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August 2018 Club Newsletter

Upcoming meetings: September 6, and October 4, 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: The club rules are on the website and posted at the range. Take a moment to read them the next time you are there, you might remember something you forgot or learn something you never knew.

President's Column:

Because of the hot dry weather, WDFW has banned all shooting on WDFW lands except for hunting. This needs to be recognized by all the members, be careful at the range! No steel core on metal or rocks. If it is Russian, less than \$8 a box or has a steel case, it probably is steel core. It is best to refrain from using any questionable ammo until it cools down a bit.

Your club has just spent \$1,100 on steel gongs that have been placed at 15, 50, 100, and 200 yard lines. It is all AR 500 steel, but can be damaged by steel core bullets. **Remember, it is our club's money.**

CMP Competition: The July 7th CMP Competition didn't happen, either logistics (no one there with a truck to haul target frames) and regulars not there for various reasons. The next Competition is Saturday August 4th. Setup is at 0730, shooting starts at 0800. The cost is \$5, and requires 50 rounds for record plus sighters. Any military rifle can be used. You can use an AR with a scope up to 4.5 power, or any military rifle with larger scope in the any/any classification.

100 yard .22 LR Competition: The July 14th had 24 shooters, including 2 women and 3 juniors. Everyone has a good time in this most popular event at our range. It is free, you need a .22 LR rifle, scope preferred unless you have match style iron sights. The competition requires 40 rounds for record and unlimited sighters. The first time you try it, you will be hooked! We have multiple classifications so you would be shooting against like equipment. The next competition is August 11th, set up at 0730 and the shooting starts at 0800. If you haven't been to any of the organized events at your range, this is a great one to start with.

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: Six people came out to compete in the first registered benchrest match this year in which we did not have 20mph winds. Instead we had constantly changing 5-10 mph winds with temps that did not reach the 105 degree prediction. It was reached 100 (unofficially). One additional shooter shot only in the 100 yard segment during equipment preparation for the upcoming Varmint for Score (VFS) matches.

Our next match, August 25th, will be a VFS match in preparation for the September VFS State Championship at TCMSA on Sept. 22. After the State shoot, we will shift to "Club Matches" which are "run what ya brung" fun events during which we are not strictly following the national rules for equipment categories. That means people drag out their varmint guns, tactical rifles, etc. for practice rather than using their dedicated benchrest rifles.

Just a reminder the calendar lists the range as closed between 0700 and 1600. While it is known competition starts at 0900, setup does start around 0700 (or before if no one is present) and we do need to be down range to install target holders, setup wind flags, etc. The mandated shooting course of fire is 7 minutes firing followed by at least 30 minutes of cold range to gather targets, load ammo, clean guns, etc. so allowing other uses of the range during these matches is just not realistic. Feel free to come watch!

Bob Birney

Safety Committee Report:

During July, three scheduled days were canceled for Safety Advisers due to extreme heat and lack of range use during the hot days. Your Safety Advisers worked 74 hours interacting with 174 members. There were 18 issues addressed for a 10.3% non compliance.

For the third month in a row we have had more contacts about safety or rule issues than the previous year. Last year July was 8% and this year 10%. We need all members support in keeping our range safe.

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.

Remember: Steel targets should be set at a minimum of 15 yards for safety reasons!

On July 27th a Safety Adviser contacted a member about two range rule issues and was met with foul abusive language and gestures. An incident report has been submitted to the Board for review.

As a reminder of your responsibility as a member, I suggest you go to the TCMSA webpage under documents and forms on the left menu and read the application form that everyone agreed to when they joined, paying close attention to Item 7 on page two that states the following:

“I acknowledge failure to comply with the club's safety rules by myself or by any of my guests can result in my immediate removal from the range and/or permanent removal from the club.

- a) I agree that if am asked to leave the range for safety reasons, I will peacefully leave the range.
- b) I understand I can originate a discussion of the situation at the next regularly scheduled TCMSA meeting.
- c) I will not create a confrontation at the range.”

Stay informed: Go to tcmsa.org and in the upper left hand corner sign up for our newsletter to receive it and special announcements by email. Also always check the calendar before you go to the range.

We also need more members to volunteer as safety advisers. Contact me for more information.

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