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### President's Message – Jerry Stiller

Please mark your calendars to attend the winter meeting on January 21 at the Denton Country Club. We will vote on a new by-law on release of club proprietary information. Also, we will vote on five Board members. If anyone is interested in becoming a Board member, come to the December meeting.

#### Reminders

- The December Board meeting will be on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Members must shoot on the same range as their guests.
- The ranges are now open all day on Monday since Daylight Saving Time ended.
- 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.
- 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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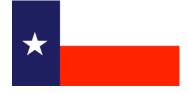
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#### Rifle Chairman Report – Michael Conley

A carbine match was held on Saturday, November 3rd with 26 shooters, including 17 NTSA members and 9 non-members. The overall winners and Open Division were: 1<sup>st</sup> – Shawn R., 2nd – Juan M., and 3<sup>rd.</sup> – Dwain M. In Tactical Division, 1<sup>st</sup> was Ryan W. (4<sup>th</sup> overall), 2<sup>nd</sup> – Paul B. (11th overall). Lowest Points Down was Norm G. with 14 points, which was outstanding. Stage Winner(s): Stages 1 & 2 – Juan M., Stage 3 & 4– Shawn R. First place in the AR22 Division with five shooters was Mike M. There were no shooters in the Iron Division. The next carbine match will be December 3rd at 0830.

#### Pistol Chairman Report – Eric DuChemin

An Action Pistol match was held on Saturday, November 19th on Pistol Bay 1 with 19 shooters. John W. was 1st overall and ESP Division winner, Rich N. was first in CDP division (5th overall) and Ryan W. was first in SSP Division (3rd overall). The shooter with the lowest points down was Rich N. with 17. The stage winners were: Stage 1 – Kirk S., Stage 2 – John W., and Stage 3 – Johnny B. and Stage 4 – Brian S. The next Action Pistol Match will be Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 0830.

An Action Shotgun Match was held on Pistol Bay 1 on October 22nd on Pistol Bay 1 with 13 shooters, including 10 club members and 3 non-members. The overall and Semiauto/>5 Division winners were: 1st – Ken T., 2<sup>nd</sup> – Brian S., and 3<sup>rd</sup> Kirk S. The winner in the Semi-auto/<5 was John W (7<sup>th</sup> overall). The winner in the Pump/>5 Division was Robert W. (10th overall). Lowest Points Down was Kirk S. and Fred P. with 1 point. Stage Winners: Stage 1- Ken T., Stage 2- Kirk S., and Stages 3& 4 – Brain S. Carty W. designed the stages and did a great job.

An Action Shotgun Match was held on Pistol Bay 1 on November 12th on Pistol Bay 1 with 18 shooters, including 14 club members and 4 non-members. The overall and Semi-auto/>5 Division winners were: 1st – Kirk S., 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ken T., and 3<sup>rd</sup> Gary R. The winner in the Pump/<5 was Frank G. (16<sup>th</sup> overall). The winner in the Pump/>5 Division was Randy O. (6th overall). Lowest Points Down was Kirk S. and Ken T. with 0 points. Stage Winners: Stage 1- Ken T., Stage 2- Jon C., and Stages 3& 4 – Kirk S. Carty W. designed the stages and did a great job. The next Action Shotgun match will be on December 10th 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 your email address to the Skeet Chairman and you will be added to the distribution list. John Rea (irea06@earthlink.net)

"Have you noticed a gathering of cars and shooters in the northwest corner of our expanded property? Have you taken the opportunity to go see what all the activity is about? Welcome to NTSA 5-stand, the newest addition to our shotgun games. This game includes five shooting cages and six clay target traps, to present a variety of single, report and true pair targets. This game is a great way to tune-up for your bird hunting adventures while utilizing state-of-art wireless controllers and solar charged batteries. Come try your hand at the challenging but entertaining presentations." (John Rea)

Eight weeks of competition and challenging targets at the NTSA's new 5-stand sporting clays set-up resulted in Larry Brooks, emerging as the league champ. Mark Hannah, and John Rea, finished second and third respectively. High overall honors went to Clinton Page, and James Teal, captured the runner-up title just three targets behind Clinton. League members enjoyed a Deiter Brothers catered lunch coordinated by Steve Armand, top shooter awards and a round of 100 targets at a nearby sporting clays range to wrap up the 2011 fall league. A Lewis Class event was held during the shoot and Bob Carmichael, Steve Trent, Mark Hannah and Bill Enders emerged the victors with a first place, a tie for second, and third place respectively. (Mel Haag)

#### Trap Chairman Report – Frank Hughes

The handicap Horny Toad Buckle Shoot was held on October 1<sup>st</sup> with 34 shooters. Great turnout!

