

North Texas Shooters Association, Inc



October 2011 Newsletter
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President's Message – Jerry Stiller

The weather has finally broke and we have seen some rain too. The ranges should be hopping soon and hunting season is near. PLEASE be careful and considerate of others when coming out to shoot and sight in your rifles for the deer season. Lots of the members are only out here during that part of the year and may not be up on all the changes. We are also waiting to hear from our neighbors to the west about our land offer/purchase. If they take it and we can come together on some terms, a special meeting will be held to vote on the purchase. The meeting will entail all aspects of the property acquisition including yes or no, intended purposes and HOW WE PAY FOR IT. Please be on the watch for a meeting announcement. Take care and see you at the range.

Reminders

- **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 transporting without a case or on a bench unattended

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Rifle Chairman Report – Michael Conley

A carbine match was held on Saturday, October 1st with 19 shooters, including 9 NTSA members and 10 non-members. The overall winners and Tactical Division were: 1st – Dwain M., 2nd – Kirk S., and 3rd – Shawn R. In Open Division, 1st was Tom F. (4th overall), 2nd – John W. (6th overall), and Juan M. (8th overall). Lowest Points Down was Tom F. with 24 points. Stage Winner(s): Stages 1 & 2 – Dwain M., Stage 3 – Kirk S., and Stage 4 – Shawn R. There were no shooters in the AR22 or Iron Divisions. Juan M. was the match director and did a great job. The next carbine match will be November 5th at 0830.

Pistol Chairman Report – Eric DuChemin

An Action Pistol match was held on Saturday, October 15th on Pistol Bay 1 with 15 shooters. John W. was 1st overall and SSP Division winner, Rich N. was first in CDP division (5th overall) and Gary R. was first in ESP Division (2nd overall). The shooter with the lowest points down was Gary R. The Stage winners were: Stage 1 – Bill P., Stages 2 & 3 – John W., and Stage 4 – Gary R. The next Action Pistol Match will be Saturday, November 19th at 0830.

A Special Action Pistol Match was held on Sunday, October 16th to provide practice and competition experience for the 3rd Battalion Texas Marine Regiment Combat Team. Twenty-two shooters completed the match including 10 Marines from the Texas Marine Regiment and 12 NTSA Members. The same stages that were shot on Saturday Oct 15th during the regular match were used in the special match. We were happy to support their needs and hope that it was helpful for to them as they compete in military competitions.

An Action Shotgun Match was held on Pistol Bay 1 on September 24th on Pistol Bay 1 with 14 shooters, including 11 club members and 3 non-members. The overall and Semi-auto/>5 Division winners were: 1st – Gary R., 2nd – Ken T., and 3rd Fred P. (4th overall). The winner in the Pump/>5 Division was Randy O. (3rd overall). The winner in the Pump/<5 Division was Matt H. (9th overall). Lowest Points Down was Gary R. with 0 points. Stage Winners: Stage 1- Fred P., Stage 2- Gary R., and Stages 3 & 4 – Ken T. Carty W. designed the stages and did a great job. The next Action Shotgun match will be on October 22nd at 0830. NOTE: After October, the match is moving to the second Saturday (November 12th).

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 (jrea06@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

Trap Chairman Report – Frank Hughes

The handicap Horny Toad Buckle Shoot was held on October 1st 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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October Board Meeting

The October Board meeting was held on Wednesday, October 12th. The meeting was called to order at 6:25 PM.

The Board voted-in two membership transfers and four new members. The President gave the new members a brief overview of the club. Later, the Range Manager spoke to the new members about basic operating rules and procedures. The new members were required to attend a Safety Orientation at the club on Saturday, October 15th at 9AM conducted by member Van Glover. If they were unable to attend on the 15th, they can attend the next one on November 12th. (Note: As of October 17th, the NTSA has 748 voting members, three honorary members, and 19 Legacy members for a total of 769. There are two openings and five applicants on the membership waiting list.)

