

North Texas Shooters Association, Inc



July 2011 Newsletter
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President's Message – Jerry Stiller

Well, it's really summer again. With the hot days, be sure to bring plenty of fluids with you to the range. The land to the north is finally ours. We have a committee setup for improvements and the first cut was presented at the last board meeting. Currently we have a setup for the 5 stand equipment we purchased and some additional parking for the pistol/rifle area. Plans for the rest of the club will be included also. On a negative note, we have about 75 members delinquent on dues. We are sending out cards this week and will include a late fee to cover the labor cost and postage. If you have not paid your dues, you are currently suspended and will be terminated at the August meeting. If anyone has any interest in helping on the land committee or with some labor in getting the jobs done, let John Rea know. Have a good July and pray for rain and a cold front.

Reminders

- **If you have not done so, please pay your \$200.00 annual dues immediately. They were due on June 1st. Members who failed to pay their dues were delinquent on July 1st and their membership privileges suspended on July 13th. On August 10th, suspended memberships will be terminated.**
- **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

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Rifle Chairman Report – Michael Conley

A carbine match was held on Saturday, July 2nd with 14 shooters, including 12 NTSA members and 2 non-members. The overall winners were: 1st – Kirk S. - Tactical Division, 2nd – Fred P. Open Division, and 3rd – Dwain M - Tactical Division. Lowest Points Down was Kirk S. with 16 points. Stage Winner(s): Stage 1 – 3 - Kirk S. Stage 4 – Gary R. There were two shooters in AR22 Division. The next carbine match will be August 6th at 0830.

A Precision Rimfire Rifle Match was held on Saturday, July 10th with 9 competitors including 8 NTSA members and one non-member. 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 Curtis H. for 2nd place. The next match will be July 30th at 0900.

Pistol Chairman Report – Eric DuChemin

An Action Pistol match was held on Saturday, July 16th on Pistol Bay 1 with 20 shooters, including 14 club members and 6 non-members. Kent T. was the over all and ESP Division winner. Congratulations to: David C. for winning CDP division and Mike N. for SSP Division. No one shot in SSR Division. The shooter with the lowest points down was Ken T. with 14. The next Action Pistol Match will be Saturday, August 20th.

An Action Shotgun Match was held on June 25th on Pistol Bay 1 with 14 shooters, including 11 club members and 3 non-members. The overall winner was Ken T. with a Benelli M1S90. Semi-auto/>5 Division: 1st – Kent T. Pump/>5 Division: 1st – Chuck S. Lowest Points Down was Steve C., John E. and Mike C. with 1 point down. Stage Winners: Stage 1& 3 Kent T. Stage 2- Mike C. and Stages 4 – Chuck S. The next Action Shotgun match will be on July 2nd 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. Come early this Saturday before the summer meeting, and enjoy the recently upgraded skeet facility with your fellow members. (John Rea)

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.

2nd Annual Swap Meet

The club held its 2nd Annual Swap Meet on June 18th from 8:30 until about 11AM. There was lot of activity and everyone seemed to have a good time, despite the heat. Many members left after the swap meet and did not stay for the BBQ. The Board ordered 110 plates based on last summer's attendance, but only 65-70 were served. The club was obligated to pay for 100 plates.

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Annual Summer Meeting

The Annual Summer Meeting was held on Saturday, June 18th following an excellent BBQ dinner. The Board reviewed the minutes of the Annual Winter Meeting, presented by the Secretary, and voted to accept them.

The Treasurer discussed the May Treasurer's Report. The membership at that time totaled 770 members including 750 voting members, 17 Legacy members, and three Honorary members. The Treasurer reported that the club is excellent financial shape with a total of \$442K, including \$115K in the land fund, \$225K in CD's, \$94K in checking, \$6K in money market account, and \$1,900 in petty cash. The club's current liabilities are \$2,400. The missing \$1500 discussed last month has been found and was a bookkeeping error. Member Gunter Knight asked if former treasurer Joe Powell left with a clean slate, and the Treasurer said that he did. The Treasurer discussed the profit and loss statement and said that our income is greater than last year. The club currently has a net not spent of \$86K. He reported for this month that he wrote checks for the tractor (\$20,500), the cameras (\$9,500), and the Five-Stand equipment (\$10K). He stated that the taxes for 2009 and 2010 were not filed and that he has filed an amendment.

Under old business, the Board discussed the Belcher property acquisition. Closing on the property was scheduled to occur at 1PM on Thursday, June 23rd. The VP and the Treasurer were planning to attend. There was a discussion with the membership about mineral rights on the Belcher property and the club property. Member Kenny Hilger said that the title company that is handling the closing should be able to search for the mineral rights on the current club property and the Belcher property. The VP stated that he would ask that a search be done after the closing.

The President briefed the members present about raising the membership cap to pay for the tractor. This cap was raised and the tractor was purchased. The Board intends to spend about \$3500 more on a bush hog, forks, and a box blade.

There was a discussion about the Five-Stand system. The Skeet Chairman advised the membership that he had located a complete system for sale, and it was approved by the Board. He said that this system would be placed on the new property and that there was not enough room for sporting clays course.