Member Joneel Harris and three of her friends conducted a free women's trap clinic for seven shooters, which was quite successful and greatly appreciated.

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



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### **November Board Meeting**

The November Board meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, November 9th. However, the meeting was postponed until November 16<sup>th</sup> because two Board members were unavailable. The meeting was called to order at 6:25 PM.

The Board voted-in one new member. The President gave the new member a brief overview of the club. Later, the Range Manager spoke to the new member about basic operating rules and procedures. The new member is required to attend a Safety Orientation at the club on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 9AM conducted by member Van Glover. No Safety Orientation in November. (Note: As of November 16<sup>th</sup>, the NTSA has 749 voting members, three honorary members, and 19 Legacy members for a total of 771. There is one opening and sixteen applicants on the membership waiting list.)

The Range Manager (RM) reported that the renter has been paying on time. The renter called and said that the AC unit wasn't working so he would call a repairman. The external circuit breaker was bad so they wired directly to the internal breaker. The fan was bad so the repairman replaced that at a cost of \$414. The truck starter went bad and was replaced. The float valves in the men's toilet were replaced. He noticed that the unibands on the high house were broken and with Ben D's telephonic assistance replaced them on Friday. The hinges on the door on the east trap house were broken and are being repaired. He said the he intended to place an order for targets in the next few days and have the targets delivered in a couple of weeks. The President asked if the price had gone up. The RM reported that they had gone up about \$0.50 per box. The President thanked the RM for the great job he is doing.

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

The Board reviewed and discussed the October Treasury Report. Referring to the Balance Sheet, the club's total assets went up \$4.6K to \$616K, because the club installed some gates on the new property, made some 5-stand improvements, and purchased some forks for the tractor. The total liabilities are \$2.5K. The report showed that the club has \$232K in various cash accounts and that the land fund owed \$58.2K to the General Fund. The net income for October was \$4.4K and the net income YTD is \$145.6K. The October shooting income was up \$1K or 12% when compared to the same time last year. The Treasurer said that the insurance for the tractor is \$620annually and he would like to Board approval to purchase the insurance. The Board approved the purchase for theft and liability insurance. The Treasurer said that he received the property tax bill from Denton County. The total is \$2209, with the north property only \$33 and the south property \$2176. The north property is in agricultural exemption. The Treasurer stated that he would be spending \$12K on the target order. The Board voted to accept the Treasurer's Report.

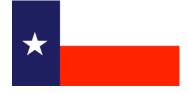
The Rifle Chairman reported that attendance was good at the carbine match. He said that there was not a lot going on other than the action matches, which are very active.

The Pistol Chairman reported that there were two matches in October, the regular action pistol match with 16 shooters and a special match for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion Texas Marine Regiment with 27 shooters on the following Sunday. Both went well. He stated that at the Board's request, he and the VP observed the Zen Marksmanship class on Pistol Bay Three conducted by member Brett T, who did a good job and had no problems. The Pistol Chair stated that there would be a pistol match this coming weekend. He stated that he is scheduled to have surgery on December 6<sup>th</sup> and the VP will be taking over as Match Director for the next three months.

The Skeet Chairman reported that the club skeet match on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> had six shooters. The Skeet Chair said that member Ed P. ran the club skeet match and did a very good job. The next match will be on November 19<sup>th</sup>. He said that they just completed an 8-week 5-stand league with 22 regular shooters. Member Mel H. ran the league and is generating interest in a winter league with a minimum of 14 shooters. The President asked if the 5-stand was overshadowing the skeet and trap shooting. The Skeet Chair advised that he did not think so and that he has seen shooters shoot each side. The President asked the Treasure if the income was moving from the skeet and trap to the 5-stand. The Treasure said that Trap is still high and that the 5-stand is probably additional income.



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The Trap Chairman reported that the trap competitions are down. The last club match had two shooters so they decided to hold a practice session. He stated that there were not enough shooters for the Big 50. He stated that people are coming out to shoot trap but not to turn in their scores. He believes that the 5-stand has taken a little away from the Trap. A shooter can shoot Trap by himself because of the voice control, whereas 5-stand requires two people.

