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Club Meeting for June being considered – watch for announcement

From the President

Range Rules

I met a club member of 15 years last month at the range. We were training in the west tactical bay and he was shooting in the east bay. It sounded like he was shooting steel but I thought no one would violate that rule. Then a ricochet zinged over my head. I went to investigate and sure enough he was shooting steel. Folks, shooting steel at other than a sanctioned match is strictly forbidden. Why you ask? It is very dangerous unless supervised and done properly. Ricochet back at the shooter is one problem. Another is ricochet left or right. The bullet that zinged, and I mean zinged, over my head went into the neighbor's pasture. Fortunately, no one was over there!

This brings up a point. The only reason I remember what the range rules were when I joined the club 15-20 years ago, is I teach them to new members now. So, we will be discussing how to provide ongoing range rule orientation for the membership. The rules are rules for a reason and one of the major reasons is safety!

The Next Club Meeting

At this writing we are still under social distancing. Your Board is in discussion on where to have or if we'll have the June meeting . Keep watch on the web site: templegunclub.com for the latest information about that meeting

NRA

NRA membership is no longer a requirement to be a member of the Temple Gun Club. Being a member of a pro Second Amendment organization is highly recommended.

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 timeline.

Range Maintenance HELP!

Are **you** proud of the way **your** range looks? Policing the range is the responsibility of **every** club member. Maintaining it belongs to **all of us**. 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.

The June range maintenance will be on 6/27/20. In addition to the grass/weeds, we have tree cutting that needs to take place and hauling off junk. Please bring chain saws, weed trimmers, rakes or what you have that can help in those tasks. A truck and/or trailer for the junk would be great.

We may have hotdogs and chips at about 11:00 depending on the retraction of the social distancing rules.

If you can't make the Saturday maintenance days, please check out the "Range Maintenance Posting" in this newsletter.

TGC Range Maintenance Posting*

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 and supports 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.**

Meeting Location & Time Reminder

Our meetings are at the Belton Goodwill Learning Center, 2601 Commerce St (the corner of Commerce and Sparta Rd about halfway between HEB & Belton High), Belton TX. The meeting times are:

- 6:00 pm New member applications. 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. 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

No programs scheduled for June and beyond. Not a good place, as far as I'm concerned.

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

God Bless



Dick

From the Desk of Stephen

NRL22

No doubt we will have to make some changes at the next NRL22 match (Jun 13). This virus is not going away anytime soon. We will probably follow the example of the CCPC rules for the June match as long as we can have outdoor gatherings.

Maybe we can have some April/May stages in the June match. I have setup a few of them for practice at home and they are challenging like "Spring Cleaning" gets tight on the time trying to "deliver " the eggs!

See below.

** A mask or bandana covering your nose and mouth is MANDATORY at Sign In and encouraged elsewhere except while you are shooting (glasses will fog up).

** Please do not crowd the Sign In Table. You should be used to the drill by now.

** We want to keep the squads as small as possible. Only the three key players the Shooter, Range Officer and Score Keeper should somewhat closely approach each other. Everyone else should maintain the 6 feet we're used to now.

** Do not mingle with the other squads. Rotate bays only when the next bay is empty.

**You may want to bring gloves to handle common use items and hand sanitizer.