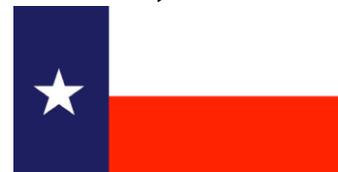


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President's Message – Jerry Stiller

As I had feared last month, it is still too dang hot with no relief in sight. The heat is hurting the clubs' use some as would be expected. The match attendance is flat or down. The good news is that the western property we wanted to buy last year is now available again. We made an offer and they responded favorably. Details of the offer are below in the meeting minutes. We will need another special meeting to discuss buying this property. It looks like in summary we will put about \$150K down and pay out the remainder for 10 years. Currently it looks like the dues will need to be \$250/year for 10 years to cover it. That includes the current Belcher property also. More details will come and the numbers may change, so keep an eye on the website and your mail for notification.

Reminders

- **No shooting is allowed before 8 AM. Please report any violations.**
- **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, Operating Rules, or Safety Rules violations to the Range Manager or the Range Officer on duty ASAP.**

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.
- All firearms actions are to be open while transporting without a case or on a bench unattended

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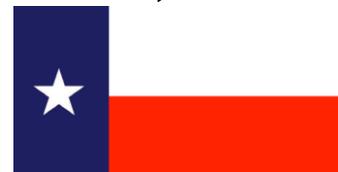
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Rifle Chairman Report – Michael Conley

A carbine match was held on Saturday, August 6th with 22 shooters, including 15 NTSA members and 7 non-members. The overall winners were: 1st – Kirk S., Tactical Division, 2nd – Dwain M., Tactical Division, and 3rd – John W., Open Division. Steve H. won Iron Division (14th overall). Lowest Points Down was Tom F. with 8 points, which is a remarkable achievement. Stage Winner(s): Stage 1 – John W.; Stage 2&3 – Kirk S., and Stage 4: Steve H. There was one shooter in the AR22 Division. The next carbine match will be September 3rd at 0830.

A Precision Rimfire Rifle Match was held on Saturday, July 30th with 6 NTSA members and no non-members. There were four stages including a 50-yard standing off hand stage, two 100-yard stages from the bench, and one 200-yard stage. Congratulations to Michael P. for 1st place and Jerry S. for 2nd place. The next match will be Sunday, August 28th at 0900.

Pistol Chairman Report – Eric DuChemin

An Action Pistol match was held on Saturday, August 20th on Pistol Bay 1 with 21 shooters, including 12 club members and 9 non-members. Steve H. was the overall and SSP Division winner. Congratulations to: Rich N. for winning CDP division and Ken T. for ESP Division. Johnny G. won SSR Division. The shooter with the lowest points down was Ken T. with 14. The next Action Pistol Match will be Saturday, September 17th at 0830.

An Action Shotgun Match was held on July 23rd on Pistol Bay 1 with 12 shooters, including 9 club members and 3 non-members. The overall winner was Kirk S. with an FN SLP. Semi-auto/>5 Division: 1st – Kirk S., 2nd - Carty W. Pump/>5 Division: 1st – John H. (also 3rd overall). Lowest Points Down was Steve C. and Mike C. with 0 points down. Stage Winners: Stage 1, 3 & 4- Kirk S. Stage 2- Gary R. The next Action Shotgun match will be on August 27th at 0830.

Skeet Chairman Report – John Rea

The club skeet matches continue to be held on the third Saturday of every month, at 10:00 AM. No advance registration is required; just show up ready to participate. If you would like to receive an email reminder of upcoming Club Skeet Matches, send me your email address and you will be added to the distribution list. John Rea (jrea06@earthlink.net)

Trap Chairman Report – Frank Hughes

The Horny Toad will be on October 1st, 2011. Our monthly club trap shoot is at noon the second Saturday of the month. Please come and shoot with us.

August Board Meeting

The August Board meeting, which was originally scheduled for August 10th, was postponed until August 17th due to a conflict. The meeting was called to order at 6:25 PM.

The Board voted-in four membership transfers. The President gave the new members a brief overview of the club. The new members are required to attend a Safety Orientation at the club on Saturday, September 17th at 9AM conducted by member Van Glover. (Note: As of August 18th, the NTSA has 726 voting members, three honorary members, and 19 Legacy members for a total of 748. There are 18 applicants on the membership waiting list.)

