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May 2011 Club Newsletter

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

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

We have had quite a few people sign up to receive the newsletter by email. To those of you who have recently signed up for email newsletters, thank you! To those of you who still receive the newsletter by snail mail, if you have an email that we can send the newsletter to, let us know by sending an email to the address above. We currently spend over \$100 per month to send out the newsletter. We would love your help in reducing this cost by signing up for email notifications.

At the April 5th meeting, the membership authorized the officers to purchase a mobile office trailer to replace our existing clubhouse trailer. We have found a used one and have a purchase agreement in place. Now we are pursuing the necessary permits to move it to the range and place it on site. It will take a couple of months to get the paperwork all in order, so please bear with us, it will be worth it when we are finished. The new trailer has skirting, entrance stairs, a handicapped ramp, and is in excellent shape. At the last work party, we moved the old trailer out of the way and cleaned up a lot of the mess around and under it. The sign in sheet is still located inside the trailer, so please don't forget to sign in and out.

The annual women & youth introduction to shooting is scheduled for May 28 (8am to 1pm). This is an event we co-sponsor with the Richland Rod and Gun Club. We offer one on one instruction for kids & ladies to get an introduction to shooting in a safe and organized environment, & we provide all the guns & ammunition. If you know any women or kids who would like to attend this event, please let them know about it. If you would like to volunteer as a coach, or donate some ammo please contact Clare Cranston at 547-6273 (coaching at the event counts as work party credit). We can also use some help in advertising this event. Anyone interested in hanging up fliers at the local sporting goods stores or contacting the local media can coordinate with Clare at the number listed above. Also, notice that the next three-gun match starts immediately after the Women & Youth shoot ends, so hang around and watch or participate.

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

One of the steel targets has some new (and unwanted) holes in it. Remember, **no steel core, tracer, incendiary, or armor piercing bullets** are allowed on the range. We will remove the steel targets again if we feel that they are being abused or if we feel that the risk of fire is too high. Please don't be responsible for this happening by shooting armor piercing bullets! If you don't know how to identify these banned bullets, ask someone or google it, don't just assume everything you buy at Griggs is lead core.

In light of these incidents, we would like to have enough members of the safety committee that we can have a member do a safety check at the range every Saturday and Sunday. If you would like to volunteer, contact Randy at the number listed above.

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 weather is (hopefully) getting better, so now is a great time to come out and see what benchrest shooting is all about. Spectators and new shooters are always welcome, and we will make sure you have a good time!

Highpower: (match director Gaylord Baker 628-9044)

Upcoming matches: May 7 & June 4 (7:30 set-up, start shooting at 8:00)

Dave Baalman won the April 2 match with a score of 725-7x. Sustained winds of 15mph and gusts to 30mph knocked everyone's scores 25 points or more below their average, but we all had fun anyway! Our regular monthly matches are an 80 round course of fire plus sighters fired from standing, sitting and prone positions, using any military rifle from anywhere in the world, equipped with iron sights. After the regular May 7 match, we will have a second match open to any military bolt action rifle. Also back by popular demand is our M-1Garand match, to be held after the regular June 4 match. Both of these extra matches are fired from standing, sitting and prone positions using 50 rounds plus sighters. So if you have an old Garand that needs to do some competing, bring it out on June 4. Or if you have an old Springfield, Enfield, Mauser, Schmidt-Ruben, Krag, or Mosin-Nagant bring it out on May 7. Both extra matches start immediately following the completion of the regular monthly match (around 10:30)

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

Upcoming matches: May 28 (1pm) & June 11 (9am)

Lousy weather forecasts and car trouble for some out of town competitors really cut attendance at our April 16th match, but everyone who attended had fun, and we managed to miss the rain and the worst of the wind. We had 3 competitors and 2 spectators. The overall winner was Bob Birney. If you are planning on attending the Women and Youth Introduction to Shooting, please plan on staying for our three-gun match, which will start immediately after the conclusion of the Women and Youth Shoot. If you want to compete, bring a rifle, a handgun, and a shotgun, and ammo for them. If you don't have one of these types of guns, we can loan you one to try the sport out without having to purchase a new gun to do it. Special thanks to the Touchet Gun Club for co-sponsoring these events.

HUNTER ED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Upcoming dates: May 21, June 4, June 18 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:

If you haven't renewed, you are locked out. The gate combination changed April 1, so if you want to use the range, you have to renew. 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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