
THE POWDER KEG

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June 3 - Meeting

From the President

Range Rule of the Month

We will be introducing a new item this month called the Range Rule of the Month. On Saturday 5/4/19 after lunch and preparing for the afternoon defensive hand gun class by GunCraft Training Academy we heard a very loud explosion from the covered pistol/rifle bay area. As I walked in that direction I saw and heard a small group of people laughing and celebrating. When I arrived, I asked if that was Tannerite? The answer was yes. To make a long story short, the individual who currently will remain unnamed said he didn't know it was against the rules. **IT IS!** It is dangerous. It disturbed the neighborhood and it made a MESS! WE MAY SHOOT AT ANY TARGET WE LIKE AS LONG AS IT IS MADE OF PAPER OR CARDBOARD. Thank you very much.

Coming Soon

Shh, it's a secret so don't tell anyone. An announcement will be coming shortly on the new configuration of our range to accommodate more activities at the same time and make better use of our land. The formal announcement will be made at the June 2019 meeting.

Dues & Range Maintenance

As we have said in the last several range orientations, this is your range and you are the grounds keeper. The same general message has been in the Powder Keg since March 2018. For the last several months the same seven-eight people are showing up on range maintenance day. As can be seen when you come to the range, we are not keeping up with the maintenance requirements.

It was proposed at the last Board meeting that we raise the dues and hire someone to do all the weed removal. Mowing and trash removal will remain the responsibility of the

membership. The proposal was countered with a proposal to put the issue before the membership and ask that their desires be recorded.

So, I ask three things from the 600 of you:

1. Your commitment to one month a year to attend and participate in a range maintenance day (the last Saturday of the month). [If 50 of you showed up with the equipment you already own, we'd get it knocked out in about 2 hours.] Or,
2. You let us know you want to increase the dues to hire someone to do what you can't/won't/don't want to do. And/or,
3. If you know someone who would be interested hiring themselves out to do the weed removal, let us know.

Please contact me with your answer to these three questions at dick@dwinellonline.com.

Fire Wood, Come and Get it.

We have copious amounts of wood at the range for your fire place or fire pit. It is yours for the hauling off. Check behind the covered pistol bays and take your pick.

Range Hours

It is vital that we follow our hours of operation for the range! The range operation hours are 0800 to Official Sunset seven days a week, 365 days a year. These hours are established as rules for the range to show respect for our neighbors.

Official sunset is not sundown, it is not dusk, it is not twilight. Our neighbors know the difference, do you? It is very easy to find. Here is one example: <https://sunrise-sunset.org/search?location=76502>.

Before you take the first shot or the last shot, look at your watch or your phone and make absolutely sure you are on the right side of the time line.

Range Maintenance HELP!

Are **you** proud of the way **your** range looks? Policing the range is the responsibility of **every** club member. Maintaining it is also **all our** responsibility. Please help your club maintain a clean operational facility. You do this in two ways:

First: police the range you use. In other words, leave that part of range you used better than when you arrived. Take away your and any trash left by others.

And second, formal 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.

If we all do the first part, the second will not take long. I've been asked, I have a bad back can I still help? The answer is an emphatic yes. We'll find something for you to do. Just tell us of your limitations.

Thank you all who joined us 4/28.

The May range maintenance will be on 5/25/19. We have dead tree cutting that need to take place and will continue mowing, knocking down weeds, working on signage and hauling off junk. Please bring chain saws, weed eaters or what you have that can help in those tasks. A truck and/or trailer for the junk would be great.

We'll have hamburgers and potato salad or chips at about 11:30.

Meeting Location & Time Reminder

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. No applications accepted after 6:30.
- 6:30 to 6:50 pm Range Orientation.
- 7:00 pm Club meeting.

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. Applications will be accepted from 6:00 pm to 6:30. Contact your friends and acquaintances who are responsible gun owners about joining our club and bring or send them early to the meetings.

Programs

- June – Your new range.
- July - Pheasant Hunt 12/6, 7 & 8/19.

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

God Bless



Dick