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### July 2014 Club Newsletter

Upcoming meetings: August 7th and September 4th (all meetings are at the Griggs Hunter Ed room @ 7pm)

Upcoming work parties: July 13 at 8 am. Consult our website (maintenance chair Greg Hagen 545-4705, work parties start @8am)

### General Announcements

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The 2014 club calendar is up on the website (see link above). 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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**Public Hunter Sight-in Days:** They are scheduled for Sat Sept 13 and Sun Sept 21 from 9 am -2 pm. We are in need of coaches to work one-on-one with the shooters. Anybench sight -in equipment you might have is always helpful. Contact Ray by phone at 783-8120.

### **MATCH REPORTS:**

The **Civilian Marksmanship Program** on June 7th had 12 shooters. Next match is scheduled for July 5th. Set-up is at 7:30 am, shoot starts at 8 am. There is now an "any-any" category meaning any rifle and any sights. 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. 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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The club would like to field at least one team again this year for the **Northwest Postal League in NRA High Power 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. For the next practice match consult the Club Calendar at our website. 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.

The next **SHP match** is set July 19th. It's 32 rounds for score. At the last match all 4 teams scores were in the Master class. This means we have a chance to win as a club.

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**Safety Committee Report:** There were 122 shooters for June, and 9 teachable moments. That's a 14-1 ratio. There've been no issues due in part to the success of the Safety Advisor Program. "No-Handling" reminders have been stenciled all over the range. It seems the main issues continue to be handling weapons when the range is COLD and trying to collect brass in front of the firing line when the range is HOT.

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**Safety reminder:** It's July in the Tri-Cities, fire danger can be extreme! Make sure you aren't shooting steel core or armor piercing bullets on steel targets, as well as no tracers, exploding bullets, or exploding targets, and watch those cigarette & cigar butts. There are butt cans all along the firing line for your use.

Remember that the club has voted to make Empty Chamber Indicators (ECI's) **highly recommended** for all firearms whenever the range is cold, or for any firearms that are not in use, such as those in the racks or even in your vehicle. The club has purchased some ECI's for your use. They are available in the rail car near the sign in sheet, and are also available at club meetings, so if you don't have one, grab one and keep it for your use. The long portion of the ECI goes into the chamber of your firearm, so that everyone knows that there is no round in the chamber, and the flag portion sticks out of the action so that everyone can tell at a glance that the firearm is clear. There is a photo on the club website showing how the ECI's are used.

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**Board report:** There was a small issue of outsiders not scheduling range use. They're being contacted by letter.

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**Mixing up your weekend routines to become a better shooter - bring your tread mill along:**

So, your exercise workouts are getting boring lately...improvise! And become a better shooter (if you don't get a heart attack first). Here's one way...watch... <http://www.sofmag.com/badass-sharp-shooter-bored-your-weekend-workouts>. All in fun of course, and this guy has the bead to his front sight nailed for superb marksmanship. However, lots of safety issues with this stunt. I'm sure many of you can point out a few.

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

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