

THE POWDER KEG

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RANGE MAINTENANCE – Apr 30, 2022 –

Hint ---Check the TGC calender on the website

Next Club Meeting – May. 02, 2022 ***Belton Goodwill*******

Message from the President

Hello Everyone!

Good turn out for the range maintenance. Thanks to those new people that came out for their first time! We did some cleaning and mowed the vast majority of the range. The area is looking very nice!

I also want to thank all the Club Members that come out and RESPONSIBLY use cub range. Every month it seems like we find the evidence of someone not using the range properly but there are MANY others that come use the range and leave it better than when they came. I would like to say a BIG “THANK YOU!!!!!!” to all those Club Members!

May TGC Meeting- Make Plans

The next club meeting is May 02, 2022 at the **Belton Goodwill 2601 Commerce St.**, Belton. 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

May 2022 – Pistol Cartridge reloading demonstration & discussion

June 2022 – Rifle Cartridge reloading demonstration & discussion

July 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.

The Case for the Local Gun Store

By Gentry Watt Taggart, TGC Director

Let me begin by stating that the following opinions are my own and may or may not reflect those of the other Board Members or members of the club. These are mine! You are entitled to your own! If you wind up thinking I am a fool, great! No skin off my nose. I am just stating my perspective. So, here it goes.

I do not like Big Box stores. Yes, I use them when I have no other real choice. Yes, I use some mail order for specialty items. But, at the end of the day, I prefer dealing with local, Mom and Pop shops and stores. This is really across the board. Good old fashioned hardware stores are favorites, like Hensel's in Rosebud. Lott's Falls Farm and Auto is a favorite for auto parts. Most of my tackle comes from National Athletic Supply in Belton, because frankly, I value the expertise and integrity of Tommy and Kay. This extends to restaurants and meat markets too. You do not find me in chains very often. So, with all that said, you can figure that I prefer local gun shops.

Simply put, I am a relationship kind of guy. I like knowing the people with whom I am dealing. At my favorite gun store, I have been a regular customer since Christmas Eve 1978 when I was 15 and I fogged a scope in a tree stand on Hard Bargain Ridge in Coryell County one extremely rainy morning when I was 15. The shop's owner was a kind Yankee transplant that just happened to have a Weaver K4W in stock that really upgraded my Mauser 98 chambered in 243 Winchester. Through the years, I have gotten to know the various associates like they are family. That owner is gone now, and so is his longtime assistant Pete. But Uncle Ray keeps taking care of me and helps my family and friends in the same manner. I have similar relationships, albeit not as deep with other local gun shops from Heidenheimer to Copperas Cove to Gatesville and beyond. You just do not find those in places where employee turnover is high and morale is low. The big thing here is having access to people that have taken time to get to know you and what you like and don't like. They have learned who you are and what you need. They can be brutally honest with you and know that you will be back because they were. Do not try to find that at your big box.

But the big boxes are cheaper you say. Do you think so? Have you ever really considered the quality of the products offered? Have you ever compared apples to apples? When it is all said and done, "you get what you pay for" applies here. Among my family and close friends, the return rate to big boxes is much higher than to the LGS. I do not know this for certain, but I suspect that maybe the LGS folks check out each gun thoroughly prior to it hitting the shelf. LGS folks in most cases are hard core firearms enthusiasts that take pride in providing reliable products and want their customers to be happy. Their bosses tend to want the same thing. At the Big Box, management is real oriented to the bottom line that day and they want shelves stocked regardless of whether or not the products are worthy of being offered. Lip service may be given to the idea that customer service is important, but the reality is that it is not in a lot of cases. One of my SILs bought a rifle at a Big Box a couple of years ago. The scope was not on tight. The bore siting was not even on paper, and the bolt was faulty. Need I say more. My other SIL bought a similar rifle at the LGS. Guess what? No problems. It worked. Just two examples from the recent past. A close friend of mine was hunting a shotgun for his grandson and now a rifle for the same kid. He has stated that all things considered, the LGS is not really more expensive and he feels a lot better about purchasing from them.

There is also the spirit of supporting your local merchant. When I was in the show pig business, I cannot tell you how many times someone who went far away to purchase show pigs rather than even coming to look at my offerings would wind up calling me for advice or even wanting to bum meds to

treat a sick pig. Then, they expect you to support their kids at the local premium sale at the fair or donate to scholarship funds or for scramble certificates. Excuse me! How is that fair at all? It is the same with the LGS. Do not go asking for help when you snubbed them at buying time. That is not cool!!!! As an Aggie, I really try not to quote Longhorns much, but Darrell K. Royal said it best. "Dance with the one that brung ya!" I guess this takes us back to the relationship thing. In closing, you are going to trade where you like. I am going to trade where I like. But I hope that you will consider trading at the local gun stores, eating at the local restaurants, and otherwise keeping things as local as you can. This is where those folks live and you do too. We all need to support each other in my opinion.

Reading Deeper: Dollar Store Shopping in Houston

Stories appear in the popular press that can be read on multiple levels. Recently, a series of bad choices by a grocery store clerk and a shopper or more correctly, a shoplifter, will result in two lives being irreversibly altered forever. One individual is deceased, and the other is charged with murder.

The splashy headline featuring Texas, Houston, Dollar Store, guns, and shooting caught my attention.

HEADLINE: Family Dollar worker, 21, is charged with murder after emptying entire clip into the back of a 49-year-old shoplifter who stole motor oil

THE REST OF THE STORY:

A shocking clip shows the moment a Houston Family Dollar employee killed a shoplifter, firing six shots into his back as he fled the store with motor oil.

Antonio Batres, 21, faces a murder charge after he emptied the clip of his Glock 9mm pistol into 49-year-old Troy Odom around 4:30 pm on April 17 as shoppers looked on.

In video taken by a shopper, two store employees are seen confronting Odom - one of the men can be heard shouting unintelligibly. Bottles of motor oil are strewn across the ground.

'He had that all in his pants,' says the woman filming the video. 'He had a lot of fuel.'

'He need to chill out,' the woman says as the shoplifter leaves the store, the two employees following him. It is unclear if he had motor oil or any other merchandise with him.

Batres can be seen aiming, taking a wide stance and firing. Odom collapses out of view, and can be heard shrieking as six shots ring out.

'Further investigation determined the victim had his back toward Batres, who then pulled out a pistol and shot the victim several times,' reads a press release from the Houston Police Department.

For the firearm professionals, which word was used incorrectly in the first two paragraphs and the headline? (Answer at the end.)

For the LawShield subscribers, there are other things to consider:

- Location – outside the store
- Relative position of clerk and the shoplifter – moving away from the clerk
- Matter disputed – property not human life
- Time of day – still daylight in Houston at 4:30 pm

- Training level – Since the deceased was shot in the back and the contents of the entire mag was used, what model of Glock only has six rounds?

Does the Glock use a “clip” or a “mag?”

Source: Dailymail | 28-April-2022 | <https://archive.ph/zPxUJ>

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-10755655/Family-Dollar-worker-21-charged-murder-emptying-entire-clip-shoplifter-49.html>

Submitted by Dave Hamel – member TGC

Reloading Pistol Cartridges

Are you interested in reloading those cases that come flying out of your pistol?

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 pistol calibers at the May 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.**