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July 2nd Meeting

Club Members - Renewals are DUE

From the President

Shotguns and the Range

Another reminder, there are two places shotguns may be fired on the Temple Gun Club range: The trap/skeet area just west of the covered 100-yard rifle area and the two tactical bays west of the trap/skeet area. Firing shotguns are expressly prohibited from any covered pistol or rifle area. If one is not sure where you can shoot; if you look down range and see a sheet of ply or pressed wood, you **may not** shoot there. Also, please pick up your shotgun shell hulls and take them home with you. These are hulls taken up from the covered pistol bay on range maintenance day in May.



Range Maintenance

Are you proud of the way **your** range looks? Policing the range is the responsibility of the club members. Maintaining it is also our responsibility. Please help your club maintain a clean operational facility. You do this in two ways:

First: police the range you use. In other words, leave that part of range you used better than when you arrived. Take away your and any trash left by others.

And second, formal range maintenance is scheduled the last Saturday of every month at 8:00 am. We will be pleased to have you join in and help. No particular skills are necessary, only a desire to keep the range well-manicured, neat and tidy. Come and be prepared to stay only as long as you would like.

We had a total of about 19 workers out on 5/19/18 and got a lot done. We left the range at 11:00 or so after a great lunch. All who worked exemplified pride in their range. We got about half of the downed tree branches chipped. Thank you all.

If we all do the first part, the second will not take long. I've been asked, I have a bad back can I still help? The answer is an emphatic yes. We'll find something for you to do. Just tell us of your limitations.

The June range maintenance will be on 6/30/18. Per suggestions at the last club meeting, there will be no BBQ this time. Folks want to go home and shower. We will be mowing, knocking down weeds, chipping the remainder of tree branches and hauling off junk. Please bring what you have that can help in those tasks. The club will provide the chipper. The July range maintenance will be on 7/28/18.

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:

- 6:00 pm New member applications and NRA membership.
- 6:30 to 6:50 pm Range Orientation.
- 7:00 pm Club meeting.

Monthly Membership

Membership prorated schedule is:

August	\$100	December	\$80	April	\$40
September	\$100	January	\$70	May	\$30
October	\$100	February	\$60	June	\$20
November	\$90	March	\$50	July	\$10

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 6:30 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.

- July – Texas Law Shield – Common Gun Owner Misconceptions
- August – Winning the Battle for Gun Rights
- September (10th) - NRA High Power Mid-Range and F Class Competition.
- October – Bell County 4H Shooting Sports
- November – What is the best defensive hand gun holster

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

God Bless
Dick

Club Members - Renewals are DUE

It is time to renew your club membership. All members are required to submit the renewal form along with your dues and proof of NRA membership. If you are a NRA life member (or higher level) and have previously provided your proof of membership you are not required to submit it again. If you recently joined and paid a prorated membership fee you are also required to renew. Members not renewing by the deadline will have their key fobs deactivated on September 1. You will find the renewal form attached at the end of the newsletter.

From Kenneth Gaby -

Here's a short quote from Thomas Jefferson's autobiography, 1821. It would appear from President Jefferson's quote that nothing in Congress has changed except the names of the players.

" If the present Congress errs in too much talking, how can it be otherwise in a body to which the people send 150 lawyers, whose trade it is to question everything, yield nothing, and talk by the hour? That 150 lawyers should do business together ought not to be expected."

My statement to the Criminal Jurisprudence Committee hearing being held June 25th concerning two issues in Gov Abbott's School Safety Plan

Statement From
Kenneth Gaby
Belton, TX

Committee Members:

I have been involved in the shooting sports and hunting for 62 years. As a shooting coach, youth mentor, and President of a Foundation supporting youth shooting, I have seen hundreds of teenagers over the years who were involved with some facet of shooting sports enjoyment. Without exception, these teenagers were conscientious, trustworthy, and self-disciplined and were exemplary students in many cases.

There are thousands of teenagers involved in 4-H, Junior ROTC, FFA, and other outdoor classes in high schools that utilize the shooting sports as teaching tools to enhance self-discipline, concentration, and determination to excel. The outdoor curriculum started at Allen High School several years ago has spread to many of the high schools in the DFW area and most of those schools have formal shotgun teams who compete regularly. These outdoor classes are the most popular classes at many schools with long waiting lists of those who want to enroll. The Scholastic Clay Target Program is one of the most widely dispersed shooting programs in Texas schools with thousands of students participating yearly.

There are many more teenagers, while not involved with an organized shooting program, who enjoy hunting and general target shooting with family and/or friends. All these teenagers are good kids who can be trusted to drive cars, hold jobs, and do many other activities. They are good law abiding citizens of Texas.

When we pass laws that further restrict the teenagers and their parents from being able to enjoy their sports or past times, we send a clear message that we don't trust you or your parents to behave in a responsible manner. The changes proposed in the Governor's plan can easily entrap an unknowing parent into a situation that makes them a felon even when no activity has occurred that leads to any wrong doing. The proposed changes are so onerous, no one will feel comfortable in letting a teenager touch any gun.

When an evil person begins to convince themselves that killing other humans is what they want to do for their own selfish reason, their mind no longer thinks like a conscientious moral person. At that point, they completely ignore all laws and moral relevance. Evil people do not care what the law states. Passing more laws will not stop this problem. Until the moral rot that has invaded American culture is addressed, we cannot pass enough laws or hire enough police officers to fix the problem.

I urge you as you consider the Governor's plan, to take no action that will further restrict access to firearms by teenagers or use red flags for arbitrary reasons. There are millions of parents and teenagers in Texas who are law abiding citizens and only three or four bad actors who have carried out these heinous crimes. Burdening all these millions of law abiding citizens with more restrictions should not be acceptable in Texas.

Kenneth Gaby
Concerned Texas



**Temple Gun Club
Annual Renewal Form**

2019

CHANGES TO YOU INFO? Circle one: **YES / NO**

Member Number: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **ZIP:** _____

Email: _____

Do you want to receive the newsletter and club announcements electronically? Circle one: **YES / NO**

Phone No. _____

NRA Number _____

NRA Exp. Date ____/____

Must be current at the time of renewal.

Submit to: **TGC, Inc PO BOX 2027, Temple TX 76503**

- Check or Money Order for **\$100.00** payable to Temple Gun Club
- Submit Proof of current NRA membership. (NRA Membership needs to be current for the entire membership period.)
Include 1. Copy of NRA membership card or
2. Label from NRA magazine
- NRA Life Members (if we have your NRA Life member status on file you do not need to submit it again)
- **RENEWALS RECEIVED WITHOUT PROOF OF NRA MEMBERSHIP WILL NOT BE PROCESSED!!**

Send questions to: Templegunclub@gmail.com

DO NOT DELAY:

Renewals postmarked after **August 15** will **NOT** be accepted, **NO EXCEPTIONS**

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