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The Board reviewed the minutes of the July meeting, presented by the Secretary, and voted to accept them.

The Board reviewed and discussed the July Treasury Report. The club's total assets are \$595K and the total liabilities are \$2K. The shooting income has increased 40% when compared to last year for the same time period. The shooting income through 7/31 was \$53K versus \$37K last year to date. The shooting expenses were \$30K this year to date versus \$14k last year. The reason for the increase was that two loads of clay targets had been purchased instead of one. The Treasurer also stated that he needed to work with the Skeet Chairman to place a value on the targets received with the 5-stand purchase so that could be broken out of from the capital equipment received. The report showed that the club has \$223K in various cash accounts and that the land fund owed \$113K to the General Fund, which was the balance needed to pay for the Belcher property. Last month, the Treasurer reported that he had received a letter from the IRS dated July 4 stating that the club is being penalized \$5220 for the late 2009 tax filing, which were not filed until April 28, 2011. The CPA wrote a letter to the IRS requesting the penalty be abated. The Treasurer was happy to report that he received another letter from the IRS stating that the club owes zero in penalties. The 2009/2010 tax returns have been filed. The President asked for a motion to accept the report and it carried. The Treasurer said that the Board of Directors and the Match Directors are covered by the club's insurance.

The Range Manager (RM) was busy providing a basic procedures briefing to the new members and was not available to provide a report after the Treasury Report.

The Rifle Chairman reported that attendance was down for the club bench rest match with twelve shooters. He stated that the attendance for the carbine and action shotgun matches are up and doing really good. The rimfire match this past month had six shooters, which was down slightly.

The Pistol Chairman reported that the matches were going well with about 20-22 shooters. He said that the next pistol match was scheduled for Saturday, August 20th. He again asked if there is any interest in conducting other types of pistol matches.

The Skeet Chairman reported that there would be a match on Saturday, August 20th at 10 AM. He said that there was going to be a fall clay/skeet league and that member Mel H. would be heading it up. He said that the five metal stands have been sand blasted and repainted, and they look really good. He power-washed the wood decking and it is in good shape with only 5 or 6 pieces that need to be replaced.

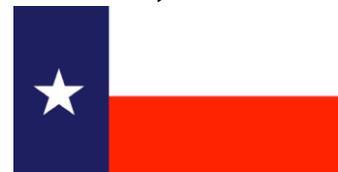
The Trap Chairman reported that the Big 50's have twice been cancelled due to the extreme heat and only three competitors came for the monthly matches. They will try again in two weeks.

Under old business, the President changed the order of the agenda and asked the VP to discuss the status of the purchase of additional land adjacent to the club. The VP stated that the Porter property to the south of the club (700 acres) is not for sale and is not expected to be for sale. However, the 234 acre property to the west is still for sale. Last year, the Board offered \$600K for the entire property, which was turned down by the brother. He stated that the club would need close to a million dollars to purchase the property. The VP recently asked our realtor to see if the owners would accept an offer of \$750K. The club would pay \$150K down and have the owners finance the balance over 10 years at 5% interest. Our realtor reported back that the owners are interested in receiving a contract from the NTSA. The reasoning was that the 5% interest accrued over ten years would be an incentive to the owners to accept the contract at less than asking price, and the NTSA could purchase the land close to its actual value. The VP stated that he was concerned that sometime in the future the city could annex the land as they did many properties last year, or a developer could come in with a housing development, so he would like the membership to consider purchasing it. The VP stated that the purchase of the land would require a dues increase of about \$100 per year over the ten year period to make the annual payment. However, the current annual dues are \$200 including \$75 for the land fund, so he suggested that the dues would go up \$25 in the land fund from what it is now, or a total of \$225. The VP suggested that at some point in the future, the club could install a sporting clays field and possibly a 500 or 600 yard rifle range, but he was not suggesting that these additional facilities be opened to the public or that the membership cap be raised. The President stated that the club will need some funds for development of the property, if

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purchased, and suggested that the annual dues be raised to \$250 for the next ten years. There were some comments and questions from the floor (Gunter K., Ben D., Don S. and Kenny H.) regarding calling a special meeting of the membership and detailing all aspects of the purchase in the notice, including raising the dues. There was also a discussion of waiting and raising this issue with the membership at the Winter Business meeting or calling a special meeting within 90 days. The VP stated that he would ask our realtor, but he doubted that we could wait five or six months. Another question from the floor pertained to the amount of land in the flood plain and the VP responded that about 75% is flood plain. The President asked each of the Board members for their opinion on purchasing the property and executing a contract contingent on the membership approval. After each member spoke, the Board voted and approved of executing a contract with the financing as described above and upon getting the memberships approval. (NOTE: On August 18th, the VP sent the following stipulations to the realtor and asked if the Board could have five or six months to get the membership's approval: (1) the purchase would be contingent on the membership's approval, (2) the seller would pay all realty fees, and (3) the NTSA can pay the note off early with no penalty.)

