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June 2018 Club Newsletter

Upcoming meetings: July 5 and August 2, 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: Make sure you have everyone back behind the firing line before you go hot. Remember anyone walking out to the 200 yard target line disappears behind the 100 yard berm briefly.

President's Column:

There was a work party on May 13th, with 18 members helping out on the range. The culvert on the road to the 200 yard line was replaced in April and the old culvert was at the 100 yard line. **It was apparent that persons were shooting the old culvert, and the bullets WERE NOT impacting a berm. All members must remember that there are active orchards at the top of the hill behind the target berms. Rounds that are not in a berm can wind up in the orchard, we can not have that! The old culvert has since been moved out of sight. All rounds need to impact a berm!**

The range was mowed 2 weeks ago and everything looks good out there.

Make sure that you and any guests sign in and out and have a safe day at the range.

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.

Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Match: We had a Service Rifle match on May 5th with 13 participants. This competition is open to any service rifle from any country. The course of fire required 50 rounds for score plus sighters. This is not a registered match, so we allow 'alibi's' for virtually any reason, we want everyone to get all their rounds off. Participating in this competition will make you illegible for the purchase of firearms from the CMP (M-1 Garands). The cost is \$5.

100 yard .22 rimfire Match: We had the 22 LR competition on May 12th with 19 participants. If you haven't tried this one yet, you need to get out there. This one always has women and juniors amongst those participating. If nothing else, bring the kids or grand

kids. Those that have tried it enjoy it so much they return for more. Really a lot of fun. This one, because it is so popular and such a broad range of participants, is free to all, member or not. All that is required is a .22 LR rifle and ammunition. It is 40 rounds for record and unlimited sighters.

Safety Committee Report:

In May there were 129 shooters during Safety Adviser shifts. Your safety advisers worked 52.5 hours contacting 14 people about safety rule issues which was 10.85% non compliance. The contacts consisted of 4 handling firearms during cold range, 2 muzzle control, 2 firearms on the back tables, 5 eye protection and 1 steel core ammo on gongs.

In regards to the eye protection issue people bring sun glasses to the range and find out they are too dark for shooting under the canopies in the shade. There are clear safety glasses available in the trailer for \$2.00.

Last year during May with a similar number of shooters and hours worked at the range we had only 3% non compliance. We will continue to put reminders of the most common rule violations in the newsletter, facebook and discuss them at the meetings to educate our members.

Our safety rules are there for your protection please follow them.

Now that we are entering our busy season if you see someone not following safety or range rules politely advise them of their actions. If they react negatively please get their name and contact me. All of the rules are to ensure that we have a safe range to enjoy our hobby.

Reminder: 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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Lessons Learned

It appears that someone was using the wood shotgun rack on the right hand side of the shotgun range as a target. The holes appear to be 22 caliber and may have been fired from the parking lot.



of Wood Shotgun Rack Damage

Reflex sights (red dot sights) at a bargain price (a bit oversized, by no means a Sig Sauer Romeo 1, but still worth the money spent on these) check them out at...

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