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October 2014 Club Newsletter

Upcoming meetings: Nov 6th and Dec 4th (all meetings are at the Griggs Hunter Ed room @ 7pm)

Upcoming work parties: October 26th 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.

MATCH REPORTS:

The September 20th **Sporting High Power** (SHP) had 9 shooters. The next match is 10/18.

The September 14th **.22 LR match** had 18 shooters. It's free, 40 rds. for score, unlimited sighters, 100 yds. There are 2 more .22 matches scheduled: Sat Oct 11 at 8 am and Sat Nov 15th at 9 am.

A **Civilian Markmanship Program** (CMP): 9/6 CMP match had 16 shooters-2 relays; 12 service rifle and 4 any-any. The next match is 10/4 at 8 am.

Safety Committee Report: There were 171 shooters during Safety Advisor shifts. There were a total of 10 teachable moments; a ratio of 17:1. Nine of these were minor, handling while cold, target placement, but 1 was major. A muzzleloader that didn't discharge when fired, and then was pointed down the line toward shooters-when trying to clear the gun. Fortunately it didn't hang fire at that moment, and the other shooters corrected the shooter immediately. The SA also spoke to them about pointing muzzle downrange, and reminded that a hang fire can take several seconds or even minutes. The SA program will continue through mid-October, when range use diminishes.

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.

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.

New Business: It was suggested that some of the target frame supports may be at fault for frame damage or incorrect target placement. Some seem too low, and some of the old poles uneven /twisted/very shot-up. Maybe we need new frame supports. TCMAAS will try to look at the frame supports/correct if possible at work party. A question was asked about the Boy Scouts using the range for a shoot Oct 18 or 19. They would have to coordinate with the already scheduled range users, if possible. Dave Baalman said the handling of

the sign-in sheets-collecting, collecting data, saving/storing is quite a job. A volunteer to deal with this could get work party credit—replace-collect-scan to thumb drive for storage, so as not to have hundreds of sheets of paper to store. Contact Dave if interested. He also spoke about a planned mini-class concerning CMP matches and equipment. It would be some classroom and some range. It would probably be in early Dec, to be able to get this classroom. It would be free to members and juniors, and a target fee would be charged for others. To get an idea of degree of interest-please contact Gaylord if interested.

Friends of NRA are raffling a .45-tickets are \$20. They are also raffling a 7-gun safe, with guns-tickets are \$50. These fundraisers are important, and our range has benefitted from the grants available from Friends of NRA.

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Here's a nice article on Niter Bluing for guns... <http://www.gunsamerica.com/blog/add-touch-class-niter-blue-di/>

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

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