

The Fusilier
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The Bullseye

Newsletter July 2025

From the President: Greetings, 2024-2025 has been a very busy year at the Range. (details in the newsletter) This also marks the third year in a row that we have reached the one-thousand-member mark. In fact, we are at an all-time high in membership, with nearly 1200 members. This is due to an increase in new members, but also due to a significant reduction in the number of members that would normally choose not to renew.

I would like to thank everyone for continuing to be safe throughout the year. Other than a few isolated instances, the Range continues to be a safe and a welcoming place for members and their guests. With some of the Range Rules infractions, the members involved were handled appropriately and all moved on from them as a learning experience. (Further details about safety are in this newsletter.) It is very important as we grow in our membership, that we continue to adhere to all the safety rules, and to help police each other. *Everyone is an RSO, and should politely help and point out to their fellow members if an unsafe act has or is going to occur. If it is pointed out that you have created an unsafe environment, take that feedback politely as well, and please learn from it.*

With the increase of members and guests, we are installing security cameras at all of the ranges in the next few months. With that said, please ensure that you fully read and understand the Range Rules that you will be acknowledging for this year's annual renewal. There have been some changes and

additions to the rules from years past. "I didn't know that", is never an acceptable excuse. Again, thank you for continuing to create a safe environment at the Range.

As you are aware, we went live with our 1000 yards range 2 years ago, and the feedback from the members and the shooting community has been nothing but positive. With the members' feedback, we will continue to improve this range in the coming years. (Further details about this range in this newsletter.) Side note: @25% if the membership has been certified to be able to shoot at the Long Range.

Now, more than ever, we are witnessing pressure on our lawmakers concerning our 2nd Amendment rights. We encourage everyone to bring our youth and, those that have never experienced shooting, to experience the Range as your guest(s) (allowed 2 guests). The future of the 2A, in many ways, hinges on our current, and next generations understanding this Constitutional Right and its importance.

I'd also like to personally thank the Executive Board and all of our members that have contributed to the Range's success and growth. Whether it's on a committee, participating on an ongoing project, donating equipment, being a Match Director/running matches, as an RSO, or helping on our monthly work day; the Range could not function as effectively without **you** volunteering. We won't turn away anyone willing to help out/volunteer! Thank you!

Looking forward to another great year, and hope to see you at the range! Be safe and shoot straight,

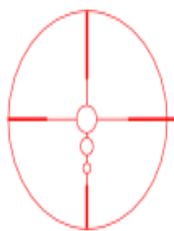
Greg Schexnailder - President

Annual Meeting

Friday September 12: Please join us for this year's annual membership meeting Friday, September 12, starting at 6:30pm. The meeting will be held at the Arnaudville Community Center 291 Guidroz St, Arnaudville, LA 70512. For those paying their renewal cash or check, you will be able to turn in your renewal forms and payment at the front door. Food and refreshments will be served. Items for discussion include:

Renewal Period Open: The annual membership renewal period is now open online. The renewal period is July 1, 2025 – Sept 30, 2025 for the 2025/2026 membership year. Your membership is paid through the website. Log into the website and at the top of the screen you will click "RENEW." In addition to paying your renewal, you will also need to acknowledge range rules, liability waiver, re-enter your NRA number and upload a new image of your NRA card or mailing label from your NRA magazine. Now is a great time to log into your account and confirm your profile by verifying your mailing address, email, phone etc.

As you interact with your fellow club members, remind them of the renewal and to verify their account information.



Shotgun Committee: As voted on by the club during last years annual meeting, we have assembled a committee to begin exploring options to add a skeet range for member use at the club. Throughout this past year, a 12-member committee made up of various experienced shotgunners have been actively researching options as well as seeking bids for contractors.

