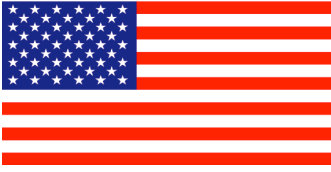
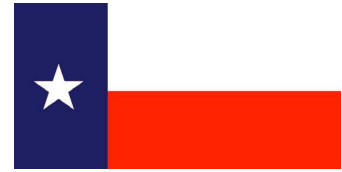


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## President's Message – Jerry Stiller

A new year is upon us and we have our share of challenges and aspirations. I am looking forward to a new year, some warmer weather and the chance to shoot more and work less (Let's see if we can all pull that one off). The club is blessed with many good match directors who volunteer to run matches for all of us to shoot at. Matches are a great way to participate in the club with some fellowship and some friendly competition. A person can learn more about how they shoot in a few matches with peer help than in months of private shooting. I am excited about the new rimfire matches and our new sporting clays type of setup. We seem to have quite a few new ladies shooting with us and young shooters too. I think we are doing a great job in our club overall. Sometimes it's easy to see the small, nit picky things and make small problems into big ones, but let's see if we can all pick out the good things we do and aspire to be even better. As always, be safe, have fun and see you at the range.

## Reminders

- **The ranges are now open on Monday from 8 AM to Official Sunset.**
- **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.

## 2011 Board of Directors

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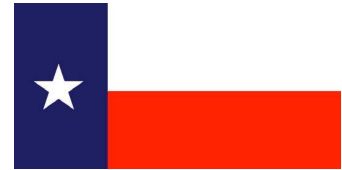
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## ***Rifle Chairman Report – Michael Conley***

The first Precision Rimfire Rifle Match was held on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. It was overcast, cold and windy, and eight shooters participated. This event had the following stages: 50-yard off-hand, 50-yard bench, and 100-yard bench for score. Match Director Michael Plaxco also had everyone shoot the 200-yard stage for fun and familiarization. Congratulations to Merv S., who was the winner with 724 points shooting his Anschutz 1710D HB. Dean was second with 697 points and Jerry S. was third with 687 points. Jerry was shooting one of the new Copperhead .22 rimfire actions with a Shilen barrel. The next match will be on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 0830.

A carbine match was held on Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup> with 23 shooters, including 8 NTSA members. The Overall and Tactical Division winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> – Kirk S, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Shawn R., 3<sup>rd</sup> – Dwain M. The Limited Division winners were 4<sup>th</sup> – Gary R., 5<sup>th</sup> – Fred P., and 7<sup>th</sup> – Tom F. The Iron division winner was Andre M. in 17<sup>th</sup> place. Lowest Points Down was Tom F. with 9 points, which is a record. Stage Winner(s): Stages 1 – 3: Kirk S. and Stage 4 was Shawn R. We had four shooters competing in the AR22 Division. John R. was the winner and had the lowest points down with 57. The next carbine match will be on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 0830. 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, December 18<sup>th</sup> with 18 shooters. Congratulations to: Steve H. for the overall winner and SSP Division; Ken T for second overall and ESP division; John B. for third and CDP, and Mike M. for 9<sup>th</sup> place and SSR Division. Lowest points down – Ken T. with 16. The next action pistol match will be on January 15<sup>th</sup>. The 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.

***NOTE- This month, in lieu of the Club Pistol Steel Shoot, there will be an Action Shotgun Match starting at 0830. Details may be found below.***

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

As your new Skeet Chairman, I am interested in reinstating the monthly club skeet shoots on the third Saturday of every month.

Since I have not been a participant in past club skeet matches, I am requesting input from active or interested participants on the format of these shoots.

For your consideration in this format are two new Promatic Ranger traps that can be incorporated into these monthly shoots. If you have ideas or specific interests that you would like to express, feel free to contact me.

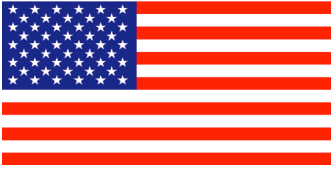
## ***Trap Chairman Report – Frank Hughes***

The ATA Big 50 will start again after March 13<sup>th</sup>.

