

THE POWDER KEG

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RANGE MAINTENANCE – May 28, 2022 –

Hint ---Check the TGC calender on the website

Next Club Meeting – Jun. 06, 2022 Harris Community Center

Message from the President

Hello Everyone!

We are ready to put in the gate posts for the rifle range at the 100/200 yard and 300 yard entrances. There will be some cleaning and mowing requirements on most of the range. Ken got a lot of shredding done this week!

For those that really missed out on the Steel Challenge fix this week, I will be traveling this Sunday to the La Grange Steel Challenge Match at the Fayette County Gun Club. If you want to ride along or follow, let me know! There will be 4 stages.

***The June Rifle Cartridge reloading demonstration will have to be delayed! I have to travel out of town and will not be at the June meeting.

May TGC Meeting- Make Plans

The next club meeting is Jun 06, 2022 at the **Belton Harris Community Center**. Prospective new members need to be there by 6:00 pm and no applications are accepted after 6:30 pm. A range orientation seminar precedes the club meeting. The club meeting begins at 7:00 pm. The key fobs to operate the range gate are distributed after the membership meeting.

Upcoming Meetings

June 2022 – Available ** Demo moved to Aug.

July 2022 – Available

Aug 2022 - Rifle Cartridge reloading demonstration & discussion

Sep 2022 - I would like to hear a suggestion!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Maybe I will powder coat some bullets???

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.

For your reference and consideration, the Texas GOA has provided a list of recommended candidates for the upcoming election in March 2022.

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.

Shooting Straight with Winsome Sears **Lieutenant Governor - Virginia**

Some stories just start out bringing a smile to your face and keep getting better. Winsome Earle-Sears is “first black woman and the first Jamaican-born American citizen elected to statewide office in Virginia, in the office of lieutenant governor.”

From her campaign, the flyer showed Sears holding an AR-15 with a proper grip and the muzzle pointed downward, reflecting her training as a Marine. Then, on her first day of presiding over the Virginia Senate, someone pulled a dirty trick and removed the gavel from the podium. Being the resourceful military veteran, Sears “used her high-heel shoe to pound the chamber to attention.” She later quipped, “One shoe can change a life. Ask Cinderella.”

Lt. Gov. Sears learned political truths at an early age as Jamacia fell into the muck of socialism, including the negative impact of policies mandated by the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

The NRA interview is well worth reading and addresses many of the social and economic problems facing our country. The closing two paragraphs include words of encouragement and concise summary of her mission.

So, I would say to your members: Stay the course. Don't leave the battlefield. You lose a hundred percent of the battles you walk away from. Join a local political party. Donate money. Be the candidate, but if you're not going to be the candidate, help the candidate. Go knock on doors, put a sign in your yard.

Remember that our government is we the people—not we the politicians, not we the elite. It's we the people! Don't be afraid, and don't be caught napping. You're the people.

Source: NRA America's 1st Freedom | 22-April-2022 by Mel Dixon

<https://archive.ph/dZgPP>

<https://www.americas1stfreedom.org/content/shooting-straight-with-winsome-sears/>

Submitted by Dave Hamel – member TGC

Reloading Rifle Cartridges

Are you interested in reloading those cases that come flying out of your Rifle? We will talk about reloading those cases at the Aug 1st club meeting.

Doing so will do 1 of 3 things...

- 1 – Reduce the cost of shooting (IF, you don't count your time. To me, it is just an expansion of the hobby.)
- 2 – Allow you to shoot more for the same amount of money.
- 3 – Allow you to shoot CUSTOM Loads that you cannot buy.

Stephen (I) will be demonstrating the reloading procedures for rifle calibers at the July club meeting. If you want to learn more be there. If you already reload, be there to help share your experience/tips. Guarantee you I don't know everything!!

I will have a single stage press and a Dillon (almost a progressive). We will have discussions about the reloading manuals, measuring devices, presses, dies and the reloading process. Then I will load a few rounds.

Range Rules

On the website on the "Range" tab, the drop-down menu in the "blue" bar includes a link to the updated rules covering the use of **steel targets** and a link to the PowerPoint file "**Use of Steel Targets Small**." It is strongly suggested that members download and familiarize themselves with the updated guidelines. Periodically, check the "**Range**" tab which includes **Usage, News, and Rules**.

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.

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 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 provides 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.**