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## February 2018 Club Newsletter

Upcoming meetings: March 1 and April 5, 2018 (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 new 2018 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.

It is now the time to think about 2018 membership dues. To avoid the lines at the meetings, you can mail a check to:

TCMSA  
P.O. Box 4587  
Pasco, WA 99302

**Remember, when mailing your dues, it will take about 3 weeks before you receive the new combination to the gate. The combination is changed on April 1st.**

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***TCMSA wants you to know:*** Don't handle firearms AT ALL while the range is cold. This includes firearms that are in a case, in your car, in the racks, or on the line. **DON'T TOUCH THEM AT ALL until the line goes hot.**

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### President's Column:

Any member that has driven out to the 200 yard line knows we have a sink hole problem in the culvert. There is a Boy Scout that is working for his Eagle Badge that is working on a proposal to repair or replace the problem by the end of March.

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

**Bench Rest/Club Matches:** No report

**Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Match:** The January Competition had 9 participants, 8 following CMP rules, 1 shooting ANY/ANY. The February Competition had 12 participants, 11 following CMP rules and 1 ANY/ANY. Check the club web page for the description of this event and classifications we use. Any service rifle from any nation is all that is required. The course is 50 rounds for score plus sighters. The fee for participation is \$5. The next competition is March 3rd, setup at 0830, starts at 0900.

**100 yard .22 rimfire Match:** The January 13th Rimfire Competition had 26 participants, including two women and two juniors. This very popular competition is free for all members and non members. You will need 40 rounds for record plus unlimited sighters. A spotting scope is also very helpful, but if you lack one, other shooters will help you. Check the club web page for the description of this event and the classifications we use. The next competition is Saturday, February 10th, setup at 0830, starts at 0900.

### Safety Committee Report:

The Safety Advisers Program will start in May. I purchased two orange vests for the Safety Advisers and my sister in law embroidered "safety" on the back for me.

Also, just a reminder that there are empty chamber flags available in the trailer for 50 cents and voluntarily using them makes it much easier to see that the line is safe before going cold. The safety glasses in the trailer for your convenience are intended to be purchased. If you open a package and use them the rental fee is the same as the purchase price.

Mark Kimmel installed two T posts on the 50 yd line to hang his personal steel gongs on. Members may use them but hang your steel by chains between the posts. **Please do not use the posts to staple targets to them.**

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## Don't Be This Guy



1. The white cans with red lettering-“**BUTTS**” are NOT GARBAGE CANS! They are ONLY for cigarette BUTTS!

2. Additionally, the “BUTTS” CANS ARE NOT RECEPTACLES FOR UNFIRED ROUNDS (or Duds). Duds belong in the DUD can hanging outside of the 3-sided pink building. Photo shows assorted rounds sifted out of the “BUTTS” can.



3. Further, the white “BUTTS” cans are also not **targets**!

4. Impromptu targets are OK, if they are placed low/mid berm to absorb bullet impact...but they MUST to be picked up and disposed of when you're done!



**Additionally**, a member relayed a story at our last meeting, that recently he was at the range alone. The range was cold with the strobes on. A person drove up in a vehicle, saw the flashing strobes and “immediately” drove down to the target frames. Be advised that even though the strobes are on that you should check with anyone at the firing line or to make sure there are no people downrange first before assuming no one's there. You might be hitting the very end of a cold range and someone could make it hot not

having seeing you go downrange. **DON'T BE THIS GUY!**

**Board Report:** None.

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If you're interested in the deadliest snipers of all times, then watch this very enlightening video...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sO8z03vE-->

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