

North Texas Shooters Association, Inc



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President's Message – Jerry Stiller

We are moving ahead on making the changes to the club at the required snail's pace. We have issues with Denton City, Denton County and FEMA floodplain. We have hired an engineering consultant to help us in the matter. It looks like the berms will be able to be maintained with relatively little issue. The other changes may be more problematic. However, we are working them as hard as can be and are moving forward. There are lots of new procedures regarding guests that were voted on and passed at the last meeting. Look at them below for more information. Our little club is growing up and we may be seeing the growing pains. There are lots of matches going on and participation ranges from minimal to pretty good. Look at the schedule and take advantage of them if you have any interest. The match directors work hard to put them on for us, so let's use them to our full extent. Hope to see you at the range.

Reminders

- **Please pay your \$200.00 annual dues by June 1st.**
- **Members must shoot on the same range as their guests.**
- **All ranges are closed on Monday AM since Daylight Saving Time is in effect.**
- **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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Rifle Chairman Report – Michael Conley

A Carbine Match was held on Saturday, April 7th at 0830 for 33 shooters, including 17 members and 16 non-members. This was a record for the action matches (thanks to John H. for bringing 7 shooters). The overall winners were: 1st – Dave R. (1st Open), 2nd – Kirk S. (1st Tactical), 3rd – Ken T. (2nd Open), 4th – Mark C. (3rd Open). 16th – Shawn A. (1st Iron). The winner (and only entrant) in the AR 22 rimfire division was Sam G. The stage winners were: Stage 1 – Ken T., Stage 2 – Dave R., Stage 3 – Juan M., Stage 4 – Kirk S., Stage 5 – Shawn R. The shooters with the lowest points down were Jon C. and John H. with 13. The next carbine match will be held on May 5th at 0830.

Pistol Chairman Report – Eric DuChemin

An Action Shotgun Match was held on Pistol Bay 1 on April 14th on Pistol Bay 1 with 13 shooters, including 10 club members and 3 non-members. The overall and Semi-auto/>5 Division winners were: 1st – Jason W., 2nd – Carty W., and 3rd John W. The winner in the Pump/>5 Division was Frank G (9th overall). The winner in the Semi-auto/=<5 Division was Vince M (12th overall). The shooters with “0” for the Lowest Points Down were Ken T., Jon C. Steve C., Michael C. and Frank G. The stage winners were: Stages 1 & 2 – Juan M., Stage 3 – Carty W., Stage 4 – Jason M. The next Action Shotgun match will be on May 12th at 0830.

An Action Pistol Match was held on Saturday, April 21st at 0830 for 20 shooters. The overall winner was Shawn C. and in second was John W. ESP Division: 1st – John W., SSP Division: 1st – Shawn C., CDP Division: 1st – Steve C. The shooter with the Lowest points down was Shawn C. with 12 points. The stage winners were: Stage 1 – Shawn C., Stages 2, 3 & 4 – John W. The next pistol match will be held on May 19th 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 (jrea06@earthlink.net)

Trap Chairman Report – Frank Hughes

Our NTSA annual Trap Championship Buckle shoot is going to be on May 12. We are awarding 33 buckles. Singles, Handicap, Doubles and HOA in classes of D, C, B, A, AA, Junior, Vet, Senior Vet and Ladies. Sign up at 8:30, shooting starts at 10.

Our fall Horny Toad Handicap buckle shoot will be on Saturday Oct. 6.

We have started the ATA Big 50s again. We shoot every other Tuesday starting at 4pm. Our next Big 50 is May 8.

Our monthly trap shoot has changed to start at 9AM the second Saturday of each month.

