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May 2017 Club Newsletter

Upcoming meetings: June 1 and July 6, 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:** When the range is cold, this includes the ENTIRE FACILITY. Just because the shotgun area points a different direction doesn't mean you can keep shooting when the line goes cold. The road to 200 yards passes through the shotgun area, plus imagine being down range and hearing a shot from the shotgun area, you don't know where it came from or if someone is putting you in danger.

**Match Reports:** Gaylord said the April 8th .22 match had 16 shooters, with 1 woman and 1 jr. The next match is May 13th. The April 15th SHP had 14 shooters. The next match is May 20th. The next benchrest match is June 24th. Bob said the April 29th 3-gun had 15 shooters. There's room for more! The next match is May 27th.

**Board Report:** Steve said we will be contacting a land-owner re: a possible range purchase. The range rules have been revised, condensed and organized after several years of work. Copies were passed out to all members present. No changes-just clarification. Possible RFID locks on the gate was discussed further and décor ideas for the 3-gun trailer.

Safety Committee Report: Mark said S.A. shifts are available in May and June. No incidences reported.

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

**Range Report**: Greg said the last work party had a good turnout, and much was accomplished. Thank you. The next work party will be Jun 18th at 8 am. There will be tumbleweed clean-up and general maintenance. Gaylord said there will be a small work party on May 20th, after the SHP match, about 9:30 am. The range will not be closed, as the work planned will be behind the firing line. The range shack is being taken down, and clean-up will be done around and under the rail car/semi-trailer. The one-walled enclosure is also going to be made 3-sided, and expanded.

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:** Mark had some of the range hats he ordered. There is a structured khaki for \$15, with \$5 going to the club, or an un-structured digital camo for \$15 with \$3.50 going to the club. He has some here for sale, or can be contacted through the club contact link re: ordering/purchasing.

Gaylord said that the rule-revision needed to be approved. Verbal approval received. New format accepted.

## 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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