
THE POWDER KEG

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July 1 - Meeting

From the President

Range Rule of the Month

Safety on the range is of paramount importance. All other issues/considerations are secondary. Sometime during the third weekend of May, a group set up in the east tactical bay with the firing line under the metal canopy and the targets about 10 yards away. The sun was hot! That would make the targets about 30 yards away from a berm. The rules are that targets be set no further than 3 yards from a berm. All rounds must be fired into a berm and the only way to ensure that, is to set the targets close to the berm so there is no possibility that they can skip of the gravel before striking the berm. Skipping rounds are not safe for anybody.

Dues & Range Maintenance

Last month I made the following request? *"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 vote 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."

To date, we have had four responses to this request. That's a poorer response than the maintenance day, isn't it? Wow! The take-away message to me is that the vast majority of members do not care. Since most folks do care about how their surroundings look, I can only assume you have no problem with a dues increase to get this job done. Am I correct?

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 5/25.

The May range maintenance will be on 6/29/19. 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 trimmers or what you have that can help in those tasks. A truck and/or trailer for the junk would be great.

We'll have hotdogs 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

- July - Pheasant Hunt 12/6, 7 & 8/19.

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

God Bless



Dick

From the Membership Director Club Members - Renewals are DUE

- All memberships expire Aug 31st, 2019
- All Renewals will be due August 15th
- Non-renewing members will have FOBs disabled Sept 1st and will subject to the processing fee for turning back on



**Temple Gun Club
Annual Renewal Form**

2020

CHANGES TO YOU INFO? Circle one: YES / NO

Member Number: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **ZIP:** _____

Email: _____

Do you want to receive the newsletter and club announcements electronically? Circle one: YES / NO

Phone No. _____

NRA Number _____

NRA Exp. Date ____/____

Must be current at the time of renewal.

Submit to: TGC, Inc PO BOX 2027, Temple TX 76503

- Check or Money Order for \$100.00 payable to Temple Gun Club
- Submit Proof of current NRA membership. (NRA Membership needs to be current for the entire membership period.)
Include 1. Copy of NRA membership card or
2. Label from NRA magazine
- NRA Life Members (if we have your NRA Life member status on file you do not need to submit it again)
- **RENEWALS RECEIVED WITHOUT PROOF OF NRA MEMBERSHIP WILL NOT BE PROCESSED!!**

Send questions to: Templegunclub@gmail.com

DO NOT DELAY:

Renewals postmarked after **August 15** will **NOT** be accepted, **NO EXCEPTIONS**