Please come join us. Thanks

Special Board Meeting

The President called a special meeting of the Board at 4PM on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 to discuss the FEMA/floodplain issues and how to proceed with the club improvements and berm maintenance projects approved by the membership at the Annual Winter Meeting. The Skeet Chairman presented a satellite photo of the club with the floodplain overlaid on the map. The area in blue was FEMA regulated floodplain and the area in brown was regulated under the Denton Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). Except for a small section on the northwest pistol berm, the blue area covered all of the pistol and rifle ranges. The Skeet Chairman explained that regarding the jurisdictional hierarchy affecting NTSA property, Federal (FEMA) regulations supersede Denton County, which supersedes the City of Denton. The Skeet Chairman said that berm work probably can be done in the FEMA-controlled area based on the date of the existing berms and when the FEMA floodplain map was drawn. He consulted with Mr. Rodney Zielke, a certified civil engineer, who said that the repair of

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existing berms should be relatively simple but adding new berms could be a problem. Any proposed project on floodplain must demonstrate that the flow of water is not being increased, restricted, or causes the storage valley to be raised. He said that the proposed berm work in the floodplain needs to be platted and surveyed, and must have a net zero effect on the floodplain to be approved. The Skeet Chairman said that the barn and pavilion would require an approved permit from the County and a letter from the City since they would not be located within the floodplain. He said that there is a 15 foot easement added to the floodplain when the property is platted. He also said that it is feasible to remove dirt in the northeast section (i.e. dig out a pond) and place it in another place as long as the net is zero. He said that if the club property is the same now as it was in 1960's, it becomes a lot of record. This is determined by deed research on both properties, and platting would not be necessary. The benefit to doing a plat is that a record is created, which could be used in the future to show existing structures. The Skeet Chairman advised that this work needs to be done correctly with all approvals, and then it will be relatively simple when the berm maintenance work needs to be done again. He said that the Clear Creek area which encompasses the club property is being closely watched by the City planners. The Trap Chairman stated that he is in favor of surveying and platting the properties.

The discussion shifted to who would do the work to get the approvals needed. The Skeet Chairman advised that he had other commitments and this project was taking a lot of personal time. The President asked the Board what they wanted to do. The VP said that he is favor of hiring a civil engineer to do the work. The other Board members agreed that a meeting should be scheduled with Mr. Rodney Zielke to determine what needs to be done along with a time line and costs involved.

The Board discussed the City's ETJ and future annexation. It was pointed out that in the future, the club can file a request not to be annexed. The Skeet Chairman said that if the two properties are combined into one deed, so that the total is greater than 40 acres, the club would be exempt from City regulations. The Board agreed that this should be done when the survey work was taking place.

The discussion shifted to the 4250 yards of dirt that was identified last summer for the berm maintenance and other projects that was approved for purchase by the membership at the Annual Winter Meeting. The Skeet Chairman said that the current price was \$4/yard delivered, and there should be no problem placing it on the ETJ (brown section) of the map. The VP asked what the window of opportunity would be for buying the dirt. The Skeet Chairman said that it depends on the amount of housing construction nearby. The President asked if the Board should approve the purchase and the Board members thought it should be purchased. The Rifle Chairman made a motion to purchase the 4250 yards for \$18K and it passed.

The Board discussed the shot fall issue at length without resolution. The discussion included moving the fields, rotating the fields, using different chokes and #9 shot, sharing the ranges by closing some while others are open, and moving the pistol and rifle ranges to the south facing north.

A motion was made to adjourn and it passed.

Board Meeting with a Civil Engineer

The Board met with Mr. Rodney Zielke, a civil engineer who specializes in working on floodplain projects, on April 11th, 2012 at 4PM to discuss the FEMA/floodplain issues and how to proceed with the club improvements and berm maintenance projects approved by the membership at the Annual Winter Meeting. Mr. Zielke said that the FEMA study for the club's property and the Clear Creek model was done around 1968. He said the city believes that the end berms have been at the club for long time. However, they do not know how tall the berms were originally and want proof that the berms would only be restored to their original height. The Skeet Chairman asked how that could be proved since the berms erode over time. Mr. Zielke said that that would have to be worked out with the City. He suggested at some point to have the property surveyed. He said that through engineering analysis, they can compare a cross section of the berms as they are eroded now with a cross section of the berms before erosion and a smaller foot print. He said that then the burden of proof would probably be on the City. Mr. Zielke said that there are three things that are regulated: (1) increasing the water surface elevation (flow volume), (2) decreasing the valley storage, and (3) increasing the flow velocity of the water. He said that the Corps of Engineers has hydraulic modeling of the Clear Creek area, which would be used as a basis for proving that the