The Range Manager (RM) reported that the clay target inventory needs some work. He asked if the Board wants to continue keeping the inventory. If so, he suggested splitting the inventory into one for 5-stand because of the variety of targets used and target prices, and one for skeet and trap. The RM stated that the renter called and said that the AC unit wasn't working so he would call a repairman. The RM said that a ventriloquist was not working. He called the manufacturer and was told that if there is a lot of corrosion internally, the unit wasn't worth repairing. The Skeet Chairman said that he would inspect it and see what could be done. The RM said that the hat inventory is low and asked if the Board wanted to order more hats. The Trap Chairman said that he had received some comments pertaining to keeping the range closed on Monday's all year for maintenance except on holidays and asked if the RM needed the extra time. The RM said that he can do his work at other times when the ranges aren't being used, or close ranges temporarily as necessary, and did not think he needed to close all Mondays. The RM said that he would like to keep it as it is. The Pistol Chairman asked if the club had received more targets and pasters and the RM advised that he had received an order for pasters and 1200 targets. The Skeet Chairman stated that he wants to continue maintaining the clay target inventory. The Trap Chairman advised that he would like to see one spreadsheet and not create two spreadsheets. After some discussion, the Board asked the RM to solicit help from member Bob Klauer to do both inventories on one spreadsheet. The RM stated that the Farm Bureau offered insurance for the tractor at \$620 per year, which was thought to be too high.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the September meeting, presented by the Secretary, and voted to accept them, with one correction pertaining to the 5-stand activity, which was placed under the Trap Chairman report. Last month, the President raised the issue of CMP affiliation and said that it requires an NRA certified instructor signing the paperwork for the club and sending it in along with \$30. He said that it would be beneficial for the club as it would allow members to purchase firearms and ammunition from the CMP. The VP stated that the application was completed and mailed along with a check. The Club is now waiting for the affiliation certificate from the CMP.

The Board reviewed and discussed the September Treasury Report. The club's total assets are \$611K and the total liabilities are \$2K. The report showed that the club has \$229K in various cash accounts and that the land fund owed \$58.5K to the General Fund. The total income, year-to-date (YTD), is \$269K, including \$67K in shooting income. Total expenses for the month were \$8K and the YTD total is \$128K. The net income YTD is \$141K. The September shooting income compared to the same time last year was up \$2K or 27%. Payroll expenses are about the same as last year. The club has about \$50K in the checking account and the Treasurer believes that this amount will be sufficient for club operations through next June, when the dues come in. The Treasurer said that the forks were bought for the tractor and some repairs made. The Board voted to accept the Treasurer's Report.

The Rifle Chairman reported that attendance for the club bench rest match was down with eight shooters, but he said that one of the members shot a perfect score of 250-25X. He stated that the attendance for the carbine match continues to grow each month and the action shotgun matches have been very good. The Vice President stated that he was out of town for the carbine match and that member Juan M. ran the match and did a great job. The President said that he had seven shooters at the rimfire match last Sunday.

The Pistol Chairman reported that the match on the September 18th had 26 shooters. He stated that the next match will be this coming Saturday, October 15th. He stated that on Sunday morning, October 16th, he is conducting a special match for the 3rd Battalion Texas Marine Regiment, who has been practicing under member Phil Williamson's tutelage. He said the

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unit has asked for an actual match to compare their performance against other club shooters because there is a major military competition in January. The Pistol Chairman stated the club is pleased to assist the Texas National guard unit, some of which are members.

The Skeet Chairman reported that the match on Saturday, September 17th was cancelled as he did not have a match director. Since then, member Ed Pugh has offered to run the matches and will be the match director for the upcoming match on Saturday, October 15th. He said that he sent in the annual registration fee of \$50 to the NSSA. This will allow the club to hold registered skeet matches. The Treasurer asked if there are any other memberships that needed to be paid like ATA, CASA, or IMSA. He asked that the Board members email him with the memberships that needed to be maintained.

The Trap Chairman reported that the handicap Horny Toad Buckle Shoot was held on October 1st with 34 shooters. He said that they turned in \$975 to the club and that they were out of buckles for next year so he needed approval for placing an order. He said that last Saturday, 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. Cost to the club for the clinic was around \$250. Joneel said that she would conduct another clinic in the spring.

Under old business, member Don Shields reported that he held a successful Military Rifle Shoot on October 8th for three girls and three boys from the Denton County 4H club. He provided a safety briefing, a history of each firearm, and allowed the kids a chance to fire the firearms of their choice. Details are provided below. The President thanked Don for conducting the shoot.

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 there was no action taken on this project over the past month. The President asked about the berm enhancements and the VP stated that that was part of the master plan.

The Board discussed the Secretary's request to conduct a women's shooting clinic for members of the club and guests using handguns and ammunition provided by Glock. The Secretary advised that the clinic is still in progress and that she was looking at November 12th as a tentative date. She said that Glock is no longer part of the clinic. She has received some equipment from the NRA. She has been speaking to the President of a large club in Oklahoma who held a clinic that had 500 women participate and turned away 200.

