

SAGC NEWSLETTER

December, 2016 Newsletter

November and December have been busy months for the Executive committee as well as members of the Range Committee.

If you have input for our newsletter please send as an attachment with a subject line of SAGC Newsletter, to the email newslettersanangelogunclub@outlook.com. Hopefully, we can make it an email you can't wait to read! Apologies for being late, but will get the January Newsletter out more quickly. Merry Christmas to all!!

TOPICS IN THIS NEWSLETTER:

- ✓ WHY THE MUD CHAIN IS USED
- ✓ MEETING NOTES FROM NOVEMBER 22, SAGC MEETING
- ✓ RANGE COMMITTEE PROGRESS

WHY WE USE THE MUD CHAIN

On the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, Nov. 25, 2016; San Angelo experienced a rainfall of over 1/2 inch. Not a great deal of rain, however, if you happened to be at the San Angelo Gun Club, you could have very well found yourself in trouble getting to the gate and leaving the Range.

That is what happened to the vehicle you see below, he was a guest of a member and just didn't quite make it out before the SAGC slick, slimy, silty, slush took his truck to the left in the curve between Range A (100yd) and Range B (200yd). I discovered this vehicle when I WALKED into the Club to check conditions in preparation for the Saturday morning Orientation.

The road was closed and blocked because no one would want someone else to try and get by because they simply would have slid into the vehicle.

This person really did the right thing, they STOPPED instead of continuing to try to get out which would have made quite a mess and they realized they would have still been in trouble. Shortly after we started the Orientation, the member arrived with over 30 ft. of chain and straps and pulled him out gently.



This is WHY WE CLOSE THE GATE. On this subject -- DO NOT CUT OR REMOVE A CHAIN & PADLOCK FROM THE GATE. We all want to shoot when it is convenient for us, but keep in mind you are costing the entire membership when you damage gun club property. Please be considerate of the cost to the membership.

SAGC Meeting November 22, 2016:

Old Business:



Range Committee Report included:

The retention pond was completed under budget. It filled and overflowed within 8 days. We will now rip caliche from the SW hill for the new high road. Due to the quick pace of construction, the Range Committee unanimously decided to ask the membership for approval of \$5,000 per month for December 2016 and January 2017 and this was approved.

Orientation Online:

Is being developed by Darren Krumweide, Ron Herring, and Jimmy Whitaker.

Items completed in November:

- Installed 5 new benches and repaired one bench.
- Signage for restricted north-facing bays in action area.
- Safety signage for retention pond – more work needed; No Trespassing sign up currently
 - Replace light timer for bay 7 – completed

San Angelo Chapter of Safari Club has donated \$1,500 for targets.

Funds to be used exclusively for coroplast.

This will provide enough coroplast for all of 2017.

NEW BUSINESS:

Daughters at the Range

Membership approved June 10, 2017

as the official date and August 19, 2017 as a bad weather alternate date.

Both Rimfire and Long Range groups elected to skip their events to allow for Daughters at the Range.

RANGE COMMITTEE NOTES AS OF DECEMBER 17, 2016:

THERE'S A LOT GOING ON AT THE RANGE, CHECK IT OUT!

A fence will be built to keep persons out of the retention pond area. This is a safety and liability issue. The area is: No Fishing, No Swimming, No Shooting. Chemicals can be added to reduce the mosquito population (If there is water in it in 2017!)

The contracted ripping of the caliche on the south side of the southwest hill has begun by Ralph Goble.

Ralph Goble working with David Strother has completed leveling the high road (new road) with the top of the precision rifle bays. The dirt on the north end of the three bays has been pushed to the north hill to create a dam to allow drainage to flow from the hill to the retention pond and the easement road.

Once the high road, drainage and berms are completed the precision range shooters will be able to drive from the road to the firing lines of the three precision bays.

The high road will have a base of caliche and be packed by the belly scrapers prior to opening the road for traffic.

Bay 6 in the Action Pistol Area is slated for the first baffle/bullet trap. We are working to prevent bullets from leaving that bay, plus stop tumbling rounds from going over the berm. All the berms facing east in the Action Pistol Area will have the baffle/bullet traps installed as finances allow. Bear with us, as each bay will be closed while these are installed.

Watch for future developments and updates!

YOU'LL BE NOTIFIED WHEN THE UPPER ROAD CAN BE USED.

LONG PRECISION BAYS REQUIRE THE DRAINAGE AND BERMS COMPLETED PRIOR TO THEIR BEING OPEN TO THE MEMBERSHIP EXCEPT UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE LONG RANGERS.