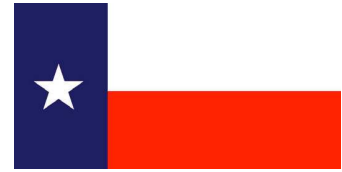
The Club Trap Championship (“the Buckle Shoot”) will be on May 7<sup>th</sup> and the Horny Toad will be on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

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

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## Annual Winter Business Meeting

The Annual Winter Business Meeting was held at the Denton Country Club on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 70 members (or 10% of the NTSA membership) attended with their wives, friends, etc., for a total of about 110 -120 people. Dinner was served at 5:30 PM. The food was excellent.

The land acquisition was discussed as well as a proposed list of improvements to the club in 2011. The membership indicated that they are in favor of purchasing land, but they are not in favor of spending \$1,000,000 for the property to the west. Each proposed improvement was briefly discussed and the members were asked to raise their hands if they were in favor or against the proposal, as follows:

- Closed circuit cameras for the pistol and rifle ranges – 40 in favor and 3 opposed.
- Eyebrows for the rifle ranges to shield the sun – 6 in favor and no opposed.
- Benches for the rifle range – 15 in favor and no opposed.
- Undercoating on the awnings in the rifle and pistol ranges to reduce condensation – 10 in favor and 1 opposed.
- Extend berm at the 50-yard line on the rifle range – 15 in favor and no opposed.
- Purchase a used tractor with a front end loader and forks – 20 in favor and 1 opposed.
- Discontinue the mailed newsletters twice each year, which costs \$1000/ year – 20 in favor and 20 opposed.

Since four members were running for four Board positions, the membership indicated by a show of hands that an election by ballot was not necessary. Three incumbents (Frank Hughes, Jerry Stiller, and Joe Powell) were re-instated for two years. John Rea is the new Board member who replaced Sam Voss as Skeet Chairman.

There were no proposed by-law changes.

Thanks again to member Margaret Hall for making all the arrangements at the Denton Country Club.

## January Board Meeting

The January Board meeting was held on January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:35 PM. The main agenda item under old business was a discussion of rounds leaving the rifle and pistol ranges, and a list of club improvements for 2011. There were no membership transfers.

John Myers and Mike Conley swapped Board positions. This change was effective immediately.

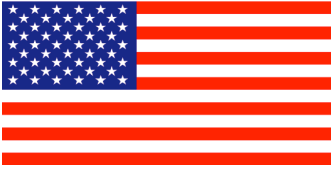
The Treasurer asked that the minutes of the Annual Summer Meeting be amended to show that the land fund totaled \$111,086 and that the minutes of the Annual Winter Meeting show that the land fund total is \$113,586. The Board reviewed the December 2010 Treasurer's report and voted to accept the report.

The Range Manager brought up the issue of pot holes. This issue was postponed for discussion under old business. The Pistol Chairman advised that the inventory on corrugated plastic sheets is down to about 30, so the Range Manager was asked to place an order for 80 sheets. The Vice President requested five additional sheets so that the portable barricades could be re-built.

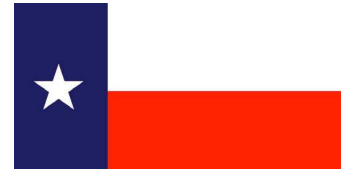
The Skeet Chairman advised that two portable sporting clays machines will arrive next week. They will have covers, but need 12 volt batteries.

Under old business, the Board discussed the road issue and decided to purchase ground asphalt to be spread on the road to the first corner and some additional material to be placed in the parking area of the rifle and pistol ranges, as well as place a maintenance reserve at the entrance. The Rifle Chairman is the lead on this project and will get estimates next week. The Board voted to grant approval to the project if the estimate was \$5000 or less including laying a new road base, where needed.

