



## TELLER COUNTY SHOOTING SOCIETY

### **2023 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Newsletter**

#### **Board Members:**

President: Harold Howell

Vice President: Jim Dickey

Recording Secretary: Khris Myers

Membership Secretary: Jerry Smith

Treasure: Phil Chase

Range Manager: Larry Marty

At-large Director #1: OPEN

At-large Director #2: Joe Kraudelt

#### **Annual Meeting:**

The 2023 annual member meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 4 at 10:00 AM at the Pikes Peak Community Center in Divide. More details, including the agenda, will be provided prior to the meeting.

***Note:** Harold and Jim were appointed as president and vice-president, respectively, by the Board at a September board meeting. Their appointments will require final ratification by members at the annual general meeting in March of 2023. The Range Manager position will be appointed by the Board in 2023 and will also require member ratification at the annual general meeting.*

#### **Message from the President:**

Hello and Happy New Year to all of the membership! We as a board have been doing our work, even though we took leave from our regular in-person meetings, there have been email communications and visits to the range keeping an eye on ongoing projects. We are closer to repairing the 25 yard range as we have a valid quote from an excavation company and the board passed the approval to proceed. The work on the shotgun range is progressing even with bad weather conditions, I am encouraged. Take a look at our construction committee section of the newsletter. Thank you, Harold

#### **2023 Board Openings**

The below Board positions will be open and up for nominations and election at the annual meeting on March 4. The term for At-large position #1 will end March 1, 2024 while the others will end March 1, 2025. Each candidate will be asked to complete and submit a position interest form which can then be provided to all members in advance of the annual meeting.

1. **Recording Secretary:** Conducts all official correspondence, notify the members of the BoD of all meetings and shall notify members of all meetings. The recording secretary shall keep a true record of all meetings and have custody of all non-financial records.
2. **Membership Secretary:** The Membership Secretary is responsible for maintaining the membership rolls, for preparing and processing membership applications and credentials, and for tracking payment of membership dues and liability waivers.
3. **At-large Director #1:** Serves as a voice for the general membership, reporting issues and concerns back to the Board as well as taking on and leading certain activities.
4. **At-large Director #2:** Serves as a voice for the general membership, reporting issues and concerns back to the Board as well as taking on and leading certain activities.

### Membership Update:

- **2022 membership totals** as of the end of December included a total of 447 members. Of those, 238 are primary members, the others are associate members.
- All memberships, with the exception of certain legacy memberships and members who may have joined recently, will expire on March 1.
- An email with detailed renewal instructions will be provided to all primary members in late January.

### Construction Update:

- **Shotgun Range** – In discussions with our contractor, and because of the freeze and the snow, their equipment cannot access the site until we get a break in the weather. We have also been advised that their expected completion date is March/April at which time TCSS volunteers will be called to action for additional work we are required to complete. The ConEx foundation is complete and the ConEx storage container is in place. The retaining wall footings are completed and the concrete forms for the wall are in place but not yet poured. The backfill, leveling, concrete work and house construction still remain.
- **25 yd Range** – Dirtwork to repair berm and shooting area will begin soon. We have a contractor lined up, only waiting for an insurance issue to be resolved.
- **100 yd Range** – Minor repairs and protection to shooting stands will restart after the ground thaws
- **Fire Mitigation** – Heavy equipment will cut out the fire mitigation roads and extending the 400yd to 500yd. Some repair of sides berms of the 25 yd and 100 yd are included.

### Grant Updates: Phil Chase

- **CPW** - Shotgun Range Grant: A extension letter to extend timeframe of the grant is being prepared to send to CPW.
- **CPW** - Fire Mitigation Grant: Includes fire mitigation roads, extending the 400yd to 500 yd, and building the berms along the 25 and 100 higher. Work should begin during the construction season.
- **CPW** - Permanent Target Bases Grant : *COMPLETED*
- **FNRA** – Storage Container Grant: *COMPLETED*
- **CPW GRANT FOR 2024**: Grant submission is being prepared. Propose building a 25 yd shooting shed.

### Public Days/ RSO:

- We're in the winter doldrums so not much going on the RSO front. We are going to sponsor another NRA Range Safety Officer Certification class in the Spring, probably late March/April time frame. Mar. If you're interested we hope to add another 10-15 RSO's for the 2023 season.
- TCSS will provide all training fees and materials. After completing the course each RSO will be responsible for registering with the NRA and paying their fees (approx. \$35 every two years) to maintain your certification.
- As an RSO for our club, you will be expected to volunteer at least two days, or 4 shifts, per year in support of our public range day obligations and public events. It's a great way to be involved with our shooting club and a great bunch of people.

### Target Stands/Timber Supports:

- The existing target stands at the range were built to a variety of specifications and as such many will NOT fit into the PVC pipe in the new timber supports. If they don't fit, don't try to force them in, you can still use the rebar supports. As an alternative, you can pull the PVC pipe out and place the target stand directly into the drilled holes, many will fit using this method. Be sure to replace the pipe when finished. The PVC pipe is 2" ID on 24" centers so the target stands have to correspond to those dimensions (support legs that are 1.5" square and 24" center to center) in order to fit.

## **Other News and Information:**

### **Range Safety:**

- An important reminder that safety is everyone's #1 priority when at the range and the range safety rules should be strictly adhered to. We've had a number of complaints of members handling firearms when the range is cold. As a reminder - Firearms are **NOT to be handled** in any manner when the range is cold. In addition, both the 100 and 400-yard ranges are to be cold at the same time.

### **Range Management:**

- We're seeing fired brass being put in the trash can and not in the brass buckets. Please put your fired brass in the buckets, including .22 rimfire. Also put your duds in the dud jar on the sign-in shelf.
- Please remember to replace snow barriers after shooting. This will help to keep snow out of the shooting area for the next shooters who arrive.