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# THE POWDER KEG

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## Club Meeting for July being considered – watch for announcement

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### From the President

#### Range Rules

It seems common sense for most that you clean up after yourself. Isn't that what our mothers always told us? The evidence at your range is that for some it stuck. For others it didn't.

At your range, it's a rule. If you brought it, take it home with you. If you shot it up, replace it. If you moved it for a particular purpose, put it back.

#### Notice

This is for the person or persons who took a backer board from the supply stack and moved it to the west tactical bay on Saturday afternoon June 6<sup>th</sup> or Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup>. Using those boards is permissible in the tactical bays providing:

1. They are not used for shotguns and
2. They are put back when you are finished.

The next time you are at the range, please put that board back.

#### 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 July meeting . Keep watch on the web site: [templegunclub.com](http://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. Here are some other choices:

### Firearms Policy Coalition – FPC

- A nonprofit civil rights advocacy organization that serves its members and the public through legal efforts, direct and grassroots lobbying, education, and technology. FPC's mission is to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the inalienable, fundamental, individual right to keep and bear arms.

### Gun Owners of America – GOA

- A non-profit lobbying organization formed in 1975 to preserve and defend the Second Amendment rights of gun owners.

### Second Amendment Foundation – SAF

- Dedicated to promoting a better understanding about our Constitutional heritage to privately own and possess firearms.

And many more.

## **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 July range maintenance will be on 7/25/20. 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](mailto:dick@dwinellonline.com).

God Bless



Dick

## A Question from Jim Sanders...

... Are You Ready?

With all that's going on in our world, I thought sharing some true and tried points about concealed carry would be appropriate. One reason for my sharing is because more and more states are permitting legal concealed carry without a state issued permit, so you never know who may have a firearm on them. And with the fragile state-of-mind people are at with current activities happening across all our States with mobs & peaceful protesters and the fears & concerns it generates, I believe if one carries a concealed firearm you better know some specific facts.

1. As the Gambler said "Know when to hold Them". I would hope that you have already discussed with your significant other what would have to "HAPPEN" to make you draw your weapon and fire it at an individual. Might be someone carjacking you, or maybe someone committing bodily harm to your significant other, or your involved in a mob attacking you as a spectator at a peaceful demonstration. Whatever you determine to be the point in which you would draw your firearm and discharge it - write it down on a piece of paper as many times it takes to become ingrained in your brain. Don't let the emotions of any other event change your mind about your plan and NEVER present your firearm unless you plan to fire it immediately.
2. Know how to use your firearm. This means the mechanics of the weapon, how to load and fire, how to clear a jam, how to unload and clean it and how to manipulate your weapon. For example there might be a time where you can't extend your arms to fire because you are too close to the individual so it might have to be fired from retention. Or you might not be able to use both hands to hold and fire the weapon, requiring you to use of only one hand -maybe your off hand or maybe just your strong hand. So how does one get better with your firearm? Take it to the range and practice with an experienced shooter. Join one of our local matches we hold for IDPA and USPSA each month. Did you know they have a "novice class" division. Members will teach you how to shoot and manipulate your firearm under the supervision of a safety officer. You will improve at your own pace but learning under real life situations. Come join us and be a better shooter and protector.
3. If you have a carry permit, then carry your firearm all the time. I am not saying it's not uncomfortable at times but there is nothing that will bring you to your knees faster than to find yourself in that "Happening" and not having your weapon on you. Carry everyday and make sure you carry enough ammo to handle any situation.
4. Know the laws concerning concealed carry in your state and other states you might travel. The gun club has and will continue bring industry experts that can give brief updates on the law and can answer questions presented by the members. Support 2nd Amendment groups with your dollars that fight the battles you believe in.
5. Get insurance. As you have read or seen on the news, individuals involved in a "fear for life" shooting still end up going to jail. They might end-up being charge with a crime or even being sued by the victims' family. Know the consequences of using your firearm. Get Insurance!

I've been carrying concealed pistol for many years but I certainly don't know it all. But I am an avid pistol shooter shooting 25-30 thousand rounds per year in practice and state competitions and have attended many shooting classes around the country. We're all at different levels of expertise and comfort with our firearms. By sharing this information, I hope it will be useful to someone or make one think more about all the responsibilities of concealed carry. It's easy to pass the State's concealed carry test and the firing qualification can be a breeze but once you strap on that concealed firearm - Are You Ready?

## From the Desk of Jim Sanders

Member Shooters

Please take the time to review these concerns. If any questions, please let me know or any other board member.

1. Shotgun shooters using the tactical bays can we ask you to pick up your plastic shell cases.
2. A member/s are taking the plywood sheets to the tactical bays as backstop for targets. The plywood should only be used for the wood holders at the pistol pavilion.
3. The club made 20 wood stands for the tactical bays. Please do not use the iron stands used for competitive events.
4. As a reminder, once you have finished shooting for the day, please take your targets, paper plates and cardboard box sides home with you.
5. At the tactical bays, we will ask again that you not use the barrels as target backstops. Shoot only at paper targets using the wood bases with target stick supports.
6. Members are being observed allowing other guests in for classes or training. Please remember this is a private member's only range. If it borders on an event, please get a prior ok from the Board.

Thanking you in advance  
Jim Sanders