Under old business, 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 this was going to be tied in the berm maintenance work. The President asked the Secretary to include the anti-skip walls and the berm enhancements into the master plan rather than separate items on the agenda. Later, the President thought that the anti-skip walls could be installed inexpensively without being included in the master plan. The Skeet Chairman asked if the Board was still intending to present the master plan to the membership at the winter meeting. The VP advised that there were two Board meetings before the winter meeting, December and January, and that the Board should get the plan done to present to the membership. The Secretary asked if the master plan was on hold because of the possible land purchase to the west. The VP stated that the Jacksons were requested to get back with the Board by December 1<sup>st</sup>, whether or not they would accept the Board's offer. The VP stated that after December 1<sup>st</sup>, the master plan was no longer on hold. The Board continued to discuss the master plan and decided to devote the majority of the December Board meeting to develop the plan for presentation to the membership.

The Board discussed the Secretary's request to conduct a women's shooting clinic for members of the club and their guests. She stated that the NRA has revised their format for women's clinics and she is waiting for the revisions.

The board discussed the ancillary equipment and the insurance for the tractor. The Treasurer received approval to purchase insurance for the tractor. The Skeet Chairman advised that he is still looking for the seven or eight foot mower.

The Board discussed the purchase of additional land adjacent to the club. The VP stated that late last month he had sent an email to the other Board members regarding a message that he wanted our realtor to present to the Jacksons. The message basically stated that our previous offer was the best that we could do and that the Board needed a response by December 1<sup>st</sup>. After that date, a portion of the funds that were intended to be used for the down payment would be used for improvements to the existing facility. The VP stated that he doubted that the owners would accept the offer. The President stated that he also doubted that they would accept the offer but hoped that in six months to a year, the owners would realize that our offer was fair and accept it.

The President advised that he, the VP, and the Treasurer met with an attorney during the past month regarding processing requests for club information. The President stated that in accordance with state law, the Board will show club proprietary information with certain stipulations. A form was created and reviewed by the attorney that requires the member requesting the information to state the purpose or reason for the request, the specific information requested, and what the requestor intends to do with the information. The request must be reasonable and directly related to the purpose. The form also states that the requestor acknowledges that the information requested is proprietary information and cannot be discussed with any member of the club who has not signed the form. No copies of the information will be made. If there is any discussion with members that have not signed that form or if the discussion occurs in a place where others who have not signed the form can overhear the discussion, the members involved will have violated the club's policy and will be subject to termination. The Board can review the request and/or forward to the NTSA's counsel to be accepted or rejected. If the requested information is deemed reasonable, legal, and necessary, counsel will approve the request and forward the approval to the appropriate Board member for processing. The President stated that there are a lot of privacy issues that the Board must take into consideration. The President asked if there was any other discussion. The Trap Chairman asked if a by-law needs to be written and approved by the membership. The President said that the new by-law needs to be voted on by the membership during the Annual Winter Meeting.

The Board discussed the issue of lead mining. Member Steve T. was supposed to be researching companies that can mine the lead from the original and the new property. The VP asked if anyone on the Board has formally asked Steve to do the work. The Trap Chairman said that he would call Steve to determine if he is working on the project.



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The President stated that the Board had earlier discussed the Land Subcommittee's progress on the master plan. He stated that the majority of the December meeting will be devoted to the master plan. The VP stated that member Steve H. was present to discuss some research that he had done on shot curtains to resolve shot fall issues on the rifle and pistol ranges as well as keeping shot on the property. Steve said that he had spoken to a member of a club in Vermont that had been sued by an adjacent land owner. As a result of the suit, the gun club was required to erect 400 feet of shot curtain at a cost of \$200K. The gun club had received a \$50K Federal grant, but the cost of the studies the government required exceeded \$75K, so it wasn't worth obtaining the grant. Each curtain costs \$400 and is 32 feet tall and 8.5 feet wide, so the total cost of the curtains was \$19K not including the polls, guy wires, installation, and engineering, etc. Steve said that the curtain is designed to withstand 90 mph winds, but needed to be placed 80 yards from the firing points to stop the shot. An advantage is that the shot falls within 2 feet of the curtain so it makes retrieving the shot easier. The President asked where the shot is leaving the property. The VP said that there may be some falling on the property to the east because of the prevailing winds from the south and southwest. Member Don S. said that some may be leaving the property to the west and falling on Rector Road. The Board looked at a Google map of the club property with 300 yard projections drawn in from each of the trap and skeet firing points. The Board also looked at pictures of the shot curtains that Steve had brought to the meeting. The Skeet Chairman asked the rifle and pistol shooters if the shot fall issue has subsided or changed since the 5-stand equipment was moved to the new property. The comments were that the shot fall has decreased to the same amount that was falling in the past before the 5-stand equipment was installed on the skeet fields. Several Board members said that occasionally the shot really stings like it is larger shot. Steve advised that about 10 years ago some informal testing was done. The President said that at some point someone is going to be injured and the Board will have to deal with it. Member Ben D. said that a few years ago someone did a lot of testing and should have the data. The Range Manager said that it was member Dan N. who conducted the tests. The Skeet Chairman said that he would like to revalidate the shot fall issue by reviewing the data and further testing.

