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New Club Website & Web Address



The Club website has been moved to a new web host that should better serve our needs. The primary web address is now

<u>www.PSCshootingClub.com</u>, but the old address of <u>www.PSC-Range.com</u> also works. All of the links, Director and Match Director email addresses have been updated (using @PSCshootingClub.com) and the various features have been tested. That said, moving a long-standing website to a new host is not a trivial matter. If you run into any problems, please send an email to <u>Charles@CottonFamily.com</u> with as detailed a description as possible.

A few Members have reported problems logging into the Club website and/or registering for Club events. There is no members-only area on the Club website and there are no login credentials for Members, except during renewal season or when Legacy Members are admitted to the Club.

Some Members tried to register for events that were full, or after the registration deadline, but found no "register" button for the event. They erroneously believed that this was the result of not logging in. This is not the case. If there is no "register" button for any event, it is either full or the deadline for registering has passed.

A new website will be launched in the coming weeks with new features. Among the new features will be the *PSC News Five* that will be a five minute audio/video about events at the Club as well as information useful to our Members. More information will be provided when the new website is online.

Lighted Pistol Cells & Their New Shooting Hours

As the days get shorter and the sun sets earlier, the Club shooting hours end progressively earlier each month. This process begins in August with shooting time ending at 5:30pm in December. The shorter shooting hours makes it impossible for many Members to get home from work in time to get to the Club before shooting must stop. The end result is that many of our Members can only shoot on Saturday or Sunday.

For a few weeks now, the Board has been experimenting with lights in some of the Pistol Cells (as opposed to Pistol Bays A-X). This has worked very well, so the Board has approved adding lights to the remaining Pistol Cells.

The longest shooting days occur in August when shooting hours end at 8:30pm. This will be the new schedule for the lighted Pistol Bays. Although it will take a few days for lights to be installed in the remaining Pistol Cells, Members can now shoot until 8:30pm in those Cells that are lighted.

The lights are on a manual timer that Members can use to

turn on the lights. The lights will dim at 8:30pm and shooting must top. The lights on the left side of the cells will remain on for a few minutes to allow Members to gather their guns and gear. This is to avoid people suddenly finding themselves in the dark. Again, this is a clean-up period only and shooting must stop at 8:30pm when the lights automatically dim.

Some of the Pistol Cells will be reserved from 6:00pm until 7:30pm for YAPL training on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.

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Youth Action Pistol League (YAPL) - New OPD Format for Fall & Winter

Y A P L YAPL Optional Practice Days (OPDs) are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 6:00PM until 7:30PM from

March through September. However, the shooting hours end earlier in the evening beginning in October and do not return to the 7:30pm or later time until March. Beginning OPDs earlier in the evening is not realistic as many parents and coaches are not able to fight southbound traffic and arrive at the Club at 5:30pm.

The Board was not about to leave our

YAPL kids without shooting opportunities for five months, so improvements are being made to the pistol cells. (This is explained in detail in the article *Expanded Shooting Hours for Pistol Cells.*) OPD hours will remain 6:00pm until 7:30pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, but the format of our practice sessions will change.

We will not be using pistol bays again until March. Pistol Cells will be used making it necessary to change our training format. Each pistol cell used will be practicing a discrete shooting skill such as drawing and engaging the first target, proper use of barricades, engaging multiple targets with speed and accuracy, focusing on front sight and proper trigger discipline using the plate racks and much more. Kids will rotate through the pistol cells so they will hone all of these skills.

OPD's will be scheduled as soon as the work on the pistol cells is complete. An email will go out to all registered YAPL kids as soon as this new format is launched. This should be accomplished by the end of October.

If you have friends or family members who want to participate in YAPL, have them register on the Club website.

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PSC Shooting Club, Inc. does not engage in political advocacy. Our mission is to provide the finest shooting facility possible to our Members and non-members participating in matches and other events. Training and education, especially for youth, are also part of our mis-

sion and we are proud of the events, classes and training opportunities the Club makes available on a regular basis.

