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The Home PAC Skeet Shoot Has Arrived

The Lengefeld Lumber Company and a variety of other sponsors invite you to join us for the 3rd Annual TABA Home PAC Skeet Shoot. The teams are in, sponsors have been acquired and many enticing auction items have been donated. Response has never been greater as 75 companies have agreed to participate in the event by sponsoring, entering a team, and/or providing an auction

item.

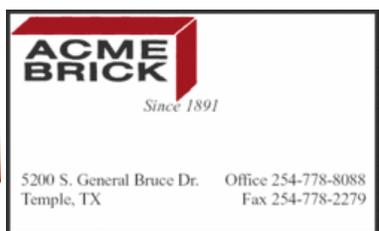
To date, we've signed up 115 shooters and have decided to extend the application deadline to Thursday, September 4th in hopes of reaching our goal of 120 shooters. If you desire to shoot, you better hurry. Just fill out our [online form](#) and fax it to us. We believe we will reach our goal of selling out our time slots and look forward to a very exciting shoot that will be fun and competitive.

The date of the shoot is Tuesday, September 9th. There will be things going on most of the day that should be attractive to shooters and non-shooters alike. These include door prize drawings in the afternoon; (and thanks to Carothers Executive Homes and Salado Pools) the availability of sausage wraps and other bbq throughout the afternoon; a brisket dinner during the awards banquet; horseshoes and washers; and a variety of shooting games that will be exciting to shooters and onlookers.

Further, after the awards ceremony, an auction will take place that should be enticing to most in our audience. Numerous subcontractors and suppliers have provided items that should interest builders, sportsmen, and those in the market to do some improvements to their own home.

As with most Home PAC events some special guests will be among us. Please plan to join us for as much of the event as you can attend. Non-shooters will want to make a point to be in attendance by no later than 6 pm in order to participate in the meal and post-shoot activities. Dinner costs for non-shooters will be \$10 per plate, please rsvp by September 5th.

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President's Message

Derrick Hunt

I'd like to begin this month by offering our apologies to those of you that were planning on attending the Fish Fry at the Overlook Pavilion on the lake. This is typically a well attended event and I know that many of you had made plans to come out to the lake and enjoy some fried catfish, but the weather just wouldn't cooperate. We waited as long as possible to cancel the event, hoping for better weather, but it never materialized, so we were forced to send out the emails. This time the forecast was right on the money and just about the time we would have been serving dinner, the bottom dropped out. It was the right call. Those of you who sponsored the event, and we thank you for your generosity, will not be billed your sponsorship. The event will not be rescheduled.

Perhaps the most unfortunate aspect of the cancellation is that I missed the opportunity to introduce all of the 2008 new members to our association. I'm going to use my letter to do that. Below are the newest members of TABA. Please take a moment and review the list. These are the folks who care enough about our industry to take action and join us in our effort to promote home ownership. Many have links to their business website, others have phone

numbers. Please take a few short moments to get to know these new members. This is a tough time to ask businesses to come up with extra money, but this fine group saw the long term value of TABA membership and to them we say ***Thank You!***

TABA, the Texas Association of Builders, and the National Home Builders Association all receive a portion of your hard earned membership dues and those of us that are involved on a day to day basis want you to know that we take the stewardship of your funds very seriously. There are literally thousands of people working on your behalf everyday to strengthen your business. So builder and associate members, take a look below and welcome the newcomers into the TABA family.

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Killeen Majestic Homes – Dyanna Skrbak - 254-742-7700

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AGB Builders – Alan Stevenson

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M&M Glass & Mirror – Fred Maruna - 254-774-8121

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Truelove Concrete – Tim Truelove - 254-721-5547

Brown Electric – Houston Brown - 254-773-4823

ICF Builders - Cecil King

Realty Executives Killeen & Temple - Raye Mayhorn

Now for something that affects everyone and I mean literally everyone, and that is the price of fuel. Don't let the recent price reduction lull you into inaction. Now, I know I have asked you before, but if you're like me you may have put it off. I'd like to ask you again to go to www.AmericanSolutions.com and sign the Drill Here. Drill Now. Pay Less. petition. Please join me and 1.5 million and counting other Americans of all political parties who believe that drilling for our own resources is a key part of our future ability to be energy independent.

