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JUNE 2015 NEWSLETTER

The June newsletter will earn its' name. I have deliberately postponed writing and sending the newsletter until after our annual meeting and dinner so a comprehensive report of that event could be included as well.

For the first time in club history, our annual meeting and dinner was not held at the range. Local businessman and friend of the club Daniel Champion was gracious and generous enough to allow us the use of his pavilion on Coke Ranch Road to host our event. Shade, fans, running water and over sixty attendees made this a great success for the club. Hopefully, going forward, we will see attendance at this event continue to grow. One meeting a year determines the direction your club will take for at least the next year. If you want a voice in this direction, please plan to attend.

As usual, the first order of business was election of officers. We had to replace an old and valued member who had served many years in a thankless position as Treasurer. Terry Phillips served our club well for many years and each and every member owes him an unqualified "Thank you!" If you should see him or cross paths with him, please thank him for his services.

Robert E. (Eb) Spink has accepted the nomination and election to the position of Treasurer and presented his first annual report at the meeting. Eb is a familiar figure to those who participate in the bowling pin or golf ball matches.

He is a shooter and dedicated to helping our club grow and prosper. Both he and his wife Chris are welcome and positive additions to our group.

Woody Baird remains in position as club President, Mike Goss remains as Vice-President, and I, Tim Courtney, get to inflict my opinions, prose, and poorly chosen verbiage on the members for another year as Secretary.

Discussed and passed at the meeting was the approval of the pending visit by the NSSF (National Shooting Sports Federation) Range Evaluation Services. They will make sure we are in compliance with any and all EPA regulations and standards and point out any potential trouble spots. Also passed was the addition of liability insurance that extends coverage to the club officers as well.

An addition to the club by-laws granting the power to replace an officer who, for circumstances out of the club's control, leaves office, was passed. This appointment power is placed in the hands of the remaining officers and the appointee will remain in place until the following election.

It was a complete oversight on my part that John Martin did not get mentioned or thanked at the meeting. For those of you unfamiliar with John, he is the operational brains behind all our internet activities. He is the one that got our website off the ground and the one that makes it possible to add new information to the site. My apologies, John, for overlooking a valuable and necessary asset to our club. Many thanks!

Our May Bowling Pin Match was held on May 14, 2015. The better weather turned out a few more shooters and the number will hopefully continue to increase. First place was taken by Jay Phillips, second place by Curt Bost (a young shooter with LOTS of potential), third place was Vince Law, and in an unusual fourth place finish, Mike Goss. Jay Philips also had the single fastest run with a blazing 3.64 second display of speed. We will be looking for you back on June 14, our next scheduled match.

The May Golf Ball Classic was held on the last day of the month, May 31, and produced the largest number of shooters yet to try their skill at the tiny targets. Whether it was the new format – more targets, more shooting – or the weather, seven shooters tried their luck at the 200 yard line. With a late charge,

Mike Goss edged out three other shooters by one target to emerge victorious. I think the new format will produce more matches of this type – very close down the stretch.

As usual, all our events run on volunteers, and that includes the annual meeting. Kim Baird, Nora Courtney, Chris Spink, and Jeb Baird were involved from beginning to end. Cliff Dykes did an admirable job as Associate Grillmaster. Woody Baird, as always, turned out a fine steak. I know I have missed as many as I have named and for that I apologize. Just know that without you, our members, none of this is possible.

Do not forget the bowling pin match on June 14! Every competitor contributes to our club. The golf ball match will be held on June 28. Both matches start at 2 PM.

See you at the range!

Tim Courtney