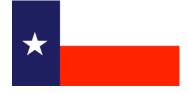
Member Gunter K. requested a decision from the Board to allow him to obtain the books of Board meeting minutes from the Range Manager so he could organize them at the club house. The President stated that it was up to the Secretary. The RM asked if he had to be present while Gunter was working on the minutes. The Secretary stated that she approved Gunter putting the minutes in order at the clubhouse without the RM present.

Under new business, the VP proposed that the NTSA Steel Reactive Target Policy be amended to allow casual shooters to use size 7 ½ shot or larger on personally-owned mild steel targets in addition to .22 LR. The VP stated that the reason for this proposal is that the action shotgun matches are very popular and this amendment would allow members to practice using their own targets. The VP stated that there is no safety reason for not allowing this change and there is no problem with shot leaving the property. A motion was made and carried.

The Skeet Chairman proposed that a women's shotgun clinic be held on a Sunday afternoon of the club's choice for up to 30 DIVA members. The DIVAs would provide all registration and promotion materials, volunteers, and support. The individual shooters would provide all firearms, ammunition, equipment, and refreshments. The NTSA would provide the ranges and the targets for 3.5 hours. In exchange, the DIVAs would pay the club \$15 per member or \$450. The President asked who in the club would sponsor the outside group as their guests. The Skeet Chairman said that he would sponsor the group. The President asked if the \$15 would equal the amount that a club member would pay. The Secretary said that the offer could result a discount for these guests. The Trap Chairman said that he was for it but questioned if this is for novices or experienced shooters. The Skeet Chairman said that it would be a mix. The VP asked about the impact to the other ranges, and was this to be a one-time event. The Skeet Chairman said they would probably split them into three groups and offer this as a one-time event. The Treasurer asked if this would be in conflict with the day membership fee. Several Board members felt that they should not be included in the same group as military and law enforcement with having their day fees waived. The Secretary supported the proposal if the DIVAs paid the normal range fees and there were enough safety officers present. The Rifle Chairman said that the Skeet Chairman would need one member with each group on the different ranges to comply with the club's policy on guests. The President said that there would be a member with each group on each range and suggested three ways to vote. The Board voted in favor of the DIVAs paying the current guest and range fees.



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The Skeet Chairman proposed a clinic for 6 to 12 4H kids on a Sunday afternoon one time during the winter. The President said that an instructor is needed for each two kids. The kids would pay for each round, but not the day fee. The Board approved the clinic.

The Skeet Chairman proposed that a forty-foot target counter weight tower be erected on the 5-stand field to provide targets from a high angle. The steel would be donated. The funding would be provided by the members that shoot 5-stand. A pier would be installed with a bolt flange to mount the tower. The RM would load the trap machine. The Board approved the Skeet Chairman developing a plan to construct and erect the tower to present to the Board.

The Treasurer reported a problem with members bringing guests to the club, and the member was on a different range than the guests. The Treasurer asked if the Board needs to send out a reminder to the membership of the club policy on guests. The VP said that he can include a reminder in the newsletter, but not all members receive the newsletter. The President said that the enforcement of the club's by-laws and policies are part of the Range Manager's duties.

