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Double trouble - Frances and Ivan. In two weeks time the club bore the onslaught of high waters. I call it high water when the clubhouse has water inside and the road has large gullies in it. We just got the damage dried out and filled in when we got hit all over again. Somewhere in the neighborhood of thirteen inches between the two storms. Except for the road, the club faired well.

The IDPA championship was postponed from our original September date until October 9. This was rather a large task. Contacting 200 people and asking them to reschedule for a new date is difficult. We've had the match and couldn't have had any better weather. Attendance was down but we had a great time.

The ATA two-day shoot, October 2 & 3, had great weather and went well also. Their attendance was down also due to another big match down-country. The lower attendance did not dampen the spirits of the shooters and they had a great time.

In spite of the weather, a fair amount of maintenance has been done at the club. We're in pretty good shape for the winter. The electrician has a couple of odds and ends to finish and that project will be done. The new benchrest shed is under roof and lacks some paint to be complete. This is a nice addition to Bay Two and a good place to shoot from. Enjoy shooting from under the roof and make sure your bullets do not impact the floor of the berm but hit in the back of the berm.

At the next club meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>, the club match will be two-part or two matches. Because of the mix-up of weather, etc. last months meeting and match. So come out and shoot the hunter rifle this month at the 300 yard bench rest shed while the NRA pistol qualification match will be held in Bay Two under the new shooting shed at the same time. This means that you can catch up on the club matches in one evening! You will be shooting from under the roof, so weather will not be a factor.

Hunter rifle match: Any caliber .24 or above. Scopes set at six power or less. From a rest, off of the bench. Sound like sighting in a deer rifle? 10 minutes. 5 shots. NRA Hunter Rifle Target.

NRA Pistol Qualification: Any size pistol or revolver. Seven yards, three targets. Shoot the course ten times to qualify for a NRA badge. A very basic course of fire. Have a good time.

Shooting time opens at 4:00 pm.

The club match scores will be caught up in the November newsletter along with the various discipline reports.

The club house need fire wood. What small amount we had was flooded away. If you have some you can spare or have a chain saw, there are some trees that can be cut at the range. This task might suit you if you need the hours for your work card.

Schutzen Verein in November. Rimfire rifle and pistol in the Quonset hut. Several different classes - something for everyone. Shoot the course of fire anytime in the week, sign your target and put it in the box. A six week course of fire. Let me know if you are interested.

Some other opportunities this fall and winter. Concealed Carry Handgun, NRA Basic Pistol and other classes. Let me know what you would like or need. See you at the range!

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