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August 2014 Club Newsletter

Upcoming meetings: September 4th and Oct 2nd (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

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.

In remembrance: Longtime TCMSA member Tom Collier passed away recently. His family would like to sell off several of his firearms, along with some reloading equipment and components in a private sale. There is too much to list here, so if you are interested, contact Bob Bingham at Ye Olde Barber Shoppe in Kennewick for the list of what's available and he will put you in touch with the family.

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 July 5th, had 10 shooters and the 8/2 match had 13. The next match is Sat 9/6. Set-up at 7:30, shoot at 8:00. He said in August we changed to the more traditional 50 rd match-10,10,10,20. Dave said the July 19 SHP had 10 shooters. The next match is a Postal match, and we have a good chance to win if the team's scores remain as high as before. It's 32 rds for score, with sighters. We shoot the national match 80 round course of fire, plus sighters, in standing, sitting, & prone positions. Entry fee is only \$5

A pretty fair turn out showed up for our June **Varmint For Score (VFS)** match and for the desert part of the evergreen state the weather wasn't too bad, not too windy, not too hot and not too much mirage until into the 200 yard match, then it got fun.

Top 5 at 100 yards

Paul Gylling	250 18x	Jared Mayer	250 14x	Dick Mayer	249 10x
Dan Zaccanti	248 17x	Mike Fowler	248 13x		

Top 5 places at 200 yards.

Paul Gylling	246 4x	Dick Mayer	244 4x	Jared Mayer	241 3x
Tom Halecki	241 2x	Glen Sampson	240 3x		

100 200 yard aggregate.

Paul Gylling	496 22x	Dick Mayer	493 14x	Jared Mayer	491 17x
Tom Halecki	488 15x	Dan Zaccanti	487 20x		

New match category being tried: August 30 2014 we will be holding a bench rest 100 yard match for factory varmint rifles and will be giving out trophy's for the top 3 places.

Rifles need to be as they came from the factory, new barrels are ok as long as they are a factory contour, after market triggers are ok as long as they are comparable to the factory pull and still have a safety. Savages with the acu-trigger are ok as they come from the factory that way and might have an edge in that respect. A-R's are ok and can be purchased with bull barrels so they will be accepted also. As for caliber I feel that if you want to shoot ground squirrels with a 308 that is your business and as long as it meet the as factory requirement bring it along and shoot it so there is not limit on the caliber up to 30. There is no restrictions on the scope or the

power of the scope. Everyone is welcome to shoot no matter what rifle you bring but only rifles that meet the as factory requirement are eligible for a trophy.

The match will start at 10 am, sign up at 9 am. usually finish up around 1 PM.

We shoot a warm up target and then 5 targets for score. usually 50 rounds are enough as you need 25 for score and most use around 25 shots on the warm up target and sighters. Bring a extra 10 rounds and if I can find enough Hopper targets we will finish up the day shooting Hoppers. Cost is \$10.00 for the match and the target crew always accepts donations but that is optional.

September 27, 2014, we will do the same thing but for hunting rifles, the same rules apply except it has to be 24 cal or larger and the scope limit is 10x or less. sign up is 9 am match starts at 10 am price is the same.

any questions? Call me, Rick DeGroat, at 509 308 7213 or e-mail me. Hope to see a large group.

Safety Committee Report: Wayne said there'd been no meeting, again, due to Safety Advisor program success. Dave said several shifts in July were not covered, but those shifts with advisors had 71 shooters w/9 teachable moments; a 1:8 ratio. This ratio improvement also shows program's success. Dave has seen cross-range shooting-from flagpole to the 50 yd targets-45' angle. Still issues to address.

Safety reminder: Make sure you **aren't shooting steel core or armor piercing bullets** on steel targets, or poppers (spring loaded steel targets) as these will destroy or shorten the lifespan of these targets because they were designed to withstand copper clad lead or plain lead ammo (not steel core ammo).

With regards to the extremely dry conditions, make sure you don't use any tracers, exploding bullets, or exploding targets, and watch those cigarette & cigar butts. There are butt cans all along the firing line for your use.

Board report: The first of two .22 cal. matches is set for Sunday, August 24th and the next is set for Sunday, Sept. 14th. Both events are free and are set for 100 yds. The various abilities, equipment, experience will require different competition categories to be defined. All that's needed is a rifle, 40 rds of ammo for score and rds for unlimited sighters. Shooting will be bench, prone w/bipod, etc. Your choice.

The **safety advisor program** is still in need of more volunteers. Because it seems to be just the same few people volunteering, the club has authorized a new incentive program. For each safety advisor shift that they work, volunteers will receive a \$25 gift card for a local sporting goods store. Safety advisor volunteers need to have been a member of the club for at least 2 years, or have shot in at least 6 club sanctioned matches, or otherwise be able to demonstrate extensive experience in operating an organized firing facility, such as military or law enforcement experience. Safety advisors are at the range on Fridays & weekends during peak use hours, and can shoot during their shifts. The main duty is just to watch the line and educate any members who need some extra coaching on the rules or general safety. If you want some more information or want to volunteer, contact Dave Baalman at 783-4141, or Wayne Rowett at 783-4470, or send an email to the club address.

In addition, membership coordinator Bill High has informed the club that he is spending an inordinate amount of time processing new members & renewals each month. To keep from becoming burned out, Bill is asking for some help. We envision having several members join the committee, so that in any given month, one person can handle the data input, mailings, etc. This way no one has to do it every month, just one or two times per year. Volunteers should have the necessary computer skills for database input & editing, but of course Bill will be there for training and general oversight. For your efforts, you will obviously receive your work party credit for the year, but the club has also authorized an additional incentive. For each month that you handle the database entry, editing, and mailing out of membership cards, you will receive a \$25 gift card for a local sporting goods store. For more information or to volunteer, contact Bill High at 547-1052.

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Hornady has placed a recall on some Critical Duty 9mm ammo...check it out here... <http://www.guns.com/2014/07/31/hornady-issues-recall-for-single-lot-of-critical-duty-9mm-ammo/>

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

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