

PSC Notes

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Over the last three weeks or so we have experienced a couple of problems that have affected our operations. After the heavy rains a baffle on the 15 yard line failed and for safety reason we had to close that firing line. Previously, also due to the rain, our electronic gate entry system failed and we suspended after-hours shooting. It's amazing what age and bad weather can do to disrupt daily life.

As of April 20th all firing lines are reopened but we have made a couple of changes in use. But before I go on, the crew that removed the failed baffle and replaced it with the no. 2 baffle from the 50-yard line deserve our thanks. Ron Harper organized the crane and about a dozen members who really knew what they were doing and had the job done in about six hours. As I said the crew deserves our thanks and I'll publish their names when I'm sure I have a complete list, but keep in mind, when something gets done it's because a volunteer did it. When something isn't up to par it's because there aren't enough volunteers to get do it. We have 750 members and about 60 of them keep the place running, from Executive Board members to Range Safety Officers to the guys who rebuild the targets every night. Keep in mind that we don't have a single employee and you might periodically say thanks to somebody who is keeping the place open.

Anyway, the ranges are in use with this important change: We removed a baffle on the 50 yard line to repair the 15, which has changed the safety profile. The 25 and 50 yard lines will now only be used for pistol shooting in the standing position. We will see how this works and may make follow-up changes but please observe this rule change.

Separately, we have received bids from contractors and will be selecting a company to repair the gate. At the moment we don't have a schedule but we are in process, no one has forgotten about it. Depending on the time frame we may also be able to make some late afternoons available for after-hours shooting. If we do open after hours it will only be when a Range Safety Officer is available. We will sort this out this out by the beginning of next week. Updates will be posted on our web site www.pscnet.net.

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