The board discussed the ancillary equipment and the insurance for the tractor. The Treasurer talked to the Farm Bureau about insurance for the tractor. A commercial policy is \$620 per year with a \$250 deductible. He advised that he would continue trying to reach Kubota or see if he could add it to an existing policy. The Skeet Chairman advised that he purchased new forks for the tractor for \$890, and has three implement dealers looking for a seven or eight foot mower deck.

The Board discussed the purchase of additional land adjacent to the club. The VP stated that Mrs. Jackson had been in the hospital with a virus and wanted a couple of more weeks to determine if the price offered by the NTSA was a fair price. She was pleased with our offer and said that we were closer to what they want for the property. The President asked the Treasurer to look into the funding issues with the property. The Treasurer stated that the club would have about \$50K after paying the \$150K down payment and after projecting the club income and expenses through the end of the fiscal year. The Treasurer stated that it is normal for the club to run a deficit in the first two or three months of the new year. The VP said that the Board would be able to work with the seller to make sure that the club maintains sufficient operating and reserve funds.

The President advised that last month the Board decided to speak with an outside attorney about the release of club information. The Board asked the attorney what the Board can, should, and has to do in compliance with the law. The attorney said that a by-law needs to be added on individual identification protection that states any and all requests for specific information on any members or individuals must be submitted in writing and state the following:

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1. The reason for the request,
2. The information sought,
3. What the requestor intends to do with the information.

The Board can review the request 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 advised that he prepared a form to be used for requests for information. The new by-law needs to be voted on by the membership during the Annual Winter Meeting. The Pistol Chairman said that the attorney did not answer all the questions raised regarding privacy and liability. The VP agreed that the Board needed to get back with the attorney to get answers to the questions. The President stated that he would like to ask the questions with a specific request. Several of the Board members thought that we should meet with the attorney now and the President asked the Secretary to set up a meeting for four members.

The Board discussed the issue of lead mining. Member Bob C. reported that member Steve T. is researching companies that can mine the lead from the original and the new property.

The Skeet Chairman spoke about the Land Subcommittee's progress on the master plan. He stated that October was the target date to provide the Board with detail regarding the agreed priorities and the costs involved. He introduced one member of the committee Phil B. who stated that the intent of this report was to give the Board a feel for the prioritized improvements and the relative costs. Phil briefed the Board on each of the priorities including berm maintenance and enhancements, a storage barn, and a pavilion along with the estimated costs. Phil advised that the action shooting bays were not addressed at this time. The President thanked Phil for the excellent report and said that while we should do the things that need to be done immediately for the safety of the club, we should wait a couple of months on the rest of the items and see what happens with the Jackson property. He said that if the property is purchased, it will change the priorities. The Skeet Chairman spoke to the Board about dirt, which was the biggest expense listed in the land subcommittee briefing. He said that ideally, it is best to move the dirt into the final location while it is being delivered. Otherwise, the club is paying to move the dirt twice. He also said that if the Board is able to get free dirt, and it is warehoused south of the pistol bays, the area will need to be prepped so the dump trucks can get in and out. After a lengthy discussion, the Board decided to wait a month to see if the Jackson property can be purchased before moving forward with any of the land subcommittee's suggestions. The Treasurer stated that original objective of the land subcommittee was to prepare the report for the Annual Winter meeting. The President said that the land subcommittee presented a report that has enough detail for the Annual Winter meeting. Phil asked if the Board could approve the barn and the pavilion separately since they are under the threshold for membership approval. The VP said that the Board wants to wait a month and see what happens with the Jackson property. The Pistol Chairman and the Secretary both said that there is nothing in the report that addressed the action shooting bays. The President said that if the western property is purchased, the action shooting bays would be placed on that property where there is no shot fall issue. The Skeet Chairman asked if the Board is interested in obtaining the dirt six miles away, and the Board agreed that we should pay for hauling the dirt if the price is reasonable.

Under new business, member Brett T. requested permission to hold a basic Zen Marksman pistol class on October 29th from 1:30 to 3:30 on Pistol bay 3 for approximately six to ten guests to promote firearms safety. Brett said that he is a NRA certified instructor and has insurance through the NRA. The Board approved one trial class to be held on October 29th. The VP and/or the Pistol Chairman will observe the class and report back to the Board.

The Treasurer asked if the December Board meeting can be moved one day from the 14th to another day. The Board agreed to move the meeting to Thursday, December 15th.

