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## February 2015 Club Newsletter

Upcoming meetings: March 5 and April 2 (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.

**Membership reminder:** The gate combination will change on April 1. To receive the new gate combination, you must renew. Dues are \$60, or \$40 if you participated in a work party in the last year. You can mail your renewal to the club address, or come to a meeting to renew. Also please remember that our membership committee is made up of volunteers, and all of them have day jobs, and remember that all mail in the Tri-Cities now goes through Spokane, so make sure to send in your renewal early so you don't get locked out.

**Note:** There has also been a policy change starting this year: you must renew before July 1 or you will be considered a new member, meaning dues will be \$80 and you must go through new member orientation again.

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**Match Reports:** The Civilian Marksmanship Program any match had 10 shooters. The next match is Feb 7<sup>th</sup>. The Jan bench rest-HBR/VFS match had 14 shooters. The next match is Feb 28<sup>th</sup>.

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**Safety Committee Report:** Dave Baalman said the board had met and discussed an incident where two club members brought twenty-one guests to the range during a CMP match. Problems occurred and were corrected by club officers and board members present at the time. Dave reminded everyone that members are responsible for all the guests they bring to the range.

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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**Range Report:** Greg reported that a range clean-up is scheduled for Feb 15<sup>th</sup>. The focus of the day will be the cleaning up the shotgun area and cleaning up around the rail car. Items requiring removal include: clay pigeon debris, wood behind railcar, papers, tumbleweeds, etc.

Weed control is scheduled for Feb. 10th. Range will be closed during this time.

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**OLD BUSINESS:** None

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**NEW BUSINESS:** Don Board spoke about holding a Women/Youth Shoot. He's looking for volunteers to help run the pistol, rifle, shotgun areas during the shoot. A motion was made and 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed to hold the shoot on May 2<sup>nd</sup> after the CMP match.

Roy Harvill reminded the members of the Friends of NRA banquet in March. Dave Baalman spoke to the club about the monies the club has received from them in the past and the importance of supporting the Friends of NRA. A motion was made, 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed for the club to purchase a Sharpshooter dinner package for \$750.

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So, how many of you have heard about Gnat Warfare? If you haven't, take a gander at this fairly new up and coming shotgun sport... watch the video...pretty cool... <https://www.dropbox.com/s/no8zklktuct015x/Gnat%20Warfare%202-HD%201080p.mov?dl=0>

For those of you planning a wild hog hunt sometime in the near future, here's some useful info (complete with photos) on how to butcher a hog... <http://www.gunsamerica.com/blog/dea-atf-planned-track-gun-show-attendees/>

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

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