

February 2019 Club Newsletter

Upcoming meetings: March 7 and April 4, 2019 (all meetings are at the Griggs Hunter Ed room @ 7pm)

Upcoming work parties: Consult our website (maintenance chair Greg Hagen 531-1956)

General Announcements

The new 2019 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.**

ONE MONTH LEFT TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP-RENEW TODAY!

Membership: Its that time of year again! Time for renewals, the new combination will go on the gate April 1st. 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. You can mail your dues to the Club at:

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TCMSA wants you to know: You must get positive confirmation from everyone BEFORE you make the range cold. It's also a good idea to look up & down the line one more time after you blow the horn & turn the strobes on to make sure everyone is clear that the range is cold.

President's Column:

The magnets that have been placed on the firing line have made a difference, there is an obvious lack of steel cases on the ground! Certainly makes for a neater range.

100 yard .22 LR Competition: This is the big one! The club has more members participating in this discipline than any other activity at our range. Young and not so young. Women and kids. Bring a non-member to show them what we do. A good time for all. Any .22 rim fire with any sights works for this. There is a classification for anything you bring. Rifle scopes are a plus, but some do use iron sights. Shoot from the bench, from the ground, with bipod, or with a sling. Anything works. It is 40 rounds for record plus unlimited sighters. The January 12th competition had 25 participants including 2 women. No reason not to come out! And it is free, just bring ammo and a rifle. The next competition is March 9th, with setup at 0730 and starting at 0800.

Service Rifle Competition: This competition is open to any service rifle from any nation. Bring out that Mauser, Mosin Nagant, Garand, Springfield, AR or what ever. Scopes up to 4.5 power are allowed in the CMP matches. The other classification is any rifle and any sights. The course of fire is 50 rounds plus sighters. The last competition was January 5th with 12 participants, the next is Saturday March 2nd, setup at 0830, and the competition starts at 0900. *Gaylord*

Bench Rest Matches: The first Bench rest match of the new year started out with 8 shooters showing up to a lot of fog, by 10 am it cleared off enough that we had no problem shooting 100 yards. Scores were as follows:

Paul Gylling with 250 22x with a 30 BR.

Randy Hoge with 250 16x with a 6 BR.

Glenn Sampson with 250 16x with a 30 BR.

Mar Parks with 248 6x with a 223.

Betty Parks, Loren Mack, Rick Woodard and Rick DeGroat participated also but didn't shine quite as well as the rest but had just as much fun. Hope to see you all again on Feb 23 2019 along with some new shooters and some of the regulars that didn't show. *Rick DeGroat*

Safety Committee Report:

The weather is warming up and the range is getting busier. If you have not been to the range for a few months please re-view the range / safety rules before you go. The range warning system was out of service for one day and we thank the members at the range for working with each other communicating the status of the firing line. Greg Hagen and I got it working but we need someone who is knowledgeable with a solar panel and deep cycle battery system.

The green ear plugs provided for your convenience are not grass seeds and will not grow. Please don't drop them on the ground so others have to pick them up. When you return from hanging targets pick up some trash on your way and our range will be cleaner.

If you bring cardboard for the range ensure it is large enough to fit the target frames (27 in x 96 in) . At the last work party we had to haul a bunch of donated cardboard left inside the sign in trailer to the dump because the pieces were too small for the frames. We welcome usable donated material but we are not a dump site for unwanted items. Please call an officer or board member to see if we need the item you want to donate.

Some people do not check their ammo to see if they have steel core bullets and the gong on the 50yd line is severely damaged and will need replaced for that reason. The club purchased several personal use magnets for picking up steel cases. They are hanging on posts spaced down the line. Numerous magnetic pickup tools are placed along the entire firing line. Please check your bullets with them especially if you are shooting steel cases or inexpensive ammo.



After the sporting rifle match this month I stayed at the range a short time shooting. In a brief period I contacted over 8 members or guests who were not wearing eye protection forward of the parking pipes. This rule is for your own protection.

Also please remove your used targets as this time of year they wet falling to the ground, then the wind blows them up the hill and someone has to walk around picking them up during a work party.

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

Stay informed: Go to tmsa.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.

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Shot Show 2019 update on best defensive ammo. See the latest advances from small newcomers and well established companies. Check out the article at: <https://www.range365.com/shot-show-2019-best-new-defensive-ammo#page-4>.

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