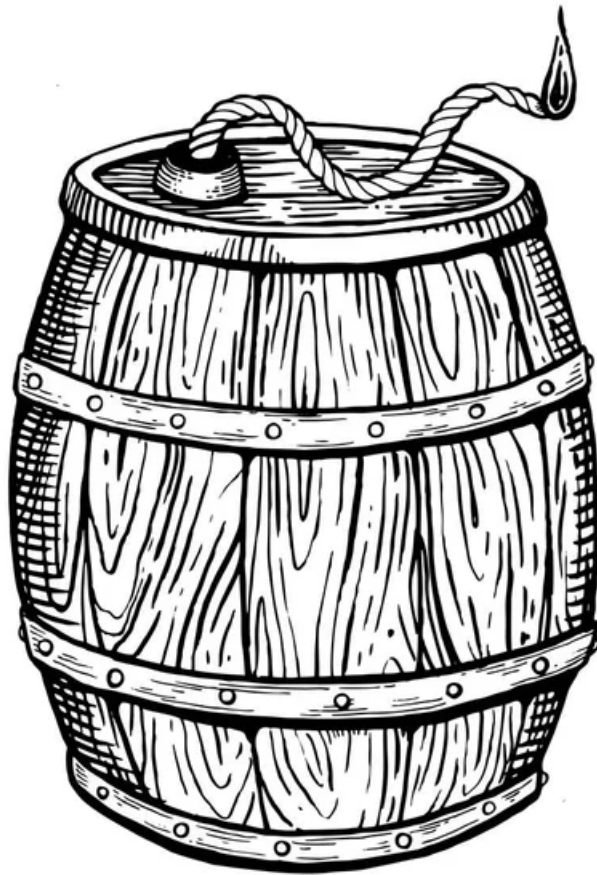


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Message from the President

Hello Everyone!

I am sitting here looking at the ice forming outside, nope I am not going to the range today or tomorrow. That has been giving me more time to read about the pistol brace/SBR conversion and that has been very disappointing. The ATF is just making up rules based on whatever the boss wants. "Yes, it is legal! Wait,,, NO it is not legal!!!!" I believe it will get corrected in the courts but we need to do our part also.

On to better things! We are continuing to improve the range with a covered area at the 500 yard line and gravel in place to create a walkway at the pavilion area out to the 50/100 yard targets. Yep, the rain Saturday stopped the completion but as soon as it's dry...

Tire Walls – Weather is still not cooperating with us, but the ground has been leveled out properly. We will keep making progress.

ONCOR has completed the survey and is working on a cost estimate to put power on the range.

February's meeting is our board member election, so please show up and vote!

If you haven't noticed already we have a new Powder Keg Editor! Welcome to Dan Schneppenheim!!

Range Maintenance

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 like.

At the February maintenance day, we will start building the tire walls for the pistol range that has been closed for the past year. This will be a big effort that will require manpower to assemble. This will be a great time for some extra help to show up.

Keeping the range looking great and tidy and no trash in sight is every Club Member's responsibility. If you can't make the Saturday maintenance days, you are welcome to work other days. Below is a list of areas that usually need attention.

Trim Weeds:

- Around all concrete
- On the sides of the berms up as high as the trimmer will reach
- All around the buildings
- In the park (the area behind the covered pistol bays)
- Around all ground mounted signs, please be careful of the wood posts.
- In the ditches along the road on either side of the entrance

Replace or repair target backers as needed

Remove trash.

The above Range Maintenance tasks can also be accomplished before the 8 am, shoot start and after the official sunset, shoot stop.

This posting is in addition to the normal range maintenance day which is the last Saturday of the month.

Please do not interrupt others shooting to perform any of these tasks.

ATF Flip Flops

ATF flip flops and criminalizes millions of Americans who own Pistol Stabilizing Braces. As of 15 April 2023, 120 days after the 15 Jan 2023 posting of a “new” ATF Regulation, millions of Americans will be criminals. Another example of the Bureaucratic overreach and abuse of a Federal Agency, one that under the Constitution should not exist. They are changing the “rules”, that somehow hold the force of law, even though there has been no Legislative action. This is just another example of Executive Branch abuse of power. This would be an excellent case to bring to SCOTUS and overturn the Auer and Chevron deference. With the issuance of a letter the ATF is now going to criminalize millions of Law Abiding gun owners they had previously deemed legal, if they don’t get a Tax Stamp and register their firearm. This doing nothing more than criminalizing and extorting firearms owners.

