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July 2017 Club Newsletter

Upcoming meetings: August 3 and September 7, 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](#). 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: Keep that muzzle pointed down range. We often see poor muzzle control when people are walking to/from the line, and when people are cleaning firearms, so take extra care in those cases.

President's Column:

The range is in good shape and the area has been mowed. A special thanks to member Ron Hansen who, after getting his tractor repaired, came out twice and mowed to the 100 yard line and the fire break. We are waiting for a cool down before scheduling another work party. On the list of to-dos are: 1. Build another 7 yard line at the right side of the handgun range, 2. Add additional frames for targets to the left and right of the existing at 100 yards.

Greg wants everyone to know that the broken/shot-up wood target frames are stashed under the storage trailer. These are available to any one that wants them. They could be used for kindling, garden stakes, etc.

He also wants to remind members that with these very dry conditions there should be no shooting of tracers, and make sure all your bullets are hitting the berms.

Always check the calendar before going to the range to make sure there is not an activity that has the range closed. This includes week days, Wednesdays are when we try to schedule hired work such as spraying on the range. The range will be closed from 0800-1100 and 1300-1800 on July 12th and July 26th for Pasco Police Department rifle qualifications. You can observe them if you want, just no pictures of the training activities.

Hunter Sight-in days are approaching, Saturday September 9th from 1000- 1500, and Sunday September 17th from 0900-1400. Volunteers are needed to run the event and you get work party credit. You can also bring whatever you want to shoot too. If interested in helping out, contact Ray Volert at 539-8984.

Again, please be cautious on the range, it is very dry, we do not need a fire! Smoking is prohibited forward of the firing line.

Club Matches:

Sun June 11th - 3 Gun match had 8 shooters. We can handle up to 20 or more for our allotted time. Shooters ages range from early twenties to early seventies, mostly male.

We would like to introduce the sport to more women and young people. This 3 gun is more of an introduction than all out competition. I know this time of year the heat slows participation. However, most people that shoot steel targets become addicted.

Next match will be Sat July 29th from 8-3. Bob Byers-Match Director

Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Match: The July 1st match had 8 shooters, 6 of whom were CMP and two were ANY/ANY, any rifle, any sight. The next CMP is Saturday, August 5th. Any service rifle from any nation will qualify for CMP, and you will need 50 rounds for record and any additional for sighters. The cost is \$5.00 to cover the cost of targets and other supplies.

100 yard .22 rimfire Match: The .22 match was on July 7th, with 21 shooters including 1 woman and 2 juniors. This activity is very popular, once you try it, you will want to come back. Any rifle will work, bolt, auto, lever, or single shot. You will see all of them one the line. Classifications are Unlimited, Sporter, Plinker, Prone and Prone with bipod, Junior. The match is free, just have a rifle and 40 rounds for record and additional for the unlimited sighters.

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

How often should I clean my handgun?...<https://www.gunsamerica.com/blog/top-5-ways-carry-concealed-dressed/>

If a handgun isn't cleaned properly, eccentric wear will impede function. Normal wear is simply even wear. The finish is worn and the pistol becomes worn as it is used. The springs eventually wear out and need to be replaced. The bore becomes worn.

However, eccentric wear is different. The finish or the handgun's parts are gouged by foreign material. Dirt, grit, and unburned powder make for eccentric wear. If the tolerances are such that good accuracy is guaranteed, the pistol simply will not be as accurate if the operating mechanism is filled with powder ash from firing. Lead buildup is even worse.

The question that is often asked is how often should we clean the handgun? The answer really depends upon the firearm. All .22 caliber rimfire handguns should be cleaned most often. Due to the powder used in this caliber, the .22 is the dirtiest cartridge in common use. Few .22 handguns will go more than 300 rounds without a malfunction if they are not cleaned.

A modern 9mm self loading handgun, firing good quality factory jacketed bullet loads, may go several thousand rounds before function begins to become sluggish due to the buildup of unburned powder—but we really don't wish to abuse our firearms. Even handguns that will perform well without cleaning at a high round count still demand lubrication.

Revolver springs seem to never go out of whack, as they are not compressed when in storage. Self-loading pistols should have their recoil spring changed every 3,000 to 5,000 rounds.

We all know of handguns that have been going since World War II without changing the springs, but this simply isn't optimal performance. We purchase high-end pistols so we will not have to worry about reliability, true, but maintenance is part of every firearm.

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

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