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April 2018 Club Newsletter

Upcoming meetings: May 3 and June 7, 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: Bullets must hit the berms. This is controlled by where you put your target. Take a look before you go hot to make sure your target is at the right height to ensure that the bullet will hit the berm. Due to ricochets, bullets that hit in front of the berm are just as dangerous as ones that go over it.

President's Column:

The range is getting it's 'spring cleaning'. Last month **Conrad Garrison**, working for his Eagle Badge, coordinated obtaining equipment and supplies to replace the rotting culvert under the road leading to the 200 yard line. **No more sink holes to avoid!**

The work party on March 24th fought 25+ mph winds and succeeded in cutting all the cardboard in the trailer to the proper size for the target frames.

Our club will be hosting the **Washington State Sporting High Power Championship Matches** the weekend of May 19th & 20th. We will have a work party on May 13th to straighten up the range prior to the State Matches. Bring rakes and if you have a cutting torch set up, we will also be cutting up the old culvert.

The number of members in our club is continuing to grow. Every monthly meeting is having at least a dozen new members joining. With the use of the range growing, **please remember to physically contact all persons on the range before going cold, not just hitting the buzzer and turning on the safety lights.**

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

NRA Highpower Sporting Rifle Match Results: We had 12 shooters & excellent conditions for our March 2018 Sporting Rifle match. Top score was Gaylord Baker with a 311-17x (out of a possible 320-32x), followed closely by Marlee Parks (309-11x) and Mark Tennier (305-4x). Our next match is April 21, and is the last opportunity for a practice match before the state championship, which we will be hosting May 19-20. New shooters are always welcome, and most commonly owned rifles will fit within the rules, bring 32 rounds to shoot for score, plus a few for sighters.

Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Match: The March 3 competition had 8 participants. The next competition will be May 5th, set up at 0730, shooting starts at 0800. Any service rifle from any nation can be used. The course of fire is 50 rounds for record plus sighters. The cost is \$5. You don't need a lot of equipment to start, and other members are more than willing to assist new participants in this discipline.

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 March 10th competition had 18 participants including 2 women and 2 Junior shooters. All you need to participate is a .22 LR rifle and ammunition. We have multiple classifications so you will be competing against others using the same level of equipment as you are. The course of fire is 40 rounds for record plus unlimited sighters. This one is free to anyone, member or not. Setup is 0730, the competition starts at 0800.

Safety Committee Report:

The Safety Adviser Program commences May 4th. They will be on duty Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10-3 on days when the range is not being used in the afternoon for other events.

The officers, board and members would like to thank Eagle Scout **Conrad Garrison** of Troop 159, Northwest Construction Supplies and Jenkins Excavating for replacing the culvert under the road to the 200 yd. line.

Goals for Safety Advisers:

- 1.) To educate members in understanding and following range rules so we have a safe environment for our sport.
- 2.) We are not primarily there to run the line for a cold/hot range. That is up to the shooters present.

One of our goals this year is to teach members a more complete way to go cold/hot. We would start by **declaring to shooters present** of a cease fire for target change and **ask them to make their guns safe**. If there are only a few shooters present, members can contact each person ensuring everyone has made their firearms safe. If the range is busy with more members, members can use the buddy system and check the person on either side of them to ensure firearms are made safe which is defined as, **magazine out or empty with a fixed magazine, action open, empty chamber preferably with chamber flag**. They can look up and down the line to verify, by a signal that everyone is ready. **A good signal is armed raised vertically in the air**. Then turn on the strobe lights and one long blast of horn.

When everyone has returned, get a signal up and down the line to check that everyone is ready to go hot. Then sound two blasts of the horn and shut off the strobes. It is better for the same person to operate signals as the posts are not interconnected.

The reasoning behind doing a more complete job of establishing a safe line is to possibly prevent the necessity of having an actual RO (Range Officer) present in the future as we get more members.

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<https://www.gunsamerica.com/blog/taurus-692-shot/>

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