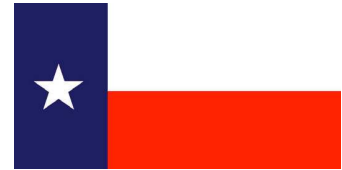


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President's Message – Jerry Stiller

Spring is fully here and the shooting weather is great. We had our first benchrest match of the year and the turnout was fantastic. The new 22 rimfire matches are starting up in a few weeks as well as the shotgun and pistol sports. Come on out and give them a try. We are hiring a new range manager. You all know the new guy, our own Larry Erbskorn, the current pistol board member. Effective April 1st, Larry will no longer be on the board and Eric DuChemin will take his place. Eric puts on the current pistol matches and will be a great addition to the board. Special thanks to Larry for all his past hard work and his new hard work coming up and to Eric for stepping up for the board. We look forward to seeing you all at the range.

Reminders

- **The ranges will remain open on Monday from 8 AM to Official Sunset until April 4th.**
- **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.**

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

The next Precision Rimfire Rifle Match is scheduled for Sunday, March 27th at 0830.

A carbine match was held on Saturday, March 12th with 22 shooters, including 14 NTSA members. The overall and Tactical Division winners were: 1st – Shawn R., 2nd – Kirk S. and 3rd – Dwain M. The Open Division winners were: 3rd

Skeet Chairman Report – John Rea

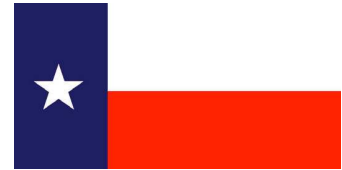
The Club Skeet shoots resumed in February, with monthly matches scheduled for the third Saturday of every month. Check the calendar on the homepage, and mark your calendar to join us for the March Shoot.

John Rea

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– Fred P., 4th – Gary R., 7th – Mark R. The Iron division winner was David D. in 19th place. Lowest Points Down was Kirk S. with 23 points. Stage Winner(s): Stage 1 & 2 was Kirk S.. and Stages 3 & 4 was Shawn R. We had three shooters competing in the AR22 Division. Steve H. was the winner and had the fewest points down with 37. The next carbine match will be on April 9th 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, February 19th with 23 shooters, including 14 club members and 9 non-members.. Congratulations to: Brian S. for the overall winner and SSP Division; Rick N. for CDP division and 8th overall; Ken T. for ESP and 3rd overall, and Johnny G. for 23rd place and SSR Division. The shooter with the lowest points down was Brian S. with 19. The Stage winners were Brian S. for Stage 1, Mike M. for Stage 2, Steve H. for Stage 3, and John W. for Stage 4. The next action pistol match will be on March 19th at 0830. You must attend the safety briefing in order to shoot the match.

An Action Shotgun Match was held on February 26th on Pistol Bay 1 with 19 shooters, including 15 club members and 4 non-members. Semi-auto/>5 Division: 1st - Ken T., 2nd - Jon C., 3rd - Gary R. Semi-auto/<5 Division: 1st - Brian H., 2nd - Fred P. Pump/>5: 1st - John W. Pump/<5 - 1st - Matt H. Lowest Points Down: Five shooters tied with 0 points down. Stage Winners: Stage 1 - Ken T., Stage 2 - Gary R., Stage 3 - Brian H., Stage 4 - Steve H. The next Action Shotgun match will be on March 26th at 0830. You must attend the safety briefing in order to shoot the match.

It is time to start busting clays again. The Skeet/Sporting Clays league starts Wednesday, March 16th and runs for 8 weeks with a picnic and awards event to follow. League fees are \$15.00 plus \$10.00 for weekly for targets. Shoot 50 targets weekly (25skeet and 25 sporting). You may shoot league targets on Wednesday or Saturday. Targets must be shot weekly. If you miss a week your score for the missed week will be based on your handicap computed at 90%. Score sheets should be turned into Mel Haag each week. Shooting starts at 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 12:00 noon Saturdays. New sporting targets set weekly by John Rea. Sign up at the club today. If unable to sign up at the club send me an email with telephone and email address. Thank you. I am looking forward to shooting with you guys again.

