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM. (Note: The club now has 733 voting members, three honorary members, and 18 Legacy members. Over the next month or two, the remaining members will be brought in to reach 750 voting members. There are currently 12 applicants on the waiting list.)

The Board reviewed the minutes of the last meeting, presented by the Secretary, and voted to accept them. The Board also reviewed the minutes of the Special Meeting and voted to accept them.

The Board reviewed the Treasury Report for the period ending March 31<sup>st</sup>. The Pistol Chairman questioned the report regarding the line item for the pistol match funds, which were incorrect. The Vice President noted that the funds for the four action matches were not being tracked correctly and stated that he would ask the match directors to provide a list of the dates and amounts turned in for each discipline and he would forward it to the Treasurer. The Treasurer stated that each discipline reported match funds differently. The VP said that a form had been standardized last year for tracking match income and four of the monthly matches are being reported uniformly on the adopted form. The President asked for a motion to accept the report and it carried.

The Trap Chairman was not present to provide a report. The Skeet Chairman said that he needed a volunteer to run the match on Saturday because he was competing at Fossil Creek. He said that the Skeet and Clay League was doing well with 16 shooters.

The Rifle Chairman said that the benchrest match went well as did the carbine match. The President asked if the club benchrest matches are on the website calendar and the Rifle Chairman said that they are.

The Pistol Chairman said the pistol match was doing well with 20 shooters each month. The President asked if he was going to hold a club pistol match and he said not at this time.

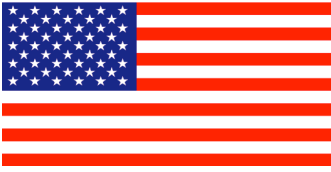
Under old business, the Treasurer was requested to answer a question about the 2010 interest income. The budget listed \$6000 but the actual interest was \$91. The Treasurer advised that this was a mistake from 2008 and that he and the bookkeeper would correct it. The interest statements are still coming in and he would provide an updated report when all the information has been received.

The Board discussed the extension of the 50-yard berm on the rifle range. The Vice President was assisting the Rifle Chairman in locating the dirt/transportation and received approval in February for the purchase of 200 yards of dirt including delivery. The dirt was delivered on Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. The President asked the Rifle Chairman and the Range Manager to present a top down plan on the berm was going to be extended at the next meeting.

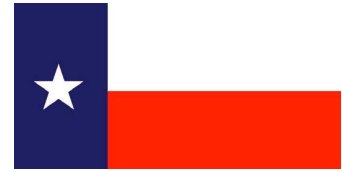
The Board discussed the CCTV camera system for the rifle and pistol range and approved of the purchase from Custom Integrated Systems. Member George Clutter asked if additional trenching could be done for the benchrest range while the trencher was doing the work for the camera system. The VP said that he and the Rifle Chairman would have it done.

Member Don Shields was not present but the Rifle Chairman reported that only four more benches are needed and are being built.

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The Board discussed the installation of the electrical boxes for the skeet field. The Skeet Chairman said the electrical boxes are installed, but he was waiting for some terminals for the pull cords.

The Board discussed the purchase of a 60-80 HP tractor with a front end loader and box blade. The progress that has been made is the club now has approximately \$22K to go towards the tractor.

The Board discussed the posting of a notice on the fee board in the clubhouse that states non-member law enforcement officers would be waived from paying the day member fee. This project has been completed.

The Board discussed the issue of updating the by-laws. The Secretary stated that this has been done.

The Board discussed the Optional Range Fee (ORF) that was adopted on a temporary basis last December. The temporary OTF is due to expire on May 31, 2011. The Board heard members speak of the positive benefits and received no negative comments. The Board voted to permanently adopt the ORF. The Board then discussed the amount to charge each member annually. The amounts discussed ranged from \$60 to \$100 annually. The Range Manager stated that 21 members had signed up for the ORF. The President thought that if the annual fee was more attractive, more members would sign up. A motion was made to make the fee \$60 annually and the vote carried. As a reminder, the ORF is an annual fee in lieu of the \$3 daily fee for using the rifle and pistol ranges. The fee applies to an individual member and his or her spouse and not the entire family. It applies only to casual shooting and not towards a sanctioned event. The ORF is not pro-rated but a one-time fee that runs from June 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup> each year. The Range Manager is required to maintain a list of members who have paid the fee and check it against the daily sign-in sheet. The members who use this option shall write "ORF" in the box under "Rifle" or "Pistol" in lieu of the \$3 fee.