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berm maintenance projects would not impact the floodplain. Mr. Zielke said that restoring the end berms should be a minimum amount of effort and expense. However, he said that lengthwise berms would require engineering/modeling and more expense. The Pistol Chairman asked if the western pistol berm could be moved since it is not in the floodplain. He said that it was their desire to square off the pistol berm to enlarge Pistol Bay 1. He said that it would depend on whether or not they convince the City that the existing berms are grandfathered. The discussion shifted to the proposed longitudinal berms along the rifle range, which are needed for safety reasons to contain rounds inside the range. Mr. Zielke said that it might be possible if the existing berms along the road were removed and the new berms added. He said that a determination would need to be made if the berms would be located in a non-affective flow area and if it can be proven that the area is not going to affect the water flow. He said that if that argument would work, the modeling and other work would cost around \$7 or \$8K. He said that does not include a survey or modifying the FEMA maps, which would require submitting a CLOMR or LOMR. He said that a topographical survey would be around \$5K. He said that a distinction should be made that the clubs property is within floodplain and not floodway. If it were floodway, no work could be done. He said that floodplain is by definition reclaimable. To do the initial work to provide the Board with the ability to do the berm restoration and maintenance would cost \$12K total. The entire interactive work would cost around \$20K. He reiterated that the end berms would be simple, and if the longitudinal berms are in an in affective flow area, they would be more difficult, but relatively simple. The Rifle Chairman asked about squaring off Pistol Bay 1. Mr. Zielke said that he would demonstrate to the City that squaring off the berms would not change the valley storage. The President asked how much it would cost to get City approval to restore the end berms and square off Pistol Bay 1. Mr. Zielke said that it would cost around \$2-3K. The President said that we should do that first. Mr. Zielke said that we also need a topographical survey with one foot contour intervals. The VP asked about time frames. Mr. Zielke said that it would take about a month or so. The Board discussed having the boundary work done at the same time as the topographical property. The Skeet Chairman said that he would like to have the data generated in 2012 that the club can use in the future. Mr. Zielke said that he would provide the club with a couple of proposals and the meeting was adjourned.

April Board Meeting

The April Board meeting was held on Wednesday, April 11th. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. The Trap Chairman had to leave early due to an illness.

The Board voted-in two membership transfers and one Legacy member. (Note: As of April 12th, the NTSA has 750 voting members, three honorary members, and 21 Legacy members for a total of 774. There are 44 applicants on the membership waiting list, so the wait is approximately two years.)

The President reviewed the minutes of the March meeting, and the Board voted to accept them. During the review of the minutes, the President asked the Range Manager if the target order had arrived and he said that it had.

The Range Manager (RM) reported that the mining of the lead shot was completed, and the equipment was removed. The company shipped 128, 743 pounds including the barrels and the pallets. The actual weight will be determined by the receiving smelter. Lead prices were fluctuating between \$0.60 - 0.64 per pound and the club is contracted to receive 30% of the total. The RM reported that the roof on the clubhouse and the restrooms needs to be replaced. He is in the process of getting three bids. The Skeet Chairman asked if the club's insurance would pay for the shingles being blown off. Member Jim M. said that a claims adjuster needs to be contacted to determine if the roof is covered under insurance.

The Treasurer handed out the March Treasury Report. He said that the balance sheet was \$538K for the total liabilities and equities. The Profit & Loss YTD for March showed a negative \$153 after figuring income and expenses because \$3900 2012 Range Project was shown under expenses. This amount was broken out for the accountant so it can be capitalized on the balance sheet. If this expense was not figured in, the club would have a net income of \$3800 for March. The Treasurer stated a budgetary reserve of \$10K is being held in case the AG exemption changes on the new property and roll back taxes have to be paid. He said that there were no major expenses this month, but that there was a target load on order with no delivery date due to shortages in raw materials. He said that he heard from other clubs that the targets have gone up at least a \$1 per box. A motion was made to accept the report and motion carried.