Long Range:

The long range continues to grow in the list of qualified members who are actively using the range. This past year we have continued qualifying long-range shooters to use the 1000yd long range. Additionally, earlier this year we held a long-range competition clinic followed by a modified long-range precision "Mini Match". Thirty members signed up and competed for bragging rights on the long range. This fall we will host Precision Rifle Match with the help of the LPRC (Louisiana Precision Rifle Club". The scheduled date is Sept 20; more information will be sent as detailed are confirmed. We will also add electrical service to the long range during the upcoming year. For those are interested in using the long range, qualifying sessions are offered on a quarterly basis during work days. The designated months for long range qualifications after work days are Feb, May, Aug, and Nov. Private qualifying sessions are available by contacting our Chief Range Officer Keith Phillips to schedule a private session.

The qualifications for the long range are:

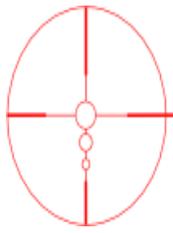
1. Must Confirm zero.
2. Must impact a 2.5 MOA Steel target at 400 yds then 600 yds with 3 of 5 rounds minimum per target.
3. Assessor may coach shooter on wind and misses
4. If shooter fails to qualify will recommend a clinic. If assessor chooses to educate the shooter may re-shoot.
5. Dialable turrets on scope
6. Use of Ballistic Data Card or Ballistic App
7. Scope with known holdover reticle
8. Adjustable Iron sights (High Power Shooter)
9. Known muzzle velocity
10. NO Red Dot optics

The complete set of Long-Range Rules have been added to the General Range Rules which are available on the website.

Safety Reminder: Over the last several years there has been a steady increase in membership and unfortunately, we also have seen an increase in the number of safety infractions. For the most part these infractions were easily corrected. You have probably noticed our Chief Range Officer has spending more time at the range. When able to interact with members and guests any safety infractions are

called out or compliments and gratitude for using the range with the range rules in place. As you are renewing your membership this year, please download a copy of the range rules to keep for reference in your range bag. Some of the safety infractions noted this year:

1. 1 – Hot Line/Cold Line violations. For the Line to be "COLD": a. **The Red Light "ON" indicates a COLD LINE.**
A. - All firearms must be UNLOADED.
 - a. All actions must be OPEN.
 - b. Magazines must be REMOVED from the firearms.
 - c. All firearms must be placed in racks or on back bench.
 1. Pistols may be carried in a holster so long as they are not handled in any way while the line is COLD.
 2. Shoulder holsters must be designed, constructed, and worn so that the firearm is always pointed at the deck/ground. No horizontal carry allowed.



2. While the Line is COLD, there is ABSOLUTELY NO CLEANING – MOVING – LOADING – OR HANDLING of firearms in any way.
 - a. Loading of magazines or clips is allowed but must not be placed in a firearm while the Line is COLD.

Read this section of the range rules again for clarity.

3 – Muzzle Discipline. This is really one which is most frustrating to our range officers and most dangerous for all of our members. Please ensure your muzzle is pointed down range or in a safe direction. Be mindful of your own body/limbs when handling your firearm so you do not muzzle yourself.

GATE CARD: During the last couple of years we have noticed an increase in the number of members who have lost their gate cards. Historically, it has been a manual process to get a replacement including mail in payments, contacting BlackHawk, etc. We now have a way for you to order a new gate card from the website if you need a replacement. Simply log into your account. At the top of the menu board click “EXTRAS” > “ORDER NEW GATE CARD” and follow the instructions. Once complete, Black Hawk will be notified. A new card sent and your old card will be deactivated to prevent someone else from using it.

Work Day: As a reminder the first Saturday of each month is work day at the range. THANK YOU to those who have showed up lending a hand. This is greatly appreciated, and we encourage anyone who wishes to help out to come and lend a hand with maintaining your club. The Range operates on a 100% volunteer basis. We won't turn down anyone offering to lend a hand.

Did you know you can earn credit towards your membership renewal? You can earn a \$10 credit each month which will count towards your annual renewal. Be sure to sign in when you come to work day to receive this credit.

Thank you all for your continued support and we look forward to many years of continued success and shooting fellowship.

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