

TRI-CITIES METALLIC SILHOUETTE ASSOCIATION

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August 2013 Club Newsletter

Upcoming meetings: September 5 & October 3 (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

If you are interested in competition shooting, but haven't had a chance to come to one of our matches, we have an event coming up that will be perfect for you. We have received a grant from the NRA Foundation to put on an event called "Introduction to Competitive Shooting". The NRA Foundation is providing ammunition for the event, and our club will be providing targets. Match shooters from our club will be offering the use of their match quality firearms to participants in the event, and coaching shooters one on one. Participants will be able to fire live rounds at actual match targets, using actual match equipment, free of charge. If you are interested in participating, come on out to the range August 31, 9am-12pm. If you have any friends or family who might be interested, bring them along, they don't have to be members of TCMSA or of the NRA to participate. We hope to see you there!

If you have been to the range on a weekend in the last couple of weeks, you might have met one of our Safety Advisor volunteers. This is a new pilot program that we will be trying out until the middle of October. Safety Advisors are there to help everyone understand the rules and safe shooting in general. All the volunteers are experienced shooters and longtime club members, so if you have any questions about the club rules or shooting in general, ask them, they will be glad to help you out. You can identify a Safety Advisor by the orange vest they are wearing, and they will most likely introduce themselves to you when you arrive.

Desert Green is again scheduled to spray the range on Monday, August 12th. It is important that they get this done; the weeds are trying to take over again. They were out on the range last month and reported they had to leave because members arrived and started setting up to shoot. Desert Green left, not wanting any issues.

Hunter Sight-in Days for this year are Sunday September 8th and Saturday September 28th, both days are from 9am to 2pm. This event is open to anyone, members and non-members and is free for everyone. Volunteers are needed to help the persons sighting in. You are encouraged to bring whatever you want to play with during the down time. This will also give you work party credit for 2013. Anyone interested, please contact Ray Vollert at 783-8120.

Your club is holding a special election at the September 5th meeting to replace Board Member Dwayne Locker. Dwayne has taken a job in Kentucky and is not able to finish his term. This position serves through December 2014. The Board meets only when there are issues they have to address. They meet on the Thursday prior to our regular club meeting. The requirements for this position are you must be a member for at least three years, and participate in a shooting discipline or organized shooting event such as Hunter Sight-in days. If you are interested in this position or have a member you wish to nominate, please come to the September meeting. Remember, Board Members and Officers are exempt from paying dues, and this position would be covered for 2014 dues.

If you are receiving this through snail mail, we need your email address if you have one. The email list is protected and NEVER will be released to anyone not authorized to use it for TCMSA business only. The printing and mailing costs keep going up. We are spending about \$250 to mail each newsletter to the membership. Please contact the club at tcmsa11@gmail.com with your email address.

The Pasco Police have requested to use the range again for Officer Rifle training, but the dates have not been confirmed yet. This is another reason to get your email address to the club so you know what is happening. Pasco PD requests a Wednesday to mitigate as much as possible any interference with club members. Their range only has one 100 yard firing point, and that is from the far side of their parking lot. Their training involves Officers moving forward of the firing line to engage targets, so the range is closed from 8am to 11am, and again from 1pm to 6pm. The range is open from 11am to 1pm. When we get the dates, members will be notified by email and a special notice posted on the bulletin board above the sign-in book. The Pasco PD doesn't object to members watching them train, their one request is to not post pictures or videos on line. This is an Officer Safety issue.

The joint effort between the American Legion and TCMSA to start an air gun program is proceeding (slowly), and the official application has been completed and mailed in. We should have the complete training package in a couple of weeks. We are also checking with the Cub Scouts to see if they would also like to participate in the program.

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