Under new business, the President asked for ideas for utilizing the Belcher property, once it belongs to the NTSA. He said that the Board has received requests for additional parking on the rifle/pistol ranges, an archery range, the Five-Stand on the northwest side, and three or four competition bays. The President stated that it would be too expensive to extend the rifle ranges. He asked the members what direction the club would like to take regarding the additional land. Member Gunter Knight asked that a committee be formed with John Rea as the Chairperson to develop a master plan for all 42 acres. After a discussion, there was a motion to that effect and it carried.

July Board Meeting

The July Board meeting was held on July 13th at 6:35 PM.

The Board voted-in four membership transfers and three new Legacy members. The new members were supposed to attend a Safety Orientation at the club on Saturday, July 16th at 9AM conducted by member Van Glover. Only one showed up. (Note: The club now has 750 voting members, three honorary members, and 20 Legacy members for a total of 773.)

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

The Board reviewed and discussed the June Treasury Report. The report showed that several accounts had been closed to pay for the Belcher Property, which was \$228K, including closing. The land fund had \$115K and \$113K was borrowed from the General Fund to pay for the property. The club's total liabilities are \$2462. For the period of January 1 through June 11, the total annual dues income was \$158K, which was an 83% increase from the previous year (same time period). The shooting income for the same period was \$48K, up from \$32K the previous year. The total income to date was \$212K. The total expenses for the same period are \$91K. The President asked for a motion to accept the report and it carried. The

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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 has written a letter to the IRS requesting the penalty be abated. The Treasurer is hoping that the CPA is correct in his statement that the penalty will be abated. The 2010 tax return was ready to file by Friday, July 15th. The CPA had received an extension through 8/15. The Treasurer stated that the expenses for the month were the land acquisition, the tractor, the 5-Stand system, \$11K for targets, and \$2K for the club's insurance. The Treasurer said that the Board of Directors was covered by the club's insurance. The VP asked if match directors are covered by the club's insurance. The Treasurer stated he would check. The Board agreed that the match directors need to be specifically included or obtain a separate liability policy to be paid by the club.

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

The Rifle Chairman reported that there were 20 shooters at the regional two-day bench rest match. He stated that there was a carbine match and rimfire match this past month and both had good turnouts. He said that the cameras are working well, the new power lines were completed down range before the regional benchrest match, and the 50-yard berm on the rifle range is half done. The Rifle Chair expressed his thanks to member Mike McCrary for doing the wiring on the rifle range.

The Pistol Chairman reported that the matches were going well with about 20-22 shooters. He has built some portable walls made of PVC and orange construction fencing for use during the action matches. He asked if there is any interest in conducting other types of pistol matches.

The Skeet Chairman reported that their match was the same day as the swap meet and they only had two shooters. He said that participation was very low and there was another match on Saturday, July 16th. He said the focus now seems to be on sporting clays events. The club now has 8 Promatic machines and everything needed for Five Stand. He said that he wants to get the stands cleaned up.

The Trap Chairman reported that there were around 6 competitors for the Big 50's and only three competitors for the monthly matches. They decided to cancel the matches and use that time for practice.

Under old business, the Board discussed the status of the 50-yard berm on the rifle range. As the Rifle Chairman stated previously, the berm is about half completed and the RM has used only about 40 yards of dirt (out of 200 purchased).

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 VP stated that he and the RM had devised a way to use the conveyer belt material and were awaiting its arrival from the Dallas Pistol Club. The VP had spoken with a contractor who was going to inspect the belts and provide a cost for moving them. The Pistol Chairman stated that Lisle Patton was back in town and he would contact him. (Update: The contractor called 7/18/11 and advised that he can move the conveyer belts for \$500, but he needs someone to coordinate with DPC to get into the club on a weekday.) The VP stated that this issue and the raising of the berm heights were related and would be discussed at a later date.

The Skeet Chairman advised that the 2005 Kubota M5700 4X4 tractor with a front end loader was purchased for \$20,500 and delivered to the club. The Treasurer stated that the club had \$31,250 to go towards a tractor, bush hog, and other equipment, but expects to spend less than \$3500 for the other equipment, which would be well under the \$25K limit. Member Kenny Hilger asked if the Board had insurance on the tractor because it is not uncommon for them to be stolen.

The Board discussed the Secretary's request to conduct a women's shooting clinic for members of the club and guests. Last month, the Board approved the request in general terms and asked that the Secretary prepare a detailed presentation for Board approval. The Secretary stated that she needed some dates to hold the clinic. The President re-iterated that the Board needs a detailed plan to determine what resources are needed. The President also confirmed with the Trap Chairman that a women's shotgun clinic would be held in late October with Mrs. Richard Harris.

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The Board discussed the CMP affiliation requested by member Jorge Sanmartin. The VP stated that he had been in contact with Mr. Sanmartin and requested that he attend a Board meeting and provide a presentation on the advantages and disadvantages of becoming affiliated with the CMP. The Board decided to table this item until he presentation is made.

The Board learned that the RM had purchased two master cables for the control boxes on the trap ranges. He received approval last month to purchase two control boxes, if needed.