Member Ben D. suggested that our insurance agent be notified that the club now owns additional property and that our liability policy be extended to cover that property. The Treasurer advised that he is working with the agent in Sanger to prepare a rider to cover the tractor and will discuss the additional property.

Member Gunter K. asked the Treasurer if the \$223 K listed in the Treasury Report was in cash and the response was yes.

The Board discussed the status of the 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 Pistol Chairman advised that the last two rolls had been moved from the Dallas Pistol Club (DPC) to the NTSA on Wednesday, August 17th. The club has now received a total of five rolls. The Board expressed its tremendous gratitude to member Lisle Patton and the DPC for offering the belting material to the NTSA and making arrangements with DPC for our contractor to pick it up. The VP stated that he and the RM will cut some 10-12 foot sections of the conveyer belt material for the anti-skip walls and install them within the next month or so as time permits. (NOTE: Within the next two weeks, the VP will conduct penetration tests using common pistol and rifle rounds, including .223 and .308, against single and double layers of the material. If any member would like to assist the VP in this test, which will be conducted on a weekday morning due to the match schedule on weekends, please contact the VP via email.)

The Board discussed the raising of the berms. The VP stated that this issue was now being discussed by the Land Use Committee. The Skeet Chairman, who is also chairing the Land Use Committee, asked that this issue be tabled for later discussion.

The Board discussed the status of the 50-yard berm on the rifle range. The RM stated that the berm is finished and only 120 yards of dirt were used (out of 200 purchased). The 50-yard target frame will be moved into place when the appropriate benches are stenciled with black paint "50 Yards Only", which means that those positions will be used for 50-yard shooting only.

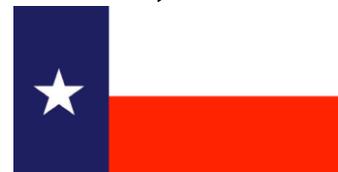
The Board discussed the Secretary's request to conduct a women's shooting clinic for members of the club and guests using handguns and ammunition provide by Glock. Two months ago, the Board approved the request in general terms and asked that the Secretary prepare a detailed presentation for Board approval. The Secretary distributed a proposed budget and some information on the NRA's "Women on Target" program. Many of the Board members asked for a detailed plan including the number of safety officers per shooter, a structured program forming the women into groups, indicating what each group would be doing at various times, etc. After a lengthy discussion, the President asked for a motion to allow the Secretary to go forward with planning the clinic for either October 8th or November 12th. The motion passed 5 "for" and 2 "against". The two that voted against the project said that they support the plan, but it needs a detailed plan.

The next item on the agenda was the purchase of control boxes that need to be replaced. Larry installed new cables and the systems repairs are completed.

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The board discussed the ancillary equipment and the insurance for the tractor. The Skeet Chairman advised that he would call an implement dealer in Sherman to see what they have in inventory. The dealer in Pilot Point had an 8-foot Rhino bush hog that he would inspect. The Treasurer said he is waiting for a rider from our insurance agent on the tractor. Member Ben D. stated that insurance is available from Kubota on their tractors and it is very inexpensive at about \$148 per year.

The RM stated that 24 members had not paid their annual dues as of August 17th. In accordance with the By-laws, the Board voted to terminate those members. The President asked the VP to contact the applicants on the membership waiting list and invite them to join next month.

Last month, the VP raised the issue of inactive status for members and asked if an inactive member could sell his membership. The Board decided that an inactive member, who is approved for that status by the Board, is in good standing and could sell his or her membership. The VP stated that he could find nothing in the By-laws that addressed selling of memberships and he thought that it needed to be corrected at the Annual Winter Meeting. There was no further discussion this month and the issue was tabled until next month.

