



San Angelo Gun Club August 2020

PARTING THOUGHTS FROM YOUR TREASURER

I leave you with a huge sense of accomplishment of my 2-terms of Office as your Treasurer. With club approval of all our endeavors to make this club bigger, better and safer, it is hard to believe the improvements that have been made in these past 4 years. With the exception of Bays/Ranges 1, 2, 4 & 5, the entire rest of the facility has been changed and greatly improved. This is not me "tooting my horn" because it could not have been accomplished without approval by the members of \$ we spent, the few volunteers who stepped up to assist in these endeavors (while remembering that the Club Officers are also volunteers), or the outside people we hired who not only did an excellent job, but who also took a sense of ownership and pride in the Club.

Each of us, as Gun Club members and owners, utilize firearms as we practice, compete, and enjoy our time at the range. BUT we must and need to STOP and realize that we cannot take that bullet back once it leaves our firearm. While on the ranges we need to be aware if our firearm is loaded, where we have it pointed, and that we are aware of our surroundings before we pull that trigger. Also are you using the firearm in the approved location on the range? Keeping rounds in our range is key to continued use of our facilities and it is obvious that that doesn't always happen, as can be evidenced by holes in the top of some of our covers and evidence of bullets striking the concrete pads under some of those covers. Did you ever stop to think where those rounds may have eventually ended up or what or whom they might or could have struck?

We utilize different methods to get rule changes and important information out to our members. Part of being a responsible gun owner and member of our club is to regularly check the website. It takes just a minute or two to go to the homepage of the website, as we post items there, and you can also see the top 3 events going on that day under the Upcoming Events on that page. If you don't wish to do that, we also have a Facebook page you may choose to view. In addition, we send a copy of each month's Club Meeting Minutes as well as a Newsletter to all members who have a valid email address. Our by-laws statement about notices: "If delivered by e-mail, notice is considered to be given when the message is delivered to an e-mail address provided to SAGC by the member." A RESPONSIBLE gun owner and SAN ANGELO GUN CLUB MEMBER should NOT have to be reminded about safety rules, where to use their firearm, or even to clean up after themselves.

I challenge each and every one of you to stay informed, attend club meetings, get involved; as you have a greater investment than just the 32 cents it costs you per day to use the club.

Thank you for your support, Ronald E. Herring

Nominee Statements to Members:

Darren Krumwiede – President nominee

I am a lifetime shooting enthusiast who has participated in SAGC projects as a volunteer for over 10 years. I was part of the team that revamped the entire layout of the range, as well as helping operate all the different heavy equipment to get the job done. I participate in four different classes of shooting competition, as well as facilitating the Long Rangers group. As the Executive Officer, I spent hours weekly helping keep the club facilities and equipment working and available. In recent months, I have devoted around 20 hours a week to being at the range to help members and facilitate safe and fun shooting experiences. I hope to continue the fantastic progress and improvements made by my predecessors, while keeping the club a safe and friendly place for all the membership. Please help me by volunteering and keeping the range clean and safe. Thank you!

Jerry Willeford – Treasurer nominee

I have been a member of SAGC for 3 yrs. After moving to San Angelo from the DFW metroplex, I was looking for a place to pursue my firearms hobby. In looking at what was available in the area, SAGC appeared to be the closest and cleanest, yet initially it seemed to be more of an organized gravel pit. In the past couple of years, it has grown into a very nice, very professional sporting facility and as an active member I see the potential to grow and become even better. SAGC has already become the premier location for the Texas ABRA State Tournament as well as Daughters at the Range and Appleseed. I hope to see more major events proposed in the future. I would like to see more members becoming active in the business of the club as we are member-owned and each of us should take an interest in growing and maintaining the club for ourselves and for future generations. My interest in firearms and related subjects started at approx. age 10 (1968). In the early 70's I competed in youth air rifle 4-position shooting and subsequently became a coach and safety trainer for that organization. In the later 70's I shot centerfire bench rest. I served in the USN for a period of time and afterwards resumed shooting as therapy for the rigors of life.

Today I actively compete in Rimfire Benchrest (ABRA and ARA) and enjoy the monthly Silhouette matches. During the off season I enjoy self-defense style pistol shooting. I no longer hunt as the passage of time has reduced my endurance to adverse conditions, but previously enjoyed deer and upland game hunting.

