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## April 2014 Club Newsletter

Upcoming meetings: May 1 and June 5 (all meetings are at the Griggs Hunter Ed room @ 7pm)  
Upcoming work parties: February 23 (maintenance chair Greg Hagen 545-4705, work parties start @8am)

### General Announcements

Remember that beginning with April 1st, 2014, the new dues will be \$80, \$60 and \$40. The lock combination has changed so make sure you've renewed your membership before heading out to the range.

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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.

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**Work Parties:** There will be no work parties required for next month. If you still need your work party credit, we will likely have at least one more work party between now and June 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.

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**MATCH REPORTS:** The March 29th **Bench Rest** match had 11 shooters. The next one is scheduled for April 26th. The March 15th **Highpower Sporting Rifle** match had 10 shooters. The next match is April 19<sup>th</sup>. The **Civilian Marksmanship Program** will meet on May 5th for it's next match. Check the club calendar for details. 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.

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Due to popular interest, we have added a second discipline/division to the Civilian Marksmanship Program (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 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.

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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 next practice match of the year is in April (see above). 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.

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The **Safety Advisor program** needs more volunteers, and will start up again July 1<sup>st</sup>. Dave corrected that due to sign-in figures, it needs to start by April 1<sup>st</sup>. That's been the start of a higher volume of shooters. You need to have been a club member for at least 2 yrs, and be well versed on club rules/guidelines and safety. This is also a work-party job. Shifts are 12-4 on Fri-Sat-Sun, and you can shoot during your shift as time allows. Theron said he's still doing training, and at 6 pm, before next month's meeting, there'll be videos to view for anyone interested. In addition, more Safety Advisors are needed for the ABATE ride on April 19<sup>th</sup> (10:30 a.m. - 12:30 pm) to help control the many shooters that will be visiting our range for this event.

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The ABATE ride shooting event will be using our range for part of the fundraising activity from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on April 19th. This group, as part of their fundraising, ABATE will be raffling off 3 firearms at \$10 per ticket. At this month's meeting, it was suggested the club donate \$100.00 to ABATE. A motion was made to donate \$100.00 to ABATE and was seconded. Motion passed.

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**Safety:** Dave Baalman presented different types of Empty Chamber Indicators (ECI's) to those present at this month's meeting. The board highly recommends club members begin using ECI's while on the range. In the future the use of ECI's may become mandatory. The board recommends the club purchase \$250.00 worth of ECI's. A motion to spend \$250.00 on the purchase of ECI's was made and seconded. Motion passed.

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**Congratulations to Greg Hagen** for winning the Glock Pistol the Club obtained through an auction at the recent Friends of NRA Banquet. He said he's never won anything in his life and was truly surprised at his good fortune! Better late than never!

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#### WITH REGARDS TO SAFETY:

It was reported that some of the popper steel targets are being damaged by shooters. We are asked to please ensure that the ammunition you are using at the range is **not steel core or AP**. In addition, new targets have installed at the pistol range.

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Stay safe, keep your powder dry and we'll see you at the range!

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