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**Wes Lonsberry
Of Piney Woods
Youth Shooting
Team preparing to
take a shot with
his black powder
rifle.**

Our annual general membership meeting will be held on April 26, 2006 at the training facility at the range at 7:00 PM for the purpose of electing officers for 2006.

A nominating committee has offered the following names, Gary Ashmore for President, Robert Poindexter as Vice President, Bob Godell as Sec/Treas. and Doug Hall as Range officer. As always nominations will be taken from the floor on the night of the meeting.

DUES REMINDER:

Dues statements have been mailed. If you did not return the disclaimer on the back of the safety book you will not get a dues notice and your card

will be void after April 10th. Please send your dues to the club PO box (*it is printed on your dues card*) along with proof of NRA membership. *I.e. copy of your NRA card (**do not send your actual card you will not get it back.**)* Or the address label from your magazine.

Do not pay dues at the local guns stores. We have more than 1700 members and they do not have time to accept dues payments.

Piney Woods Youth Shooting Team News:

This year's youth are 22 members strong. We have 10 adults involved either coaching, volunteering, or working directly with our group. The

state challenge is coming the last weekend of April. We have been studying weekly in our new Home On The Range classroom (thanks to ETRPC) and practicing diligently our rifle skills, shotgun techniques, muzzleloading savvy, and orienteering. We have yet to fine tune our archery skills, then it will be wildlife identification and hunter ethics. We are looking forward to helping at the Friends of the NRA banquet coming March 23rd and then hope that we do well at state competition and win some scholarship monies to go towards International competition in Pennsylvania. We love y'all, thanks for taking good care of us.

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The training facility is receiving a lot of use between the youth group and CCL instructors.

Just a reminder that the berm behind the training facility is for archery and air guns only.

NEW RANGE HOURS:

You may have noticed the new range hours posted on the board at the range. This was necessary because we had someone out there shooting in the we hours of the morning. We do have neighbors and we cannot shoot late at night or early morning, therefore the gate has been set up so that it will not open between 9:30 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

SHOTGUN RANGE:

I am sure everyone who shoots

at the shotgun range realizes that there is a drilling rig off to the right of the trap range. Please be extra careful when shooting from there. We have staked down the hand thrower that is on that side so that it will only throw straight out. After the rig is gone we can go back to our normal operation, but right now there are a lot of people wandering around down there. As long as everyone shoots from the established firing positions there will be no problems.

Also we will have some contractors working on our building and the tower in the next week or so, so please be considerate of them.

NRA BANQUET:

We made an error in the last newsletter. The banquet is on the 23rd of March not the 24th. I have also heard that there will be about 70 guns to give away this year.

Anyone who can come and help set up Thursday morning would be appreciated, we need all the help we can get.

I would like to invite and encourage everyone to attend the monthly Executive Board Meeting. All members in good standing are welcome to come and voice your opinions. Only board members and officers can vote but your input is welcome.