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July 2016 Club Newsletter

Upcoming meetings: August 4 and September 1, 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: Be sure to stay behind the firing line when the range is hot. The firing line is the front edge of the concrete benches, extended each way across the whole range. If your brass or some other item falls in front of the line, you need to make the entire line cold to retrieve it.

The club rules are on the website and posted at the range. Take a moment to read them the next time you are there, you might remember something you forgot or learn something you never knew.

Match Reports: Gaylord Baker said the June 4th CMP had 5 shooters and the July 2nd had 9 shooters. The next CMP is **Aug 6th**. The June 11th .22 rimfire match had 13 shooters-with 2 women. The next match is July 9th. The June 18th SHP match was called due to rain, and the next match is **July 16th**. No benchrest report-the next match is **July 23rd**. No 3-gun report. The next match is **Aug 14th**

Board Report: Dave Baalman said there had been no meeting due to scheduling issues. However, they are currently working on rule clarifications and as always searching for land for the new range. Any leads are appreciated.

Safety Committee Report: Dave Baalman said there were 88 shooters during S.A. shifts, with 6 teachable moments. These included handling when cold...hard to understand with it stamped on EVERYTHING. Also rifles on benches pointing down the line and no eye protection. He said our 'shooters flag' is shot. He found a tiny one in the trailer-but we need a new one. They are \$65 from Creedmore. Gaylord said a member had been making them; he'll check, and if needed will buy one. Dave also said we had purchased empty chamber indicators-about 300-for the sign-in trailer, and they are gone. They are about \$.50ea when purchased in bulk. It was moved and 2nd and approved to buy more. Dave will order them. He said it was pointed out those arrows that miss the archery range bales would go into the road. Dave will look at the angle of bale placement. He still has Safety Advisor shifts to fill. Any past advisors or those interested can contact him. You get work party credit, you can shoot while you're on duty and you get a \$25 gift card per shift!

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

Range Report: Greg said on June 15th a member with a John Deere tractor and mower worked on the range. Besides Greg there were also 6 members that showed up and helped. The CMP line was cleared so targets visible at 200 yds. There is no work party planned at this time. Please help by picking up loose paper and used targets. Gaylord shared that the trap throwers in the shotgun area needed new springs and trigger assemblies because of the heavy use they were getting. They were under warranty, so replacement parts were sent and he installed them.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW

BUSINESS: Ray shared that the Hunter Sight-in dates are Sat Sept 10th from 10-3 and Sun Sept 18th from 9-2. This is open to the public and our members serve as coaches. Invite your friends. Coaches should bring any bench shooting equipment they have. Coaches earn work party credit, and can shoot during the lulls. He will call past volunteers. If there are any questions, or to volunteer, you can call him: 539-8984.

Want to control your handgun shooting accuracy? Then you need to control your trigger pull. Watch this video to pick up some tips on this very important skill. It helps to review... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H0weVtVixmQ>

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

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