

THE POWDER KEG

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RANGE MAINTENANCE – Jan 28, 2023 –

Hint ---Check the TGC calender on the website

Next Club Meeting – Jan. 9, 2023 Harris Community Center

Message from the President

Hello Everyone!

Significant changes have been coming out of the ATF! I hope everyone is paying attention, especially if you have a pistol with an arm brace!!! “Ghost Guns” or 80% parts issue has been published. Serial numbers are a requirement if they go through an FFL. Get out there to vote and know what/who you are voting for!

Tire Walls – Weather has not been cooperating with us. We will keep trying to make progress.

The Board has been moving forward on most of the range projects. Slow but steady progress on that list!

I really need a person to be the Powder Keg Editor. There was some interest, but I lost track...

May TGC Meeting- Make Plans

The next club meeting is Jan 9, 2023 at the **Belton Harris Community Center.**

Prospective new members need to be there by 6:00 pm and no applications are accepted after 6:15 pm. A range orientation seminar precedes the club meeting at 6:15. The club meeting begins at 7:00 pm. The key fobs to operate the range gate are distributed after the membership meeting.

Double adjacent inverted Gun Logic

- 1 - Eleven teens die each day because of texting while driving. Maybe it's time to raise the age of Smartphone ownership to 21.**
- 2 - If gun control laws actually worked, Chicago would be Mayberry, USA.**
- 3 - The Second Amendment makes more women equal than the entire feminist movement.**
- 4 - Legal gun owners have about 300 million guns and probably 2 trillion rounds of ammo. Seriously, folks, if we were the problem, you'd know it.**
- 5 - When JFK was killed, nobody blamed the rifle.**
- 6 - The NRA (National Rifle Association) murders 0 people and receives (\$ 0) nothing in government funds. Planned Parenthood kills 350,000 babies every year and receives \$500,000,000 in tax dollars annually.**
- 7 - I have no problem with vigorous background checks when it comes to firearms. While we're at it, let's do the same when it comes to immigration, Voter ID, and candidates running for office.**
- 8 - Folks keep talking about another Civil War. One side knows how to shoot and probably has a trillion rounds. The other side has crying closets and is confused about which bathroom to use. Now tell me, how do you think that would end?**

A gun is like a parachute. If you need one, and don't have one, you'll never need one again!

Upcoming Meetings

Jan 2023 – Nominations for Board Members

Feb 2023 – Board Member Elections

And beyond – Suggestions and recommendations for speakers are always welcomed.

Please contact TGC President, Stephen Hammonds, at sphammonds@gmail.com

Membership

Membership is recorded annually starting with the month you join. Your membership will start the month you join and will be effective for 12 months. Renewal notices will be generated automatically 30 days prior to the expiration date of your membership. Renewal may be online via credit or debit card, by mail, or hand delivered at a meeting.

Please Join an Organization that Supports the 2d Amendment

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).

As noted in the Power Keg, the Texas GOA did the heavy-lifting when it came to herding the wandering cats at the legislature during the 2021 legislative session. The persistence paid-off with the passing of the constitution carry legislation.

Long Range 300-500 Yard Qualification

You are a safety officer.

The Board wants to insure those wishing to shoot from the 500 yd firing line can safely keep shots on target/inside the range. There have been instances when shooters could not hit a 12X18" target from 200 yards. Knowing the proper come ups on scopes or iron sights from 500 yds is imperative to keep bullets from striking the ground 100 yds in front of the impact berm and causing a ricochet that leaves the range.

Once members have qualified, your membership card will be annotated to show 300-500 yard qualified. When the membership card is annotated, members can print another copy of the card to show qualification. You are a safety officer.

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 would like.

*** At the Jan. 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
- Around all buildings
- In the park [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/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.**

Tigertown 4-H Club

They provide a Shooting Sports activity for the youth from 3rd-12th grades. The club's activities and venues are as follows:



- **Archery** practices alternating Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. at the CWUWCD in Belton;
- **Rifle** practices alternating Sundays at 2:00 p.m., and the opposite Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. at the Temple Gun Club;
- **Shotgun** practices Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at Webers in Troy; and
- **Muzzle loading** practices usually precede the Sunday rifle practices, weather permitting.

The activities are posted on FaceBook < <https://www.facebook.com/tigertown4h/> > and on Bell County's FaceBook page < <https://www.facebook.com/BellCounty4H/> > Barbara Wood can provide more detailed information (woodbtwice@gmail.com or text at 254-624-6507) *Barbara has a day job, so the return call may be in the evening.*

Articles and Suggestions for the Powder Keg

The editor always welcomes contributions and suggestions for topics. Please do not worry about typing skills or things like that. Those details can be handled in the editing process.

Hard Copy of the Powder Keg

Over the past, several months the circulation of the Powder Keg has also included a hard copy for a small group of members who do not have email addresses. The circulation to 34 individuals really has a small subgroup of seven (7) members who do not have email addresses in the TGC member profile. In terms of good financial stewardship, the circulation to the 34 individuals costs about \$100 per month. The club is striving to be responsible stewards of the membership dues and communicate effectively. **Please check you member profile and update the email address.**