MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER FOR TEXAS
PANHANDLE PISTOL CLOUB





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Club Meetings:

2 Meetings per month. The 1st meeting is the 1st Saturday of every month. The second meeting is the Thursday after the Saturday Meeting:

May Meetings: 5/1 starting at 8:30 AM 5/6 starting at 7:00 PM

June Meetings: 6/5 starting at 8:30 AM 6/10 starting at 7:00 PM

July Meetings: 7/3 starting at 8:30 AM 7/8 starting at 7:00 PM

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Events:

The club shooting competition for April was 22 semi-autos and 22 revolvers. The next club competition shoot event will be for 38 snubby and 38 special on May 1st at 1:00 PM

License to Carry (LTC) Practice: These are held every other Thursday night from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. The participants get the opportunity to practice drawing from their concealment with their everyday carry pistols. All participants are closely monitored to provide a safe and fun atmosphere. There are multiple scenarios and barricades to practice different aspects of defending oneself if the situation ever presents itself.

International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA): Practices and holds their events every other Wednesday starting at 6:00 PM.

Lady's Night: Lady's nights are typically held on the 3rd Thursday of the month. However, our next lady's night will be held on April 22nd from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. You may come at 6:00 or 7:00. There will be a safety briefing, then shooting in the range. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. You may bring your gun, or there will also be pistols and ammo available for use. Minors above 12 years of age are welcome while accompanied by an adult.

Reloaders – Chronograph Event

For those who want to check their velocity and consistency of their reloaded ammo we will have a chronograph event this month. It is scheduled to be on April 23rd starting at 6:00

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Bobby's Top 5 List for April 2021:

Top 5 Positive Texas State Gun Bills

SB 18 limiting the state from confiscations during state of emergencies.

SB 19 prevents institutions from discrimination from guns businesses.

SB 20 prevents hotels from kicking out gun carries.

SB 550 expands open carry capabilities.

SB 1253 eliminates carry permits within Texas, you will still need a permit to carry in other states.

Special thanks for Malcolm who has done research of this and continues to post updates on Facebook.

If you like the list or if I left one off one, let us discuss.



Special Workday – April 17th at 9:00

The club has added another room to our lease. This new room will have the simulator installed on it. We will need to clean out the room before we can use it. The items in the room marked for disposal will be available to the volunteers to keep as their own for helping on this endeavor. There is a large roll-off container to put all the other items in on Saturday 17th starting around 9:00 AM.

This helps the volunteers in 2 ways by scavenging some of the items for your personal use and the sooner the room is cleared out the sooner the simulator can be installed for your use.



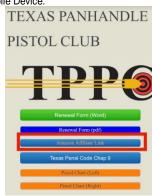
Amazon Affiliate

Do you want to make an antigun company provide us as a gun club with a kickback? (No better way to "stick it to 'em") We have Amazon Affiliate opportunity. All you need to do is go to the click the above section title, go club website on your computer or your phone and click the link. It will then take you to the Amazon webpage or app and give the club a percentage of the total when you make your purchases.

From Computer



From Mobile Device:





What is happening at the Club

New LED lighting has been installed throughout the range. This should help some of you see your targets better so you will stop hitting the walls and floor.

The flagpole is still being planned.

The attendance card reader started being used in March's meeting and continue going forward. The door reader will not count for attendance. The reader will flash and turn green for about 5 seconds. If it does not there is something wrong with your card, please see Jerome. If you have a question on how many meetings you have attended, please contact the Membership Director or any of the officers.

A few months ago, when we expanded the number of offices for membership and office administration, we also acquired the vault. The vault needed a lock smith to open it for our access. It has been cleaned out and there are plans for its use to benefit the club and club members.

This year we have hired an outside CPA to take care of our taxes, financial reporting to the government, and to perform out audits.





Monthly Maintenance Activities:

April:

Thank you all who come to Maintenance Night, to those who change out the target backers, and the crew how cleans the lead trays.

Tuesday's planned work was check range lighting, check lanes for functioning, clean up around the building, sweep, vacuum firing line, vacuum foyer pew, clean the foyer tables, change the furnace filter, and clean the administration building. The target retrieval system was inspected, any issues were fixed.

Discounts for Club Memberships:

All attendance credits are accumulated on a calendar year basis, not from the March membership renewal.

- Club meeting attendance
- Range Maintenance Nights
- Cleaning the Lead Trays

Dry Firing - Barrel Blocking Devices

The price of ammunition has increased significantly in the past year. Gone are the days of getting a 50-round box of 9 mm for less than \$10. Today's prices are around 50 cents per round/\$25 a box: at the low end!

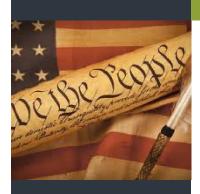
The idea of barrel blocking devices or inert bullets to help prevent unintentional live rounds from being fired helps us with safety.

Snap caps or dummy rounds (in this context are the same thing) can be loaded in your magazines.

These used to ensure that dry-firing firearms of

certain designs does not cause stress and impact damage to the firing pin and/or the barrel breech.

BarrelBlok™ is a polymer device that you insert into your barrel. When properly inserted into your handgun, you, and those around you can clearly see that your handgun is safe for training. The rear of portion has a firing pen strike face, helping to reduce the mechanical vibrations during dry firing. It comes standard with the ability to fit up to 6" barrels. Use the 1/2" indicator marks to trim to your barrel length. They also make it in rifle length for practice with your AR-15



Bill Senate Voting Spotlight: (not highlighting a specific bill, but a vote forthcoming to the US Senate)

US Senate:

President Biden has nominated David Chipman to lead the ATD. Call your US Senators (Cornyn and Cruz) to oppose this nomination.

Chipman has made a bunch of antigun statements in the past.

He is currently serving or has served on a major antigun lobbying group, The Gifford's.

Chipman has previously stated that although all weapons can be dangerous in "the wrong hands," certain firearms are particularly lethal and should be more strictly regulated.

Member in Remembrance:

Charles Smith a highly active participant in the local gun community passed away on March 30th 2021

Tribute for Charles

NICS and Gun Sales

The number surpassed any other month since the system was established in November 1998. There was a total of checks 4,691,738 in March. The first quarter of 2021 also set a record, with 12,452,319 checks processed. The common formula for estimating first time owners is 40% of the NICS checks. Which would mean in the first quarter of this year there is estimated of 4,980,927 (just a tad under) new gun owners.

NICS Background Checks Reach All-Time High In March

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