The President raised the issue of CMP affiliation and said that it requires an NRA certified instructor signing the paperwork for the club and sending it in along with \$25. He said that it would be beneficial for the club as it would allow members to purchase firearms and ammunition from the CMP. He stated that he would bring in the paperwork next month for one of the NRA instructors to complete for the club.

At this time, the Board took a short break and the VP left the meeting for the airport.

The Skeet Chairman discussed the progress with the master plan for the entire club property. He stated that it has taken a great deal of time and effort to get to this point. He stated that member Phil B. had developed a time line for completion of this portion of the project. By August 20, they wanted to have a consensus of priorities, by September 20, they wanted to have itemized costs and scheduled item estimates, and by October 20, they want to have a master plan. The subcommittee's consensus of priorities of what the club needs (in order of ranking) is as follows:

- (1) Rifle and pistol parking area enlargement,
- (2) Rifle and pistol restoration of berms and upgrade,
- (3) Storage barn for equipment and targets,
- (4) Action shooting bays,
- (5) Pavilion (general purpose),
- (6) Sunshades for the trap and skeet fields.

The Skeet Chairman said that there are two "Priority Ones", the Rifle and Pistol Parking and the Rifle and Pistol Berm restoration and upgrades. These are needed for safety and liability reasons. He stated that the storage barn is probably a need to consolidate all of our equipment and improve the facility's appearance. The other priorities would also improve the club. The Skeet Chairman advised that they have studied the shot fall issue by using enlargements of the site taken from Google maps satellite photos. They have been using 250 yards as a minimum distance for existing facilities and 300 yards for the planning of new facilities. He stated that this has given a clear picture of the shot fall challenges in placing the 5-stand. The Skeet Chairman stated that their first face-to-face meeting will be on Saturday, August 20th at 1 PM. The VP was invited to provide an opinion on the berm restoration and enhancements.

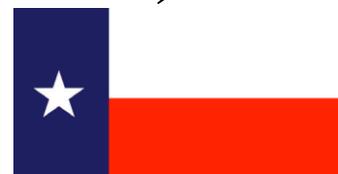
Under new business, the VP proposed that the Board approve the hiring of an administrative assistant for the club to work 12 – 15 hours per month at \$15 per hour. After a short discussion, a motion was made that allows the RM to hire an administrative assistant as needed.

The VP proposed that members who fail to pay their dues by June 1st incur a late fee of \$30 to cover the costs of mailing notices and other administrative work. The Trap Chairman recommended that a late fee be assessed on July 1st and that it could be \$50. The Treasurer stated that there used to be a late fee and asked member Ben D. why it had been dropped. Ben advised that it was dropped because all members know that it is their responsibility to pay their dues on time and a member that was terminated didn't pay the late fee anyway. There was a motion to charge a \$30 late fee as of July 1st and the motion

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carried. (Note: The late fee will be assessed to all members who fail to pay their dues on time and are sent a notice of suspension. Terminated members who are successful in their appeal to the Board to be re-instated will have to pay the late fee).

Member Steve T. raised an issue with the Board regarding the RM pulling and scoring targets on the trap field. Steve stated that the former RM used to do it. After a lengthy discussion, the President said that he would take the issue under advisement and hold an executive session at the next meeting to discuss the RM's job description since it dealt with an employee's job performance.

Since there was no other new business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting and the motion carried.

Free Ladies Trap Clinic

On Saturday, October 8th, member Joneel Harris will be hosting a free Ladies Trap Clinic. Ladies, please mark your calendars and plan to attend this special event. Complete details will be posted in the September newsletter and on the website.

Clean Fill Dirt Needed

The Club needs clean fill dirt for berms and berm maintenance. If you know an excavation contractor, please inform them that the club needs clean fill dirt until further notice. As you are driving around the area, 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.

Steel Reactive Target Training

A Steel Reactive Target Training Class was held on July 30th from 9AM to 1030 AM for 7 club members. The schedule for the remaining NTSA Steel Reactive Target Training Classes for 2011 is as follows:

- October 29th

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. Please email Gary at 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.

Updated Addresses Needed As of July 20, 2011

The NTSA does not have correct mailing addresses for the following members: Don Cullum, Elias El-Ayoubi, Bruce Isaacks, Samuel Jones, Mike Schniederjan, Bud Smith, Harold Stewart, and Terry Todd. If you know any of these members, please have them contact the Range Manager or the VP with their new contact information.

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 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

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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.