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April 2015 Club Newsletter

Upcoming meetings: May 7 and June 4 (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 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 has been changed. To receive the new gate combination, you must renew. Dues are \$80, 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.

Match Reports: The March CMP/any-any had 8 CMP and 2 any-any shooters. The next match is Sat April 4 at 8 am. The March .22 match had 20 shooters. It is expected that we will need to have 2 relays at the next match-April 11. The March Sporting High power had 7 shooters. The next match is April 18. Rick said there were 6 brave shooters at the wind HBR match in March. The next match is a Varmint for Score on April 25th.

Board Report: Dave Baalman said they met on 3/11. They had belated officer elections. Dave and Sam nominated each other-Sam still Board President and Dave Board Secretary. We're still looking for range land. It was decided to merge the Safety Committee and the Safety Officer program. They will be the 'Safety Committee'.

Safety Committee Report: Dave Baalman said they met on 3/28 with a member that had been observed stepping in front of the firing line when HOT. All members' names from sign-in sheet, and complainant contacted. This member has agreed to re-attend the orientation tonight in order to renew membership and gain the new gate combo. From the floor a member shared that TRIOS had land they were selling.

Dave also said safety issues were discussed. Now there seems to be a problem with the horn by the flagpole. Mike, our member-electrician, was present tonight. He said he just needs to know about any issue—call him. He will order 3 more horns and check out the system.

Reminder: 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.

Range Report: Greg Hagen reported the work party on March 22nd accomplished a lot. Tumbleweeds were burned, shotgun area raked, magnet used for steel. They also did some work on the Safety system in the shotgun area. Please try to pull your used targets, and if you see loose paper/targets please pick up; otherwise they need to be hunted down during work parties up the hill and in the fencing. There will probably be another work party before it gets too hot.

OLD BUSINESS: Gaylord said that the club won 2 prizes at the NRA banquet: a set of 4 insulated hot/cold glasses-marked NRA, and a Ruger Blackhawk stainless .357. All Current members will receive a ticket for the drawing. First draw was Dan Silinovich. He chose the pistol. The second draw was Ryan Bongers, and he got the glasses. Congratulations to our winners!

NEW BUSINESS: From the floor, Steve Krause-from the Bunker-asked to be able to use the range for firearms classes. Dave reminded that 2 issues could be a problem. One was the packed calendar, and 2 that it must be not-for-profit. Steve said it was not profit for him and that he'd be mostly at pistol, toward shotgun, and use own target stands and only 5 shooters at a time. He had no problem waiting a reasonable time to go hot/cold along with the member shooters. Would also aim to use the range weekday/eve when possible, and less busy. No protest from the membership.

Hipolito Velez reported some pistol target frames had cardboard shot out-making a window. A member was hanging metal targets in that window and shooting it. He contacted the member as he could hear metal fragments flying. The member was congenial, and stopped. It was an improper target, and too close for metal at 7 yds. Also, Don shared that clay pigeons had been placed on top of the pistol berms. At this time clays are only authorized between the white posts at 100 yds. The top of a berm is not the place for any target and is not allowed.

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So, why do you need an AR-15? A typical question posed quite often by uniformed journalists. Alan Korwin, a gun rights advocate and prolific author on the subject of guns, attempts to answer that question in this video (part 3 of 3 videos). Worth the few minutes to watch... <http://www.gunsamerica.com/blog/why-you-need-an-ar-15-with-a-30-round-mag-part-iii/>

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

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