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May 2015 Club Newsletter

Upcoming meetings: June 4 and July 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

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 \$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.

Match Reports: Gaylord said the April CMP had 8 shooters-6 cmp and 2 any any shooters. The May match had 9 shooters-6 cmp and 3 any any. The April .22 rimfire match had 14 shooters-it was windy. The next match is May 9th. The April SHP match had 5 shooters, and the next is May 16th. Rick said the April bench rest Varmint match had 8 shooters. The next match is Hunter Bench rest on May 30th.

Board Report: Dave Baalman said there had not been a meeting. They will meet in the next week or so. The club is still looking for land.

Safety Committee Report: Dave Baalman said Mark Johnson has been scheduling the 15 Safety Advisor volunteers. The program re-started the last week of April. Dave will compile April/May data for the next meeting. If interested in being a S.A. volunteer, you must be a member of at least 2 yrs, or have shot in a total of 6 club matches. For each shift you get a \$25 gift card and work party credit. No safety issues were reported. The horn problem at the main box by the flagpole has been fixed.

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 there will be a work party on May 17th at 8 am. The usual maintenance will be done, as well as adding more target frames at 100 yds. There will be gate painting, magnet work, dragging the road, and cutting up the scrap wood target frames. Additional shovels and post hole diggers would be useful.

OLD BUSINESS: Don Board said the Women-Youth shoot on May 2nd had 21 shooters signed-in, including 3 youth. It ran from 1-5. Everyone; shooters and volunteers; enjoyed it.

NEW BUSINESS: Dave Baalman indicated that the Touchet gun club is no longer sponsoring the 3-gun matches. We didn't have the equipment needed; we had just provided the range. He said Bob Byers has agreed to act as Match Director if the club is willing to purchase the equipment required. These matches were popular. For the next meeting they will work up a proposal for the funding requested.

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For those who'd like to reload their own ammo, here's an excellent short video primer on how to go about it...
<http://bearingarms.com/reloading-progressive-press-step-step-guide/>

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

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