Congress has sat on their hands long enough (a few weeks ago they turned out the light and went on vacation) and it is time for them to act. The latest polls indicate that 68 percent of Americans believe that we should be drilling here and drilling now. When was the last time you remember getting 68 percent of Americans to agree on anything, yet Congress refuses to act! Rising fuel prices will wreck our economy. We all know first hand what it has done to the costs of our homes. It can also turn into a national security issue if we continue to send billions of dollars overseas to

countries that hate us. [Check out this website](#) and let Congress know how you feel.

See you at the [Skeet Shoot!](#)

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Troy Glasson
Executive Officer

Fire Code Updates Coming Soon

The City of Temple Development Standards Advisory Board, stakeholder groups, and several City departments have been meeting for much of the past year to provide for some local amendments to the 2006 International Fire Code which the City of Temple will likely consider for adoption in early November.

As is normally the case, the City of Temple has invited TABA to the table during negotiation of the requirements of the 2006 IFC.

The draft amendments were produced to provide flexibility in design of developments where culdesacs and secondary entrances are of concern. The goal of the subcommittee was to provide design alternatives which enable similar accessibility and maneuverability (into and within a subdivision) as to those levels of which the international code requires.

The Development Standards Advisory Board will consider the recommendations of their subcommittee at a meeting on September 24th. (Note: the date is not the same we initially reported in the hard copy of the TABA newsletter.) Should the work be approved, the Planning and Zoning Commission will take the items up during their October meetings and it is anticipated that the City Council will review the Fire Code in it's entirety on November 6th.

If you'd like to take a look at the final draft recommendations, they are available on the [presentations page](#) of the TABA website. I will be glad to direct comments of any of our TABA members to the proper departments.

Rural Builders the Time Has Come

September 1st has come and gone and that means significant changes for builders who are planning projects outside city limits. Not only will they be dealing with the new TRCC 3rd Party Inspection requirements, rural builders will also be dealing with associated changes that will come about as a result of the Texas Department of Licensing and

Regulations adoption of 2008 National Electric Code installation requirements. For more [read here](#) .

Significant NEC changes include:

- GFCI Protection Requirements for Receptacles in Dwelling Unit Garages
- Combination-type AFCI-protective Devices
- Equipment Grounding Conductors Supplying Separate Structures
- NM Cables (Romex) in Attics
- Tamper Resistant Receptacles in Dwelling Units.

If you need more information, please call TABA and we'll be glad to try and help.

Love Cures

It isn't often that the Board of Director's at TABA is able to turn the staff loose on community projects. The sheer number of requests that we receive would keep us busy year in and year out if the Board said yes to every one. It is with that in mind that they usually keep to the policy to turn down requests for assistance with community projects and spread the word through our membership base to assist with worthy causes.

Proudly, the Board has recently opted to go against policy and is allowing TABA resources to be used as a venue to spread the word about a local project. This project should be near and dear to almost every member of TABA. As it has almost all of us on a personal level, cancer continuously impacts our membership base.

Impressively, one of our TABA members has decided to try to do something about cancer and he wants to involve the whole community in his project. The project is called [Love Cures](#). The organization and effort is the brain child of Chuck Lucko of All County Surveying. Chuck has developed the initiative to honor the memory of his business partner Robert S. Love, who died of cancer in 2002.

Love Cures provides a local venue to support the search for the cure for cancer. All proceeds will go directly toward the search for a cure at the renowned [Scott & White Cancer Research Institute](#), which is currently working to develop a cure for many types of cancer.

As mentioned above, cancer impacts us all. Just last year alone 1.4 million people were diagnosed with it. You've likely experienced this disease yourself on a very personal level. If you haven't had it yourself, it is likely a close friend or relative has. Cancer crosses party lines, school district boundaries, municipalities, races, sexes, etc—it does not discriminate.

I am extremely grateful that the TABA Board has enabled me to be a member of a committee that is working to assure the success of *Love Cures*, if you have any questions, please give me a call.

