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THE POWDER KEG

April 9th Meeting

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.

Programs

- April – Bell county domestic minor sex trafficking.
- June – The Second Amendment and Its Purpose.
- July – Texas Law Shield – Common Gun Owner Misconceptions
- August – What's the best concealed carry holster for you?

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

Membership

The Temple Gun Club will now be accepting members every month. See President's Column for more info.

Looking For a New Editor

I will be moving out of state by summer, so the club will need a new editor for the Powder Keg. Time requirement is minimal, once a month. Please respond to me at bryancasinger@aol.com.

Range Maintenance

Saturday, April 28th from 07:30 – 09:00. Please come out and help maintain your range. Remember that the Temple Gun Club is maintained by members for members. All routine maintenance at the range is by volunteer work from members like yourself.

From The President

Voting

Our voting responsibilities did not end in March. Runoff elections will be held next month on the 22^d. Please become informed and exercise your responsibility to vote. USE IT OR LOSE IT. There is a lot at stake for those of us who value our freedom.

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.

Range maintenance is scheduled the fourth Saturday of every month at 7:30 am. We will be pleased to have you join in and help. No particular skills are necessary, only a desire to keep the range neat and tidy. Come and be prepared to stay only as long as you would like. The work will typically be over by 9 am.

Thank you to the group that helped us 3/24/18 clean up and put the range back together again after the shot up upright posts were blown over by the wind.

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 online 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.

Programs

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- May - Situational awareness and Home preparation to thwart a home invasion.
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- August – What’s the best concealed carry holster for you?

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God Bless,
Dick

True Meaning of the 2nd Amendment

"A free people ought not only to be armed and disciplined but they should have sufficient arms and ammunition to maintain a status of independence from any who might attempt to abuse them, which would include their own government."--George Washington

Firearms stand next in importance to the Constitution itself. They are the American people's liberty teeth and keystone under independence ... From the hour the Pilgrims landed, to the present day, events, occurrences, and tendencies prove that to insure peace, security and happiness, the rifle and pistol are equally indispensable . . . the very atmosphere of firearms everywhere restrains evil interference – they deserve a place of honor with all that is good. -George Washington

"What country can preserve its liberties, if their rulers are not warned from time to time that their people preserve the spirit of resistance? Let them take arms." --Thomas Jefferson, Letter to William Stephens Smith, 1787

The strongest reason for people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government. -Thomas Jefferson

We established however some, although not all its [self-government] important principles . The constitutions of most of our States assert, that all power is inherent in the people; that they may exercise it by themselves, in all cases to which they think themselves competent, (as in electing their functionaries executive and legislative, and deciding by a jury of themselves, in all judiciary cases in which any fact is involved,) or they may act by representatives, freely and equally chosen; that it is their right and duty to be at all times armed. Thomas Jefferson ltr to John Cartwright 1824

The Constitution shall never be construed....to prevent the people of the United States who are peaceable citizens from keeping their own arms." Samuel Adams, essay in The Public Advertiser, 1749

James Madison

Besides the advantage of being armed, which the Americans possess over the people of almost every other nation, the existence of subordinate governments, to which the people are attached and by which the militia officers are appointed, forms a barrier against the enterprises of ambition, more insurmountable than any which a simple government of any form can admit of.

Noah Webster

Before a standing army can rule, the people must be disarmed; as they are in almost every kingdom of Europe. The supreme power in America cannot enforce unjust laws by the sword; because the whole body of the people are armed, and constitute a force superior to any band of regular troops that can be, on any pretence, raised in the United States.

Defensive Handgun I – May 5 &6, 2018

For the first time the Temple Gun Club will host a top-tier defensive handgun training course by Guncraft Training Academy. Guncraft Training Academy instructors have been teaching professional defensive firearms courses for many years and have now relocated to Texas. Only ten (10) students will be allowed into the course. Enrollment is now open to the public. Cost is \$500 per student for this two-day course. Typically, you would have to travel out of state for this level of training, so take advantage of this opportunity close to home. Club members only may sign up at the following website:

<https://guncrafttraining.configio.com/pd/249?code=OXnzBwmhT2>

Course Equipment requirements are:

