



FORT WHITE GUN CLUB, Inc

November & December 2021

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President's Message

Fellow Members,

Fellow members things are moving along smoothly with no major problems. Just steadily working to continue to improve the club and make it as member friendly as always. One thing in the works for the Cowboy range is a building with bathrooms down on the range. Another item of interest for all of the members has to do with the newsletter and its distribution. In an effort to become more up-to date in one respect, this will be the last paper Newsletter. We are moving into modern times. So, in the future you can read your newsletter on-line at the Gun Club website and in a timelier manner. Remember renewal forms, new member applications, list of officers, and match directors and so much information is readily available on the Gun Club Webpage. In an attempt to keep this short and to the point I will close with a couple of quotes from Mark Twain

1. "The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin." Mark Twain
2. "There is no distinctly native American criminal class, save congress." Mark Twain

Remember to keep your powder dry, and I hope to see you all down at the range.

Kenny



AIR GUNNER ALERT

A growing number of our club members are expressing an interest in Airgun shooting events and are wanting to form an Airgun Discipline to compete in month or bi-monthly on the rifle range. Well, we've got some ideas and we want to know if you might want to compete. Airguns, Pre-Charged Pneumatic (PCP), Co2 guns, and Pump models have improved incredibly these last few years, delivering outstanding performance. However, most of us started shootin' Airguns many years back...you know those Airguns stuffed in back of a closet or your gun safe? Consider dusting them off or bring your latest Airgun wonder and shoot a collection of unique paper targets at challenging distances. Any Airgun, (Rifles) you choose will be put into an appropriate class.

We had a trial match on 10/14 with seven members and all seemed to have an enjoyable time trying a different shooting discipline. It's also an inexpensive day shooting at the range and polishing up on your marksmanship skills.

Interested? Questions? Comments? Ideas? Feedback?

Call Jim Bamber (352) 318-8670

Things you need to know: The **last** "Membership Renewal" form is included in this issue. Any renewals received after 12/15/21 will NOT be processed until after the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Gate combination changes on 12/31/21. Failure to complete check and form correctly will result in their return to you and in order to maintain your membership you must include the \$25 "inconvenience" fee when you resubmit the corrected items. Grace period for renewals ends 1/31/22. Renewals received thereafter will not be processed and you will need to get on the waiting list and reapply for membership which includes the \$20 administrative fee. Renewal Form is available on the club website.



A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a Free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed." Second Amendment to the Constitution

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## **What does being on the Board of Directors of the Fort White Gun Club involve?**

*It is probably safe to say that less than 10% of our membership has ever taken the time to ponder that! Heck, as long as the ranges are open (this reality was proffered in a board meeting by a previous Vice-President over a decade ago) no one really seems to care! Well, stop and think for a moment just what it takes to keep our club in operation – volunteers willing to donate hours of their lives to performing tasks that go unnoticed for the most part. Legal filings (local permits with the Town of Fort White; State compliance with revenue payments and tag applications for the club house structure; IRS filings); maintenance of the actual buildings, electrical systems, plumbing, ensuring that the garbage is picked up, mowing is done, and bills are paid. That really does not even scratch the surface – then there is the really thankless job of Range Maintenance! Now that is not to say that everyone does not “notice” how tidy the ranges are – but do you consider what it takes to achieve the caliber of ranges we have? Nope – most folks just show up, shoot and if we are lucky – might pick up or sweep up their spent brass.*

After much discussion, it was decided that each issue would include the job description for one of the board members. You can, of course, read what each position responsibilities are in the club By-Laws on the website (in case any of you might possibly be considering running for office – please do familiarize yourselves by reading that section ). The outline you will find barely scratches the surface of what the officers actually do. I would challenge Kenny to write down what he actually does – as opposed to the simple list of duties that are actually required of the President, according to the club By-Laws!

Our Vice-President submitted the following (brief) description of what he does: **As Vice-President it is my duty to stand in for the president when he is not available or at his request. I am also responsible for maintaining the New Membership Waiting List and notifying prospective members when opening become available.**

Working with the Chief Range Officer and Range Maintenance Officer I oversee and coordinate maintenance and construction project on the cowboy range.

(In addition to being Vice President. I am also Co-Match Director for the Centerfire Cowboy Action Match, Co-Match Director for the Rimfire Ruckus March, and the Match Director for the EDC-Home Defense Match.)

**Ron Melton**

So, folks, consider getting involved – run for office! Thanks and an early Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Pat

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