I am employed as a technical illustrator and have used that ability to create the current layout and the map found in the orientation and club brochures. I also developed the rimfire benchrest logo seen on the bay 6 scoring shack. I have worked closely with the officers involved in the orientation process for the last 3 years and as such feel I have the aptitude to carry on the work required for the position I have been nominated to assume.

Ernest Garza – Range Officer nominee

I became a member 10-12 years ago with sporadic visits up until the past 3 years when I've become more involved with competition shooting thanks to Fred, Kirby, Darren and everyone else I've met since making my visits regularly. I come out often for some long-range or rifle/pistol practice a few times a week for anywhere between 2-6 hours a day, I enjoy seeing new shooters practicing proper firearm safety and handling as well as bringing out any newbies of my own out to acclimate them with all sorts of fun stuff, especially what with the great variety of firearms out there available to us as well as upholding our right to them and at times chit chatting with others over the importance of this right. Over the years I've assembled my own rifles and for friends as well who've shown interest in guns, whether they just want to plink with their significant other or are ready to jump into some competition shooting or just want a dependable rifle for self-defense etc. I thoroughly enjoy participating in shooting sports that take place here at SAGC and the surrounding area and taking a minute to talk to

new shooters at USPSA or Steel Challenge or even when I chat with nearby members whenever my friends and I are out there any given afternoon/evening, always suggesting becoming a member and what I feel like it means to be one, getting involved with events, meetings etc., especially as of late with how much more SAGC has grown, it's becoming more important to look after one another and make sure everyone is aware of one's own safety and of those around them. I feel like this is a great time to step up and possibly be an RSO especially if I'm out there quite a bit...might as well do a little more than just cleaning up after one's self and fixing the occasional target stand, roaming around, and keeping an eye out for everyone when possible.

Harry Trainer – Range Officer nominee

I have been shooting rifles, pistols, and shotguns for 60 years; either hunting or targets. My mentors always preached safety first. I currently hold a concealed carry permit. I am a firm believer and supporter of the SECOND AMENDMENT. I am proud to say I am a Master Mason.

During my working years (I am retired) I always worked in hazardous environments and had to follow strict safety rules in order to prevent any and all incidents. This training has led me to have a serious safety culture for myself and coworkers. It was a team effort to abide by these rules and improve the safety culture.

I would like to bring my experience to the position of RANGE SAFETY OFFICER to the San Angelo Gun Club ensuring that we are as safe as we can be.

I would do so in a respectful and friendly manner. Hopefully, my contacts with groups or individuals would be an enlightening and learning experience for all of us.

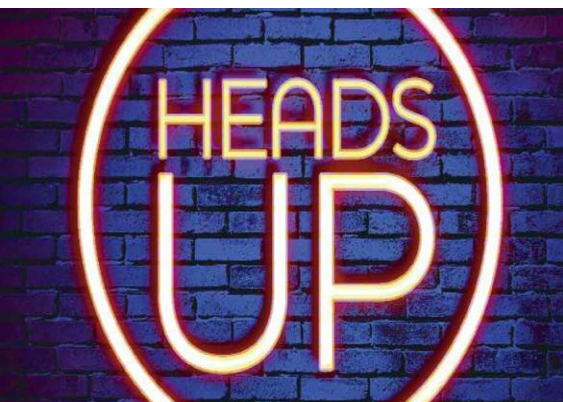
My main goal would be to help improve the safety culture of SAGC.

Sonny Sanders – Range Officer nominee

I am a lifelong resident of San Angelo. I was employed in management at Ethicon for 30 years, retired in 2002. When I first joined the San Angelo Gun Club, our range was at Lake Nasworthy. I shoot, in order of preference, Handguns, Shotguns and rifles, and compete in Cowboy Action matches. I have time to devote to the Range Officer position at our Gun Club.

Incumbent Range Officer – JD Dennis. JD was traveling and not available to submit a statement.

Assistant Range Officer Nominees: Ivan Breedlove, Charles Dittmore, and Jim Swaringen



Officer elections will be voted on at the August meeting for President, Treasurer, Range Officer, Assistant Range Officer, and Public Relations Officer.

The meeting will be Tuesday, August 25th, Bay 6 at the Club, at 7:00pm.



Bill Wynne, Bobby Williams, and John Pormann had an unexpected, uninvited, yet friendly visitor to the Club. The guys appreciated him eating the weeds, but definitely caused a delay in their shooting.

Do you want a place to shoot? If so, you have to protect your Club and now is the time!

*Stay safe & healthy, Members.
See you Tuesday.*