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March 2018 Club Newsletter

Upcoming meetings: April 5 and May 3, 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

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.

***TCMSA wants you to know:* Do not put firearms on the shelves behind the line, they wind up pointing at other shooters, use the racks instead. To put firearms in a case, use the firing point benches or some other area where you don't point them at other shooters.**

President's Column:

Spring is coming and the weather is getting warmer, which means more members will be using the range. Weekends are the busiest and members using the range need to make sure all users are communicating with everyone when going cold and hot. This helps keep everything running smoothly and everyone enjoying their time on the range.

The Pasco Police Department will be using the range for rifle qualifications on Wednesday March 7th and Wednesday March 21st from 0800-1100 and 1300-1800, and the range will be closed.

We will have a work party on Saturday March 24th, starting 0800. The primary purpose is to cut cardboard to the correct size for the target frames. We have a trailer that is bursting at the seams. The Benchrest people will be having a match so all work will be behind the firing line. Bring hearing protection and box cutters.

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

Bench Rest/Club Matches: On Jan 27th, six shooters came out to enjoy an overcast day of club match shooting with 5-15 mph winds. But all did great thru the first two targets with no one losing a single point till the third target. We will be shooting on the fourth Saturday of each month thru 2018 so our next match will be on February 24th.

Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Match: The February 3rd competition had 11 service rifle shooters and 1 any/any. This competition requires 50 rounds for record plus sighters. Any service rifle from any Country is eligible, and you can use a scope that has no more than 4.5 power. Higher power scopes and rifles other than military are classed as any/any.

The next match is Saturday, April 7th, setup at 0730, shooting starts at 0800. Cost is \$5.

100 yard .22 rimfire Match: This competition has multiple classifications from youth (under 18) to unlimited which means that any rifle you use, you will be competitive with others using like equipment. This competition is extremely popular. The February 10th competition had 26 shooters, including 3 youth and 2 women. The next competition is March 10th, setup at 0730, shooting start at 0800. You will need 40 rounds for record plus sighters. This competition is free and is open to club members and non-members.

Safety Committee Report:

At the last meeting the body voted to provide tickets to the NRA Banquet for the officers and the board. Since I previously purchased mine I had a lottery among the Safety Advisers that worked last year for one of the tickets. Mat Dado was the winner.

We have nearly sold the original 3 dozen pair of safety glasses and I will use those funds to purchase more.

Two of your SA's arrived at the range this week to shoot and there was a vehicle at the 200 yd line. The range flag was not up and the strobes were not on. Even if you are the only person at the range you should still use the strobes for your safety. Someone could drive up to the pistol or shotgun area, not see you and start shooting because the range was hot. A bit later two shooters at the pistol section were forward of the firing line during a hot range picking up brass. If the range is hot the entire range is hot and nobody should be forward of the firing line. All of these rules are for your protection.

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Shell shock Technologies NAS3 9mm cases - ONE 9mm LUGER CARTRIDGE CASE RELOADED 32 TIMES! - Pretty amazing product to look into if you're a reloader... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sO8z03vE--E&feature=youtu.be>

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