

PHA NEWSLETTER UPDATE
14 JUNE 2016

Two items of interest for all members.

1. MEETING DATE CHANGE:

Our July meeting will be held the (3rd) third Thursday of July instead of the 2nd. The reason for the change (one month only) is that Skippers closes for the 4th of July for 2 weeks so they will be closed on our normal meeting day. It was decided at the June meeting that we would delay until 21 July for the meeting. The time will remain the same. Please mark the change on your calendars.

2. PERSONAL STEEL TARGET USE AT PHA:

There have been several members ask about bringing their own steel plates to shoot at on the 200 yd range. It was approved by the board that until PHA bought and put up a couple of steel targets for everyone's use that members could bring their own targets. I apologize that our purchasing targets for PHA has not been done. It just went to the back burner and I had not followed up on that. We will have something in place as soon as possible. I have contacted several people to get info and prices. There was a suggestion and then a motion made and passed at the June meeting that any personal steel targets to be used at the High Power range, until such time as we have club targets available, should be only AR500 and mounted in a safe manner on a stand or hanging so as to reduce, as much as possible, the chance of a ricochet going where we don't want it to, causing damage or worse- personal injury. The motion also included that the person wishing to bring their own steel targets make arrangements with Roger Reese or Brett Cummings (their contact info is on the web site since they are both match directors) to assure the targets meet the standards needed to insure a safe shooting environment. I would ask all members to please cooperate with us to keep our range safe and as free from mishaps as we can make it. Other ranges (civilian and law enforcement) go by standards such as these. This rule is by no means intended to cause undue difficulty to anyone, just a desire to protect all our members and the club also. As soon as we get our PHA targets

in, we will let the membership know and pass along any dos or don'ts from the manufacturer. These rules are only for steel to be shot at the HP range using centerfire rifles and steel targets are to be placed **ONLY AT THE 200 YARD BERM**. There continue to be steel for use on the pistol bays under our rules that have been in place for some time, and any member may bring their own for use there as long as they are set up in a safe manner. **REMEMBER, THE RULE OF THUMB IS SHOOT STEEL NO CLOSER THAN 10 YARDS.**

3. ELECTIONS:

We would to give everyone a quick reminder that elections are coming up. We will vote at the August meeting for officers and board members. The ballots will go out by the first week of July to give everyone a chance to think about your selections. Since our July meeting date has been moved back a week, the ballots should be to each member by then.

4. RENEWALS:

Renewal notices will be mailed out at the same time as the nominations. Please note the deadlines as listed on our web site. Renewals are due 01 September, combinations are changed on 01 October, late fee (\$50) attaches after 15 October, and if the dues are not received by 31 December, the membership is terminated.

5. USE OF AIR RIFLES ON .22 RANGE

A question was asked by one of our members about the possibility of using air rifles on the .22 range. The question was put to the board of directors, and there were a number of safety issues which were brought to our attention. There are steel cored pellets as well as BB's which can be fired from air rifles. These would be a definite safety hazard to persons on the range by bouncing back at the firing line. In addition, there are some of the steel core pellets which apparently are able to penetrate metal or steel at much greater velocities than the standard competition rifles. It was therefore agreed and passed that the rules for the .22 range should stay as it has been-

.22 short, long, and long rifle only. Please help us monitor this to keep the members, club, and equipment as safe as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil Evans
President, PHA