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### July 2015 Club Newsletter

Upcoming meetings: August 6 and September 3 (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 6/6 CMP match had 11 shooters. The next match is July 4<sup>th</sup>. The 6/13 .22 match had 22 shooters. There were 3 women and 3 youth. The next match is 7/11. The 6/20 SHP match had 8 shooters. The next match is 7/18. He was at the range during the 6/27 HBR match, and was told some shooters had left because of the heat; no shooters present to give further info.

**Board Report:** Dave Baalman said there were 2 meetings in June. On the 18<sup>th</sup> meeting there was no quorum, but items were discussed. Also Mike Thyng from the Elks came and spoke. They do an annual event using our range. They charge \$25 per person, and all funds go to charity—so the 'charge' is not against our 'no profit' stand. He designates ROs, and shooters also team up by twos, and take turns shooting. The Board also suggested that they fly the US Flag at the event. He said they had a flag to fly. On the 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, Dave said they had a quorum. They met with an NRA instructor that had held an unscheduled class at the range, and generated a member complaint. He said it was an error, and would make sure all classes are scheduled, and check the on-line range calendar several weeks before a class to make sure it is shown. It was discussed to possibly add a couple more pistol shooting counters, so class use of the pistol area would have less impact. Dave also said there is work being done to obtain range land—but they're dealing with a lot of 'government baloney'.

**Safety Committee Report:** Dave Baalman thanked Mark for doing the volunteer scheduling. He said there were 90 shooters during S.A. shifts with 8 issues. That's a 1:11 ratio—not that good. It was the 1<sup>st</sup> month ever that didn't have a 'cold handling' issue, though. There were, unfortunately, 2 muzzle control issues. One involved a child moving a gun and the other was a cleaning issue. Neither weapon was loaded at the time. There were also clays placed on top of the berm, and range cross-fire issues.

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

The **safety advisor program** has begun. Let Dave Baalman 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 said no work parties were scheduled, and probably not until Sept. due to heat. Gaylord said that 2 new commercial grade clay pigeon throwers had been purchased and received. He will be installing them w/Greg soon.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

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**NEW BUSINESS:** **Ray Volert** said that Hunter Sight-in days will be Sun Aug 30<sup>th</sup> and Sat Sept 12. running from 9-2. He will call past volunteers, and can always use more help. He asks that helpers come a little early to set-up. If interested in volunteering, he can be contacted at **539-8984**.

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**Remember the front sight:** Here's a refresher video on the basics of shooting your handgun accurately anywhere, anytime...focus on the front sight and smooth trigger control...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zY4znAjaVjE>

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

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