The VP raised a request from member Gunter K. regarding tabulating all the past minutes of the Board meetings. The Board discussed the issue and agreed that it falls under the Secretaries purview. The Secretary advised that she would purchase the materials and set up a time with Gunter to work on the minutes. Also, the Skeet Chairman suggested that the minutes be published electronically, and placed on the NTSA website.

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The Trap Chairman asked permission to purchase \$1650 worth of buckles for next year's buckle shoots. The Trap Chairman said that after both events, the club did receive more than it spent. The Board voted and approved the purchase.

The President asked the Board to consider developing a policy that would govern funding of clinics and other promotional events so that they could be done consistently.

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

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.

Denton 4H Military Rifle Shoot

On Saturday, October 8th, member Don Shields conducted a military rifle shoot for three girls and three boys of the Denton County 4H club on Pistol Bay One. Don displayed rifles and muskets from the Civil War through World War Two and beyond. He provided a safety briefing and demonstration, and discussed the history of each firearm. He then allowed each kid to shoot the firearms of their choice. One young lady fired five rounds from an AR15 and placed them all in the black at 50 yards. Don reported that all the kids had a good time.

Ladies Trap Clinic

On Saturday, October 8th, member Joneel Harris hosted a Ladies Trap Clinic from 10 AM to 3 PM. The seven ladies that attended learned a lot and had a great time. Below is Joneel's report.

Ladies Shotgun Fun Day a Success

NTSA's first Ladies Shotgun Fun Day on October 8, 2011 was a definite success with the help of Audrey Phillips, Vicki Jennings, and Jerri Webb who assisted me with teaching and coaching the seven ladies who participated in the introductory clinic and experienced the fun of breaking flying targets. The morning included class time devoted safety, eye dominance, handedness, differences in the shotgun sports, parts of a shotgun, gun fit, stance, mount, etc. After lunch when the shooting began, several women had never even fired a shotgun and were thrilled when they began breaking those skeet and trap targets. Happy dances were abundant. It was obvious that some had fired a shotgun before and they were encouraging to the ones who had less experience—cheering and clapping when a newbie broke their first bird!

Participants were surveyed after the event and asked to provide feedback or suggest ways to improve the format. The following are some of their comments:

“Thank you so much for putting on the clinic! It was a great experience. We all learned a lot and had a wonderful time. The experience also offered us a non-threatening/comfortable place to shoot. Sometimes I go out there to shoot and there are too many people and I won't even try.”

“Thank you to everyone who put the shotgun clinic together this past weekend. It was a lot of fun and a great experience. You had an awesome team of instructors. I think it was good to see the difference in shooting styles and get advice from different points of view. And it's always enjoyable to learn with such a supportive group of people!”

“As far as feedback--I think the balance of 'classroom' and 'shooting' was perfect. I appreciate the time you all took to size us for the right shotgun and even let us try out different ones--that is something that you just can't get when you're shopping around. And even the tips you gave about the ammo and how you made the stocks more comfortable to shoot was great info!”

“I had such a great day with you and the ladies and truly think I have found a new chapter in my life! My husband . . . is excited too and was asking all kinds of questions about the gun I shot. I told him he'd have to talk to you for I didn't retain all that except for my stance and shooting, yeahhhh.”

Many thanks to the NTSA Board of Directors for making the Ladies Shotgun Fun Day possible; however, they may have created a monster!!! I have already been getting questions about when the next ladies shotgun event is going to be. March

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or April is a good time for another clinic so watch the Newsletter for an announcement once the Board gives the go ahead. In the mean time you are going to see more women at the club wearing pink bling caps and with shotgun in hand so invite them to join in the fun!

Joneel Harris, Clinic Coordinator

Ladies, Joneel and company have agreed to hold another clinic in the Spring! Please watch for an announcement on the NTSA website and the monthly newsletters for the date. As before, there is no charge, but you are asked to register with Joneel at harrisj@unt.edu or 940-206-6237. Also, please bring a lunch, a ball cap and eye and ear protection.

Fall Swap Meet

The club will hold its 3rd Swap Meet on October 29th from 8:30 to 11AM. The swap meet is open to members only, except for vendors of custom molded ear plugs. Guests of members are welcome to purchase items from members. 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. Please do not interfere with trap and skeet shooters. NOTE: The Spring Swap Meet will be on March 31st 2012.

Steel Reactive Target Training

The remaining NTSA Steel Reactive Target Training Class for 2011 is on October 29th. There is no charge for the class, but a minimum of three members are needed to hold the class. Please email Gary by October 24th 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 October 17, 2011

The NTSA does not have correct mailing addresses for the following members: Don Cullum, 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 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.