

July, 2015 SRC Bulletin Summary

In an effort to help fund the national and regional travel of the Junior rifle teams the SRC Board of directors has decided to implement a new brass policy regarding fired brass on all our ranges, effective immediately. A shooter may keep his/her own fired brass or may give it to another shooter, but once the brass is in any brass bucket, it becomes property of the Juniors to raise match travel funds. Mike Cooper is in charge of collecting, sorting and selling the brass, as he deems appropriate. Mike will make reloadable brass available to members at the indoor and north range clubhouses.

Sunday, July 26th, High Power will host a Regional "Excellence in Competition" Match. This is a big deal match, especially for military marksmanship competitors, and will have to be shot in the order 200, 300, 600 yards. As a result, the north range will be closed until at least 2 PM and maybe later that day. The indoor Range will be open.

We wish to thank Inland Northwest Wildlife Council for their most generous gift to the Juniors travel fund, which significantly helped Randi Loudin, Michael Cooper Jr, Maliya Hillman, Cassidy Wilson, David Wright, Mary Maystrovich, Aidan Maddox and Katie Loudin, to travel to Anniston, Alabama for the CMP 3 Position Air Rifle Junior Olympics and the CMP National Championship.

Our Junior team took 4th overall at the CMP National Air Rifle Championship. Our Juniors were the #1 club team. We are quite proud of them. The match had 300 total participants from nationwide. Unlike our team, the 3 teams who finished ahead of our team were composite teams, made up of the best individuals from several teams, sent to represent their states. The Juniors are now on summer rest status. This is so they can get some needed down time and not burn out.

Dates for "Sight-in Days" this year are set for October 2nd, 3rd, 8th, 9th, 10th, 15th, & 16th. A sign-up sheet for volunteer's help will be placed in the north range clubhouse.

Smallbore Chairman, Jeff Upham, received a couple responses to the call for .22 RF target rifles, but he needs more rifles. Additional examples of appropriate rifles are Remington Models 512, 514, and 40X.

Membership is at 1329. Life membership dropped to 188, 4 members died this month: Dennis W. Biggs JR., MD., George Moon, Robert E. Miller, and Lowell Horlacher. We are sorry for their family's losses and we will miss them all.

We are hosting the NW Sportsman's Club annual meeting (100 members) on Friday, July 17th. Thanks to the club members who signed up to help host it.

We had 98 trap shooters for the month of June. Thanks, Lowell Petersen for stowing away the new clay birds that arrived. The tally on reclaimed shot was: 12,000 lbs. raw, netted 6,200 lbs. or 248 bags, most sold to members. Bids to refurbish the shotgun clubhouse are let and Dave Valandra will manage the work, to begin soon.

SFML had 24 ML shooters at the July match, including 4 shotgunners. Member Dan Carrol won the Idaho Championship at Boise, and will compete in Oregon next week.

A total of 10 shooters competed in the cast bullet match won by 85 year old Bev Pinney.

TWAW had 30 women attended their open house BBQ on Friday July 10th. Most shot at least once at 10 yards, including guests, and stayed to socialize until 10:05 PM.

Mike Cooper reported the action pistol league has started. All are welcome on Sundays at the indoor range and he reminds us that the shooter's meeting starts at 4:45 PM.

Spokane Falls ML members taught ML safety to Jack Dolan's recent course for juniors. Dick Lewis attended, highly recommends the course, and saw the girls shoot noticeably better than the boys.

Recently completed pistol league final scores were: Dennis Ader 2,396; Mike Shaugnessy 2,384; Jon Coleman 2,368; and Rich McClure 2,348 out of 2,400 possible.

Legislative Report:

Legislative Chairman, Jack Jenkins, reports:

The Obama Administration is planning to coerce states into requiring licensing for purchase of firearms and will use withholding of our tax dollars as leverage to get it.

The rules for concealed carry at USPS post offices have changed again. It was lawful to possess a concealed weapon in the parking lot and disarm before entering the post office building. Now it is no longer lawful to possess a gun anywhere on USPS property.

The state legislature is too busy trying to achieve a budget to consider gun legislation. Bills at the federal level are mostly dying in committee.

The most disturbing turn of events is underway at the Veteran's Administration. The VA is moving to assign mandatory supervision to any Vet who asks for assistance with PTSD and require them and anyone they live with to give up their right to possess firearms. The VA is suspending benefits to any Vet who appeals such a decision. The VA is telling the Vets they can buy their rights back by signing away their rights to assistance. This makes no sense and amounts to being found guilty without a hearing. Many Vets are not notified before their names and family's names are added to the NCIS instant background database to deny purchase of firearms.

The BATFE is looking to ban gun ownership by anyone who consulted a psychologist, for any reason, including those ordered to do so by a court in a child custody or family court case.

Jack expects a big investigation to begin soon into all of these Administration attempts to effectively ban guns without legislation. Write your Congressmen and ask for an investigation.