(submitted by Mel Haag, email: mel@melhaag.com)

Trap Chairman Report – Frank Hughes

The ATA Big 50 will start again after March 13th.

The Club Trap Championship (“the Buckle Shoot”) will be on May 7th and 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.

(submitted by Bob Carmichael)

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Land Acquisition Update

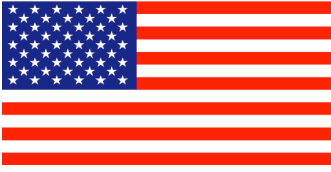
On Friday, March 11th, Mr. Belcher’s attorney advised our realtor that Mr. Belcher has agreed with our revised contract and will sign it. A special meeting of the membership will be held on Saturday, April 9th at 2PM at the clubhouse, which should be at least ten calendar days after receipt of the signed contract to discuss the purchase and request membership approval. A notice of the special meeting will be mailed to all members in compliance with the by-laws.

On March 14th, our realtor called and said that Mr. Belcher’s attorney received the revised contract and Mr. Belcher would sign it and send it back.

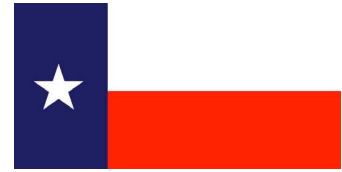
February Board Meeting

The March Board meeting was held on March 9th at 6:27 PM. There were no membership transfers. However, one terminated member asked the Board to be re-instated after not paying his dues last June. One Board member asked why after 10 months that he is now appealing to the Board. The terminated member stated that he was gone from home four months at a time. The President advised the person that the Board mailed out warning letters to all members who were

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delinquent in paying there dues. The President advised that it is the member's responsibility to pay his or her dues on time. The Vice President stated that the by-laws do not authorize the Board to reinstate a person after the appeal process ends in the August Board meeting. Nevertheless, a motion was made and the Board voted 4 to 3 to not reinstate the person.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the last meeting, presented by the Secretary, and voted to accept them. The Board reviewed the Treasury Report for the period ending February 28th and voted to accept it.

The Range Manager was not present at the meeting but asked the President to inform the Board that the transmission on the club's truck is going out and not worth repairing. The President stated that the truck may be okay for a while to use at the club, but not to drive off of club property. The President advised that the Board could purchase another truck, get this one repaired at a cost of approximately \$1200, or not have a truck and pay the Range Manager mileage. The Board discussed the issue and agreed that another truck should be purchased.

The Rifle Chairman reported that the first Benchrest Match for this year will be held on Sunday, March 13. He said that the flashing safety lights are fixed and working. The President stated the club benchrest matches are not on the website calendar and asked the Rifle Chairman to provide the dates to Steve H.

The Skeet Chairman reported that a club skeet shoot was held on February 19th with 10 competitors. He advised that three PVC cages have been made to be used with the Sporting Clays machines. He is still working to de-bug the machines to reduce breakages. The Skeet Chairman and the Range Manager have conducted two orientation/training sessions for using the sporting clay machines.

The Pistol Chairman advised that the carbine, pistol and shotgun matches are doing well with 20+ shooters each match.

The Trap Chair reported that the monthly club trap shoot would be on Saturday. The Big 50 will start this coming Tuesday and every other Tuesday thereafter.

Under old business, the Board discussed the Belcher property. The Vice President reported that he had spoken with the realtor on Monday, and that Mr. Belcher's attorney was out of town until Thursday. The attorney mentioned that he did not see any problems with the mineral rights restrictions that the Board wanted. (NOTE: This was the information available at the time of the meeting. The latest information is posted separately above.)

The Skeet and Pistol Chairmen used a range finder on the Belcher property and advised that a five-stand course would fit in the northwest corner, if a decision was made to approve one. A sporting clay course is not feasible.

Last month, 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.