In November 2012, the ATF posted an approval letter stating that “the submitted brace, when attached to a firearm, does not convert that weapon to be fired from the shoulder and would not alter the classification of a pistol or other firearm. While a firearm so equipped would still be regulated by the Gun Control Act ... such a firearm would not be subject to NFA controls.”

In March 2014, the ATF issued a second letter stating that “for the following reasons, we have determined that firing a pistol from the shoulder would not cause the pistol to be reclassified as an SBR: FTB classifies weapons based on their physical design characteristics. While usage/ functionality of the weapon does influence the intended design, it is not the sole criterion for determining the classification of a weapon. Generally speaking, we do not classify weapons based on how an individual uses a weapon.”

The ATF issued a third letter in January 2015 that resulted in widespread confusion and legal concerns in the firearms industry. The letter stated that, “the pistol stabilizing brace was neither ‘designed’ nor approved to be used as a shoulder stock, and therefore use as a shoulder stock constitutes a ‘redesign’ of the device because a possessor has changed the very function of the item.”

In March 2017, the ATF issued a letter clarifying that the mere act of firing a Pistol Stabilizing Brace from the shoulder does not constitute a “redesign” of the host firearm into an NFA short barrel rifle. When fired from the shoulder, a Pistol Stabilizing Brace must be in its original, approved condition and may not be physically altered for use as a shoulder stock.

Jan 2023 ATF posts a complete reversal of previous opinions now has created a firearm classification that is contingent on a firearm having rear surface area, without even providing a measurement for how much area is sufficient to trigger the classification, is the exact type of arbitrary rule making the Administrative Procedures Act (and the Due Process Clause of the Constitution) prohibit.

Club News & Updates

Completed club projects

Protective berms at 300 and 500 yd firing line
Parking areas for front pistol bays, 200, 300, 500 yd firing lines
Benches at 300 and 500 yd firing lines
Hydro mulch new berms and other bare earth areas
Gravel in pistol bays
Covers for benches at 300 and 500 yd firing lines
Iron gate installation at the 200 and 300 yd roads
Purchase of conex for mower and other equipment
Covered 500 yd firing line
Pea Gravel under 500 yd cover

Club projects currently in process

Install tire walls at east and west sides of new pistol bay where culverts were removed.
Iron Gate installation at the 500 yd road
Concrete pads at 300 and 500 yd lines
3 ft concrete apron at pistol pavilion
Walking path from covered rifle area to road
Gravel in front of rifle targets
Walking path from east pistol pavilion to 100 yd target frames
Purchase of two (2) picnic tables
Road maintenance millings
Provide electricity to the tractor shed and other areas
Provide water to the tractor shed



Events

February 4th

7:30 am to 11:00 am | High Power Rifle Across the Course | High Power Rifle, 200, 300, 500 yds. 80 Shots

February 5th

9:00 am to 2:30 pm | (USPSA) United States Practical Shooting Association

February 6th

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm | Monthly Club Meeting at the Harris Community Center in Belton
(401 N Alexander St, Belton TX 76513)

February 9th

8:00 am to 11:00 am | Art and Dawns Training Bay 8

February 11th

9:00 am to 1:00 pm | 22LR Precision Rifle Match (NRL22/PRS Rules)

February 12th

9:00 am to 1:00 pm | Center Fire Long Range to 500 Yards

February 18th

7:30 am to 11:00 am | High Power Prone 4x20 @ 500 yds

February 23rd

8:00 am to 11:00 am | Art and Dawns Training Bay 8

February 25th

8:00 am to 10:00 am | Range Maintenance





— Thank you

Being a member of a pro Second Amendment organization is highly recommended. Here are some choices: Gun Owners of America (GOA), Firearms Policy Coalition (FPC), Second Amendment Foundation (SAF), and National Rifle Association (NRA).

If you have any information that you would or think should be included in The Powder Keg, please send it to Dan Schneppenheim at dans@oxlg.com.