



## Jeff Shi

Running for PPC Vice President  
*Accomplishments & Vision*

This year, I have worked hard to benefit our members, and am proud to have accomplished the following:

- In February, I participated in the Club Bylaws committee, and proposed several improvements to our bylaws, including expansions to due process for members and broadening membership eligibility to both US Citizens and legal Permanent Residents. Many of my proposals were submitted for a vote by the membership in the most recent ballot.
- In April, at the in-person meeting at Casas Church, I successfully advocated for the adoption of a bylaw change that enabled electronic voting for bylaw changes. Up until that point, changes could only be voted on by members who could physically attend a meeting to cast their vote. This was very detrimental to members who work busy schedules or have family commitments. By passing this bylaw update, we significantly expanded the ability of the membership to chime in on future bylaw changes.
- Shortly after being nominated to fill an empty Board position in July, I voted in favor of a motion to bring the minimum distance for steel targets from 10 to 7 yards. This rule change was part of my campaign platform when I ran for the Board the previous year. The motion passed and enabled certain shooting disciplines like Steel

Challenge to be able to set up stages in alignment with the official stage designs. This paves the way for those disciplines to host higher-level sanctioned matches, which will draw more shooters and revenue for the club.

- In October, I proposed to relax our range rules regarding minors, which passed a Board vote. Up until then, PPC had the strictest rules for minors out of any comparable venue in the state. Our rules then prevented numerous members from being able to teach their children how to shoot handguns, and excluded some Junior Division competitors from being able to shoot our matches. The new rules expand what firearms children 10 and older can shoot under adult supervision so members don't have to take their kids to a different range in order to teach them how to shoot a handgun.
- In November, I led a committee to investigate ways to increase availability of private bays to the membership. We proposed several options to the Board for consideration and implementation.

For 2024, I have several goals for the club that will build on our continuous improvements, and greatly increase our footprint in the community:

- Install a water bottle refill station. Hydration is a serious issue, especially in the hot summer months. The drinking fountain on Range 2 has been broken for some time, and even if it was repaired, the water quality in the area is not very good. I would like to investigate the feasibility of installing a water bottle fill station that has filtration systems built-in and quickly execute on this plan if the costs are reasonable. This will allow shooters to stay

hydrated with high-quality water and prevent heat injuries in the summer.

- Re-evaluate some of our range rules. I would like to review and walk back some of the restrictions passed in the past few years. The range policy on holstered handguns is a good example. It does not make sense that we restrict the carrying of handguns, despite other ranges allowing concealed and open carry and Arizona being a Constitutional Carry state. We have several members who are competitive shooters that have been written up for walking outside the match area with their competition gun holstered, despite being unloaded.
- Host more classroom-only courses, such as First Aid / Stop the Bleed training, NRA Range Safety Officer, and Armorer classes. This would bring in a significant amount of revenue for the club and provide training opportunities in the area, without reducing the availability of member-only shooting bays.
- Provide incentives to our match directors to thank them for their hard work, and give members discounts on match fees.
- Continue to further improve our bylaws in ways that empower our members and provide more due process.
- Investigate ways to increase the club's Internet speed so that monthly club meetings can be held virtually (or at least "hybrid" where the meeting is in-person but also live streamed). This will allow more members to attend and participate.
- Partner with the community and state-level organizations to help defend our 2nd Amendment rights. The political climate in Arizona is shifting, and you only have to look at our neighboring states to see how this shift quickly results in 2A infringements. We are one of the most 2A friendly states in the nation, but that can change.

We need to leverage our club's influence and work with organizations such as Arizona Citizens Defense League and the community in Pima County to ensure that we do not become like New Mexico, Colorado, or (\*shudder\*) California.

I hope that I have earned your vote with my accomplishments and my vision for this club. If you have any questions about my platform, you are welcome to email me at [jeff.shi@utexas.edu](mailto:jeff.shi@utexas.edu). Thank you for your consideration.