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August 2016 Club Newsletter

Upcoming meetings: September 1 and October 6, 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: We are all responsible for safety at the range. If you see someone breaking the rules, take a moment to remind them. If they don't straighten up or you feel like they are disregarding what you are saying, fill out an incident report form & pass it on to the officers, we will take care of 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 next CMP is Sat Aug 6th at 8 am. The July 9th .22 rimfire match had 19 shooters-with 3 women. The next match is Aug 13th. The July 16th SHP match had 8 shooters. The next match is Aug 20th. Mike said the July 23rd Benchrest match had 8 shooters. He said there are 5-6 that are coming from out of the area/state regularly. Bob said that there is a better turnout for 3-gun at the Sat matches. The next match is Sun Aug 14th from 8-2. If you need equipment to participate, that is available at the match. Gaylord reminded that Pasco PD will be using the range on Wed. Aug 10. The range will be closed from 8-11 and 1-6.

Board Report: Dave Baalman said the Board met 3 weeks ago. They discussed a report of guests at the range w/o a member present. One of the group said he was given the combo by his father. After checking into it, it appears that the father had not renewed-so he had to have gotten the combo from someone else. This is serious. The guilty party could be banned from the club for life! Certified letters have been sent out to get to the bottom of this incident. Our insurance would also have a problem with untrained shooters/non-members unsupervised at the range. If you are caught giving out gate info, you will lose your membership! Be prepared, as the gate combo may need to be changed, and current/active members will receive the new combination to be sent by mail.

Safety Committee Report: Dave Baalman said there were 170 shooters during S.A. shifts, with 8 teachable moments. That's a 1/21 ratio-pretty good for this time of year. There have been lots of questions, and that seems to show the program is working. There have

been the usual violations-as handling when cold. One member confessed to making the range hot when a member was down range. Fortunately he was noticed, and range made cold again. It was felt the tall weeds at the time were the problem with visibility. Dave has ordered 25 dozen of the Empty Chamber Indicators at \$.41 ea. He looked at the archery hay bale issue. They can't be moved or they would fall apart. Since no issues have occurred in the last 10 yrs-if ever-the issue will be left as is for now.

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 our member-mower Ron Hansen-mowed yesterday at the 100 and 200 yd lines and the pistol area he could reach. There will be a work party on Sun Aug 21st at 8 am. The main focus will be on the weeds left in the pistol area. Weed-whackers, machetes, etc will be helpful. Greg also said he'd made new red safety flags. He said the old wood target frames are stashed under the trailer. He uses them for fire- starters; any members interested-help yourselves.

OLD BUSINESS: Ray reminded us that the free to the public Hunter site-in will be Sat Sept 10 from 10-3 and Sun Sept 18 from 9-2. Volunteers should bring bench shooting equipment; work party credit is earned. Posters will be put out in stores and an ad in the little nick-el.

NEW BUSINESS: Bill asked if the 3-gun equipment was being hauled in for every match. Yes, Bob said he used his trailer. Gaylord shared that we are working on getting NRA grant money next year to purchase a storage trailer at the range.

How To Fix The Top Pistol Shooting Errors: Part One. Read this article to pick up some corrective tips for newbies and seasoned shooters alike. It helps to review... <http://guncarrier.com/fix-top-6-pistol-shooting-errors-part-one/>

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

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