



TRI-CITIES METALLIC SILHOUETTE ASSOCIATION
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November 2015 Club Newsletter

Upcoming meetings: December 3 and January 7, 2012 (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: 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.

TCMSA wants you to know: Don't put firearms on the shelves behind the line, they wind up pointing at other shooters, use the racks instead. To put firearms in a case, use the firing point benches or some other area where you don't point them at other shooters.

Match Reports: Gaylord indicated that the 9/5 CMP had 10 shooters-7 CMP and 3 any-any. The 10/3 match had 6 shooters-3 and 3. The next match is 11/3 at 9 am. The 10/10 .22 match had 13 shooters-with 3 youth and 1 woman. The next match is 11/14 at 9 am. The 9/19 SHP match had 5 shooters, the 10/17 had 4 shooters. The next match is 11/21 at 9 am. There were 5 shooters at the 10/24 3-gun match. The steel worked well. Everyone had a good time. Hopefully there'll be more shooters next time. All fall matches affected by hunting season.

Board Report: Dave Baalman indicated the board has met twice since the Sept meeting. He said there were 4 main topics. 1- Board member Wayne Rowett has passed on, and his position is open and needs to be filled. 2-Boy Scout group wants to hold a Camporee shoot using our range. 3- Address calendar issues-with a larger/clearer format. 4-Real estate agent has contacted board re: possible land available for new range. There are zoning issues to overcome, but it seems promising.

Safety Committee Report: Dave Baalman said the Safety Advisor program is ended for the year, and will restart in the spring. He thanked everyone that worked as S.A., and especially Mark for doing the scheduling. Sept-Oct this year was the best ever-1/25 teachable moments. Last year Sept-Oct was 1/10. The program is working.

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

Range Report: Greg said there was a work party on Oct 18. Only 5 members came. The usual basic clean-up was done. There will be a work party on Sun Nov 22nd. The usual maintenance will be done, as well as some berm work.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS: Dave Baalman said a member/scout leader is asking to have the shooting portion of the area scout camporee at our range on Sat April 30th. They'll be camping at Levy Landing. They would like to do .22 shooting,

possible archery, walking hunter ed. course, and a service project for our range. They have several trained NRA instructors, and adults to supervise; club members who'd like to assist/participate would be welcomed. The .22's would be set up on the CMP line, to minimize impact to club member range use. Target frames to shoot at a more reasonable .22 distance-rather than 100/200 yds- will be devised. The service projects discussed with the board could include trash clean-up and assembly of target frames with pre-cut materials. It was recommended by the board that it be approved. Member vote approved.

Gaylord said we need nominations for Wayne's open board position tonight. Bob Birney was nominated, and Mark Johnson volunteered. They stepped outside-as we had no ballots, and a raised hand vote was held. Bob won, in a close race. There will be an election in Jan, and 2 board positions and all officer positions are open. You must have been a member for 3 yrs, and be active in a club sponsored shooting event. Nominations will be at the Dec. meeting. Also, the link for requesting 2016 dates on the club calendar is on the website. Requests must be in by Dec 15th

Special announcement and reminder from the TCMSA Board of Directors:

Recently we've had a question posed to the officers & board asking for official interpretation of the existing club rules: *Is it within the rules to draw from a holster at the range?* This subject is not directly addressed in the rules, but several other areas of the rules apply. Rule #2: "Never point a gun at anything you are not willing to shoot or destroy", and rule #3 "Never place your finger on the trigger or inside the trigger guard until your sights are on the target" seem to apply. We see no way to draw from a shoulder, cross draw, belly band, or small of the back holster without pointing your firearm at the rest of the shooters on the line. It is therefore our official interpretation of the current club rules that drawing from a holster is only allowed if: it is from a strong side or ankle holster, AND the firearm never sweeps anyone on the line including the person drawing, AND the shooter's finger stays off the trigger until the sights are on target AND the finger is removed from the trigger before attempting to holster the firearm.

That being said, we **STRONGLY SUGGEST** that this is not something you should try for the first time at the range with a live firearm. Drawing from a holster is all about muscle memory, which should be developed at home with an empty firearm through hundreds or even thousands of repetitions before you ever try it live. We also suggest you use some judgement on how quickly you should be drawing. You can't miss fast enough to win a gun fight, and you aren't doing well if you start off with a hole in your leg from your own gun, so keep it at a reasonable speed.

The FBI has decided to return to the 9mm round: After many years of using the 40 S&W round, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has concluded that the 9mm is a very effective round due to many improvements in ballistics and penetration. Check out the details at... <https://www.gunsamerica.com/blog/fbi-to-return-to-the-9mm/>

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

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