

PHA NEWSLETTER
04 September 2016

ELECTIONS

Ballots were mailed out with renewals the first week of August. The ballots were counted if they were postmarked by 31 August. Neil Evans, Roger Reese, and Austin Cooper counted the ballots on Saturday, 3 September, at the range. Results will be given at the meeting 08 September, and results listed on the web site after that.

RENEWAL REMINDER

Membership runs from 01 September to 31 August of each year. Renewals are due in by the end of August. The combination on the gate lock will not be changed until 01 October to ensure we have plenty of time to process renewals and get the new cards out. Dues received after 15 October are subject to a \$50 late fee, and if not received by 31 December then the member is dropped from membership. You will not receive the combination until your renewal is received. Please allow some time for Ruth to process your paperwork. Remember we are dealing with over 800 members to get dues in and process the new cards.

Before too long there should be a contact spot on our web site for renewal and dues questions. This should be used instead of the “contact the club” spot.

PHA has always tried to be as understanding as possible towards our members when there has been an unexpected major medical or financial hardship, which might cause the member to be unable to pay the dues on time. These cases are reviewed on a case by case basis by the Board, and every attempt is made to work with the member so they can maintain their membership with us. We ask that any request for hardship be put in written (hardcopy) or email to the club contact or any board member stating (briefly) what the circumstances are and ability to pay. All requests are considered confidential and the member will be notified by a Board member of action to be taken.

WORKDAY

We have a workday scheduled for Saturday, 17 September, beginning at 800 am, to prepare PHA range for the Open House to be held the following Saturday, 24 September. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers. We need some brush and tree trimming, wire to be put up at the 100 and 200 yd ranges, and just general clean up, emptying trash cans, etc. All help is appreciated.

OPEN HOUSE

Our annual Open House is scheduled for Saturday, 24 September, from 900 am to 300 pm. We need a lot of help to demonstrate our range facilities to all prospective members. It's always helpful to have enough people to rotate so volunteers can have some free time to take part in the activities. We will need help with tours, range officers for the live fire portion, and registration, meals and clean up. We will be utilizing the shotgun range, the 100 yd range, Bay 1 of the pistol ranges, and the 200 yd range. There will be limited amounts of ammo (.22, 9mm, and shotgun) available for prospective members to use. As

usual, if you have any you would like to donate or a handgun or long gun you are willing to let visitors see and/or use, please help us out. All other areas will be available for members if needed. *****REMEMBER THERE WILL BE A LOT OF PEOPLE, INCLUDING YOUTH, IN THE RANGE AREAS, SO IF POSSIBLE, CARPOOL FROM THE GATE OR .22 RANGE PARKING AREA, AND DRIVE AS CAREFULLY AS POSSIBLE*****

It was suggested and agreed on that we would have a “swap meet” for this Open House to be held in the new storage building. We haven’t done this in a good while, so the Board thought it would be good to let members bring any items they are no longer using or need to sell/swap/ or barter. If you bring your own table, there is no charge, but if you want to rent a table from PHA, there is a \$20 rental. We should have about 5- 7 tables available.

BERMS/GRADING

There have been several additional needs and suggestions for upgrades and necessities in this area. We have put any decision on hold for a period of time to allow for several contractors to offer suggestions and give us prices for various work projects. We want the best quality for the best price, so we are not wasting money that can be used for other needs for our club. The idea is to get as much work done as possible with closing any range or ranges as little as possible and be able to also proceed safely.

TEMP BADGE REMINDER

If any new members have a temporary badge and have received their regular badge, please return the temporary to PHA. They can be mailed to the PO Box in Thomasville, dropped off in the suggestion box at the .22 range, or given to a Board member.

RANGE RULES REMINDER

Within the last several days, cases from .22 Magnum cases were found on the .22 range. This is against the rules and could result in lost of membership due to destruction of club property. *****THE .22 RANGE IS FOR SHORT, LONG, AND LONG RIFLE AMMUNITION ONLY*****

Also remember to make sure the gate lock is locked behind you on entering or leaving and please spin all numbers.

The Board appreciates your help and support for the past year,

Submitted: Neil Evans, President PHA