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## December 2014 Club Newsletter

Upcoming meetings: January 1 and February 5 (all meetings are at the Griggs Hunter Ed room @ 7pm)

Upcoming work parties: Consult our website (maintenance chair Greg Hagen 545-4705)

### 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 Nov 15 .22 match had 12 shooters. It was 17" with fog and icy conditions.

**Safety Committee Report:** Dave Baalman indicated that there'd been no incident reports. Members should be ever vigilant. The S.A. program will resume in the spring. This is better than some, but not the best. Let Dave know if you're willing to volunteer. You get work party credit, and a gift card for each shift—Griggs, Sportsman's, Ranch & Home.

**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. We all need to be our brothers' keepers, and if you're going out to shoot anyway, you might as well be willing to put on a vest for a few hrs. Also, when making the range cold, make sure to really 'lay' on the horn—just a tap might not be enough, we're all getting older and hearing is starting to fade. Dave said the SA program ran through Oct 12<sup>th</sup>. This coincided with the opening of the general hunting season. 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:** Now is the time for officer/board nominations. All of the officer and 2 –Dave and Don–board positions are available.

#### Nominations included:

Ray ----Jim Follansbee----V.P.

Mark----Gaylord Baker----president

Don ----Dave----board

Don----Mike Fowler----vice-president

Dave----Don----board

Dave----Bill High----membership chairman

Brett----all officers----retain positions

The elections will be at the Jan 2015 meeting.

**Reminder:** we're looking for someone to fulfill webmaster duties. They need the ability to email over 700 members at once. We will hire, if needed. This is vital to the club's success. We need someone that can give us 24hr turn-around on calendar/member notifications.

**Clay pigeon shooting** in the rifle area was approved in November's meeting. We have set up a designated area for clay pigeons, near the middle of the 100 yard berm between the white stakes. This is the ONLY area where clay pigeons are allowed as targets in the rifle and pistol areas. Clay pigeons must be placed low on the berm, so that the bullets impact in the backstop. If this works well, we will consider expanding to other yardages, but if we begin to see clay pigeons on the top of the berm or in places outside the designated area, we will reinstate the rule against using them in the rifle and pistol areas at all.

A club member was able to mine 600-800 lbs. of lead from the range berms before the scheduled berm maintenance work was begun. It's not yet recorded on the sign-in sheet-but will be. Outstanding harvest!

Don Board said Hunter Ed classes are scheduling. One of the changes with instruction after I-594 is that one student cannot hand a firearm to another. It has to be handed back to instructor, or racked. Instructors are OK, as are covered by state licensing. He also is looking for volunteers to work the pellet rifle range at the January Sportsman's show at the TRAC. This is the 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>. Usually 3-4 hr. shifts, and you get into the show free. See him to schedule.

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

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