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November 2017 Club Newsletter

Upcoming meetings: December 7 and January 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.

TCMSA wants you to know: 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.

President's Column:

The next club meeting is December 7th. One of the actions at that meeting will be for nominations for all club officer positions and two board positions. If you are interested in running for a position or have someone you want to nominate, please attend the meeting. **The election will be held during the January 4th meeting.**

The October 15th work party painted the reloading shed and extended the handgun 7 yard line and added two additional target frames. Additional counters are planned for and will be in place soon.

Remember....no steel core ammo on any of the steel targets! Steel core destroys the targets your club pays for.

Bench Rest/Club Matches: Twelve shooters turned out for the Washington State Hunter Class State Championship at TCMSA in Sept. While the weather was nice and everyone enjoyed the day, the shooters faced a variety of challenges from trigger failures to mild but constantly changing wind conditions. For the remainder of the year, our matches will be "club matches" meaning no sanctioned events so we make up the rules as we go! Match dates for the remainder of the year are October 28th, November 25th, and December 23rd so dust off them varmint guns and come have some fun and get ready for some coyote blasting this winter. B. Birney

Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Match: The November match had 10 shooters, 8 with iron sights or scopes at a maximum of 4.5 power and 2 any rifle/any sights. The match is open to any military rifle, the course is 50 rounds for record plus sighters. The next match is scheduled for December 2nd, with a winter hours start time of 0830 for setup and 0900 start of the match. The cost of this match is \$5 to cover the cost of targets and supplies.

100 yard .22 rimfire Match: This match remains as the most popular organized competition at our range. The October match had 20 shooters including 2 women and 1 junior. The next match is November 11th, winter hours with setup at 0830 and shooting starting at 0900. The course of fire is 40 rounds for record plus unlimited sighters. We have multiple classifications depending on your rifle/equipment so you will only be competing against those using like equipment. This match is very popular, including women and juniors, the club is keeping this on as free to all.

Safety Committee Report: Only three days were scheduled in October with 44 shooters and 17 safety issues addressed for a 38% non compliance. The safety adviser program is finished for this year. They worked 342.8 hours, interacted with 918 shooters and made 105 contacts about safety which resulted in 11.44% non-- compliance for the year. 61 gift cards were issued costing \$1,525.00. It is even more important now for every member to help our club maintain a safe range by politely approaching other members if you see them not following our range rules and help them understand their actions. If everyone works together we can all continue to have a

safe place to shoot. If anyone has any suggestions to improve our safety adviser program please feel free to contact me. Mark Johnson 509-308-5335.

Safety glasses are now available for purchase at the range. The cost is \$2.00 to be deposited in the blue box below the glasses.

It was reported that the gate has been left wide open or shut but not locked several times. Every member should ensure that the tumblers are rolled and gate locked upon entering or exiting. If you are meeting someone wait for them at the gate. Members, **not guests**, should lock the gate so it is done properly.

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

Board Report: None.

If you're looking for some shooting apps for your smartphone, check out this website for some tips...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=2&v=iW2u3XgIZV4

Go to the club website and enter your email in the subscribe link at the top left corner of the home page to get the newsletter sent to you. You will then receive an email confirming your subscription, there is a link in that email that you need to click to confirm, and you will be all signed up. You can contact us through the contact us link on the website at: <http://tcmsa.org/contact-us/>.

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

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