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Thanks to our Weekend Workers

For the last month various members have been putting in days and weekends performing maintenance at the club. Tree trimming, brush removal, fence rebuilding, painting, building repair and general cleanup are a few items that have been completed by our dedicated few.

Wind and bullet holes led to the collapse of one of the baffle support poles on the rifle range in mid February so a large project was planned for the 21st. **Andy Ellis** supplied a crane and **Steve Gilmore** brought tools and, as you can see from the pictures, the rest is history.

Saturday, the 9th, repairs were made to the main entrance building and the first skeet and trap field. All that participated were greeted with hot coffee and donuts thanks to **Benny Emmons**. A big thanks to the efforts of **Mike Pallett**, **David Payne**, **Ken English**, **Andy Chilla**, and **Richard Kummer** repairing the windows and siding on the entrance building -- a big improvement! **Benny Emmons** and his company crew replaced the fence pickets on field one and **Jeff Zwiebel** and **Bill Schweitzer** tackled replacing the fascia on the high house. We noticed that **Ken English** needs to improve his ladder skills, but his falls received all 10s! **Andy Chilla** suggested we keep a larger supply of bandaids.

Thanks again to **Andy Ellis**, **Benny Emmons**, **Randy Walhood**, **David Payne** and son, **Bobby Sherrill**, **Jeff Zwiebel**, **Ken English**, **Andy Chilla**, **Bill Schweitzer**, **Steve Gilmore** and **John Slocum**. **Craig Neil** was the photographer.



Bill Schweitzer & Jeff Zwiebel rebuilding fence and building fascia



Andy Ellis, Steve Gilmore and Randy Walhood helping set new pole for rifle range baffle.

Club Skeet Results

Prelim. = 410 results:

A Champion:	Jeff Zwiebel - 47
A-2 Champion:	Bill Carrol - 35
B Champion:	Ray Slater - 40
C Champion:	Ken Hulsey - 42
C-2 Champion:	Brad Fitzgerald - 40

Main Event Results

HOA Champion:	Bill Carrol - 99
AA Champion:	Ken English - 96
A Champion:	Al Barsh - 96
A-2 Champion:	Joe Bettacchi - 94
B Champion:	Ken Hulsey - 93
B-2 Champion:	Brad Fitzgerald - 92
C Champion:	Bill Ernst - 82
C-2 Champion:	Jason Davidson - 81

We had a great shoot for a cold windy day in February. We had a big pot of Jambalaya prepared by **Brenda Foster**, and an 8 lb. honey baked ham. I was afraid we would have a lot of food left, but I was wrong. They ate everything -- even the ham bone was gone! (I think Randy's dog, Miss Scarlett, got a treat.)

2004 ARA Match Schedule for GPGC

(American Rimfire Association)

- April 10th
- May 8th
- June 12th
- July 10th
- Aug. 14th
- Sept. 11th

October Tournament 2nd & 3rd. Match start time - 9:00 a.m.
Tournament start times - 11:00 a.m. on the 2nd and 8:30 a.m. on the 3rd.

Sponsors: Mike Pallet mwpallet@yahoo.com
George Lavender gilavender@sbcglobal.net

Tidbits

Anyone interested in attending a trap clinic by **Harlan Campell, Jr.**, please contact **John Slocum** at

972-602-1600.

2-Day clinic - \$200 / one opening left Mar. 11 & 12

Do you have something to sell? Ads will be placed in the newsletter as room permits. Contact **Terry Cullender**

tcullender@sradesign.com or 972-264-7889



Education Classes Set for the Year 2004

The club will conduct seven (7) TEXAS HUNTER EDUCATION classes this coming year. The schedule is as follows:

Student Class

March 8, 11, 13	Oct. 25, 28, 30
July 19, 22, 24	Nov. 15, 18, 20
Aug. 16, 19, 21	Dec. 6, 9, 11
Sep. 13, 16, 18	

Instructor Workshops

March 5, 6, 7	NRA Shotgun
Apr. 30 - May 1, 2	NRA Rifle
June 4, 5, 6	NRA Range Safety Officer
July 16, 17, 18	NRA Reloading
Oct. 16	PWD Wounding/Loss (Open to Public)
Oct. 22, 23, 24	NRA Pistol
Nov. 27	PWD Wounding/Loss (Open to Public)
Dec. 18	PWD Wounding/Loss (Open to Public)

Each class will consist of two (2) night sessions and one (1) full day. The days are Monday and Thursday nights from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., and the Saturday session will be from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The cost is \$10.00 check, money order or cashier's check made out to:

Grand Prairie Education Committee
214-641-9940 (leave message)

Private Instruction

TRAP - George Stevens (972) 264-8809
SKEET - Ken English (972) 641-7505
Call for appointment and fees.

Did you know?

Your GPGC front gate key will unlock the lock of the door on the lower level of Skeet Field #1 for access to a restroom. Good to know when you are on the rifle or pistol range when the Hunter Education Building is not open. Please lock the restroom when you leave.

Casual/Beginner Skeet/Trap Shoot (8 weeks)

Every Tuesday 5:30-6:00 till finish starting April 6, 2004, through May 25, 2004.

This will be a fun shoot with emphasis on practice and instruction . Shoot skeet, trap or both. Serious shooters should not join this league unless you want to participate with instruction for new shooters.

