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April 2011 Club Newsletter

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Upcoming meetings: April 7 & May 5 (all meetings are at the Griggs Hunter Ed room @ 7pm)

Upcoming work parties: April 17 & May 15 (maintenance chair Greg Hagen 545-4705, work parties start @8am)

Please note our new club email address: tcmsa11@gmail.com

We hope you enjoy our new newsletter format! The club currently spends over **\$100/month** to send out the newsletter by US Mail. We desperately want your help in reducing this cost. If you have an email address that we can use to send you the newsletter, please let us know. Just send an email to the club address listed above to have yourself included in the club email list.

The club had an excellent evening at the Friends of the NRA banquet, & with the tickets purchased by the club, we actually won some prizes. We won drawings for a framed NRA wildlife print, a revolving wood rifle rack, and a **Walther P-22 Carbine!!** We will be giving these items away to members in good standing at the April 7 meeting by raffle. You must be present to win, so make sure you attend! Also don't forget that the club year starts April 1, so you must renew by then to get the new gate combination.

The club is currently pursuing two sites as possible future ranges. This has been an ongoing process for several years, but we hope we are nearing the end.

There has been some interest expressed in replacing the single wide trailer we currently have at the range with a portable office trailer, which could be used as an alternate meeting space, a classroom for hunter ed, and many other possibilities. The current trailer has a leaking roof, a rotten floor, and a mold problem. Replacing it would really improve the appearance of the range. Your comments or suggestions on this topic are welcome at the next meeting.

With these improvements & a possible new range, it is apparent that we will be spending our current savings in the coming months or years. A raise in membership dues has been suggested, as well as a one-time assessment to all club members. We will not spring this on you without advanced notice about when we will be voting on it, so watch the newsletter for more info. We guarantee that it will be discussed at the April 7 meeting, so if you have an opinion, please attend.

The annual women & youth introduction to shooting is scheduled for May 28 (more info in next month's newsletter)

Safety committee update: (committee chair Randy Hoge 783-7649)

No safety incidents have been reported this month, so keep up the good work!

We now have steel targets back up on the range. Steel core bullets are not allowed on steel targets. If you don't know if a bullet has a steel core, test it with a magnet before shooting it!

We can always use more volunteers for the safety committee. We would like to have enough people to have a significant presence on the range, especially on busy days. Call Randy for more info or to help out.

MATCH REPORTS:

Hunter bench: (match director Wally Ruff 967-5087)

Upcoming matches: April 30 & May 14 (both are registered matches @ 100 & 200 yd, 9am start)

The March 26 Allen Bench Memorial match was won by Dick Hostadt with a score of 497-14x for HBR & Tom Haleki with a score of 495-19x for Varmint for score. There were 6 shooters with a perfect score of 250 on the 100-yard portion of the match (that has never happened before at our club). Spectators are welcome at all our matches. If you are interested in competing, come on out and shoot, we guarantee you will have a good time. Several of our competitors will be happy to assist you in getting set up. You don't need any special equipment; we will make a special class for you if you don't fit in anywhere else.

Highpower: (match director Gaylord Baker 628-9044)

Upcoming matches: May 7 & June 4 (7:30 set-up, start shooting at 8:00) After the regular matches in May and June, there will be a second match open to bolt action rifles only (we will start at about 10:30)

Dave Baalman won the March 5 match with a score of 748-16x, a new personal best! Spectators & new shooters are always welcome. We stress safety, but are otherwise very informal. Our aim is that everyone has a good time. We shoot an 80 round course of fire plus sighter shots from standing, sitting & prone positions. Many of our competitors bring extra equipment like mats & shooting jackets, and would be glad to loan them to you to try the sport out once without a major investment.

Three gun: (match director Bob Birney 628-3501)

Upcoming matches: April 16 (9am) & May 28 (1pm)

Three gun is a new discipline at our club. Competitors use a pistol, a rifle and a shotgun, and compete against the clock. Shooting positions are spread around the range, so you must move and get your heart and lungs pumping, increasing the challenge. We stress safety, but otherwise are informal, and just out to have some fun. Come on out and join us, or just come out and watch, we guarantee you will have a good time. Special thanks to the Touchet Gun Club for co-sponsoring these events.

HUNTER ED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Upcoming dates: April 9, April 23, May 21

To sign up for hunter ed classes, inquire at the sporting goods counter at Griggs, at Hole in the Wall, or at Wholesale Sports. The range is open to general shooting on hunter ed days, but please coordinate with the hunter ed director regarding hot & cold timing & which parts of the range you can use. The hunter ed director is the range master when a class is going on, their directions must be followed at all times.

MORE BUSINESS:

Don't forget, it's renewal time. You can renew your membership by mail. This saves much time and effort at the meeting, and lets everyone go home at a reasonable hour. Simply send your dues (\$50, or \$25 if you participated in a work party), along with proof of current NRA membership, to TCMSA, PO Box 4587, Pasco, WA 99302-4587.

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