



## Coffee County Gun Club Newsletter March 2023

The yearly meeting will be held Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> of April at the club at 7:00 PM.

Dues for year 2023-24 are due at the yearly meeting. A late fee/reinstatement fee of \$25 will be assessed for those who fail to pay their dues by the end of April. Any member who has not paid his/her annual dues and fines by the end of June shall be dropped from the membership roll, and he/she shall not be reinstated except through the prior membership process described in Article III of the Club By-Laws.

The following projects were completed this past year:

1. Handicap ramps were added to the 50-yd range and 300-yd range.
2. Kid size shooting benches were constructed and are located at the 50-yd range.
3. Another shooting shelter for the 150-yd range was constructed as well as additional shooting benches.
4. The Turkey Shoot area was moved from the 150-yd range to the 50-yd range.

Upcoming projects for the coming year are:

1. Complete the work on the trap range.
2. Pour a concrete pad on the 150-yd range under the new shelter.
3. Install lighting on the 300-yd range.
4. Provide electric service to the trap range and Barrel Town.
5. Get the Porty-Potty at Barrel Town working.
6. Construct an addition to the Barrel Town shelter.

Tires for the Trap Range have been acquired and work on that range is ongoing and needs to be finished. A future work day will be devoted to that effort. Plans to acquire tires for berms along the 150-yd and 300-yd ranges are underway.

An event bulletin board has been setup by our mailbox at the entrance to the electric gate. The acquisition of a special lock and non-duplicable keys for the red entrance gate is still ongoing.

Two assistant Secretary positions have been established to handle all emails for the club thus letting the Secretary concentrate on membership and other matters. This was approved and Gail Nipper and JoAnn Harper were nominated and confirmed as new Assistant Secretaries.

It was decided during the year to give military veterans and retired law officers a break on club initiation fee and dues. It was decided that the initiation fee for military veterans and retired law officers will be \$50 and that their dues will be \$100. This has been added to the Club By-Laws.

The plan to build an indoor bathroom has been delayed due to the cost increase of the septic system which has risen from about \$1500 to about \$4500.

As everyone who has used the 150-yd range has noticed, a mistake was made by the people that installed the new shelter addition on the range as it was aligned with the back of the existing shelter instead of the front which resulted in being set back several feet as it is less wide front to back than the existing shelter. Eventually an addition will be added to the front of the roof line similar to what was done on part of the existing shelter and that when the floor is poured it will be to the same width as the existing shelter.

We continue to have a problem with members not wearing their member badges while on any of the club ranges. Wearing your member badges is a requirement so please do so! It appears that some non-members have accessed the club grounds by following members thru the electric gate. To eliminate that possibility, take your time going thru the gate and ensure that the gate closes behind you thus ensuring that anyone behind you has to use their gate key/fob to access the club grounds. That way we will have a record of who entered at all times.

In November it was decided to tighten up the process of handling member applications and monies collected. A mail box was set up in the duty hut into which all applications and monies will be deposited. The Club Secretary will collect the applications and the Club Treasurer will collect all monies for deposit in the bank. Any monies collected by club members should be placed in a sealed envelope and marked with the information as to its source and then placed in the mail box in the duty hut to which only the club treasurer and club secretary have access.

Recently Committee Member, Scotty Souther, was replaced by Bill Borrell, Sr. and Committee Member, Nathan Tarver, was replaced by Wes Bunyard. We thank Scotty and Nathan for their past service.

It was recently noticed during a defensive pistol shoot at Barrel Town that ricochets from the 50-yd range were zinging overhead. In order to prevent a possible accident the 50-yd range will be closed whenever a defensive pistol shoot is taking place. The same is true of the 150-yd range when a Trap Shoot is taking place. Shooters on any of the back-to-back ranges should be aware of any shooting on the other range and take appropriate safety measures.

All members are reminded that they are welcome to attend committee meetings. If you wish to attend, let us know and you will be notified of said meetings.

If there is anything that you would like to see the club do, let us know. Drop a suggestion off at the club shed or email us.