Any gauge shotgun will do and any action except single shot. We will shoot a minimum of 2 rounds (2 boxes) per evening. The cost will be \$3 per round for members and \$4 for guests. This is an open league; any age or sex.

For more information contact:

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Club Skeet Schedule 2004

Brad Fitzgerald - 972-263-3831

Mar. 7	10:00 AM - Prelim. Dbls./Main Event 100 12 ga.
Mar. 13	10:00 AM - Inter-club Challenge
Apr. 4	10:00 AM - Club Shoot
Apr. 10-11	Registered Skeet Shoot
May 15/16	10:00 AM - Annual Club Shoot
June 13	10:00 AM - Club Shoot
July 11	10:00 AM - Club Shoot
Sep. 5	10:00 AM - Club Shoot
Sep. 25-26	World Warm-up Registered Shoot

Club Trap Shoot - Winners

February 15, 2004

Steve Gilmore	16 yd. Singles - HOA Champ
Al Barsh	Tied for winner
Wayne Johnson	16 yd. HC Winner
John Slocum	23-27 yd. HC Winner
Steve Gilmore	Tied Doubles, but
Benny Emmons	Steve won shootoff
Steve Gilmore	Tied Wobble, but
Benny Emmons	Steve won shootoff

Eleven shooters turned out and chili dogs were served. Good shooting **Steve!**

Grand Prairie Gun Club

Saturday, March 20, 2004

1st Annual Non-Registered
Trap Money Shoot
Champion of Champions
100pr. 16 yd doubles

Free lunch includes brisket with beans
and baked potato

Trap Schedule for 2004

John Slocum, 972-602-1600

Mar. 20, 2004	9:00 AM - Money Shoot (100pr. Doubles)
Mar. 21, 2004	10:00 AM
Apr. 18, 2004	10:00 AM
May 15-16, 2004	Annual Club Shoot
June 27, 2004	10:00 AM
July 18, 2004	10:00 AM
Aug. 15, 2004	10:00 AM
Sep. 19, 2004	10:00 AM
Oct. 17, 2004	10:00 AM
Nov. 21, 2004	Club Turkey Shoot
Dec. 19, 2004	10:00 AM

Notice

On February 5, 2004, at the Board of Directors meeting, the Board voted unanimously to increase the annual dues from \$100 to \$125 for the '04-05 renewals. This is due to several reasons. Property taxes have increased. Electricity costs have gone up. Liability insurance costs are up. We now will have insurance on the Hunter Education Building, a cost we have not had in the past and cannot afford to be without. Another reason to increase the dues was to save funds for maintenance of the rifle/pistol range baffles. They have been in place for approximately 12 years and are made of wood, which is showing signs of age. Replacement of these baffles will be a major expense.

\$125/year translates into \$10.42/month or \$0.35/day to belong to one of the best Clubs in the Metroplex. While it is never popular to raise rates, it is necessary to cover basic costs. Remember, GPGC has no employees and relies on volunteers to do many things that are considered operational issues (i.e., tractor mowing, hauling off trash, loading targets, cleaning, maintenance, etc.). Your membership dues are a major part in supporting the general operations of our facility.

If you have any questions, please contact any of the Board of Directors for additional information.



Events Scheduled - First Quarter of 2004

Mar. 4 - GPGC Board of Directors Mtg. *Rifle range repair*
Mar. 5-7 - NRA Instructor Class (Shotgun)
Mar. 7 - Club Skeet Shoot
Mar. 8, 11, & 13 - Hunter Education Class
Mar. 13 - Inter Club Challenge Shotgun Shoot
(trap & skeet)
Mar. 20 - Public Day & Doubles Trap Money Shoot
Mar. 21 - Club Trap Shoot

Apr. 1 - GPGC Board of Directors Mtg.
Apr. 4 - Club Skeet Shoot
Apr. 6 - Beginners Skeet League
Apr. 10 - ARA Rifle Match
Apr. 13 - Beginners Skeet League
Apr. 17 - Public Day
Apr. 18 - Club Trap Shoot
Apr. 20 - Beginners Skeet League
Apr. 27 - Beginners Skeet League
Apr. 30 - NRA Rifle Instructors Workshop

Also on Monday from 5:30pm trap shooting under the lights and on Tuesday from 5:30pm skeet shooting under the lights. This includes all Mondays and Tuesdays in January, February, and March.

Every Wednesday - 1:00 pm - Casual Skeet & Trap
Every Saturday & Sunday - 1:00 pm - Open Skeet & Trap
unless there is a scheduled event!

Welcome New Member!

Robert Ward, Jr.

Grand Prairie Gun Club

2004 Inter-Club Challenge

Hosted by

Grand Prairie Gun Club

Entry Fee: **\$35.00** per shooter



Saturday, March 13th, 2004 10:00 a.m.
Includes Lunch

GPGC Board of Directors

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Lockers Available

There are approximately twenty lockers in the men's restroom of the Hunter Education Building that will be available for rent. The rental will be \$25/year and included on your renewal form. These lockers are not for storage of firearms and this is strongly discouraged. The Club will not be responsible for the loss of any content in these lockers. The renter will provide a padlock and assume all liability for content. The lockers are great for keeping a change of clothes and personal items. There is a shower in the restroom.

Please contact **Randy Walhood** if you are interested in renting a locker: 972-919-2588 (wk.) or 972-387-1811 (hm.)

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