While political advocacy is not a Club activity, preservation of the Second Amendment and the rights of gun owners is critical to the continued existence and operation of the Club. Every citizen, whether a gun owner or not, should keep informed concerning issues that are related to the Second Amendment and the ability of citizens to have and use firearms for self-defense or sporting activities.

This goal is furthered by subscribing to the Texas Firearms Coalition Podcasts. The TFC Podcasts are published by the Club's Chief Instructor, Charles Cotton. There is no set publication schedule, but episodes are generally released from one per week to one per month, depending upon events in the firearms community. Charles has been a legislative advocate for gun owners for over 36 years. He has written some of all of a majority of pro-gun bills passed in the Texas Legislature since 1987. He has been a member of the NRA Board of Directors since 2001 and a member of the NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund Board of Trustees since 2003. His experience and insight into the legislative process and history, both in Texas and at the federal level, put him in a position to provide interesting and informative podcast episodes. While current events are always a segment of the TFC Podcast episodes, they are not limited to legislative or political issues. Practical information of interest to gun owners is also included.

In addition to Podcast Episodes, Charles periodically publishes TFC Short-Shots that focus on a single issue. These will be used more extensively during the 2017 Texas Legislative Session. Upcoming episodes will include interviews and panel discussions with prominent people in the firearms community on a variety of subjects. In January of 2017, TFC Podcast episodes will include interviews with candidates for the NRA Board of Directors elections for 2017. This will give listeners more information about these candidates than is available in the official NRA Candidate Biographies that must be limited in size for magazine publican reasons.

You can subscribe to and download the Podcasts on iTunes or Stitcher and you can find them on the TFC website at <u>www.TexasFirearmsCoalition.com</u>. Download all of the episodes and Short-Shots from iTunes or Stitcher and listen to them at your leisure. New episodes will be released shortly so subscribe soon.

NRA Personal Protection In the Home Course (PPIH)

[Five seats available for the Oct. 14th Class.]

This course teaches the basic knowledge, skills, and attitude essential to the safe and efficient use of a handgun for protection of self and family, and to provide information on the law-abiding individual's right to self-defense. It is an eight-hour course in which students should expect to shoot approximately 100 rounds of ammunition. Students will learn basic defensive shooting skills, strategies for home safety and responding to a violent confrontation, firearms and the law, how to choose a handgun for selfdefense, and continued opportunities for skill development.

Students will receive the NRA Guide to the Basics of Personal Protection In The Home handbook, NRA Gun Safety Rules brochure, the Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification booklet, and course completion certificate. NRA Basic Personal Protection In The Home course is for lawabiding adult citizens, as defined by applicable federal, state, or local laws, and experienced shooters (shooters able to show mastery of the basic skills of safe gun handling, shooting a group, zeroing the firearm, and cleaning the firearm) to maximize what can be learned from this course.

Students often report that one of the most valuable topics covered in this course is the physiological and psychological response people have to a life-threatening assault or event. Also covered are ways to minimize or avoid these dangerous natural responses so that one can deal with the threat and survive a deadly attack. Shooting is physical, while fighting has a large mental component. This NRA course was designed to address both of these elements of self-defense. See the Club Calendar for information and registration.

Club Expansion and Related Rule Amendments



Folks who have been Members of the PSC Shooting Club, Inc. for even a few years realize the Club has been involved in operations to expand shooting opportunities for it's Members, their guests and non-members participating in various events. These changes include additional programs and matches, expanded

training classes, additional equipment and much more.

Some of these changes require amendments to the Club safety and operational rules. The Board is in the process of reviewing the rules, making all necessary amendment, publishing a new PSC Safety & Operations Video, and notifying the Members of these changes. Some changes are discussed in this article, but it is not an all-inclusive document so be sure to keep up to date by reading all Club emails and checking the Club's website on a regular basis.