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The Rifle Chairman reported the club had a small benchrest (score) match with 10 shooters. He said quite a few shooters don't like to shoot score, and the "light/heavy" did not work out very well. He said that the club had a really good carbine match with a record 33 shooters, turned in \$450, and that it keeps growing. He said that he is working with a member who is an electrical contractor to install the alarm system to activate in conjunction with the red safety lights on the rifle range as discussed last month. He said that this will be an added safety measure because of a shooter who walked down range without properly clearing the range with other shooters. The President said they held a .22 rimfire match with seven shooters.

The Pistol Chairman reported that an action pistol match was held on Saturday, March 17th with 23 shooters, finishing around 1 PM. He said that the match would not be finished any faster until something is done about the action shooting bays.

The Skeet Chairman reported that there was a club skeet match on Saturday, March 17 with 4 shooters. The Skeet Chair said that the 5-stand spring league with 22 shooters is half way through and going very well.

The Trap Chairman was not present, but the Pistol Chairman said that the Big 50 was not held and that the matches were on hold until the completion of the lead mining.

Under old business, the President said that the anti-skip walls have been postponed pending all the FEMA/City issues.

The President asked the Secretary's about the women's shooting clinic for members of the club and their guests, and if she had developed a written plan. The President said that at the last Board meeting, it was discussed that there would be no clinic until the written plan is submitted and approved by the Board, and it there would be no further discussion until a plan is presented.

The President asked about the ancillary equipment for the tractor. The Skeet Chairman advised that the mower decks he has inspected are used up, but he would keep looking.

The President asked if the lead mining status needed to be discussed any further. The Skeet Chairman asked if there was a price in the contract for the lead. Member Ben D. said that the price fluctuates daily and it was dependent on the daily market price. Ben said that he would call Gipson-Ricketts and ask about the price. The Treasurer said that new lead is about \$0.90 per pound, and reclaimed lead runs about a 1/3rd less. Ben said that the club would receive a weight ticket and the price that the smelter paid.

The President asked about the 30-foot tower on the 5-stand field. The Skeet Chairman said that there was nothing new.

The President said that the date for the Annual Winter Meeting at the Denton Country Club is January 26, 2013. The Secretary said that she would email Steve H. to get the meeting placed on the website calendar.

The next agenda item was the privacy issue subcommittee. A motion was made and passed at the Annual Winter meeting to form a subcommittee to resolve the privacy issue. The President asked if Ben D. would take the lead on the project. Ben D. said that he would co-ordinate with everyone and would contact the judge.

The President asked about the Safety Subcommittee Report. The VP recommended that this agenda item be tabled until next month because of the length of this meeting, the previous meeting with the engineer, and another issue that was on the agenda to be discussed.

Last month, the Pistol Chairman presented a Google map of the proposed location of the action shooting bays, which was basically an enlargement of the existing Pistol Bay 1. The map showed the straightening of the dogleg in the existing north road, and squaring off of the existing impact berms of Pistol Bay One. The larger "tactical" bay would then be divided into

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three individual bays with two double walls of railroad ties 8' tall and 72' long. Each bay would be 18 yards wide. This work would cost significantly less than the membership approved action bays to the south because less additional dirt is needed, no additional parking area is needed, and the bay divider walls would be made of railroad ties rather than concrete. Under the membership approved plan, the existing 8' impact berm on Pistol Bay 2/3 would be raised to 15' and a retaining wall be installed on the south side of the berm to lessen the berm's footprint. The President said last month that based on the Safety Committee's recommendation, the original location for the action bay, which was presented and membership approved in the Annual Winter Meeting was stopped and the alternative plan will be considered. Also last month, the Skeet Chairman suggested that the action bay discussion be postponed temporarily to discuss a letter received from the City of Denton, which may affect the berm work. The Board has since learned that all but a small portion of the pistol and rifle ranges are located in the floodplain and under the jurisdiction of FEMA and the City's Development Review Committee (DRC) because the NTSA property is within Denton's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ). Accordingly, this project and the other berm projects are on hold until approved. The President said that the shot fall issue, which is a concern with the current location and the proposed expansion, has to be resolved.

