



# THE SPORTSMAN CLUB NEWS

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The Board of Directors meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm at the clubhouse. Members are always welcome to attend.

## ANNUAL MEETING—THURSDAY, DEC. 7TH AT 7 PM—IN THE CLUBHOUSE

We will elect officers/directors for 2018 and give the various reports we do at every monthly board of directors meeting. The annual meeting is also a great time to bring up issues or shooting events you would like to see at the Sportsman Club.

## OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS ELECTION

The nominating committee has recommended retaining some of the same officers and directors for 2018 and adding others. Members can also make nominations at the annual meeting. Those nominated at the meeting must be present and agree to serve if elected. We will vote on officers and directors at the annual meeting. Below is the list of current nominees:

President—James McCrary  
Vice President—David Scoggin  
Treasurer—Ivan White, Jr.  
Secretary—Bill James

Past President—Ron Denton  
Board of Directors (2 vacancies)  
David Logsdon, Ronnie Beach

## WORKS IN PROGRESS AT THE CLUB

- Dirt Piles - Those dirt piles, and many more to come, will be a berm separating rifle/pistol range from the skeet fields. When it's finished, the berm will be high enough and run far enough down-range that it will no longer be necessary to stop skeet shooting for rifle/pistol shooters to set and mark targets. The berm will also stop stray bullets from leaving the rifle/pistol area. The roadway will be inside the berm so you can drive down to the 100 and eventually probably 200 yard lines without worrying about skeet shot or clays. We're doing it slowly as we can get good deals on folks wanting to dump dirt from excavations and such.
- The plan for a new roof and framework for the rifle range is still in the works, hopefully for this spring. We also plan to extend the concrete pad out to the south where the old red barn once was, and include it under the roof too. We're planning to make the new roof extend further out in front and back, to help keep target pieces from hitting the bench area and high enough in back that you could back in under it to load or unload if it's raining.
- New Trap house on skeet #1. Soon there will be a new trap house on skeet field #1, so we can shoot skeet, trap or strap under the lights. We already have the new trap machine and are waiting on the house that is being generously provided by a member. The new machine throws regular trap as well as wobble.

**WINTER REMINDER**—Please remember to keep the bathroom doors shut during the wintertime so we are not trying to heat the whole outdoors. We have to keep heat in there to prevent freeze-up. If you are leaving and no one else is there, please check the bathrooms.

## **RENEWALS BY DECEMBER 31, 2017 OR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES**

- Your membership renewal must be postmarked by **December 31st, 2017** or your membership will lapse. Remember, Life Members need to fill out and sign the renewal each year too. You can also download renewal forms from the website. You can pick up renewal forms and/or drop off the completed form and payment at Whitey's in Sand Springs too.
- If you want to be notified when we get your renewal, be sure your current email is on the renewal form and the secretary will let you know.

### **SKEET/TRAP ROUND CARDS**

Several people have asked if they could buy "round cards" for casual shooting as well because it makes it easier than trying to make sure you have the right change or writing a check for \$5. They can be purchased at any Board meeting or from Ivan at Whitey's. There's no price difference, for cards or cash, but some wanted the convenience of having cards in their range bag and not worrying about cash/check. You still need to record the rounds shot on the paysheet, but write in card instead of the amount paid.

### **Range Safety Reminders - First and Foremost, Read the Range Rules**

Unless you joined in 2017, it's been some time since orientation, and it's easy to forget all the details. The Range Rules are posted at the rifle/pistol range as well as skeet field #1. Here are a few other reminders, some in the rules, some not specifically covered, but all should be clear from basic firearms and range safety.

- **Know your Target and What's Behind it.** This is particularly important at the club when shooting at very close targets, such as pistol within 3-7 yards. If there is not a straight-line path from your muzzle, through the target to the dirt berm downrange, then there's a good chance you are making new holes in the metal barricade and your bullets are not staying in the impact area.
- **Never Shoot from Behind the Red Line.** If for some reason you decide to back up behind the red line to shoot, you are putting other shooters in front of your muzzle. This is extremely dangerous, and no one should need to be told, but it has happened.
- **Everyone must be behind the red line and may not handle ANY firearm while people are downrange.** Before anyone goes downrange, everyone should acknowledge that their firearm action is open, magazine out and no ammo in chamber. If you want to load box magazines while others are downrange, take the ammo and mags back behind the line and load there, but no gun handling, period.
- **Please do not place the portable target holders down behind the 25 yard wood target holder frame.** The portable holders get damaged very quickly, and these were not free. Here again, think about that bullet path and where it is going to impact after the paper and backing board.
- Also, just as a courtesy to other shooters, please either pick up or sweep off any brass you left behind. You don't need to clean the whole place, but sweeping those .22 or other cases off the slab is just being considerate to other members. Thanks.

**RANGE MAINTENANCE - REMEMBER, THE RANGE IS CLOSED FOR SHOOTING EVERY WEDNESDAY UNTIL 12 NOON.**