

March 2019 Club Newsletter

Upcoming meetings: April 4 and May 2, 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

REMEMBER; check the calendar before heading to the range. It is updated as new things occur, but we hope these changes will be minimal. **When you check the calendar before heading to the range, 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: It's that time of year again! Time for renewals, the new combination will go on the gate April 1st. Dues: Renewals are \$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 which costs \$80. You can mail your renewal to the club address and avoid the long lines during meetings, or come to a meeting to renew but face the lines. 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:* Don't handle firearms AT ALL while the range is cold. This includes firearms that are in a case, in your car, in the racks, or on the line. DON'T TOUCH THEM AT ALL until the line goes hot.**

President's Column:

When (if) all this snow melts, we are going to have a mess out at the range. Portions of the road will have deep holes, and the parking lot to the west side of the box car are going to be the worst. We ask that members not to churn up the parking lot in the muddy areas. As soon as practical, we will make arrangements for loads of gravel to repair the road and parking lot.

The next quarterly new member orientation is March 16th. If you want to assist in the training for work party credit, contact Mark Johnson for more information at 308-5335.

100 yard .22 LR Competition: The February 9th competition was cancelled because of the MOUNDS of frozen white stuff on the ground. Hopefully we will be able to have the March 9th competition. This one is open to anyone, especially women and juniors. All you need is a .22 rifle and 40 rounds for record along with unlimited sighters. This one is free, just show up. Setup is 0730 and shooting starts at 0800. The April competition is the 13th, 0730 setup, 0800 shooting starts.

Service Rifle Competition: The February 2nd CMP Competition had 10 participants, 8 CMP and 2 ANY/ANY. CMP rules call for any service rifle with iron sights, or a scope of no more than 4.5 power on an AR. ANY/ANY is any rifle with any sights. The course of fire is 50 rounds for record plus sighters. Bring out that AR, Grand, M1A, 1903, or any other countries service rifle that you have. We follow the rules, except we allow any alibi, you get to fire all of your rounds. The next competition is April 6th, setup at 0730 and shooting starts at 0800. *Gaylord*

Bench Rest Matches: March welcomes the beginning of the sanctioned match season for TCMSA with a Hunter Benchrest Match on March 23rd. Sanctioned matches include shooting at both 100 and 200 yards. While the range is closed to non-competitors till approx. 2pm, visitors and spectators are welcome. Ever loaded ammo on-site? Come watch as a few folks do so. It's not black magic and the shooters will share information while not shooting.

Safety Committee Report:

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.

Remember: Steel targets should be set at a minimum of 15 yards for safety reasons! And don't use steel core ammo! The club purchased several personal use magnets for checking to see if your ammo is indeed steel core to prevent damage to steel targets or cause sparks. There is a magnet attached to the match director's booth, near the flag pole. You use the magnet against the bullet, not the case, to determine if contains steel. No armor piercing ammo is allowed on steel targets either. This applies to your steel targets or the clubs steel targets.

Always check the calendar before you go to the range.

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Shot Show 2019 update on Walther's Q5 Match Steel Frame competition handgun. Check out the video at:
<https://www.getzone.com/walther-q5-match-steel-frame-is-built-for-the-competitive-shooter/>

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