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## September 2014 Club Newsletter

Upcoming meetings: Oct 2nd and Nov 6th (all meetings are at the Griggs Hunter Ed room @ 7pm)

Upcoming work parties: September 7th 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.

**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. Any bench sight-in equipment you might have is always helpful. Contact Ray by phone at 783-8120

#### **MATCH REPORTS:**

The Aug 16<sup>th</sup> **Sporting High Power** (SHP) had 9 shooters. It was a Postal match. We had 2560, down just 16 points from first place-got 3<sup>rd</sup>. Next year we'd like to have 2 teams. It's any rifle 9 1/2 # or less, 32 rds for score. The next match is Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>.

The first **.22 LR match** had 11 shooters. The next match is Sun Sept 14<sup>th</sup> at noon. It's free. There are 2 more .22 matches scheduled: Sat Oct 11 at 8 am and Sat Nov 15<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.

The Aug 30<sup>th</sup> match was a **Factory Varmint Rifle** match with 11 shooters. The Sept 27<sup>th</sup> match is a Factory Hunting Rifle match. Set up at 9, start shooting at 10. Remember, 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 meets the factory requirement bring it along and shoot it so there is no limit on the caliber up to 30. There are 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 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 an 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.

A **Civilian Marksmanship Program** (CMP) shoot is scheduled for Saturday, October 4th. Set-up at 7:30, shoot at 8:00. We shoot the more traditional 50 rd match-10,10,10,20.

**Safety Committee Report:** Aug was hot, and several shifts at the range not covered. During covered shifts there were 114 shooters and 14 teachable moments. This ratio of 1:8 not good, but a lot of shifts weren't covered. If Sept stats don't improve we'll have to readdress the issue. Recurring problems include target placement-too high or low, handling when cold, and pistol handling. Dave explained the Safety Advisor program to the new members.

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**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.

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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.

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Here's a good visual treatment on the effectiveness of the .22 caliber ammo (.22 short - .22 LR). Not exactly a scientific approach but (as is often quoted) good enough for government work. Now imagine if you added the .22 magnum to the mix! [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OUM1r\\_444CY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OUM1r_444CY)

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

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