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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR TEXAS PANHANDLE PISTOL CLOUB



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:

August: 8/2 starting at 8:30 AM <u>8/7 st</u>arting at 7:00 PM

July: 9/6 starting at 8:30 AM 9/11 starting at 7:00 PM

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Events:

The July events were the Rapid Fire any caliber fixed sights and Rapid Fire any caliber modified sights. The August events will be 22 rifle, iron sights only and 9 mm.

The TPPC Shooting League competition has started for this year. July's distance is 10 shots at 5 yards. Turn your target(s) into Leonard at the next Members meeting. It is not too late to join the competition.

License to Carry (LTC) Practice: These are held every other Thursday night from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. The next dates for the July 17 and 31. Daytime LTC practice on Tuesday July 18 at 9:00 AM. 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 various aspects of defending oneself if the situation ever presents itself. **TPPC Member Only Action Pistol**: This event is for members only on Monday July 14 starting at 6:00 PM. This is now a club shooting competition event.

Lady's Night: Our next lady's night will be July 25. 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.

Accuracy Help Night: This is an event to help members of the club work on their accuracy with their pistol. We had remarkable success with it last year. We will start this back in in the Fall.

TPPC Contact Information:

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Bobby's Top 5 List for July 2025:

Top 5 "To Do" list for property after we close.

List:

 Separate Admin building from rest of the property.
Bring electrical to modern codes and increase efficiency.
Fix\Patch Windows in Admin Building
Build\Remodel Admin building for permanent meeting room.
Clean out old scrape left by previous owner.

<u>*Disclaimer - subjective base</u> on 1 man's opinion and will take a committee to finalize idea, as well as member ideas.

If you like the list or have anything additional to add, let us discuss. Also, if you have a suggestion of a top 5 list, let me know.

Club Disclaimers

1) Articles referenced in newsletter do not reflect positions of the club. They are meant to inform and/or entertain.

2) Any politician or public servant that speaks during club meeting does not reflect any official endorsement of their candidacy by the club. We are believers in free speech and give them a platform to present their positions.



The Big Beauty Buy - Range

Ever since the club was founded in the early 2000's they wanted to purchase the range. The following are some recent milestones \ history of where we are today.

Sept 2023 – motion was made and approve to purchase the property for \$100,000. We gave the owner a check for show good faith and serve as earnest money.

Oct 2023 – the owner cashed the check. It was announced we will use the CDs to purchase the property.

There was a lot of time between the previous events to the situation we were in this year.

Feb 2025 – the owner and officers had various discussions to start finalizing the purchase.

April 2025 – The owner came to the officers saying he was ready to sale. TPPC obtained legal counsel to help protect the club's interest and our investment.

May 2025 – During special members meeting a motion was made and approve to give the officers full faith to continue the process of purchasing the property partially or as a whole.

June 2025 – Owner didn't accept any of the offers we made and provided the officers a notice of increase rent 3x the current rent. Officers looked at various options to build a building or purchase another property.

July 2025 – The decided to up the offer to \$180,000 and provided the owner a contract. The owner accepted the offer, and both parties have 60 days to close on the deal.

Amazon Affiliate

While doing your online shopping do not forget to use the link. It does not cost you a thing. There is no upcharge to the items in your cart. 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.

We are also look for other affiliate links for other companies. If you know of any, please inform the officers.

From Computer



From Mobile Device:





What is happening at the Club? Safety Class:

Safety Class is still available. online or in person after and of the Members Meetings.

You can take the classes in person after the club meetings. All new members will be. required to take the class in person.

There is also an online class. existing members can view. anytime.

https://tppc.myicourse.com/

Building Fund:

Motion was made to open a Building Fund, after we have closed on the purchase, to allow members to donate. These funds will be used for future development of property. Several members have already pledge to fund the account. Also, the account can be donated to by paying membership in full with any earn discounts going to the building fund.

Election Committee:

Terry Moore, to lead, and Richard Mayfield, to help, have volunteered. Positions available are Admin. Vice President, Treasurer, Events Officer, and Information Technology Officer. If you or someone you know wants to run, let the Election Committee know.

Friend of NRA Banquet:

Sat, Aug 23, 2025, at 5:30 PM Location Amarillo Civic Center Complex 401 S Buchanan Street Amarillo, TX 79101

If you want tickets, please contact: Scott Karcher (806) 351-2385

NRA Armed Citizen from July 2025 Magazine

A man in Austin went to his girlfriend's workplace around 7 PM on May 1 and the two got into an argument outside the business. She went back inside, and the man left. However, he soon returned and began banging on the door. A male bystander intervened, and the boyfriend pulled a knife on him. The intervening man responded by shooting the assailant, killing him. No charges were pending at the time of reporting.

