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### January 2015 Club Newsletter

Upcoming meetings: February 5 and March 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

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The 2015 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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**Match Reports:** There was a Civilian Marksmanship Program match-any-any match on Dec 6<sup>th</sup>. There were 10 shooters: 2 scope and 8 iron sights. The conditions were excellent. The Dec 27<sup>th</sup> Bench rest match had 10 shooters at 100 yds and 1 at 200 yds. They were done by noon. Good conditions with occasional breeze.

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**Safety Committee Report:** Dave Baalman said a member had a guest, and when the member was downrange his guest handled firearm. Both the member and the member reporting were contacted. The member said he spoke to his guest and clarified the range rules. No further action was taken. Members need to be sure their guests understand range rules. Members should communicate, or have guest accompany downrange, or send guest downrange.

The **safety advisor 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 \$25 gift card for each shift—Griggs, Sportsman's, Ranch & Home. 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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**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).

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**OLD BUSINESS:** Elections: Dave Baalman did a visual display of the 14 Policy changes that the Board proposed. These were voted on at the end of the presentation. All changes were approved unanimously. He then ran a visual display of the 8 proposed changes in the By-Laws. These were voted on from the paper ballot with the candidates. All were approved unanimously. There were a total of 18 current members/voters in attendance. The vote for the positions of President, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Chair, and the 2 Board positions were unanimous. The vote for Vice-president was 13 votes for Mike Fowler and 5 votes for Jim Follansbee. The result was no change of the officers and board members.

Dave shared that the first ever "Match Clinic" on Dec 13<sup>th</sup> had about a dozen attendees. It was classroom here and shooting at the range. It was well received and will probably be repeated. Shooters sharing is always valuable.

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**NEW BUSINESS:** From the floor, it was asked about a re-settable plate rack for the timed portion of the 3-gun match. Dave Baalman said he thought Don was trying to build one. Dave also said the 3-gun shooters were welcome to build/create something to use and bring it to the range, as long as using it made sure that fired rounds went into the berm.

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Sometimes, it's nice hearing about the clout the NRA has on Capitol Hill...see the latest video released by the anti-gun NPR in their segment called "Frontline" entitled "Gunned Down: The Power of the NRA."...watch video at this link... <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/gunned-down/> The assault on our 2nd Amendment rights is far from over from the left. Keep your guard up!

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

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