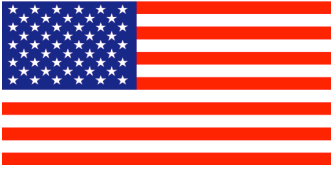
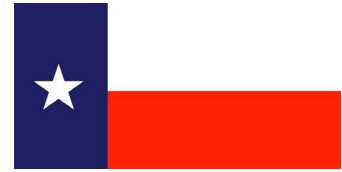


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President's Message – Jerry Stiller

This has been an interesting year to say the least. We are STILL trying to buy the property to the north. It is going slow and is somewhat frustrating for some of our members. It seems that Mr. Belcher is looking for a new piece of property to purchase to avoid paying taxes on it. That is a good choice for him, but puts us on the waiting game. I truly believe that this is going to go through, but it may take a little while. He seems to be in no hurry, and we should not get too worked up about it in my opinion. The matches are going strong, but Mr Plaxco has resigned from being match director for our new rimfire matches. I am most likely going to be taking them over, so look for them to start back up in the next month and we will be shooting again. We will set the dates and they probably won't be on set weekends like they were. I will fit them around the other events and try to put a few on Saturday and a few on Sunday. The summer meeting is June 18 along with the swap meet. I hope to see you all there and we will have updates on the various happenings. Have a good May and we will talk again in June.

Reminders

- **Please do not block the view of the two sides 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, 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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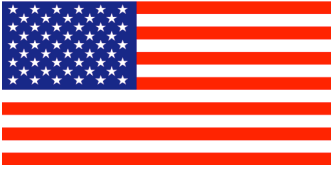
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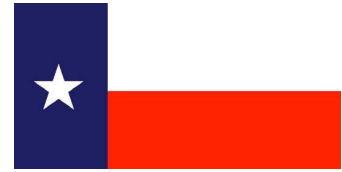
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Rifle Chairman Report – Michael Conley

A Precision Rimfire Rifle Match was held on Sunday, April 17th with 10 NTSA members. No results posted.

A carbine match was held on Saturday, May 7th with 16 shooters, including 12 NTSA members and 4 non-members. The overall winners were: 1st – Kirk S. - Tactical Division, 2nd – Dwain M. – Tactical Division, and 3rd Fred P. – Open Division. Lowest Points Down was Kirk S. with 25 points. Stage Winner(s): Stage 1 -4 was Kirk S. The next carbine match will be June 4th at 0830.

Pistol Chairman Report – Eric DuChemin

An Action Pistol match was held on Saturday, April 16th with 20 shooters, including 15 club members and 5 non-members. Congratulations to: Rich N, for a fist place in CDP, Ken T. for first place in ESP, and Steve H. for first place in SSP Division. No one shot in SSR Division. The shooter with the lowest points down was Ken T. with 13. The Stage Winners were Stages 1,3, & 4 – Kent T. and Stage 2 – Randy M. The next Action Pistol Match will be Saturday, May 21st.

An Action Shotgun Match was held on April 23rd on Pistol Bay 1 with 15 shooters, including 12 club members and 3 non-members. Semi-auto/>5 Division: 1st – John W., 2nd – Ken T., 3rd – Fred P. Pump/>5 Division: 1st – Mike B. Auto/>5 – Steve C. Pump/>5 Mark C. Lowest Points Down: Tom F. with 0 points down. Stage Winners: Semi-auto/>5 Division Stages 1, 3, &4 – John W. Stage 2 – Mike B.. The next Action Shotgun match will be on May 28th at 0830.

Skeet Chairman Report – John Rea

The skeet/sporting league held its awards and picnic Wednesday, May 11th. The event started with the shooters enjoying a meal of ribs and trimmings prepared by Steve Armand. League members receiving awards were, Clinton Page, Champ, Mel Haag, 1st Runner Up, and Larry Brooks, 2nd Runner Up. Class Champs respectively were, Bob Carmichael, Pat Burton, John Rea, Mike Syler and Norbert Bednorz. Numerous door prizes were given to a few lucky shooters in attendance. The “Pat Burton Memorable Shot” award went unchallenged and remains with its namesake until this Fall. Following the awards shooters were challenged to a 20 bird flurry set-up by John Rea but cut short because of rain. A Fall league is being planned with the format to be determined. Look for details at the club late summer. (Mel Haag)

Trap Chairman Report – Frank Hughes

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

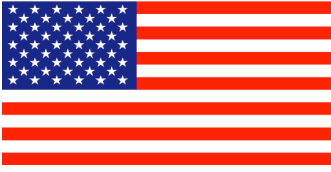
May Board Meeting

The May Board meeting was held on May 11th at 6:30 PM. There were two membership transfers. In accordance with the Board decision in March to raise the membership cap by 50 to pay for a tractor, 14 new applicants were voted in as new members. They are scheduled to attend a Safety Orientation at the club on Saturday, May 14th at 8 AM to be conducted by member Van Glover. (Note: The club now has 747 voting members, three honorary members, and 18 Legacy members. Next month, the three remaining members will be brought in to reach 750 voting members. There are currently two applicants on the waiting list that have been contacted and will attend the next meeting.)

