

THE POWDER KEG

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January 9th Meeting

- **Belton Goodwill Learning Center.**
- 6:00 pm New member applications and NRA membership.
- 6:45 pm New membership closes.
- **7:00 pm Club meeting.**

Programs

- January – Gun Sights; iron, optic RMR, etc.; rifle and pistol – what about them? Club member Rayford Brown.
- February – Elections.
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A Girl and A Gun

The Temple Chapter of A Girl and A Gun Women's Shooting League meets for Girls' Night Out at the Range in IDPA Bay 2 the first Tuesday of each month, 6-8 p.m. with a social hour to follow. agirlandaguntemple@gmail.com, or see our events calendar at TexasFirearmsTraining.net.

Call for Board Candidates

The Temple Gun Club is looking for members with a serious interest in the direction and success of our club to step up and run for the two open seats on the Board of Directors. Directors are elected to a three (3) year term, and may hold one or more Officer positions. See TGC By-Laws for more information. Submit bio to Zeb Pomeranke NLT 1/15/17.

Range Maintenance Cancelled

For the 4th Saturday in December.

From the President

Range Maintenance

Range maintenance is scheduled the fourth Saturday of every year at 7:30 am. We will be pleased to have you join in and help. No particular skills are necessary, only a desire to work. Come and be prepared to stay only as long as you would like. The work will typically be over by 9 am.

NOTICE

Range maintenance for December is cancelled because of Christmas & New Years.

Meeting Location & Time Reminder

Our meetings are at the Belton Goodwill Learning Center, 2601 Commerce St (the corner of Commerce and Sparta Rd about half way between HEB & Belton High), Belton TX. The meeting times are:

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Monthly Membership:

Membership prorated schedule is:

November	\$100	February	\$70	May	\$40
December	\$90	March	\$60	June	\$30
January	\$80	April	\$50	July	\$20

The initiation fee remains at \$25 and NRA membership is required and available, however it can be purchased on line cheaper. Applications will be accepted from 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm immediately before each monthly meeting. Contact your friends and acquaintances who are responsible gun owners about joining our club and bring or send them early to the meetings.

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We can sure use your input for June and beyond. If you have suggestions &/or recommendations, please contact me at 254-698-0085 or dick@dwinellonline.com.

Elections

The election for Temple Gun Club Board members will be held at the Annual Meeting, February 6, 2017. Assuming current Board members are reelected, we still have two seats to fill. Anyone wishing to serve on the Board will need to submit their bio to Zeb Pomeranke NLT 1/15/17 for inclusion in the February Powder Keg.

Board seats to fill are:

Jesse Robinson - is not running for re-election.

Kurt Glass has resigned and we need someone to fill the remainder of his term which is one year.

Board members up for reelection are:

Kenneth Gaby - running for reelection.

Wayne Cole - running for reelection.

God Bless

Dick

Bios for Board Candidates**Ken Gaby**

I grew up with hunting and fishing as a major part of my past time. My first gun was a Benjamin 22cal pellet rifle which my Dad gave me at age 10. Little did I know how valuable those early shooting lessons were. I started competitive high power shooting in 1987 and currently hold a high master classification and earned the Distinguished Rifleman Badge. I have been Captain of the Texas State Service Rifle Team at the Nationals at Camp Perry Ohio and earned three national championships.

Before beginning competitive shooting, my shooting experiences were associated with some type of hunting using rifle, shotgun, or bow and arrow. I am retired after working 35 years as a Contracting Officer and Chief Logistics Officer for the Veterans Administration. I am an Endowment member of TSRA and Patron member of NRA and currently serve on the Board of Directors for the Temple Gun Club and Texell Federal Credit Union. I have been on the Board of TGC since 1987. I am second Vice President of the Texas State Rifle Association and serve on various committees.

Wayne Cole

I am a native Texan, born in Hillsboro, raised in Houston. I joined the Army after graduation from high school and Retired 24 years later in 1991. I have lived in Temple since 1993. I am a life member of The National Rifle Association, Texas State Rifle Association, and Gun Owners of America. Additionally, I am an NRA Certified Firearms Instructor in five disciplines, NRA Range Safety Officer, and NRA Recruiter. I have been a Temple Gun Club member for 20 years and a board member for 10. I would be honored to continue to serve the membership in the future.

What's In Store for the Second Amendment?

With the election of President Elect Donald Trump and a majority of Republicans in the House and Senate, support for the Second Amendment is stronger in the U S Government than in the past 8 years. I read that a few very favorable pro-gun Bills are being prepared to be introduced in 2017. All this sounds good for our cause and it is.

However, now is not a time to relax and let our support for the Second Amendment wain. The anti-gunners are strengthening their efforts with the formation of new groups and greater campaigning for funds to support their efforts. Groups such as the Anti-Firearms Accountability Counsel Task force have been formed. The Moms Demand Action group is also stepping up efforts on the State levels to usher in "common sense gun safety measures". The new efforts are structured to use gun safety as the primary means to eventually deliver anti-gun measures. Anyone opposing these new efforts are touted as fighting against gun safety and safety in general.

You may not think these efforts will gain any traction but beware. Politicians are known for compromise in order to gain support for their favorite Bill. Too many times we have seen the "I'll vote for your Bill is you'll vote for mine" attitude. Watch what is happening in the U S Congress and the State Legislative session this year closely and be ready to call, email, or write as needed to stop these anti-gun schemes.

And if you're not a member, join TSRA today. This is the best money you can spend to fight anti-gun measures on the State level. There are already 13 anti-gun Bills filed and more will be filed. Stand guard all the time.

Ken Gaby

NOTE TO MEMBERS

Be sure to keep us informed of your address and email address changes to ensure that we can keep you informed of club news and ensure that you receive your renewal notices on time.

Changes can be sent to templegunclub@gmail.com