Lighted Pistol Cells:

Some of the Pistol Cells have had lights installed and the project to light all Pistol Cells is ongoing. This project should be completed in a matter of days. The new shooting hours for lighted Pistol Cells are 8:00am until 8:30pm. As noted elsewhere in this Issue, the lights will dim at 8:30pm, but shooting must stop at 8:30pm! The additional time the lights will be on is a "clean-up" time to allow Members to gather their gear without having to use a flashlight.

Please note that the later shooting hours apply only to lighted Pistol Cells and not to any unlighted Pistol Cell or any other range.

New Bullet Trap Bay (a/k/a Bay Y):

In response to Member requests, the old plate rack bay next to the IDPA barn has been converted to a bay in which pistols and rifles can be fired. The only caliber limits are those that apply to Range 1. Shooting must be done at or forward of the 15 yard firing line. ABSOLUTELY NO SHOOTING AFT OF THE 15 YD FIRING LINE!! This new bay will be modified to allow shooting at a maximum distance of 25 yds. and an announcement will be made when the new firing line is operational.

A Carbine Variance is not required to shoot rifles and/or rifle caliber handguns in Bay Y. However, a Carbine Variance is still required to shoot rifles in Bay B. (The rules reading Bay B have not changed.)

Not New, Just a Reminder:

Range 1 Wall - The wall on Range 1 makes it safe for some people on one side of the wall to shoot from the grass knoll in front of the firing line, while shooters on the other side of the wall are shooting from the benches. No one on either side of the wall can go down range to set targets unless the entire fining line has been declared "safe/cold" by the acting Range Officer.

Shooting Hours for Pistol Bays Are Unchanged - The new shooting hours for the lighted Pistol Cells do not apply to Pistol Bays. The Bays are on the regular Club schedule.

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FIREARM SAFETY THROUGH TRAINING, MENTORING AND MATCHES

The mission of the PSC Shooting Club, Inc. is to promote safe and responsible firearms ownership and use. The Club achieves this goal through a multi-prong approach that includes providing an excellent facility and training opportunities, as well as matches and other special events that allow shooters to hone their skills. Club matches, events and training opportunities are open to both Members and non-members to promote firearms safety and responsibility to the entire surrounding communities.

Remember, PSC is not just a gun range, we are a club. Come to your Club often, get involved in Club programs and help promote safe and responsible firearms ownership and use. We are all ambassadors for the Second Amendment.

Any Accountants Want to Volunteer for a Short-Term Project?

The Club is lucky to have an experienced CPA serving as Treasurer for many years. Our Bylaws require a periodic audit of our financial records and this is done by Club Member volunteers with accounting experience.

It is not necessary for members of the Audit Committee to be CPAs or auditors, but they must be accountants or have an accounting background in order to understand and carry out their responsibilities. While the term "audit" is used, it is not a financial audit that is typically carried out by a CPA firm. Club audits are less formal and the member of the Audit Committee do not submit a formal Opinion as required of a CPA firm. So if you have the required experience and are interested in serving the Club and its Members by participating in this shortterm project, don't worry about having to jump through all of the hoops and formalities of an audit conducted by a CPA firm.

That said, the Treasurer and Board take the audit process seriously. The audit process is designed to safeguard Club assets for our Members, so the lack of formality should not be interpreted as an indication that the audit is merely perfunctory.

Members of the Audit Committee serve for one audit, so volunteering does not mean you are "on the hook" for multiple years. We appreciate our volunteers and we will not take advantage of your generously donating your time to this process.

If you are interested in helping with the upcoming audit, please send an email to our Treasurer, Phil Myers, at <u>Phil@PSCshootingClub.com.</u> Be sure to include your accounting experience as well as your general availability to work on this project. Please understand that the Club is a private entity and the information you will examine will constitute confidential, proprietary information and "trade secrets" that must not be disclosed. Thanks for your help!