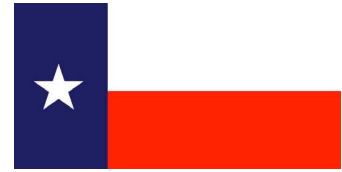
The Board reviewed the minutes of the last meeting, presented by the Secretary, and voted to accept them.

The Board reviewed the Treasury Report for the period ending April 30th. The new Treasurer reported that the accounts and books have been transferred. He stated that the report actually covers the period from 3/28/11 to 4/24/11. He has met with the book keeper three times in the past month. The President is now on the accounts so two Board members can issue checks. The Treasurer stated that there was a typographical error on previous reports regarding one CD. The amount listed was \$18,625, but the actual amount is \$14,635. The Treasre reported that the taxes for 2009 and 2010 have not been filed

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yet but would be soon. The 2010 franchise tax is due and will go out next week. The 802 tax to the Secretary of State has not been updated since 2008 and will be done along with a list of officers. The Treasurer reported that the county appraisal was down \$900 from last year and that he was preparing a list of monthly payments that needed to be made. The Vice President (VP) noted that the membership total for the period ending April 30th was 733 instead of 700. The President asked for a motion to accept the report and it carried.

The Range Manager reported that there is a new renter for the rental house. He was a roommate of the previous renter, but has now taken over and is making payments. The roof on the clubhouse was damaged by high winds and the repair is almost completed. Dues have been received from 211 members.

Former Range Manager Bob Carmichael attended the meeting and was recognized by the President and the Board for his outstanding service the past five years.

The Rifle Chairman reported that there will be a 200-yard bench rest match on Sunday, May 22nd. He thanked Eric D. for acting as match director for the carbine match held on May 7th, while Gary R. was out of town. The VP stated that arrangements have been made to dig a trench from the firing line to the 200-yard target backers, while the trenching for the cameras is being done. This trench was requested to run new power cables for the benchrest matches.

The Pistol Chairman stated that there were 20 shooters at the last Action Pistol match and it is going well.

The Skeet Chairman reported that the eight-week league was finished, but there are monthly club matches. Member Clinton Page was the top shooter in the league. See the recap from Mel Haag above. The Skeet Chairman stated that there would be another league in the fall.

The Trap Chairman reported that there were 37 competitors in the Buckle Shoot last Saturday and everyone had a good time.

Under old business, the VP reported that he and Harry H. met with the contractor that was chosen to install the CCTV system on the rifle and pistol ranges. They reviewed the contract and conducted a walk-through on the ranges. The Treasurer issued a check for 50% of the total amount. The work will take about three days to complete. The contractor is going to work on Monday mornings when the ranges are closed and coordinate the work with the Range Manager on other days.

The Board discussed the extension of the 50-yard berm on the rifle range. The Range Manager stated that the tractor has not been purchased to move the dirt acquired last month.

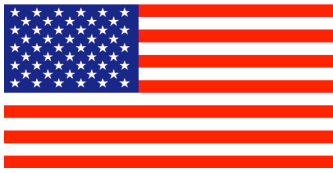
Member Don Shields was present and stated that four more benches need to be painted and the project would be completed.

The Board discussed the purchase of a 60-80 HP tractor with a front end loader and bush hog. A tractor has not been located, but the club now has approximately \$29K to go towards the tractor and ancillary equipment.

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 disciplinary action. The Rifle, Pistol Chairmen, and the VP were requested to develop a plan and report back to the Board, but no progress has been made this month.

The Board discussed the Range Manager employment agreement and decided to complete it next month due to other items on the agenda.

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The Board briefly discussed raising the berm heights and decided to table this item until next month because of other agenda items. Member Harry H. advised that he spoke with Mr. Lisle Patton at the Dallas Pistol Club in Carrollton regarding two large rolls of conveyer belt that the NTSA can have at no charge other than moving expenses. This material is very effective at stopping bullets and was used by the DPC on top of their berms for that purpose. The Board agreed that Mr. Patton should be informed that the NTSA would like to have the two rolls and that arrangements would be made to move them. The Rifle and Pistol Chairmen were tasked with the project.

Member Bob Klauer raised an issue regarding the annual dues increase voted on during the Special Meeting on April 9th. Mr. Klauer stated that it was his recollection, as well as other members present at the meeting, that the dues increase was contingent on the sale going through on the Belcher property. He asked that the minutes of the Special Meeting be read, which was done. The President stated that the dues increase was contingent on the Belcher land purchase and would be addressed again in the annual winter meeting, if the purchase falls through. Mr. Klauer stated that he was concerned that the land purchase will not be completed. The VP suggested that he and the Treasurer travel next week to speak to Mr. Belcher's attorney. He also stated that member Lawrence Collister, who is a Board-certified real estate attorney, volunteered to assist in the purchase and would be contacted prior to the meeting. Member Van Glover advised the Board that an experienced attorney and title company are necessary in tax deferred land exchanges. The Skeet Chairman stated that the club didn't have a signed contract so the Board probably called the Special Meeting too early.

