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July 2018 Club Newsletter

Upcoming meetings: August 2 and September 6, 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: 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.

President's Column:

The current weather forecasts and reports all are warning about hot, dry weather. We have already had a number of RED FLAG WARNINGS. **Extreme care must be taken at our range to insure no one is using steel core ammo or shooting at prohibited objects such as rocks or improperly placed steel targets. Every round must impact a berm.** Safety on our range is the responsibility of all of us. Let's have a safe summer and enjoy our time at the range.

CMP Competition: The next CMP Competition is July 7, 2018. Any military rifle can be used in this event. You can use iron sights or scopes up to 4.5 power. Rifles with scopes of higher power can be used, firing in a separate classification of ANY/ANY. The course requires 50 rounds for record plus sighters. All targets are at 200 yards. Setup is at 0730, and the event starts at 0800. Time to pull out that CMP Garand that has been in the safe for years!

100 yard .22 LR Competition: The event on June 9th had 22 participants, including 2 women and 5 junior shooters. This event can be fired with any .22 rifle in one of many classifications. These run from 'plinker' to 'unlimited', you compete with others using like equipment. You can shoot from the bench or from the prone position. You need 40 rounds for record plus unlimited sighters. The next event is July 14th, setup at 0730, and starts at 0800.

Sporting Highpower Group: We had 9 shooters at the June Sporting Highpower Match, and 12 competed for the state championship in May. The next match will be July 21, setup at 730 & start shooting at 8. Cost is \$3, course of fire is 32 rounds for score from standing, sitting & prone positions, plus sighter shots. The match is open to any centerfire rifle weighing less than 9.5 lbs, though we won't be weighing your rifles for the non-registered matches for the rest of this year. Come join us!

3 Gun match: June 16: had 9 shooters 9 men, June 30: had 12 shooters 11 men 1 woman. **Next 3 gun is August 12 at 8:00 am.**

Both shoots had a good time. We are getting first time shooters every match. Come out if you do not have all the guns. We have guns to loan. Bring 12 ga., 9mm & 223. We run 2 rounds with 18 to 20 targets per gun.

Benchrest Match: In June we had a dozen shooters present to "enjoy" the continuation of 20+ mph shooting days! We may have forgotten how to shoot in calm conditions! Our next match, July 28th, is a **HBR Match** and will be followed on Sunday by a **ID State Championship Match** in Lapwai. **R Birney**

Safety Committee Report:

During June your safety advisers worked 64 hours and interacted with 156 members. There were 22 safety or range rule contacts. Those contacts consisted of 7 handling firearms while cold, 5 eye protection, 3 firearms on back tables, 2 firearms not made safe, 1 muzzle control and several other minor issues. Resulting in a 14% non compliance.

Last year with the same number of shooters we had 8.6 percent. For the second month in a row we have had more safety issues than last year. We need your help in reversing this trend.

We would like to encourage members that only use the range infrequently to review the safety rules available online or in the trailer before you start shooting.

It was reported through a contact form on our webpage that someone was shooting steel targets on the 7 yd line at the pistol range. **Steel should be set at a minimum of 15 yards for safety reasons.**

Greg Hagen also reported that a member dug some rocks out of the back of the of the 7 yd fill and moved them out to fifteen yards and evidently was shooting at them. Once again this is a dangerous situation. **These types of dangerous activities have to stop!!** If you see someone doing one of these dangerous acts please get their name and member number or license plate so the board can take action.

We continue to have problems with members not explaining the range rules to guests and not keeping an eye on them to make sure they are following the rules.

We also need more members to volunteer as safety advisers. Contact me for more information.
Mark Johnson 509-308-5335

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.

Mark Johnson

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