The VP reported that as of the afternoon of 7/1/11, the former Belcher property now belongs to the NTSA. The VP and the Treasurer closed on June 23rd. However, Mr. Belcher's wife was sick and was not expected to close until Wednesday, June 29th. Mr. Belcher signed on the 29th, but his wife was still sick. The next day she went into the hospital, but was released on July 1st and signed the papers around noon. Once the funds were dispersed, the property was transferred to the NTSA around 3PM.

Under new business, member Kenny Hilger raised three issues with the Board: (1) He requested detailed records for the benchrest matches for the past 18 months; (2) He stated that the notice sent out last April regarding the Special Meeting of the membership did not specifically discuss raising the dues; and (3) He wants the Board meetings recorded. Regarding Item 3, the Board decided that every meeting does not need to be recorded. Regarding Item 2, the President stated that the raising of dues had been discussed in the winter meeting and had been written in the newsletters since last November or December. The notice that was mailed out to the membership stated that the purchase of the Belcher property would be discussed. The Board felt that this statement was all inclusive of discussing every aspect of the purchase. Regarding Item 1, the President stated that he did not have the records for the matches that he has conducted since January but had turned them in with the funds to the Treasurer. The Treasurer stated he would search for the records and contact Mr. Hilger.

The VP proposed that the swap meet be discontinued on the same day as the Annual Summer Meeting. He requested that the club host two dates each year for the swap meets, one in October before hunting season and one in April. The reason is that the weather would be better at those times and the swap meets would not interfere with the summer meeting. Quite a few members that came for the swap meet did not stay for the BBQ and summer meeting. The actual dates of the swap meets will be determined. A motion was made and carried.

The VP raised the issue of "inactive" applicants described in the NTSA membership application, asked what the term meant, and how an applicant could become active again on the waiting list. The VP asked former RM Bob Carmichael what the term "inactive" status meant. He stated that he simply dropped the applicants from the list who did not respond after two contact attempts and that they would have to re-apply to get back on the active list. The Board discussed the issue and decided that an inactive applicant could be placed on the active waiting list on the date that the Board received a request. The applicant would not be placed at the front of the list according to the original date of application. If the applicant is called twice on two separate months to become a member and fails to come in, he or she will be placed once again on the inactive list.

The RM stated that approximately 80 members had not paid their annual dues. In accordance with the By-laws, the Board voted to suspend those member's privileges and not allow them use of the club facilities. The VP was asked to prepare and mail a notice of suspension to those suspended members and advise them that their memberships would be terminated at the next Board meeting in August if the dues were not paid. (Update: The "Notice of Suspension" was bulk mailed on 7/20/11.)

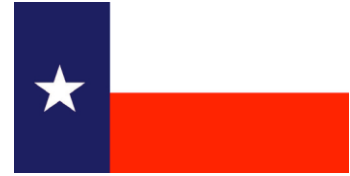
The VP stated that he had a written request for a member to become inactive due to a hardship. He made a motion and it carried that this member would be placed on inactive status for a maximum of one year in accordance with the By-laws.

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 the By-laws that addressed selling of memberships and he thought that it needed to be corrected at the Annual Winter Meeting.

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The President briefly stated that the Board was going to pursue additional land purchases to the south and west in the future.

The Board discussed that an agricultural exemption needs to be filed on the new property in January. This issue should be taken into account by the Land Use Committee.

The Treasurer discussed the results of the search of the mineral rights by the escrow officer at the title company on the current club property and the new property. The search resulted in records back to the 30's and 40's. It appeared that these rights were secured back at that time and Mr. Belcher and the club did not own any rights.

The Skeet Chairman discussed the progress with the master plan for the entire club property. He stated that he had prepared some working documents including a Google maps overview with suggested improvements for use by the committee. Some of the topics of discussion are the agriculture exemption, flooding/drainage, revenue generation, security, safety, and amenities. He said that the committee has not met yet, but would be discussing the plans in three time frames from immediate to midterm to long term.

The President, Treasurer, and Range Manager signed the Range Manager employment agreement.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and the motion carried.

Match Directors/Range Safety Officers Needed

The Board is seeking qualified members interested in volunteering to act as Match Directors. The Board is also seeking members interested in becoming Range Safety Officers. The Board is also interested in holding other matches that are not "action" matches such as bulls eye pistol, vintage rifle, etc. Please contact a Board member if interested.

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.

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 at a reasonable price, please contact a Board member or the Range Manager.

Steel Reactive Target Training

A Steel Reactive Target Training Class was held on April 30th from 9AM to 11 AM for 11 club members. The schedule for the remaining NTSA Steel Reactive Target Training Classes for 2011 is as follows:

- July 30th
- 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.

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Updated Addresses Needed As of July 20, 2011

The NTSA does not have correct mailing addresses for the following members: Don Coxsey, Don Cullum, Elias El-Ayoubi, Jon M. Franks, Jason Goodley, Bruce Isaacks, Samuel Jones, Mike Schniederjan, Bud Smith, Jim Stephens, 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 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.