The Board discussed the adoption of anti-skip walls to be installed on Pistol Bay 1 and the 50-yard Intermediate Range to prevent rounds shot into the ground from skipping over the berms. The walls would be made of railroad ties, would be about two to three feet high and would take very little space. The disadvantage of the walls is the tendency for some members to place targets on top and shoot them off. This would be against the NTSA Safety Rules and would be grounds for suspension or dismissal. Member Steve Hope suggested placing the wall immediately behind the 25-yard target frame so that the frame obscures the view of the top of the wall. This solution would work at the 25-yard frame, but may not work for the 50-yard target frames, or on the 50-yard Intermediate Range. The Board discussed placing signs on those ranges stating not to place targets on top of the walls. The Rifle and Pistol Chairmen and the VP were requested to develop a plan and report back to the Board.

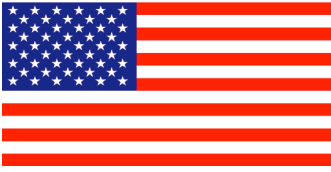
Under new business, the Board discussed the date for the Annual Summer Meeting. After looking at the calendar, June 18<sup>th</sup> was determined to be the best date because of numerous conflicts in June and July. The BBQ dinner will be catered by the same company as last year and will be served at 1PM. Last year it consisted of brisket, chicken, and pulled pork, and several sides. Members are requested to please bring a desert to share. Members must sign up at the clubhouse or on the NTSA website. The signup is needed because the caterer ran out of food last year and 10 members did not get served.

The President asked the VP to mail a notice ASAP to all members about the Annual Summer Meeting, the annual dues increase, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Swap meet described below.

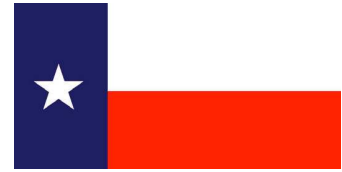
Match Director Michael Plaxco requested the Board move the Precision Rimfire Match, which is held 0830 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday to the same time on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month beginning in May. Member Plaxco said that attendance would improve because some members who wanted to shoot in the match were unable to do so on Sunday morning. He also advised the Board that he has been working on most Sundays. The Board approved the request but stated that there should not be a match in October and November to allow hunters to sight-in their rifles for hunting season.

The Board discussed a safety issue regarding the firing line on the rifle range being blocked by vehicles and trailers. The Board voted that the firing line on the rifle range shall be kept clear at all times and no vehicles or trailers are allowed to block the view of the entire firing line.

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The Board discussed raising the berm heights by adding railroad ties to the top of the berms like the Denton Sheriff's Office Range. The railroad ties are cost effective and are able to stop most rounds used at the NTSA. They are much more cost effective than adding dirt to the berms and they do not increase the footprint. Because it was getting late and there were other issues to discuss, this item was tabled for another meeting.

The Board discussed the Treasurer's statement at the Special meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup> that \$50K was in the bank but not shown on the budget. The Treasurer and Gunter Knight explained what the situation was and showed the Board where the money was shown on the books. There was no money missing or misappropriated in any way. After a lengthy discussion, Joe Powell turned in his resignation. The BOD reiterated that they did not have a problem with Joe's integrity, honesty, and did not feel that any funds were misappropriated. (Jerry Stiller)

## 2nd Annual Swap Meet

In conjunction with the Annual Summer Meeting, the club will hold its 2nd 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.

## Clean Fill Dirt Needed

The Club needs clean fill dirt for berms and berm maintenance. As you are driving around, if you see a construction site that is moving dirt, please check and see if they need a place to dump it. Contact the Range Manager and he will let them know where to dump it.

## Pickup Truck

The club is in need of a pickup truck that is in good condition and is mechanically reliable. If any member knows of such a vehicle, please contact a Board member or the Range Manager.

## Steel Reactive Target Training

There will be Steel Reactive Target Training Class on April 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 schedule for the remaining NTSA Steel Reactive Target Training Classes for 2011 is as follows:

- July 30<sup>th</sup>
- October 29<sup>th</sup>

The schedule will also be posted on the website. There is no charge for the class, but a minimum of three members are needed to hold the class.

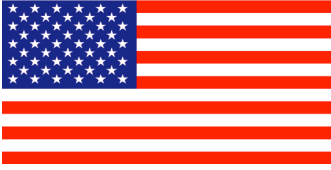
## Updated Range Safety Rules

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.

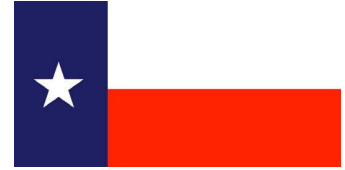
## Newsletters, Notifications, Changes of Address

Twice each year, before the January and June meetings, the NTSA will continue to mail an abbreviated newsletter to all members. This is basically a reminder of the Annual Winter and Summer meetings, and notification of the proposed By-law

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changes, if any. Each month, soon after the Board meeting, the full version of the newsletter will be posted on the website and emailed directly to the members that are on the email list. Members may also pick up a copy of the newsletters 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.