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## December 2015 Club Newsletter

Upcoming meetings: January 7 and February 4, 2016 (all meetings are at the Griggs Hunter Ed room @ 7pm)

Upcoming work parties: Consult our website (maintenance chair Greg Hagen 545-4705)

### General Announcements

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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: It is \$80 to join with renewals at \$60, or \$40 if you participated in a work party in the last year. If the renewal is late (after July 1st) you will need to rejoin at \$80. You can mail your renewal to the club address during Jan/Feb to save from being on long lines during meetings, or come to a meeting to renew but face the lines. 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:** You may have heard recently that the board has decided to end range use by outside instructors for their classes. This was not a decision that the board took lightly, it was based on input from the officers, and multiple comments & complaints from members. The main issue is that there simply isn't enough time & space for our members to use the range without an event going on, and many members felt that outside instructors were taking advantage of the club's hospitality.

One of the instructor groups attended the December club meeting and made a formal request that the club consider some range modifications to allow for their classes to continue. The motion was tabled until the January meeting so that the entire club could be informed. The board did consider this option and initially rejected it as not being feasible. The change to the facility would affect every match discipline and impact all our normal operations, and would likely not be acceptable to our landlords.

The board has instead been discussing a compromise and will have a counter proposal for the membership to consider at the January meeting. The details are still being discussed as this newsletter is being written, but the proposal would allow for limited use of the range by NRA & other instructors, while limiting schedule pressure and the workload for the club officers.

We (the board of directors) are hopeful that the club can continue to support training as we feel it is an important public service. **The main question for the membership is: does the club wish to continue to support training classes on a limited basis?** If you have an opinion on this matter, please come to the January meeting to be heard.

**Match Reports:** Gaylord indicated the 11/7 CMP had 8 shooters present-but due to fog keeping the 200 yd line invisible, the match was cancelled. The next match is 12/5. The 11/14 .22 match had 18 shooters-2 women and 2 youth. There were 3 scores of 400/400. The next match is 12/12. The 11/21 match had 3 people show up. Cold and some fog-but the 3 decided not worth spending ammo on a 3-man match. It was cancelled. Next match is Jan 16<sup>th</sup>. From the floor, the Benchrest match was crisp, with 10 shooters-top score 250-14 x. Next match is 12/19.

**Board Report:** Dave Baalman indicated they met twice since the Nov. meeting. 1-the land search results show it's nearly impossible to find usable land in Benton Co. due to the Growth Management Act and zoning laws. Benton Co. checking on interpretation, and we're writing letters to try and change those laws. The Juniper Dunes area is still a possibility, with new road access adding options. 2-due to the snafu re: scheduling at Grigg's in Oct-and no meeting-the issue was addressed and clarified and resolved. 3-NRA instructors, who would like to continue using our range for classes addressed the board, and will speak to the members tonight in old business.

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**Safety Committee Report:** Dave Baalman said after the berm work all the handguns will now hit a berm; as long as shooters are shooting correctly in the right direction!

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

**Range Report:** Greg said the Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> work party burned some tumbleweeds, graded the road, lubed the shooting bench stools and a front-end loader did berm work. It was cold, and help appreciated. He has taken the 100 yd gong to repair, and will replace next week.

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**OLD BUSINESS:** Dr Marguiles, NRA instructor/training counselor, and Theron Cammer, spoke to the membership about the importance of their training classes-both for the public, and for future NRA instructors. It was proposed that a separating berm be installed between the CMP line and the covered shooting benches, to extend to 100 yds. It was stated they can't use Rattlesnake due to not being an 'official' non-profit, and high enough insurance not being held. NRA only goes to \$2 million, they want \$4. Dave clarified that the Board had decided that starting in 2016 outside range use would be discontinued-due to member complaints and the difficulty of scheduling on the calendar. He moved to table the issue until webpage/newsletter details can be shared with the entire membership before the members vote/make a decision. It was 2<sup>nd</sup>, and passed.

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**NEW BUSINESS:** Election nominations: Bob Birney and Steve Schlegel spots up on the board. They were nominated to serve another 2 yrs. by Dave. Dave also asked the current officers if they would be willing to serve another yr. They said yes. Bill also stated that he's been doing membership for 16 yrs, and won't do it forever. It would be great if some members would step forward and take over his, or any other positions!

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**How Many of us can keep up with this talented young girl on the range?:** Little girl that can handle some really serious guns... <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=153938608140284>

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

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