(austintexas.gov, Austin, Texas 5/1/2)

TPPC Club Buy/Sell/Trade

We now have a MeWe account for the club to help members sale, buy, or trade guns and accessories. You can also post comments as you desire. MeWe allows this avenue to us, where Facebook does not. Follow this link answer the 2 questions and you will be approved.

https://mewe.com/join/texaspa nhandlepistolclubbuysaletrade

Reminder for Maintenance Nights:

Maintenance has been moved to the Tuesday evening following the Thursday Members Meeting. It will start at 5:30, no sooner, to allow those that travel a good distance and time allowed to get off work. Thank you to all those the help with Maintenance Nights your efforts are appreciated.

Monthly Maintenance Activities:

July Agenda for the 15th:

Thanks to those who come to Maintenance Night, to those who change out target backers, and the crew who cleans out the lead pit.

Work planned this month will be check range lighting, check lanes for functioning, clean up around building and put in dumpster, sweep (using floor sweep), vacuum firing line and pew, clean table, check phone messages, change furnace filter and tighten belt, and clean admin building.

Discounts for Club Memberships:

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

- Attending 7 monthly Club meetings
- Attending 6 Range Maintenance Nights
- Performing 6 Lead Tray Cleaning/Mining



Texas Slams the Door on Gun "Buyback" Schemes: El Paso Feels the Heat ~ VIDEO. Ammoland Inc. Posted on July 3, 2025, by Tred Law (Click the above link to read the full article)

Texas just gave taxpayerfunded gun "buyback" programs the boot, and cities like El Paso are scrambling to hold one last turn-in event before the new law takes effect.

Governor Greg Abbott signed House Bill 3053, blocking counties and cities from spending public money to collect firearms from citizens in exchange for gift cards. For gun rights advocates, it's a clear victory against what many see as feel-good disarmament theater.

"They've not had any effect on reducing crime as far as gun crime in El Paso," said El Paso Republican Party Chairman Michael Aboud. "If they want to reduce that, they should go after the violent criminals."

NICS Checks for June 2025 Show Gun Sales 5% Lower from 2024 Ammoland Inc. Posted on July 7, 2025 by Dean Weingarten

(Click the link above to read the full article)

In June of 2025, gun sales dropped 5% from June of 2024, according to the adjusted National Instant Background Check System (NICS) as calculated by the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF). The number of adjusted gun sales totaled 1.06 million. This is the 71st month where the adjusted NICS numbers were over a million.

The NSSF calculates the adjusted NICS numbers by taking the total number of NICS checks for the month, as supplied by the FBI, then subtracting the number of NICS checks for firearm permits and firearm permit rechecks.

May, June, and July tend to be the lowest numbers for NICS checks of all the months. As June numbers are only 60 thousand above 1 million, it is uncertain if the number of sales for July of 2025 will be over a million. We will know in about a month.

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Club Calendar (as of the day the newsletter is published) – Check <u>club event website</u> for updates.

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TPPC 2025 Competition Schedule

Monthly Shoots

| January | 380 ACP 40 S&W |
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| February | Rapid Fire Any Center Fire Caliber Open Sight #1 Rapid Fire Any Center Fire Caliber Optic Sight #1 |
| March | NRA Precision Pistol Slow Fire 22 Caliber NRA Precision Pistol Slow Fire Any Center Fire Caliber |
| April | 22 Caliber Semi-Auto 22 Caliber Revolver Shoot |
| May | 38 Special 38 Special Snub Nose Shoot |
| June | 22 Caliber Rifle Modified Sight Any Caliber Modified Sight Pistol Shoot |
| July | Rapid Fire Any Center Fire Caliber Iron Sight #2 Rapid Fire Any Center Fire Caliber Optic Sight #2 |
| August | 22 Caliber Rifle Iron Sight Shoot 9 MM Caliber Shoot |
| September | 45 APC Caliber Shoot 10mm Caliber Shoot |
| October | Halloween Shoot Any Caliber |
| November | Turkey Shoot Any Caliber |
| December | Toy Soldier Shoot Any Caliber |

Shooting Leagues

Expert Open Sights Any Caliber Expert Optic Sights Any Caliber

Novice Open Sights Any Caliber Novice Optic Sights Any Caliber

TPPC Action Pistol