The Secretary requested an approval to conduct a women's shooting clinic for members of the club and friends. The Secretary stated that Glock offered to provide handguns and ammunition, but she would need volunteers from the club to act as safety officers and instructors. The Board approved the request in general terms and asked that the Secretary prepare a detailed presentation for Board approval.

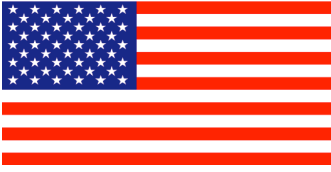
The Board discussed the tracking of match fees on the Treasurer's Report. Several of the Board members believe that the match fees should be listed as match fees and not broken out in daily fees, range fees, etc. This issue was table until the next meeting.

The club discussed two separate incidents that occurred recently at the club. One incident involved an accusation that a member acted in a manner that violated the By-laws pertaining to General Conduct and Safety. The general conduct issue pertained to the member using profanity when another member parked his vehicle in the driveway near the chain entrance gate of the rifle range. The safety issue pertained to the same individual covering a member with a rifle muzzle while transporting it to the bench with the action closed. The Board heard statements from both sides and decided to issue a warning letter to the member stating that any subsequent violations within the next year would result in a suspension. The second incident involved three members and a guest that failed to sign in upon arrival at the club. This was a violation of the operating rules and, in the case of the guest, a violation of the By-laws. One of the three members was present at the meeting and was asked to give a statement. The Board decided to issue all three members warning letters stating that they must abide by the By-laws and Operating Rules or face disciplinary action.

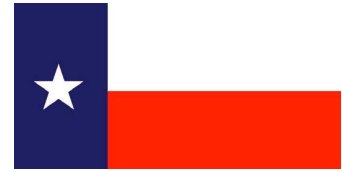
Last month, Match Director Michael Plaxco requested the Board move the Precision Rimfire Match, which was held 0830 on the 3rd Sunday to the same time on the 2nd Saturday of each month beginning in May. Member Plaxco said that attendance would improve because some members who wanted to shoot in the match 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. This month, member Ralph Stewart asked if the Match Director would re-consider allowing other shooters on the rifle during the match rather than having exclusive use of the range. The Board discussed the issue with the Match Director and voted to allow the him to continue exclusive use of the range for safety reasons. However, as stated last month, there would be no match scheduled during hunting season.

The Trap Chairman requested that two new voice-activated control boxes be installed on the trap range. Member Bob Carmichael advised the Board that the current control boxes are over 10 years old and are causing problems. The cost is about \$385 each. The Board unanimously approved the purchase.

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Member Bob Carmichael requested that the Board approve a purchase of two more Promatic portable sporting clays machines to supplement the two machines previously purchased. The manufacturer has in stock some machines used in demonstrations which can be purchased for 20% off or about \$2000 each. The Board unanimously approved the purchase.

The VP requested approval to order a MGM Flash Target at a cost of about \$400 to be used in the Carbine Matches at 100 and 200 yards. The Club purchased one target several years ago and needs another to compete in rapid target acquisitions at those distances. The Board unanimously approved the purchase.

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

Match Directors 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. On May 13th, Michael Plaxco resigned as the Match director for the Precision/Tactical Rimfire Match. The Board would like to continue holding this match and would like to appoint a replacement as soon as possible. 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.

Annual Dues Reminder

On April 9th, 2011, the members present at a Special Meeting voted to increase the annual dues by \$50 for 3 years for all members and increase the initiation fee for new members by \$50 per year for three years. Starting June 1, 2011 and ending May 31, 2013, the new annual dues are \$200 with \$75 going to the land fund and \$125 going to the general fund. The initiation fee will increase \$50 per year for three years and will remain at \$650 after 2013.

If you have not done so, please pay your \$200.00 annual dues immediately. They are due June 1st. Members who fail to pay dues are delinquent on July 1st with their membership privileges suspended. On August 1st, suspended memberships are revoked.

Annual Summer Meeting

The Annual Summer Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 18th following a BBQ dinner. The dinner will be catered by the same folks as last year and will be served at 1PM. The dinner consisted of brisket, chicken, pulled pork, and several sides. Members are requested to please bring a desert to share. There is no charge, but members must sign up at the clubhouse or on the NTSA website. The sign up is needed because the caterer ran out of food last year and some members were not served.

2nd Annual Swap Meet

In conjunction with the Annual Summer Meeting, the club will hold its 2nd Annual Swap Meet on June 18th. 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.

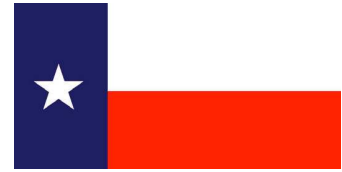
Clean Fill Dirt Needed

The Club needs clean fill dirt for berms and berm maintenance. As you are driving around 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.

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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.

Updated Addresses Needed As of May 12, 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.