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February 2016 Club Newsletter

Upcoming meetings: March 3, and April 7, 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

The 2016 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.

Reminder: There has also been a policy change, 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.

TCMSA wants you to know: Steel core bullets on steel targets make sparks, & sparks make fires. If you don't know if you are shooting steel core bullets, **check them on the magnet** next to the flag pole.

Bullets must hit the berms. This is controlled by where you put your target. Take a look before you go hot to make sure your target is at the right height to ensure that the bullet will hit the berm. Due to ricochets, bullets that hit in front of the berm are just as dangerous as ones that go over it.

Match Reports: Gaylord said the next CMP match is Feb 6th at 9 am. The Jan 9th .22 100 yd match had 20 shooters-including 1 youth and 2 women. The next match is Feb 13th at 9 am. The next SHP is Feb 20th at 9 am. From Bob it was shared that the Jan 30th Bench rest match had 10 shooters-3 were new. Top scores 250- 9,10 and 11x. The next match is Feb 27th. There will be a 3-gun in April.

Board Report: Sam said the board met 2 wks ago. The main topic was creating an outside training program proposal. Steve will share this in old business. All responses to the letters sent out have been negative.

Safety Committee Report: Dave Baalman said there'd been no incidents reported. Keep it up!

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

Range Report: Greg said there will be a work party on Sun Feb 21st at 8 am. We will clean up shotgun area, run magnet, dismantle broken target frames, p/u trash, lube chairs, dig a deeper hole and re-seat 100 yd gong. Bring crowbars or other tools if you attend.

OLD BUSINESS: Steve read and explained the Proposal from the Board for an Outside training program. There was much discussion and questions from the membership. It had been decided that the membership would vote on the Board proposal: either to accept it, and outside training, or reject it and therefore reject outside training. There was a vote of hands raised. Yeah 17 Nay-20

Proposal rejected. There will not be any outside training. Don Board shared that the Sportsman's Show shooting gallery went well, after some initial organizing/scheduling confusion. The new rifles had a tough trigger pull-#30-especially for kids! Also 3 of the 4 rifles had laser sights, which was nice.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Great advice on how to properly lube your handgun... <http://preparedgunowners.com/2015/09/03/how-to-lubricate-a-handgun/>

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

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