- o Handgun suitable for defensive use. Defensive semi-automatic or revolver, 9 mm or larger caliber. Trigger must be at least 4 lbs. All safety features of the weapon must function properly. We recommend standard pistol sights on the gun. 2 magazines or speed loaders for the weapon are required, at least 3 recommended. No single-action revolvers.
- o 450 rounds of ammunition. Factory-loaded ammo, FMJ, JHP, or soft-point. No steel projectiles, incendiary rounds, or tracers.
- o Holster. Firing-side belt holster. Holster must fully cover the trigger guard of the weapon when the weapon is holstered. Holster must retain its shape when the weapon is withdrawn. Kydex or other rigid material is recommended. Holster should be worn on the point of the firing-side hip. No Serpa or similar holsters that require the use of the trigger finger to disengage the retention device.
- o Magazine Pouch. One- or two-magazine capacity pouch. We recommend open style pouches with passive retention. Kydex or other rigid material is recommended. The magazine pouch should be worn on the support-side hip.
- o Safety Equipment: Eye protection with side impact protection. Hearing protection; electronic hearing protection is recommended to ensure you can hear the range commands and instructors during shooting exercises. Hat with a brim that faces forward to protect the face from flying brass.



Syllabus – Defensive Handgun I

Day 1

Sign-in and Weapons Inspection (7:00-8:00)

Morning Session (8:00-12:00)

- Introduction and Opening Demonstration
- Five Levels of Competence
- Safety
- Handgun Orientation
- Chamber Check and Magazine Check
- Stance and Grip
- Loading and Unloading
- Fundamentals of Marksmanship
- Trigger Reset Drill
- Color Code of Mental Awareness

Lunch (12:00-1:00)

Afternoon Session (1:00-5:00)

- Proper Dry Practice
- Presentation From The Holster
- Balancing Speed and Accuracy
- Use of Deadly Force
- Search and Assess
- Tactical Reload
- Moral Aspects of Deadly Force
- Dry Practice Safety Rules

Day 2

Morning Session (8:00-12:00)

- Shooting From The Holster
- Malfunctions
- Emergency Reload
- Combat Mindset
- Range Drills
- Head Shots

Lunch (12:00-1:00)

Afternoon Session (1:00-5:00)

- Aftermath of The Gunfight
- Realistic Targets
- Range Drills
- Legal Liability
- Escalation of Force
- Home Invasion Simulator
- Ragged Hole Drill
- Next Steps
- Closing Ceremonies

TEMPLE GUN CLUB
NRA High Power Program
Match Bulletin
January 23, 2018

Beginning Sunday, January 28, 2018, the Temple Gun Club High Power Match Program will include a Prone/300 yard Mid-Range match to be conducted the last Sunday of each month.

Classes of Rifle included:

- **Service Rifle** (sling; sights, or up to 4.5x optic)
- **Match Rifle** (sling; sights or optic)
- **F Class** (rest or bipod for Open, bipod for F T/R [.223/.308]; optic- no magnification limit)
- **AR Tactical Prone** (Harris type bipod or bag; 12x max. magnification optic; 20" max. barrel)

Registration and Range Set-up: begins at 0730; Match Begins 0815 following safety briefing.

Rules: NRA High-Power Rules Apply

Eligibility: Open to all shooters

Courses of Fire:

- Match 1: 5x sighting shots & 20 shots for record
- Match 2: 2x sighting shots & 20 shots for record
- Match 3: 2x sighting shots & 20 shots for record

Match fee: \$10.00 per competitor

Awards: Overall match winner and Class winner dependent upon number of members in class. Class awards for 1st place in class. If less than 4 competitors in a rifle or shooter class, scores will be combined.

2018 Prone/Mid-Range Match Dates:

Sunday, January 28	Sunday, April 29	Sunday, July 29	Sunday, October 28
Sunday, February 25	Sunday, May 27	Sunday, August 26	Sunday, November 25
Sunday, March 25	Sunday, Jun 24	Sunday, September 30	Sunday, December 30

Point of Contact: Kyle Burley, kburley6@gmail.com; cell: (717)386-0302

Notes:

1. Conduct of fire will be "Slow Fire" single load, no rapid fire.
2. Scoring will be on MR63FC targets for F-Class and on MR63 (Reduced 600) targets for all others.
3. TGC Matches are league matches and not currently "registered" for individual match score submission to NRA. League format will continue for score submission to NRA until number of competitors increase to meet "registered" criteria.
4. Shooters unable to make target hits after 5 sighting shots will not be permitted to continue course of fire.

NOTE TO MEMBERS

Be sure to keep us informed of your address and email changes to ensure that we can keep you informed of club news and ensure that you receive renewal notices on time.

Changes can be sent to templegunclub@gmail.com