

## Rule Change for Steel Targets

The club is now disallowing the use of any bullet containing steel on any steel target at the range. Previously, members were not allowed to shoot steel-core or penetrator bullets at club-provided steel targets. This limitation was imposed because of the damage to steel targets purchased and paid for by the club. Unfortunately, this did not eliminate the fire potential generated by shooting steel containing projectiles (in the core, jacket, or penetrator) at steel targets-any steel target. To further remove the potential to generate sparks, the Range Safety Rules were revised at the last meeting to read, "No steel-core, armor-piercing, or bullets that are attracted to a magnet shall be fired at any steel target."

## April 2019 Club Newsletter

Upcoming meetings: May 2 and June 6, 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

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**Membership: The new membership year has started. DID YOU RENEW?** Dues: It is \$80 to join with renewals at \$60, or \$40 if you participated in a work party in the last year. If you do not renew by July 1st you will need to rejoin at \$80 and attend the quarterly safety orientation. You can mail your renewal to the club address 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:*** Don't put firearms on the shelves behind the line, they wind up pointing at other shooters, use the racks instead. To put firearms in a case, use the firing line benches or some other area where you don't point them at other shooters.

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### President's Column:

Spring is finally here. The winter was rough on the road and the parking lot, and we have a company that is going to repair the road, he just has to work us into his schedule. The range, otherwise, is in good shape.

Range use is continuing to increase. With the increase, all members need to communicate with others on the range for going hot/cold. Nothing better than a safe day at the range.

**100 yard .22 LR Competition:** The March 9th competition had 20 participants, including 1 woman and 1 junior. We even had one that was shooting prone in the snow. There are different classifications that we use depending on your rifle. You only compete against others with like equipment. The next competition is April 13th, set up at 0730 and shooting starts at 0800. You will need 40 rounds for record plus sighters. This one is free, and anyone is welcome.

**Service Rifle Competition:** The snow got us again, there was not a competition on March 2nd. The next will be Saturday April 6th. Set up is at 0730 and the shooting starts at 0800. Any service rifle is good to go. AR can use a scope of no more than 4.5 power to be classified as a service rifle. You can also shoot in the ANY/ANY class, any rifle, any sights. You need 50 rounds for record plus sighters. The cost is \$5 for targets and pasters. *Gaylord*

**Sporting Highpower Competition:** We will once again be hosting the Washington State Championship in this discipline, May 18-19, 2019. Competitors must be members of the Washington State Rifle & Pistol Association (WSRPA.org), but otherwise it's open to anyone. The course of fire is 32 rounds for score for each match, 8 rounds each of prone slow fire, standing slow fire, sitting rapid fire, and prone rapid fire. This is repeated for a total of 4 matches over the 2 day event. See the club website in the near future for more info.

**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 safety adviser program will begin on April 19th. We have six members that are becoming new safety advisers this season to help keep our range safe. As in the past the safety advisers will be on duty Friday, Saturday and Sunday during the busiest hours. The six inch gong at the 50 yd line was replaced. A board with coat hooks was installed in the box car to hang the carpet pieces used on benches. Please hang the carpet back up after use so they **are not** on the floor providing a cozy ready-made nesting area for mice.

We received an incident report form from a member which the board will investigate and contact the person involved. If you have not been to the range recently please review the range rules before you go. The TCMSA "Wants you to know" section in each of our newsletters (see above) are reminders that help enforce the safety rules of our range. However, it is your responsibility to become familiar with **all the rules** prior to using our range.

Due to fire concerns (sparks being generated), damage to steel targets and not knowing if bi-metal jackets are steel core or lead core bullets the board recommended a change in our range rule on what ammo can be fired at steel targets. The motion passed unanimously at the meeting to change the wording on ammunition that is allowed on steel targets. **"No steel core, armor piercing or bullets that are attracted to a magnet shall be fired at any steel target"**

**The club purchased several magnets for checking to see if your ammo contains steel to prevent damage and sparking to our steel targets. There is a magnet attached to the match director's booth, near the flag pole. Place the magnet against the bullet, not the case, to determine if it contains steel.**

**Remember: Steel targets should be set at a minimum of 15 yards for safety reasons! And, again, don't use steel core ammo!**

Always check the calendar before you go to the range.

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**Ever wondered how to install an AR-15 trigger assembly?** Check out this article at:

[https://www.gunsamerica.com/digest/ar-15-trigger-installation/?utm\\_source=email&utm\\_medium=20190329\\_FridayDigest\\_219g&utm\\_campaign=/digest/ar-15-trigger-installation/](https://www.gunsamerica.com/digest/ar-15-trigger-installation/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=20190329_FridayDigest_219g&utm_campaign=/digest/ar-15-trigger-installation/)

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