The President had some questions regarding the upcoming winter meeting. The Secretary said that the Denton County Country Club is reserved for Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. The President said that five Board members would need to be elected. The President asked each Board member if they were willing to run again. The Treasurer stated that he was planning to move out of state in about a year. The President asked him to run again and he said that he would. The Rifle Chair said that he would run again unless someone wanted the position. The Secretary and Pistol Chair said that they would run again. The VP said that he would let the Board know in December. The VP said that he would include an announcement in the newsletter for prospective Board members to attend the December Board meeting.

The Treasurer asked about donations for the winter meeting and who solicited them. The Secretary asked if the VP could put something in the newsletter about donations, or if any member is willing to solicit donations for the winter meeting.

The RM said that he was putting matches on the 2012 calendar and asked about the benchrest matches. The Rifle Chairman said that he is working on getting someone to run the benchrest matches.

The Secretary asked if she can put up a banner from the NRA Women on Target program.

Member Don S. raised an issue with a new product called a Slide Fire SSAR-15 and asked for an action from the Board. The Slide Fire stock replaces the standard AR stock and allows rapid fire of an AR-style rifle or carbine, similar to full-automatic fire in cyclic rate, except that it is done with multiple pulls of the trigger instead of one pull of the trigger. The Board discussed this device and decided that the current by-laws prohibit the use of these or similar devices. The VP said that he would include this item in the newsletter.

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

### Winter 5-Stand League

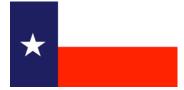
A winter 5-stand is planned if we can interest 14 plus shooters. The format would be the same as the Fall league with one change... If you miss a shoot your score for that day would be 80% of your average. A 100% handicap would remain for every league event you shoot. The league would start Wednesday, December 7 and end February 1 with a break Wednesday, December 28 to celebrate the Christmas Holiday. Your R.S.V.P. is requested for a head count and sign-up. Looking forward to seeing you all again.

## Women's Shotgun Clinic on Sunday, December 11th, 2011

The club will be sponsoring an all-women's shotgun clinic on Sunday, December 11 from 12:30 until 4:00 PM. This event will occupy all clay target venues, including trap, skeet, and five stand. If you wish to shoot clays on that day, please schedule your activities for the morning. If anyone would like to volunteer as a Range Officer for this event, please contact



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me by email at jrea06@earthlink.net

#### Slide Fire SSAR-15

The Board ruled that the Slide Fire SSAR-15 is prohibited on the NTSA ranges even though it is fired with multiple pulls of the trigger. Below is the NTSA by-law which pertains to hellfire and similar devices.

**I.1.6.4.1 Fully Automatic Weapons** \* The discharge on, or over, or into NTSA, Inc. property (or preparation to discharge) any firearm in fully automatic mode is expressly prohibited including weapons equipped with hellfire or other similar devices.

### **Annual Winter Business Meeting**

The Annual Winter Business Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 21<sup>st at</sup> the Denton Country Club, which is located at 1213 Country Club Road, Denton, TX. The meeting will begin at 5 PM and end at 9 PM. Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM. The cost of the dinner is \$10 per person. A new by-law pertaining to release of proprietary information will be discussed with the membership attending and voted on as well as a proposed list of improvements to the club in 2012. An election will be held for four Board members. Thanks to Board Secretary Margaret Hall for reserving the Denton Country Club.

### **Donations for the Winter Meeting**

The Board could use some help in soliciting donations of firearms related items for the upcoming Annual Winter Business Meeting from places like Cabelas, Bass Pro, and Academy. In addition, if any member has some items they would like to donate for this purpose, please advise a Board member.

## **Seeking Candidates for 2012 Board of Directors**

Five Board members' terms will end in January. Accordingly, the President is seeking candidates for 2012. Please let the Board know by the December meeting to be placed on the ballot. The meeting will be held on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, instead of Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **Board Meeting Agenda Items**

Agenda items for the Board of Director meetings are due to the Secretary by the Friday preceding the meeting. This would mean that the agenda items deadline would be the first Friday of the month.

## **Steel Reactive Target Training**

The remaining NTSA Steel Reactive Target Training Class for 2011 was held on October 29<sup>th</sup> with two members attending, since one had to cancel at the last minute. The class schedule for next year will be posted in January. If any member is interested in teaching this class, let the VP know. NTSA members may use steel reactive targets with .22 rimfire ammunition and now 7 ½ size birdshot when in compliance with the NTSA policy and after completing a NTSA training course.

## **Updated Addresses Needed As of November 20, 2011**

The NTSA does not have correct mailing addresses for the following members: 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



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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 Bylaw 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.