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The Newsletter of the South Texas Marksmanship Training Center

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Officers for 2019:

New officers for the coming year are Chris Rabago, President; Louis Upton, Vice President; Rene Gonzalez, Secretary; Pat McClean, Treasurer.

2019 Membership dues are due now! Increase in Membership Dues for 2019:

Please note that Individual Member Dues for 2019 are \$50 and Family Member Dues are \$70. 2019 Dues should be paid by January 31, 2019 to get a 2019 STMTC membership card.

Members are reminded to observe safety procedures on the STMTC range at all times. Use only target frames and paper targets. Placing "clay pigeons" or any other objects to be used as targets, on the ground anywhere between the firing line and the 100-yard berm is prohibited. Any violation of safety procedures and/or regulations could result in loss of membership and loss of access to STMTC and Blackhawk ranges.

SMALLBORE RIFLE

Wayne Nunn

Wayne Nunn won the Prone match on 1/12/2019 and Philip Beekley won the F Class match. Wayne came in first in the CMP Sporter Match and Jon Ussery Second.

Smallbore calendar for 2019:

Mar. 9 NRA Approved 1200 Prone, F Class and 1000 3P

Apr. 13 800 Prone, F Class and 3P

May 11 NRA Approved 1200 Prone, F Class and 1000 3P

June 8 800 Prone, F Class and 3P

July 13 800 Prone, F Class and 3P

Aug. 10 800 Prone, F Class and 3P

Sept. 14 NRA Approved 1200 Prone, F Class and 1000 3P

Oct. 12 800 Prone, F Class and 3P

Nov. 9 NRA Approved 1200 Prone, F Class and 1000 3P

Dec. 14 800 Prone, F Class and 3P

All dates include F Class

HIGH POWER RIFLE

John Kelly

We held our first training match of the year on January 26th, at the CTSA Range. It was a cool day, with a warm sun followed by chilly cloud cover. We had 13 shooters, including three

new-to-us. I think they had fun and will be back out again. Two had never shot more than 100 yards, and that is mostly from the bench. Our high shooter was KellyJeanne Pyne, with a 486-29x.

The next scheduled High Power training match is scheduled for **Saturday, February 23rd**, at the CTSA Range, New Braunfels. Match fee is \$20 for adults, \$10 for Military, and \$10 for juniors. Gate should be open by 0730, followed by sign-up. Fun begins at 0820 for squadding and set up. First rounds go down range at 0900. This will be the 88 round NRA XTC training match. This “**will not**” be an NRA ‘APPROVED’ training match. Shooters will score and pull targets. Shooters choosing not to pull targets must provide a substitute puller.

The next scheduled quarterly CMP Games Garand/Springfield/ training match, which will be held on Saturday, March 23rd. It will be at the CTSA Range, within the Dietz Shooting Complex, on TX46, west of New Braunfels, Texas. We'll be shooting the 55 round 'B' course of fire. First stage will be slow fire prone, with 5 sighter shots and 20 record shots in 25 minutes. Second stage will be rapid fire, prone from standing, 10 shots in 80 seconds. Third stage will be rapid fire, sitting from standing, 10 shots in 70 seconds. Fourth stage will be slow fire, standing, 10 shots in 10 minutes. Match fee is \$20 for adults, \$10 for Military, and \$10 for juniors. Gate should be open by 0730, followed by sign-up. Fun begins at 0820 for squadding and set up. First rounds go down range at 0900

We will be firing all stages from the 200 yard line, utilizing the target carriers/pits. The relays will shoot the entire course of fire before changing out. Shooters will score and pull targets. Shooters choosing not to pull targets must provide a substitute puller. This is a CMP sanctioned match and the different categories include the M1 Garand, Springfield, Vintage Military, M1 Carbine, Unlimited Garand (other than as issued), and Modern Military. Foreign military rifles are also allowed (Vintage or Modern). As you can see, just about anything is fine. The organization has two loaner Garands available for competitors to use, just let me know ahead of time.

PISTOL

Rene A. Gonzalez

For 2019 matches will be held on the first Saturday of the month.

Four competitors showed up on a Saturday, February 2nd to shoot a 1800 Precision Pistol Training Match. Stephen T. Spencer won the match with a 1645-32X, Pat Worthington took second with a 1630-38X, and Harvey Dickens came in third with a 1423-12. Pat won the centerfire aggregate and Stephen won the .22 and .45 aggregates. The next match will be a bowling pin match on Saturday, March 02.

JUNION DIVISION – 4H

Chris Rabago

4H practice is now taking place on Sundays at the STMTC range.

If you have any questions please email Chris at stmtc.youth@att.net.

VINTAGE MILITARY RIFLE

Philip Beekley

2019 Vintage Military Rifle Postal Training Match

Note the lengthy date window to participate; this allows scheduling your range visits to avoid rainy weather, since this event covers springtime in South Texas. NOTE: To ensure your results count,

we urge you to definitely not wait until the last minute to participate. Just keep in mind the spirit and intent of this training: Get out and exercise your vintage military firearm!

Here are a few guidelines:

- No match fees!
- Eligible rifles:
 - Any semiauto military rifle *designed* prior to 1955, caliber .256 (6.5mm) or greater, up to .32 cal.
 - Condition: as-issued, except repairs to maintain serviceability; upgrades as originally introduced that would have been typically performed by arsenal or armorer during the rifle's service life.
 - Original-specification reproduction firearms and accouterments are allowed.
 - Examples: a reproduction Unertl scope on a US M-1D sniper rifle, or a reproduction bipod appropriate for a specific rifle.
- Shoot from any position: Standing, bench, prone, sitting, or kneeling. 10 rounds slow-fire and 10 rounds for rapid-fire (two targets). Unlimited sighters on an extra target if you want to print one just for that.
- Use any ammo (including hand loads and cast bullets), unless prohibited at the range where you will shoot. For example, incendiary rounds or tracer ammo may be forbidden, due to dry conditions.
- Required equipment: Eye and ear protection.
- Optional equipment: prone mat/rug, period-type front rest (simple sandbag or rags piled on board/brick/dirt-pile, etc.), spotting scope, non-competition glove(s), original or period-appropriate modern-repro military-style sling and field jacket, bayonet.
- Be sure to fill out all the blanks on the target forms.
- Submit as many results as you have rifles that you want to enter. *One entry per rifle*. Be sure to submit together for each rifle both the appropriate "Rapid Fire" and "Slow Fire" targets. Self-scoring is optional. Match director will score/re-score all targets as needed.
- Submit targets NLT May 31st, 2019 using:
 - Email scanned images or photos: philip30cal@gmail.com
 - Fax: 210-695-8925
 - USPS: 8910 Oakwood Court, San Antonio, 78240-3592 postmarked on or before that date.

Questions? Call 210-385-0629 voice/text, or email philip30cal@gmail.com.

Allowing for slow USPS delivery, winners will be announced at the July STMTC meeting. If there are enough entries, we may have winners in several different categories, like iron sight and scoped, Allies and Triple-Entente/Axis, bench and prone, etc.

GUN SHOW SUPPORT

Members are encouraged to attend the SAXET gun show on the first Saturday and Sunday of the month at the Special Events Center on Marbach Road. You will usually see members George Becquet, Ted Ritchie, Pat McLean, Dennis Anguiano, and others selling raffle tickets and donated rifles and shooting equipment from David Seki, the sale of which nets STMTC 10% of the sale.