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September 2018 Club Newsletter

Upcoming meetings: October 4 and November 1, 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: Keep that muzzle pointed down range. We often see poor muzzle control often when people are walking to/from the line, and when people are cleaning firearms, so take extra care in those cases.

President's Column:

We have a work party coming up on Saturday September 29th, from 0800 to 1000. It is right in the middle of hunting sight in time. We need to fix the road over the new culvert in the road going out to the 200 yard line. Right now it is mostly sand, and we need to get some rock moved to keep the road from washing out. A member of the club has the heavy equipment and is able to make it and an operator available the day. We will also be chopping tumbleweeds and general range maintenance.

When driving out to the 200 yard line, you must stay on the travelled roads. On August 8th, a member attempted to drive around to the north side of the 100 yard line from the 200 yard area and got stuck in the creek bed sand. A second vehicle attempting to assist also got stuck. It took a number of people and a wench an hour to get them out. On September 3rd, another member had driven out to the 200 yard line and decided to follow the tire tracks from the prior members and also got stuck in the creek bed. **Stay on the existing road.**

100 yard .22 LR Competition: The August 11th Competition had 15 participants, including 2 women and 2 youths. This event is the most popular at our club. Any .22 LR rifle and any sights. We shoot from the bench with a scope, prone with a bipod and scope, prone with sling and scope, and prone with iron sights. Anything works. You will need 40 rounds for record plus unlimited sighters. This one is free, just come on out. Set up at 0730 and shooting starts at 0800. The next one is September 8th.

Service Rifle Competition: The August 8th competition had 8 participants. You can use any service rifle in the event, from any nation. The course is 50 rounds for record plus sighters. The rifle can be equipped with iron sights or a 4.5 power scope. There is also an 'any/any' classification which is any rifle, any sights. Set up starts at 0730 and shooting starts at 0800. We follow the rules for the most part, the deviation is everyone gets to fire all the rounds for a stage. The next competition is October 6th. The cost for this is \$5.

Safety Committee Report:

There were only 5 days covered by Safety Advisers in August with 62 shooters and 4 issues resulting in 9.68% contacts. I worked Labor Day as the Safety Adviser interacting with 34 shooters and contacting 7 people about firearms not made safe on a cold range along with 2 muzzle control issues.

Keep in mind that a safe firearm is one with the magazine removed or empty on a box or tube magazine, action open with an empty chamber (preferably with chamber flag). If your firearm has no bolt lock just insert a chamber flag and lower the bolt on it.

During the busy month of September please be courteous to other shooters and help us keep the range safe by politely helping other members in understanding and following the rules.

All members need to sign themselves and guests in the log books. This information is used for insurance purposes and acquiring grants.

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!

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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If your hands are feeling the miles due to age, a new, easier to rack, handgun might be in order. Check out the **New M&P Shield EZ - easy to rack and shoot, even for a 9 year old. Currently available only in .380. Worth reviewing and considering. If the public embraces this model, might a 9mm be not far behind? Check it out at:**

https://www.gunsamerica.com/digest/sw-shield-ez-review/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=20180820_BlogDigest_291g&utm_campaign=/blog/sw-shield-ez-review/

To receive the newsletter via your email, go to the club website and enter your email in the subscribe link at the top left corner of the home page. You will then receive an email confirming your subscription, there is a link in that email that you need to click to confirm, and you will be all signed up. Contact us at: <http://tcmsa.org/contact-us/>.

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