The President stated that earlier that afternoon, the Board met with Mr. Rodney Zielke, who is a certified civil engineer that specializes in working with the City of Denton, Denton County, and FEMA on drainage and floodplain issues. He is able to prepare topographical survey maps and computer-generated modeling of drainage and water flow for approval by these organizations. In the meeting, Mr. Zielke stated that engineering and survey work to seek approval for the minor berm maintenance work that the club needs to do for safety reasons would cost from \$7 to \$8K. To do the work to seek approval for the new longitudinal berms along the rifle range would cost about \$20K total (including the \$7 to \$8K). The Board agreed to hire Mr. Zielke to conduct the initial survey for the berms, a topographical survey for the Board to determine if they wanted do more, and a survey of the boundaries of the original and new properties to combine the property under one deed, which would give the additional protection and benefits. The President explained to the members in the audience that our property within the floodplain can't affect the mean level of the water, the flow of the water, or the containment of the water. The Skeet Chairman showed a satellite photo of the club with the floodplain overlaid on the photo.

The next item on the agenda was the cost analysis of a round of clay targets. The Treasurer said that he had not done anything with this issue, but he would get with the RM, the Skeet and Trap Chairmen.

The President asked the status of the book that included all the operating procedures and rules. The President asked that the RM find the book and the documentation that is available at the club. He said that a determination would be made to make it available in electronic format.

Last month, after the proposed Policy for use of NTSA Facilities failed to pass, the President asked the VP to revise and resubmit the policy. During the month, the VP received several comments, which were included in a revised version of the policy, and was emailed to all Board members on the Monday preceding the meeting. One change that was not made for liability reasons was the President's suggestion to allow a Range Manager or a Board member to grant exceptions to the limitations on the number of guests. Many members of the Board believed that this change would place an unreasonable burden on the RM or Board member and it would allow inconsistencies in application, which would defeat the purpose of the policy. Further, the VP stated that the limitation of five on the number of guests per member was included to ensure that club facilities are available for members to the maximum extent possible and as a safety concern since the members are responsible for directly supervising those guests. Member Kenny H. said that a limitation of five guests would not make any difference on the skeet fields, but would on the trap fields. Member Gunter K. said that the limitations as written were fine. The Treasurer noted a conflict on sanctioned events and the correction was made. The President asked for a definition of "benefit to the club". The VP referred to the last page of the policy which stated that to meet the definition, an event must be primarily for the members and for the good of the members because the club exists for the members. He said that an event being held for purely for profit is not a benefit to the club, since the club is a non-profit organization. There was a lengthy discussion on allowing the RM the discretion to allow exceptions, but the Board members did not arrive at a consensus. Kenny H. said that the club needs these guidelines. The Skeet Chairman made one suggestion regarding 4H clubs, which was accommodated. The VP said that there had been enough discussion and asked for a vote. He suggested that the policy be approved with the corrections and implemented for the next few months to give the Board a chance to live

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with the policy. The final version would be presented at the Annual Summer Meeting as a by-law. The President stated that he did not think this policy could be included in the by-laws. Gunter K. said that it needs to be included in the bylaws so all members know the ground rules. He said that this Board may approve the policy and then the Board is gone and it is no longer enforced. The VP made a motion and the motion passed five to one.

