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Civilian Marksmanship Program



TRI-CITIES METALLIC SILHOUETTE ASSOCIATION

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September 2011 Club Newsletter

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Upcoming meetings: September 1 & October 6 (all meetings are at the Griggs Hunter Ed room @ 7pm)

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

We are in the process of doing a major remodeling of our club website. It should be up and running by the time you receive this newsletter, so check it out at www.TCMSA.org. Also follow the link on the website to our new facebook page. We have some photos up of recent matches, and should have some more up soon. Special thanks to TCMSA member Mark Perkins for setting all this up for us.

If you found a chronograph at the range recently, contact Roger Lahti at 783-2561 to return it to him, he would greatly appreciate getting it back.

If you are interested in purchasing some black power rifles, contact Craig at 543-9087 or 376-1320.

Our annual hunter sight in days are scheduled for September 11 & 24. Contact Ray Vollert at 783-8120 if you would like to volunteer as a coach (you will receive work party credit for your efforts).

We have some items that we want your opinion on. We have been using this new newsletter format for several months now, and we want to know what you think. We also want to know what you think of the phone tree. We have been discussing ways to cut costs and redundancy in the administration of the club, and see an opportunity in these two areas. Currently the phone tree costs the club approximately \$500 per year in work party credit, while the newsletter costs around \$1900 per year in postage & printing fees. We definitely cram a lot more information in the newsletter, and we are confident that over 90% of the club members receive it each month. We have the phone tree set up so that only those members who receive the newsletter by US Mail get a call each month (which is about 50% of the club), while the others receive the newsletter and the info that goes out on the phone tree in one email. But we are still relying on 20+ people to make the calls each month, and to pass on the message that they are supposed to pass on. Many of the callers do that very well, but we are certain that some of them are not making their calls regularly. The nice part of the phone tree is that it does not cost extra to make additional calls each month, so if something comes up after the newsletter goes out, we can reach everyone without additional expense, however this is not something we have had to use recently. We want your opinion at the next meeting about where we should go with these programs. We see three options: 1) Continue as we have been doing with monthly newsletters and monthly calls to those who don't receive the newsletter by email. 2) Drop the phone tree and continue monthly newsletters. 3) Continue the phone tree and switch to quarterly newsletters.

We are looking for someone to help out with new member orientation. Dave Baalman has been giving the orientation every month for over three years. Before that, it was Bill High for about the same amount of time. We would like to set up a committee of a couple of members to handle the orientation on a rotating basis, so that we can spread the work load around a bit and keep everyone from getting burned out. If you would like to volunteer, call Dave Baalman at 946-6443.

MATCH REPORTS:

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

Upcoming matches: October 29 (200yd club match, 9am start)

At the July 30 2011 match, the top shooters in the Varmint for Score class were John Anderson (474-6x) and Tom Halecki (468-14x). In the Hunter Bench class, top shooters were Elize Scott (491-16x), Jim McConnell (491-14x), and Wally Ruff (483-10x). That's the end of our registered matches for the year, but we will be shooting club matches starting on October 29. This is a great opportunity to come out and learn the sport without the pressure of shooting in a registered match, so please join us!

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

Upcoming matches: September 3 & October 1 (7:30 set-up, start shooting at 8:00) There will be a special match after both regular matches for bolt action rifles only, so hang around and join us, or just watch and see how easy the rapid fire really is with a bolt gun.

At the August 6 match, the top shooters were Dave Baalman (742-9x), Gaylord Baker (739-14x) and Rich Gilbert (726-12x). For those of you who weren't at the August match, the CMP has recently enacted a new loading rule for rapid fire stages, which we are now enforcing. You must close your bolt on an empty chamber and then insert a loaded magazine. After you move into position, you can cycle the action and begin firing, but you must move into position on an empty chamber.

We have had quite a few new shooters this year, and we notice that most of them have become regulars, so they must be having fun! We hope to see you there too, we will be more than willing to help you get started.

Three gun: (match director Mark Perkins 509-301-9407)

Upcoming matches: September 17 & October 8 (9am start)

Three gun is back for the fall! We shoot a very relaxed form of the sport, where we stress safety, but otherwise are just out to have a good time. We compete with a rifle, a pistol and a shotgun, and the Touchet Gun Club has one of each of these to loan out if you don't have one of your own.

Check out the Touchet Gun Club's facebook group and / or youtube channel to see some photos and videos of recent three gun matches. Special thanks to the Touchet Gun Club for co-sponsoring these events.

HUNTER ED ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Upcoming dates: August 6, August 13, August 20, September 3, and September 10

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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