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Club Meeting – October 5th

6:30 pm at the Range

From the President

Range Rules

All uncased firearms shall have actions or cylinders open and magazines out except on the firing line. Firearms will not be loaded except on the firing line. Carry weapons will not be touched except on a firing line or during a critical incident.

Notice

An open house/range is being scheduled for a Saturday shortly after the contractor turns the range back over to the club as finished. Food will be available and guided tours will be provided. Look for details in the website:
<https://templegunclub.wildapricot.org/>.

The Next Club Meeting

The next club meeting will be October 5th at the range at 6:30 pm (sunset is at 7:09). Social distancing will be observed! Bring your lawn chairs. Recent and scheduled rains have delayed range construction. The program will consist of an update on the construction which we are hoping will be completed mid-October. If you are interested to see the progress and hear about the next steps, this would be a great time to do just that.

Prospective new members need to be there before 6:00 pm. The range gate will be open at 5:30.

Range orientation will start at 6:00 and the meeting at 6:30

Please Join an Organization that Supports the 2d Amendment

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.

Are **you** proud of **your** new range? 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 October range maintenance will be on 10/31/20. The September range maintenance will be on 9/26/20.

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 normally held at the Belton Goodwill Learning Center, 2601 Commerce St (the corner of Commerce and Sparta Rd about halfway between HEB & Belton High), Belton TX. Check the web site for changes. 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

Starting August 1, 2020 and each month thereafter, membership dues will be collected for the full year. There will be no proration. Membership year will start the month joined. Renewal notices will be generated automatically around the time of renewal. Renewal may be online via credit or debit card, by mail or hand delivered at a meeting.

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

October – range construction

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

God Bless



Dick