Please consider helping in the fight against cancer. There are all kinds of ways to do so—[read here](#) for more. Support *Love Cures*!

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Love Cures Sponsorships



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- 2 Couples or 4 Individual Tickets to Love Cures Banquet
- Logo Embroidered on Golf Shirt Sleeve and screened on Love Cures T-Shirt
- Premium Sign Recognition at ALL EVENTS
- Recognition at Awards Ceremony

Gold Sponsor (4) \$5,000

- 1 Team Entry in Golf Tournament
- 5 Event Entries for other Love Cures Sporting Events
- 1 Couple or 2 Individual Tickets to Love Cures Banquet
- Prominent Logo placement on Love Cures T-Shirt
- Prominent Sign Recognition at ALL EVENTS
- Recognition at Awards Ceremony

Cart Sponsor (2) \$2,500

- 1 Team Entry in Golf Tournament
- Signage on Front of Every Cart
- Recognition at Awards Ceremony
- Logo/Name placement on Love Cures T-Shirt
- Recognition at Awards Ceremony

Silver Sponsor (unlim) \$1500

- 2 Individual Entries in Golf Tournament
- 2 Event Entries for other Love Cures Sporting Events
- Sign Recognition at ALL EVENTS
- Recognition at Awards Ceremony

Bronze Sponsor (unlim) \$500

- 1 Single Entry in Golf Tournament or 2 Event Entries for other Love Cures Sporting Events
- Sign Recognition at ALL EVENTS
- Recognition at Awards Ceremony

Signature Sponsor (unlim) \$150

- Sign Recognition at ALL EVENTS

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It's That Time of Year AGAIN!!!!

Can you believe it? It is already time to book booth space for the 2009 Home & Garden Show and we have just barely recuperated from the 2008 show!!! This year's show was a great success and we are working to make sure next year's event is even better.

With about 5,000 visitors over the course of the weekend, we believe that the 2008 show was the best we have ever had in terms of look, style and exhibits. The Project Playhouse center booth, which was provided by Patco Construction and Heart of Texas Landscaping & Irrigation, provided an exciting visual for all attendees.

We are putting our heads together to assure another phenomenal center booth for next year. If you have any ideas you'd like to provide to the committee, please let us know. We hope to have a center booth determined by October 15th.

The focus of the 2009 show will be on going **GREEN**. Green is a huge industry buzz word this year with skyrocketing fuel and energy prices we are all looking for ways to save. If you have a "green" product, please let us know as we are working on ways to showcase these types of products to the attendees.

The dates of the event are February 21st and 22nd with the Preview Party on the 20th. If you are interested in taking part in the Home & Garden Show next year, but did not participate this year, please call after the first of October to get a booth location. 2008 exhibitors have until September 30th to book their 2008 location for 2009. After this date, new exhibitors will be added.

You can find a show layout and booth price guide by clicking [here](#).

If you have any questions regarding the 2009 Home & Garden Show please contact Cheryl Copeland at 254-773-0445.

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EO's Comments

Cheryl Hunka
Executive Officer

A few notes...

I hope everyone is enjoying the newest edition of the TABA Membership Directory. I've received many great comments about this year's publication!

As fall arrives planning for the new year begins. November will bring the next TABA function which is the Awards Banquet and Board of Directors elections. In preparation for this we need to know if you are interested in serving on any of our TABA committees. Please let me know.

We were sad to have to cancel the August Fish Fry but it was obviously a good call considering the amount of rain we received that evening. Unfortunately with the TABA calendar so crammed, we will not be able to reschedule it but look for it in 2009!

I hope everyone read Derrick's column carefully. At the August Fish Fry we normally introduce all 2008 new members and give those in attendance a few minutes to highlight their company. Since we weren't able to provide that opportunity, you will find a list of all 2008 New Members in Derrick's column. Many have hyperlinks to websites and those that do not have a website listing have a phone number listed beside their name. If you do business with any of these new members, please welcome them into our TABA family and thank them for their participation.