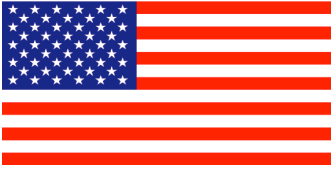
The Board discussed the extension of the 50-yard berm on the rifle range. The Vice President was assisting the Rifle Chairman in locating the dirt/transportation and received approval for the purchase of 200 yards of dirt including delivery. However, the dirt will not be delivered until next month.

The camera system for the rifle and pistol range is on hold until the land purchase is made.

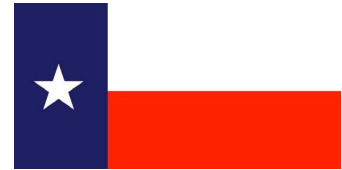
Member Harry Hettinger showed the Board a picture of the Board members that he had taken at the last meeting. He asked if he could post it at the clubhouse and on the website.

Member Don Shields advised that he has the materials and will build the remaining benches soon. The club will have a bench at each position on the rifle range and four on each pistol range when the project is completed.

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The Board discussed the installation of the electrical boxes for the skeet field. The Skeet Chairman advised that he has tried to call the member who built the electrical boxes, but has not been able to reach him. He will get other quotes to complete the installation.

The Board discussed the purchase of a 60-80 HP tractor with a front end loader and box blade. The Board had previously agreed to postpone any other action pending the land acquisition.

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. Last month, the Range Manager advised that he would acquire the letters to place the notice on the fee board along with the notation for guests 16 and under. This project has not been completed.

The Board discussed the issue of updating the by-laws. The Secretary stated that it has not been done yet, but would be done when he could get the exact language.

Under new business, the Board discussed an issue concerning the new gravel in the parking area of the rifle range and potential flooding. The Board decided to wait and inspect the area after a rain and determine if there is a flooding issue.

The Board discussed a suggestion to limit family memberships to the same household. The Board felt that it is important to include members of the family that may not live in the same household such as sons, daughters and grandkids.

The Board discussed an issue raised concerning the danger of regular members loading, adjusting, and operating the trap, skeet, and sporting clays machines. The suggestion was that this should only be done by a range officer. There was a motion to limit the loading and adjusting of the sporting clays machines to range officers and the Skeet Chairman only until new procedures could be written by the Skeet Chairman and the Range Manager. The motion carried.

The Vice President again raised the tractor issue, which had been previously tabled pending the land purchase. The VP stated that the land purchase is likely to go through and the club needs a tractor to mow the grass on the new property as well as maintain the berms, which are in need of attention. With that in mind, the VP suggested that the membership cap be raised by 40 members, and the proceeds be used to pay for the tractor with a front end loader and mowing deck. The Treasurer recommended that the cap be raised to 50 members, instead of 40. A motion was made to raise the cap by 50 members to purchase a tractor and the Board unanimously approved the motion. The applicants on the waiting list will be brought into the club starting with the April Board meeting.

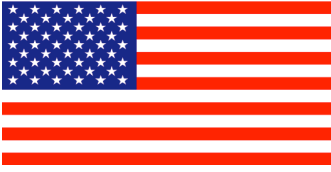
The Board received a letter of resignation from the Pistol Chairman, Larry Erbskorn, effective at the end of the day on March 31st, 2011. The President appointed Eric DuChemin as the Pistol Chairman effective April 1st. The last day of work for the current Range Manager, Bob Carmichael, is April 15th. Larry Erbskorn will begin work as Bob's replacement on April 4th and work with Bob over the ten day overlap to learn the range manager duties.

The Vice President made a motion that the operating rule pertaining to closing the range on Monday morning after daylight savings time is in effect be changed to April 4th. The motion carried so the ranges are open on Monday morning until April 4th.

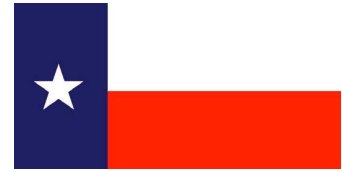
Pickup Truck

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.

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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:

- April 30th
- July 30th
- October 29th

The schedule will also be posted on the website. 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 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.