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### June 2017 Club Newsletter

Upcoming meetings: July 6 and August 3, 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 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.**

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***TCMSA wants you to know:*** 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.

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### Club Matches:

**3-Gun Matches:** The May 27th 3-gun match had 8 shooters. We had to use a weed-eater to clear some of our usual areas. I am always looking for more participants, and encourage new shooters and women to come down and watch and give it a try. Extra equipment is available, if needed. Once you shoot 3-gun you'll be hooked! The next matches are Sun June 11th and Sat July 29th from 8-3. Bob Byers-Match Director

**Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Match:** The CMP match was on May 6th, with 11 shooters, 9 shooting with iron sights or scopes less than 4.5 magnification and 2 shooting ANY ANY, which is any rifle and any sights. The match can be fired with any military rifle from any nation. The cost to participate is \$5, and 50 rounds for record plus sighters. The next match is July 1st. Gaylord Baker-Match Director

**100 yard .22 rimfire Match:** The rimfire match was May 13th with 17 shooters, including two women. This competition is free, just bring your rifle and ammunition. The match is 40 rounds for record and unlimited sighters. You don't need a fancy rifle, classifications are for unlimited rifles, sporters, and plinkers. This is the most popular match at our club. The next matches will be June 10th and July 8th. Gaylord Baker-Match Director

**High Power Sporting Rifle Match:** Seven competitors joined our club High Power Sporting Rifle match, along with two who fired out of competition with overweight rifles or other "contrary to the rules" items. We had excellent conditions for a rifle match, with winds starting out dead calm and only increasing to about 6mph by the end. Tony Cone topped the field with a master level score of 301-6x, narrowly defeating Marlee Parks (300-10x) and Gaylord Baker (297-12x). If you are interested in trying position shooting type matches, sporting is the place to start. It's only 32 rounds for score plus a few sighters, and the entry fee is only \$3. Hope to see you next month (June 17).

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**Safety Committee Report:** Congratulations to our members for safe firearm handling and following the club rules during our first month of the busy season. Your Safety Advisers thank you for your efforts in making our range a safe place for everyone to enjoy shooting.

During the month of May your SA's worked 58 hours servicing 131 shooters. There were only 4 issues that needed addressed with a teachable moment. One handling firearms during cold range, one muzzle control issue, one forward of the line during hot range and one instance of being too far back while firing at the pistol tables. Overall it comes out to a 3.05 percent noncompliance with firearm or range safety rules.

I believe that is probably our best month ever. Keep in mind that every member should address safety or range rule issues in a polite way with other shooters at any time to keep our range safe.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Mark Johnson - 509-308-5335

**Reminder: Members are responsible for all the guests they bring to the range. Additionally, every member is accountable for the condition of the range.**

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### **Top 5 Ways to Carry Concealed When Dressed Up...**<https://www.gunsamerica.com/blog/top-5-ways-carry-concealed-dressed/>

The shorter distance your hand has to travel to grasp your gun, the faster you can present. As for ease of concealment, that too seems fairly obvious. An untucked shirt or a sweatshirt can drape over a holstered handgun and keep it out of sight but at the ready. But many who carry concealed might not have the option of the untucked shirt, and sometimes life or work circumstances simply demand a more tucked-in appearance. Frankly, dressing up might seem limiting to some aspects of concealed carry but not necessarily so. With a mindset for safety, the right gear and lots of practice, you can effectively carry concealed when dressed up.

1. **POCKET:** Recommendation: If you carry a gun in a pocket holster, make sure to carry nothing else in that pocket and make sure the holster stays in your pocket whenever you draw your gun.
  2. **ANKLE:** Recommendation: If you carry a gun in an ankle holster, make sure you can affix it tightly but comfortably around your ankle and that it will not only not sag or droop but also that you can run with it safely as it securely holds your gun.
  3. **TUCKABLE IWB:** Recommendation: Wear a gun belt that looks like a dress belt (1.25 inches wide and subtle black or brown leather) and pull your shirt out enough that it stays tucked in but the shirt "blouses" over your belt, helping to conceal any clips, reducing printing, etc.
  4. **SPORTS COAT COVER:** Recommendation: A sport coat can hide a gun in a pocket, cover an OWB or IWB holster, and hide a shoulder holster. Just be sure to figure out which mode of carry is right for you and then practice carrying and drawing from it.
  5. **OFF-BODY:** Recommendation: Use an off-body carry system when you're in a vehicle or when you know you'll have that system in your complete control all of the time. Look into carry and concealment systems made specifically for off-body carry and consider their ability not only to hide a gun but also to lock it in place.
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Stay safe, keep your powder dry and we'll see you at the range!

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