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March 2017 Club Newsletter

Upcoming meetings: April 6 and May 4, 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

The 2017 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: 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 Feb 4 CMP was called due to weather. The next match is Sat March 4th at 9 am. The Feb 11th .22 match had 13 shooters, w/2 women. The next match is March 11th at 8 am. The Feb 18th SHP had 7 shooters. The next is Mar. 18th at 8 am. The Feb 25th Benchrest had 10 shooters, the next is a registered match on Mar. 25th. Bob Byers said the next 3-gun is Mar 19th from 8-3. Equipment to borrow is available. It's \$10. Gaylord reminded the club has just bought all new steel for this event. He also reminded that Pasco PD will be using the range on Wed March 22nd from 8-11 and 1-6, and the range is closed during those times.

Board Report: Steve said they met Feb 27th. They are looking at updating and clarifying the rules and making them more concise. There has been no word from anyone at Franklin County, but are still hopeful for their support of range land purchase.

Safety Committee Report: Mark said there'd been no incidents reported. He also said with so many members now, that more volunteers will be needed for the Safety Advisor program. You work a 4 hr. shift, and for each shift you earn a \$25 Sportsman's warehouse gift card. Contact the range if interested. The program usually resumes in May.

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 March 26th at 8 am. We will be painting the gates, burning tumbleweeds, replacing target frames, using the magnet. Gaylord said we need to get the road graded after the hard winter. A member-Patrick-said he could arrange/do the grading. He will get together with Greg and Gaylord about setting it up, and what's required.

This range is ALL our responsibility. All members should be safe and considerate of the facility and its contents. **Every member is accountable for the condition of the range.**

OLD BUSINESS: A member asked from the floor about the air gun program. Gaylord replied that we had not heard anything back from the school or the Colonel.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

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

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