

## PHA NEWSLETTER

27 MAY 2016

We hope all our members are doing well and getting a lot of good rounds down range.

We have had a lot going on with our club over the last couple of months. And there are several things on our agenda that will take place over the next couple of months. We are growing each month with new members. Since the first of the year we have had 87 new members join PHA. We think that goes a long way towards showing that our club has a lot to offer people interested in the shooting sports.

### BUILDING COMPLETED

Our new pole shed is up and the electrical was hooked up on Wednesday, 25 May. It is a great addition to PHA, and looks good too. We will have a lot of storage for equipment and items we need for Open House, special events, etc.

### ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS AND BOARD

We will be having elections of club officers soon. There are 5 Board members, as well as President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer who will be elected. All of our officers are elected for a one year term. There is also a position of Executive Range Officer who is appointed by the board. If you are interested in running for any of these positions, or would like to nominate someone, please contact the nominating committee. That committee is chaired by our Vice President, Ron Gerrand. Barry Hedgecock, Bret Cummings, and Freddie Sink have been asked to be on the committee with Ron.

### SAFETY FOR OUR MEMBERS

The weather is warming up, so we should be having a lot of folks coming out to shoot and enjoy our sport. REMEMBER, SAFETY IS OUR NUMBER ONE GOAL and everyone is a "safety officer". If you see something that is a safety violation, please check with the person and politely see about correcting the problem or make sure there is a problem. Perhaps there is only a misunderstanding of a rule or it appeared that there was an unsafe action going on. If the situation cannot be resolved in a professional manner, then bring the problem to the attention of one of the club officers, but do not get into a confrontation with another individual.

### NEW CONSTRUCTION

We will be taking out the berm between bays 3 and 4 sometime in the near future. We have received several estimates on the work, and are waiting on a couple of more. There have been a number of suggestions on what material to use to replace the berm. We are waiting for the last several estimates so we can proceed with the most economical and still retain the safety integrity of our bays. The dirt to be removed will be used to repair and upgrade the berms on the .22 range, possibly build the berms up on the 25- 100 yd range, and if there is any left, it will probably be used to build up the bank below our new pole shed. We had hoped to be able to remove the

berm between bays 2 and 3 also, but the cost is prohibitive this year, so that is something to look at for the coming years. By removing the dirt berm and replacing with a concrete wall of some type, we will be able to add another bay of almost the same width as the 3 and 4 are now. This will mean the range will be a little less crowded during busy times.

#### ATTENTION INSTRUCTORS USING PHA RANGE

At the last Board meeting, we clarified some points and adopted a new method of keeping track of use of our range by instructors who are holding classes and getting paid by the participants. We would like for all PHA members who are CCH, NRA, or other instructors who plan to use PHA range for any of their training to contact our Secretary, Austin Cooper or President Neil Evans via our web site e-mail and let us know of your desire to utilize the training bay. Your name and contact info will be forwarded to Ernie Smith. We want to have a list of instructors for our Range Officer, Ernie Smith, so he will have that available to assist in reserving the training bay for you. That list will be made available on the club web site. If the instructor desires not to have his/her name listed, please state that when you contact us. If your name is not on Ernie's list, you will not be able to use PHA facilities for your classes. Bay # 3 is the only bay that is to be used for any formal or informal class where the instructor is being paid. Having a couple of guest and instructing them as friends, etc is not what this decision is about. It has been reported that there are classes being held without notifying the club and also that there are occasionally some use of other bays for training. Violating these rules will result in suspension of the member's ability to hold classes on PHA range. The rules become effective 01 June 2016. We will try to work with everyone for a time to get things in place so as not to have any classes delayed for you. Making all reservations through Ernie Smith has been in place for some time, so you still need to let him know in advance and send him any money due PHA.

#### SECURITY FOR OUR CLUB AND CARETAKING OF OUR PROPERTY

1. As a reminder, please make sure the gate is locked when entering or leaving the range, as well as spinning ALL the numbers. The locks are being left with only one number changed by one or two digits way too many times. The rules are in place to assure that we don't have people able to get in by just changing one dial a number or two. It doesn't take that much effort to put 4 numbers back when reopening the locks. We really appreciate your help.
2. Cameras are going to be installed in a number of places to help us keep vandalism and safety issues from continuing. It appears that the number of reported problems is growing somewhat and we need to keep PHA as safe and secure as we can make it. This past weekend, several .17 WMR cases were found on the .22 range. As a reminder, the .22 RANGE IS FOR .22 SHORT, LONG, AND LONG RIFLE ONLY. NO OTHER ROUNDS ARE TO BE FIRED ON THIS RANGE. .17 and .22 WMR ARE NOT ALLOWED. Use of other than designated .22 WILL result in the loss of membership to PHA. Your help in sticking to this rule is appreciated by all. We do not want to damage all the work that David Motsinger did making the targets for us, as well as the people that put the range together.