Under new business, Kenny H. presented a copy of some information taken from the Stiller Precision Firearms website that referenced bench rest matches at the NTSA, the dates, and a map to the NTSA, and stated that he thought it was a conflict of interest. The President asked the Board if there was a conflict of interest. The VP said that if there is a perception that there is a conflict, he should remove the information. Member Jim M. thought it would be better if the information was not on the website. The Treasurer and the VP suggested that the information be removed. The President said that he would, and asked if there is a conflict of interest in running the matches. The VP and several others said that they did not see an issue.

The next issue on the agenda was a Board decision on hiring Rod Zielke at a cost of \$8K to conduct a survey with elevations and corner posts to consolidate both deeds and give the Board the information needed to seek approval from the City. A motion was made and it passed unanimously.

The Rifle Chairman asked if the weekend RM could have permission from the Board to shoot the action matches while on duty. He would be called in to shoot each stage and would only be involved in shooting about ten minutes total for the entire match. As the RM frequently inspects all the ranges, it would not be an issue. There was a discussion about the RM's job contract, which allows two hours of shooting per week when it did not affect or interfere with his duties. Ben D. said that the weekend is a very high traffic time and he thought it was not a good idea. The President agreed and asked if there is any more discussion. A motion was made and it did not pass.

The Skeet Chairman asked if the Board wanted to buy the 4250 yards of dirt for \$21K. The VP said that in a previous meeting the Board approved the purchase at \$18K. The President asked how much dirt was needed for berm maintenance. Several Board members said that we need the dirt. The Treasurer said that he opposed buying unless the contract was contingent on the surveys, AG exemption, and other approvals. The Pistol Chairman said that once the surveys are done, the Board would have a better idea of whether or not to buy the dirt. After further discussion, the Board voted not to buy it.

The Skeet Chairman said that the Denton County mowers knocked down the fencing in the northwest corner and that the club has no security in that area. Ben D. said that he would call the County Commissioner and file a claim.

The Skeet Chairman asked if the Board would approve fertilizing the harvestable area of the property (approximately 30 acres) including the area that was mined for lead to encourage growth of Coastal Bermuda grass at a cost of \$2K. The President asked if the money could be recovered from hay sales and was told it could. The Board approved the purchase.

Gunter K. stated that there is a big delay in getting something done with rounds leaving the range and shot fall and asked if the Board was going to ignore this until the floodplain is solved. The President said that we are doing what we can to get approvals from the City. The Skeet Chairman said that we will hire Rod Zielke as a consulting engineer to begin a survey and plat to get the permits. Gunter H said that the shot curtains were not going to work. The Pistol Chairman said that the Safety Committee was going to recommend that the east skeet field be closed at certain times. Gunter H. said that that answered his question.

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

Board Meeting Agenda Items

Members wanting to submit items to be listed in the Agenda for the Board of Director meetings are due to the Secretary by the Friday preceding the meeting, or the first Friday of the month. This will allow the Secretary time to include the items and print the agenda. This does not preclude a member from raising an item under new business during the Board meeting.

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Firearms Carry Information

Member Pat B. submitted the following link for maps and information on open carry, concealed carry, and other firearms information by state:

<http://opencarry.org/maps.html>

Reclaimed Shot Available

Member Steve T. is putting together an order for reclaimed shot. Total price will be \$28.50 (shipping and tax included). Delivery is expected mid- to late May. Contact Steve at 817-909-1939.

Steel Reactive Target Training/Safety Orientation Training

The NTSA Steel Reactive Target Training Class schedule for 2012 is listed below. Member Van Glover, who is a certified NRA instructor and is currently conducting the NTSA Safety Orientation Class, will conduct these training classes. NTSA members may use steel reactive targets with .22 rimfire ammunition and now size 7 ½ or smaller birdshot on reactive mild steel targets when in compliance with the NTSA policy and after completing the NTSA training course. The dates are as follows:

- June 30
- September 29
- December 29

The schedule will also be posted on the NTSA website. The class is from 9AM to 11 AM. Please email Van at vanglover@verizon.net 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. If you have any questions, Van may be reached at 972-978-5671.

Van will hold the March Safety Orientation immediately after the Steel Reactive Target Training Class. Please contact Van for additional 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.