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The issue of occasional rounds leaving the rifle and pistol ranges was discussed along with baffles for those ranges. The Range Manager stated that he saw evidence of approximately five rounds hitting a tree about 4 – 5 feet above the berm on the 200 yard rifle range. It was his opinion that casual shooters were the cause. As a first step to resolve this issue, the Board authorized the purchase of closed circuit cameras to be installed on the rifle and pistol ranges. The Vice President is the lead in the purchase and will be assisted by the Pistol and Rifle Chairmen, as well as member Harry Hettinger. The requirements will be written and reviewed next week and three bids will be solicited. The goal is to give the Range Manager and Range Officers the means to determine who is causing these rounds to exit the ranges. If the cause is accidental, such as skipping a round while improperly sighting-in a rifle, the member will be required to take a safety class for the first incident. If the cause is negligence or intentional vandalism, such as a member shooting bullet cases off of the target frames or shooting cans and other targets placed directly on the ground, the member will be suspended from the club in accordance with the By-laws. Member Harry Hettinger advised that he visited a range with baffles in Garland and took pictures. He intends to do the same at the Dallas Pistol Club and provide the Board with a visual presentation on baffles at a future meeting. The President advised that he would like the Board to see the presentation.

The Board discussed the list of improvements for 2011. The Rifle Chairman will be in charge of extending the 50-yard berm on the rifle range and the Pistol and Rifle Chairmen will see that a road base is laid in the parking area.

Under new business, the Skeet Chairman will have the two control boxes installed and obtain 8-foot longer cables, where needed. Member Don Shields volunteered to build 25 wood stools to the same pattern as the existing stools on the rifle and pistol ranges, and will be reimbursed for the materials. The Pistol Chairman will take the lead on acquiring a used 60 HP tractor with a front end loader and forks that can lift one ton approximately 10 feet. The Secretary will ensure that the By-laws are updated on the website. The Vice President, the Pistol Chairman and the Range Manager will review the Operating Rules for possible update.

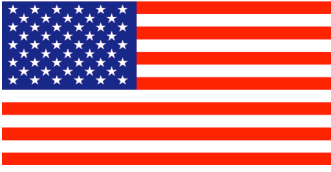
In the interest of public service, the Board approved a proposal that non-member commissioned Law Enforcement Officers (LEO), when accompanied by a member, would not pay the \$10 day membership fee. This change in fees charged will be noted on the “black” fee board in the club house along with the fact that children 16 and under do not pay range fees.

The Vice President proposed that the Board agree to pay the last offer of \$325K for the Belcher property to the north. This only means that we would extend the offer, even though the Belcher family advised that they do not want to sell at this time. The Board discussed, but did not approve, this issue. The Treasurer will check with the Porter family to see if their land to the south is for sale.

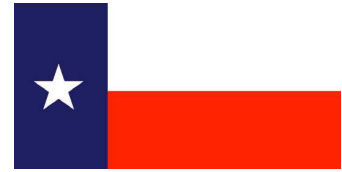
## Action Shotgun Competition

On January 22<sup>nd</sup>, in lieu of the Club Pistol Steel Shoot, there will be an Action Shotgun Match starting at 0830 on Pistol Bay 1. This match will be similar to the carbine and action pistol matches in format as each shooter will individually engage targets while moving, under the supervision of a Range and a Safety Officer. This match will consist of four stages shooting cardboard, steel and clay targets. Slugs will be used on the cardboard targets and birdshot will be used on the steel and clay targets. Each shooter will need a pump or semi-auto shotgun, a case for the shotgun, separate carriers for the slugs and shot shells, five slug rounds, 60 number 8 birdshot rounds, a ball cap, and eye and ear protection. At this time, there will be four scoring classes: (1) pump shotgun with iron sights and (2) pump shotgun with red dot, (3) semi-auto shotgun with iron sights and (4) semi-auto with red dot. The match begins at 0830, which means that registration ends at 0830, and the safety briefing begins immediately thereafter. Shooters must attend the safety briefing in order to shoot. The cost is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members. If you have any questions, please contact the Pistol Chairman, Larry Erbskorn, or the Match Director, Gary Runyon. This match is being run on a trial basis to see if there is any interest in continuing it on a monthly, bi-monthly, or quarterly basis.

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## Steel Reactive Target Training

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

- February 12<sup>th</sup>
- April 30<sup>th</sup>
- July 30<sup>th</sup>
- October 29<sup>th</sup>

The schedule will also be posted on the website. 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 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 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.