

# TRI-CITIES METALLIC SILHOUETTE ASSOCIATION

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## July 2013 Club Newsletter

Upcoming meetings: August 1 & September 5 (all meetings are at the Griggs Hunter Ed room @ 7pm)  
Upcoming work parties: TBA (maintenance chair Greg Hagen 545-4705, work parties start @8am)

### General Announcements

To everyone who showed up at Griggs for the July meeting on Saturday July 6, our apologies! There was a typo in the June newsletter that was missed by several sets of eyes who proofread it. It also wound up on the website, all due to our mistake. We promise the August meeting is on Thursday August 1<sup>st</sup>, and we hope to see you there.

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Board of Directors member Dwayne Locker has accepted a job offer out of state, and will be resigning his board position effective immediately. We will be accepting nominations to fill Dwayne's spot on the board at the August and September meetings and will hold a special election at the September meeting.

The board is responsible for the long term planning for the club, so with the club currently looking for land to build a new range facility, it's an exciting time to serve, the current board will likely shape the future of the club for years to come. Whoever is elected will serve the remainder of Dwayne's term, which ends at the end of December 2014. To serve on the board, you must have been a club member for at least 3 years, and have been actively involved in organized shooting. We have generally interpreted this to mean someone who has competed in matches, but it could also include other organized shooting, such as hunter ed, NRA instruction, or many other possibilities. If you feel you are qualified and want to serve, come to the August or September meeting and volunteer.

We also wish to thank Dwayne for his service to the club. He has been instrumental in several committees in the past, including the committees that wrote updates to the club rules and orientation program, the phone tree, and the committee that applied for the NRA Foundation grant we received this year. Thanks Dwayne and good luck at your new job!

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Speaking of our NRA Foundation grant, we did receive the grant, and will be putting on an event called "Introduction to Competitive Shooting" on Saturday August 31, starting at 9am. Participants will be able to shoot several rounds on the actual targets used in each competition discipline, using actual competition firearms donated for use by our members, and using ammo provided by the NRA Foundation. So if you are interested in trying one or more of the competition disciplines offered at our club but aren't sure you want to spend the money up front, come on out and give it a try for free. There will be match shooters available to coach and to give you an idea of what each discipline entails. If you have any friends or relatives that may be interested, please let them know as well, and participants need not be members of TCMSA or the NRA. All we ask is that you limit yourself to disciplines that you have not competed in before.

To the match shooters in the club, we need a few more volunteers for each discipline to act as coaches and to offer the use of their equipment. We especially need a couple of benchrest shooters to help out as coaches, and we will need a couple of rifles for benchrest use. We will be shooting factory .223 Remington ammo, so we need a couple of scoped bolt action rifles with factory .223 chambers that don't require neck turned ammo.

For more info or to volunteer to help out, contact Dave Baalman at 528-0813.

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Dave Baalman has also volunteered to chair the Safety Advisor pilot program. If you haven't heard about the program, here it is in a nutshell: we will have a club member at the range during peak use hours to help other members understand and follow the rules.

Because of this added workload, Dave has decided to resign from giving new member orientation effective at the end of the calendar year, so we are looking for one or more volunteers to help out with new member orientation. Obviously this is an important function of the club, it's our first opportunity for new members to understand the rules and keep everyone safe at the range, and frankly we have let it fall on one person's shoulders for too long. We would like to have a committee of 3-4 people handle this important function so that one person doesn't have to handle it every month. If you are interested in helping out, contact an officer or come to the August meeting to volunteer.

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Our annual hunter sight in days will be Sunday September 8 & Saturday September 28. We will be open to the public on those days, and will offer one on one coaching to people sighting in their rifles for hunting season. So if you need some help getting sighted in or know someone who does, come on out. If you would like to help out with the event, we can always use coaches, and it's a great opportunity to get your work party credit for the year, contact Ray Vollert at 783-8120 to volunteer. If you do volunteer, be sure to bring your own rifle, there will be plenty of down time and you want to be sure you have something to do!

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If you haven't signed up to receive the newsletter and other club updates by email, please do so! We spend a lot of money in postage and work party credit to get info out to the club each month, money we would rather spend on new land or range improvements. To sign up, just go to the club website ([tcmsa.org](http://tcmsa.org)) and enter your email in the subscription field on the left side of the homepage.

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If you are receiving the newsletter by email and US mail, it's because we have your email but don't have it attached to your name in the club database. To correct that, please send an email to the membership coordinator to let him know: [tcmsa11@gmail.com](mailto:tcmsa11@gmail.com).

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Our steel targets seem to be holding up pretty well. We hope you are enjoying them, and thank you for making sure you aren't shooting them with steel core or armor piercing bullets, or ultra high velocity calibers that can damage the targets. Since they seem to be getting a lot of use but not much abuse, we will replace them as they wear out.

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Due to some technical difficulties along with also to ensure that our club complies with state SPAM laws, we will be changing the way we deliver our electronic newsletter. This newsletter (July 2013) will be the last one that is delivered to you via the old method.

The new method will be by what is called a subscription. Basically this means that you will have to opt-in to the new format. In the coming week, our webmaster will sign you up for this free service. You will get an email from Tri-Cities Metallic Silhouette Association via WordPress.com that will have a link in it for you to activate your account, which is also known as 'Following.' After you click on the link it will then confirm your subscription to our blog. The confirmation email will also allow you to change or cancel your subscription.

Essentially, this will allow us to automatically send you new posts (newsletters and other alerts) using the web site itself instead of having the web master send out the messages via the mailing list process which

only allows 100 emails per hour-yup, that can take five hours...which is another reason we are moving to the new subscription service.

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Keep up the safe shooting!

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