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### November 2016 Club Newsletter

Upcoming meetings: December 1, 2016 and January 5th, 2017 (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 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.**

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***TCMSA wants you to know: Don't drive off the established roads. Fire hazard can be EXTREME, especially in the summer.***

***Reminder: You are responsible for your guest's actions. It's a good idea to take a moment to explain the rules before the firearms even come out of the vehicle.***

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**Match Reports:** Gaylord said the next CMP match is this Sat, the 5th at 9 am. The Oct 8th .22 match had 22 shooters-with 2 women. The next match is Nov 12th at 9 am. The Oct 15th SHP match had 8 shooters. The next match is Nov 19th. Bob Birney said the Oct 22nd benchrest match had about 8 shooters. It was a club match. The next match is Nov 26th. Bob Byers said the Oct 29th 3-gun match had 6 shooters. Some wet weather off and on.

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**Board Report:** Dave Baalman said the board did not meet due to hunting season and scheduling issues. They are still researching the RFID. They're also waiting to see who wins the Franklin election-re: possible range land procurement assistance

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**Safety Committee Report:** Dave said the S.A. program is done for the year. It will start back up in the spring.

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

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**Range Report:** Greg said the Oct 30th work party had a good turnout. They cleared the CMP firing line of tumbleweeds, and the pistol area and 100 and 200 yd. berms. They were quite wet, but they did get them to burn! New backings were also put onto the 100 yd. match target frames.

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**OLD BUSINESS:** Gaylord said a trailer for the 3-gun equipment had been ordered. It has a 6'6" interior, re-enforced flooring, electric breaks tongue jack, rear stabilizer jacks and 2-tone color scheme. Mostly white with an angled red section at the back. We figured that the graphics would be blue-so red-white and blue. Any ideas for designs welcome. We'll also be checking with the member that does our range signs.

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**NEW BUSINESS:** Gaylord reminded that next month will be nominations for board/officers. Be thinking of members you'd like to suggest, or if you'd like to volunteer to run. All officer positions and 2 board positions are open. The election is in January. Mark said he has traveled the country and shot at many public ranges. He said our membership was a bargain. He felt that since we are looking for land to purchase and to develop we should raise our yearly dues by \$20. That would be \$100/yr. initially, \$80 to renew and \$60 to renew with a work party. This motion was well received, but needs to be voted on at the January election. Gaylord shared that the club has been trying to set-up an air gun program for several years, but had been unable to find a suitable place. Last week we met with the AFROTC officer in charge at Kennewick HS. They have started a program, and have literally nothing but 10 guns and a safe. It looks very promising that our range will be able to work with them to create/sponsor /support a program that will benefit them and our members. Some weekday evenings and weekends look to be possible match times for us. More meetings will be scheduled.

Bob Birney shared information about the Friends of NRA banquet. It's the 25th anniversary of this chapter-so big things are planned. Lots of special items to win and bid on. There's also the safe raffle at Griggs; only 300 tickets-\$20 ea. 2 Kimber pistols-and one is a .357 revolver. Craig Johnson shared that the Ducks Unlimited banquet is this Sat, the 5th. See him after the meeting if interested.

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**Do you need a safety on your conceal carry handgun?** Great question: Read this article and watch the video to come to your own personal conclusion. And it is personal... <http://preparedgunowners.com/2016/09/08/why-you-do-not-need-a-safety-on-your-concealed-carry-handgun/>

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

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