

TRI-CITIES METALLIC SILHOUETTE ASSOCIATION

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January 2014 Club Newsletter

Upcoming meetings: February 6 & March 6 (all meetings are at the Griggs Hunter Ed room @ 7pm)

Upcoming work parties: March 23 (maintenance chair Greg Hagen 545-4705, work parties start @8am)

General Announcements

Our annual meeting was held on January 2, and elections were held for 2 of the 6 board positions, plus all of the officer positions and a proposal to amend the policy book to include a rate increase for dues for 2014.

All of the club officers will be serving another term. Sam Kniveton will serve another term on the board of directors, and Ron Greer will be taking the open board position. Thanks to Brett Menaker & Lee Haberling who also volunteered for the board, and thanks to Ryan Bongers, the outgoing board secretary. We appreciate everyone's help in running the club!

The proposal to increase club dues passed. The new dues will take effect April 1. This is an incentive to get your dues paid before April 1, so that you can get another year under the old rates. If you came to a work party this year, renewal is \$25, or \$50 if not. If you wait until after April 1, you will have to pay \$40 with a work party or \$60 without.

Also please bear with us on the renewals. We may not send you a new card the day your check arrives, but we will get one to you. The new gate combination doesn't go into effect until April 1, so you don't have to worry about getting locked out. We will mail out cards in a big batch in the first or second week of March, so that we don't have to go to the post office every day.

On the flip side, please don't send us a check on March 30 and expect your card to arrive before April 1. All USPS mail in the Tri-Cities now goes through Spokane, so it can take up to a week for mail to come to us, and make the return trip to you, and again we won't be going to the post office every day. Remember the membership committee members are all volunteers with day jobs, and we are a club not a business.

Bottom line: send those renewals in now, and expect a card in mid-March. You can also come to a meeting to renew, and we will hand you a card right then and there. This time of year the membership committee will be very busy at the meetings, so please if you are there to renew, show up a few minutes early. If we have to spend ½ hour on renewals after the meeting, we can't start new member orientation on time, and none of us get home until 10pm.

The 2014 club calendar is up on the website. As always, it may be updated as new things come up, but we hope these changes will be minimal. Be sure to take a look at the calendar before you head out to the range, and pay special attention to which events allow general shooting while the event is going on. We don't want you to waste your time or fuel driving out to the range if you won't be able to shoot. We will also post the calendar in the rail car in the coming weeks, and there is also a copy at the monthly meetings.

There is a work party scheduled for Sunday, March 23. If you still need your work party credit and can't make the March 23 date, don't worry. We will likely have at least one more work party between now and April 1. Watch the newsletter, the club website, or come to a meeting to find out when. If you can't make a regular work party or if your physical abilities prevent you from doing physical labor, contact an officer and they will assign you something that fits your schedule or abilities. Officer phone numbers are on the

club website, or just come to a meeting and ask the people at the front of the room.

If you are getting this newsletter by US mail, please take a moment to get us your email address. Just go to the club website and enter your email in the subscribe link at the top left corner of the home page. You will then receive an email confirming your subscription, there is a link in that email that you need to click to confirm, and you will be all signed up. If you receive the newsletter by both US mail and email, please let us know so that we can drop you from the US mail list. Either send an email through the contact us link on the website, or email the membership coordinator directly at tcmsa11@gmail.com.

Once again we have our usual mix of several match disciplines this year. New shooters are always welcome at any of our matches, and many of the regulars at any of the matches are more than willing to offer advice, loan out equipment, or answer any questions you might have. If you are interested in any of our match disciplines, there is a brief description of each one on the club website, along with some links to various governing bodies for each discipline. If you want some more info, come out to a match, spectators are always welcome, or send an email to the contact us link on the club website, and we will put you in touch with one of our regular match shooters who can answer questions & help you get started.

On the subject of match shooting, the club would like to field at least one team again this year for the Northwest Postal League in NRA Highpower Sporting Rifle. A team consists of 6 shooters, with the top 4 shooters counting in the club total score, and each shooter also competing individually for top scores in the league. We would really like to have 2 or more teams, so if you are at all interested in this discipline, please come out and join us. The first practice match of the year is in March. This discipline is fired from standing, sitting, and prone positions, with 32 rounds for score plus sighters. Any rifle weighing not more than 9.5 pounds is eligible to compete, with any sighting system. Entry fee is only \$3.

One more match note: due to popular interest, we have added a second discipline/division to the CMP matches. Now in addition to the CMP service rifle match, which is open to any iron sight service rifle issued by any military in the world, or the civilian equivalent of that rifle, we will be adding the NRA Highpower any rifle any sight division. NRA Any/Any is fired on the same targets as CMP, with the same basic rules, the only difference is as the name implies, it's open to any rifle you want to bring, no matter the sight system. We are pretty darned informal to begin with, but we will note which division you fall into so that you can compete with others with similar equipment. We are just shooting for bragging rights anyway, but splitting into 2 divisions will hopefully increase interest in this already popular discipline, and since both divisions are shot on the same targets & under the same rules, it's really a no-brainer. So if you have a space gun or a 700 match rifle or grandpa's old .30-30, bring it out and have some fun! We shoot the national match 80 round course of fire, plus sighters, in standing, sitting, & prone positions. Entry fee is only \$5.

Stay warm & we will see you at the range!

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