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June 2015 Club Newsletter

Upcoming meetings: July 2 and August 6 (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: Gaylord said the May 9th .22 LR match had 9 shooters; the next match is June 13th. The May 16th SHP match had 5 shooters, the next match is June 20th. The next CMP match is June 6th. All matches start at 8 am. From the floor an HBR shooter said there were 7 shooters at the May 30th match, and conditions were breezy.

Board Report: There was no meeting

Safety Committee Report: Mark Johnson gave a S.A. report. There were 3 days covered in May by an advisor, 122 shooters and 8 issues to address. That's a 1/15 ratio; the same it's been in the past. He said the usual problems were seen—handling when cold, handguns on the counter behind the shooters loose and pointing down the firing line, the gate being left open. The flagpole has been fixed. He has the gift cards for any SA's at the meeting tonight.

Reminder: Members are responsible for all the guests they bring to the range.

The **safety advisor program** has begun. 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: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: From the floor information was shared about project Appleseed. They hold events nationwide and teach the fundamentals of rifle marksmanship along with the history and heritage of our nation. Some nearby clinics will be in Lewiston, Coeur d'Alene and La Grande. He thought the cost was \$60 for both weekend days. For more info, see him after the meeting or check online at appleseedusa.org.

Bob Myers, who agreed to direct 3-gun matches, said that he found available sources for the equipment needed. The cost looks to be around \$4300. He wants to talk to Dave Baalman about the details before submitting the official funding request. Hopefully this will be done at the next meeting.

Roy shared that last year the Columbia Basin Friends of NRA amassed \$211,000 for in Washington. He said ½ the money goes National and ½ stays here. He was promoting the 'Santa Raffle' for an original .44 Henry carbine. Tickets are \$20. In August there will also be a safe raffle @ Grigg's. He also said that they can write the Grant request for the 3-gun equipment, and a trailer to store it. They did this for Mark-of Touchet-for the equipment that gun club has.

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I'm sure you've heard of double barrel pistols before, but have you seen a 1911 .45 ACP QUAD shoot in slow motion (that's 2 double barrel 1911s at the same time)? Pretty cool video. Check it out here: <http://bearingarms.com/double-barreled-1911-pistol-quad-wield-rapid-fire/>

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

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