Finally, the TABA Directors have decided it is time to go back to sending the **newsletter out in hard copy**

format. From this point, TABA members should begin receiving the newsletter in their mailbox on a monthly basis. As our format for creating the newsletter is now web based, there will be some links included in the newsletter that can only be accessed from our website. Anytime something is underlined in your hard copy, this should be an indication to you that you can go to our online newsletter (accessible from the TABA [website](#)) and click the underlined text to learn more. One click and you'll be directed to additional resources relative to the topic.

Well that pretty much sums it up for me... ***Don't forget that preparation for the 2009 Home & Garden Show is well underway.*** Veteran exhibitors - you have until September 30th to book your location for next year. I will be making reassignments and adding new vendors come the first of October so DON'T DELAY - BOOK NOW!!!!

Hope to see everyone at the upcoming Home-PAC Skeet Shoot on September 9th!!!

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NEW HOME STARTS

	August '08	August '07	'08 YTD	'07 YTD
Temple	36	41	322	344
Belton	0	11	54	72
Morgan's Point	3	5	10	18
Totals	39	57	386	434

ALL HOME CLOSINGS

August '08	170	'08 YTD	1,428
August '07	235	'07 YTD	1,691

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TABA Home PAC Endorses Candidates

The Temple Area Builders Association Home PAC has recently announced its endorsement of Temple business owner [Ralph Sheffield](#) (R-Temple) in his campaign for State Representative in Texas' 55th District.

"As an advocate for loosening government's grip on small businesses I believe Ralph will be just as good for the citizens of Central Texas in Austin as he will for promoting economic growth in our area,' said Dean Winkler, Chairman of TABA HomePAC. "I know he will work just as hard for Bell County as our Representative in Austin as he has to make his own business a success."

Sheffield owns Las Casas Restaurant and Catering in Temple and is a member of the Temple, Belton, Harker Heights, and Killeen Chambers of Commerce. He is also a member of the Temple Business League, the Temple Area Builders Association, Association of the U.S. Army, the National Federation of Independent Business, and the Texas Farm Bureau.

The Home PAC trustees also are proud to announce their support of incumbent Bell County Commissioners Eddy Lange and Richard Cortese. These public servants have proven their willingness to bring stakeholders to the table when reviewing regulations that have an impact on a specific community and we are proud to support them in their campaign for re-election.

Please join the TABA Home PAC trustees at the September 9th skeet shoot as these candidates will be on hand to visit. Please also consider ways in which you can help them with their campaigns. Currently they are seeking sign locations. If you have a location that you'd be willing to provide for a campaign sign, please let Troy Glasson know and he'll get your information to these and other candidates.

One final note... **Tri Supply and Masonite** invite you to join us at Seaton Star Hall the evening of Tuesday, October 14th to meet our area elected officials and thank them for their public service. Look for much more on this event in our October 2008 newsletter.

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Scene at TABA...

Congressman John Carter and several TABA members and non-members alike have been by the office this month. Congressman Carter was in for a visit with the Government Affairs Committee to discuss appraisal issues as they relate to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. He also caught us up on a number of other issues that have recently come across his desk in DC.

An educational seminar on the 2008 NEC, which was sponsored by the City of Temple Construction Safety Department, attracted a variety of builders, inspectors and electricians.



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Picture yourself a TABA member 2...

TABA leadership works hard to determine ways that we can tell the TABA story. We want everyone to know who we are and what we do, and everyone has heard that a picture is worth a thousand words.

In that vein, we have decided to continue to reach out to our members and ask you to provide a group photo of you, our TABA member, and your employees. Please get this to us by September 20th for incorporation into a presentation that is being prepared for use at Elected Officials Night and many other events through 2009.

Please send your photo to Cheryl Copeland or Troy Glasson (preferably in digital format) so that they can add it to the presentation that will show the public the faces behind TABA.

TABA members play an important and influential role in this community, and we want everyone to understand that our 350 plus

members represent thousands of employees in our local area.

Though the presentation will only represent a sampling of our membership, it should provide folks with a reminder that TABA members are the people this community send their kids to school with, go to church with, play local sports with, sell their wares to, buy their homes from, receive professional advisement from, and often see regularly in venues across the area on a day to day basis.

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