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Civilian Marksmanship Program



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August 2011 Club Newsletter

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Upcoming meetings: August 4 & September 1 (all meetings are at the Griggs Hunter Ed room @ 7pm)

Upcoming work parties: July 24 (maintenance chair Greg Hagen 545-4705, work parties start @8am)

For those of you who receive the newsletter by email, you might notice that this one is very similar to the last one. We sent the July newsletter out by email, but did not get the hard copy out to those who receive it by US mail. So we are sending the August newsletter out with a lot of the same info as the July newsletter so that everyone has a chance to know what is going on.

Note that we have scheduled a work party for Sunday, July 24. We will be doing general range clean up and dealing with a few stray tumble weeds and other vegetation that is starting to show up.

We will be having our regular meeting in August. We have cancelled July and August meetings in years past due to low attendance, but in looking at the number of new members we have been getting each month, we decided to hold the normal meetings as scheduled so that prospective new members will have an opportunity to join. We also have a lot of business going on this summer, so we expect to discuss several key topics at each meeting. So if you are in town and available, please attend.

We will have our annual hunter sight in days on September 11 and September 24. We will be open to the public, free of charge on those days to sight in hunting rifles. If you would like to volunteer to coach or to help out with advertising, contact Ray Vollert at 783-8120.

You may have noticed an article and an editorial in the Tri-City Herald recently regarding one of our possible future ranges. It appears that we won't be able to build a range on that particular parcel at this time due to the Benton County zoning ordinance and the State Growth Management Act. We are still working on some other possibilities in Franklin County. Rest assured that we won't give up until we have something suitable secured for the future.

We are now reaching the time of year where fire hazard is extreme, so please be ever vigilant with fire safety. Also remember that the edges of the entrance road have not been sprayed, so be especially careful not to start a fire on your way in or out.

We have several new steel gongs set up at 100 and 200 yards, and we are glad to see that they are getting heavy use. We are not as happy to see the **ABUSE** they are taking. Intentional shooting of the chains that hold the gongs up and shooting the gongs with steel core or armor piercing rounds are both considered abuse. These things have happened in the last month, to the point that the targets are nearly destroyed already. We heard a lot of complaints the last time we removed the steel targets, but if they are a maintenance or safety problem, we will remove them again. If you see someone abusing the targets or otherwise breaking club rules, fill out an incident report form and mail it to the club address or give an officer a call. Anyone caught violating the rules will be disciplined, including possible expulsion from the club for major violations.

MATCH REPORTS:

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

The results from the June 25 match were: Glenn Sampson (494-27x), Dick Mayer (488-16x), Wally Ruff (488-15x), and Jim McConnell (488-12x). New shooters and spectators are always welcome. We will make sure to put you next to an experienced shooter who can keep you informed about what is going on and give you a few pointers if you need them.

CMP Highpower: (match director Gaylord Baker 628-9044)

Upcoming matches: August 6 & September 3 (7:30 set-up, start shooting at 8:00)

At the June 2, 2011 match, the top three shooters were: Marlee Parks (740-14x) Gaylord Baker (737-15x), & Dave Baalman (736-9x). CMP Highpower matches are open to any military issue rifle with iron sights. We stress safety but are otherwise very informal, and even allow Marlee (and anyone else who wants to) to shoot a scoped rifle if that is what they happen to bring. We shoot an 80 round course of fire from standing, sitting and prone positions, plus up to five sighter shots. Several of our competitors bring extra equipment like jackets & mats that you can borrow to try the sport out.

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

Upcoming matches: September 17 & October 8 (9am start) We are also hoping to organize a weekday evening shoot sometime this summer, watch the newsletter for more info. Special thanks to the Touchet Gun Club for co-sponsoring these events.

At the May 28 three gun challenge, the top three shooters & times were: Dave Baalman (164.82 sec), Aaron Woodbury (181.14 sec), and Dave Cook (182.92 sec). At the June 11 three gun challenge, the top three shooters & times were: Brian Humann (119.47 sec), Dave Baalman (140.01 sec), and Tom Conrads (157.07 sec). Many people have asked us to describe what a three gun challenge is all about. Think of it this way: imagine if you invited 15 of your closest gun nut friends to a barbecue at the range, but forgot to bring any food. What would everyone do to entertain themselves while you went to town to get some hot dogs? They would drag out whatever guns they have in the car and organize an informal, fun competition that would look a lot like our version of a three gun challenge. We compete using a rifle, a pistol and a shotgun on a course designed to challenge everyone, but conquer no one. You are really only competing against yourself, and it is as much a social event as a competition. So come on out and join us, we will loan you one or more guns if you don't have something to use for one of the stages.

HUNTER ED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Upcoming dates: July 23, August 6, August 13, August 20

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.

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