

June 2012 SRC Bulletin Summary

Secretary, Charlie Boettcher, was out of the country for a month and is doing his best to write this update from minutes kindly taken at the June 2012 board meeting for us by George Bratina. Thanks George and forgive me for any butchering of content.

The Club would like to welcome new members : Robert L. Banks, Lane A. Bos, Clair A. Brazington, Kylan Byerrum, Steven B. Christian, Shannon & Cindy Coberly, Adrian L. Crance Jr., Eamonn & Jenny Culkis, Shawn DeHaven, John H. Dills, Charles Everett, Aaron Fisher, James R. Fravel, James F. Fuller III, Derek Gottlieb, Roy Harrington, Ramdell L. Hendershot, Rick E. Herst, Michael L. Kaminski, Jeremy LeenKnecht, Matt Lindgren, William A. Maddox, Steve McNulty, Reid Oakes, Douglas A. Orlob, Gary G. Paris, Carey L. Perkins, Brent Perry, Eric D. Platt, Kenneth E. Russi, Dan Sears, Will Seymore, Dale Sisson, Norman L. Sisson, Michael J. Updike, Mark Webster, Otis Kenton Winfree IV, Christopher M. Wright, and Nathan Young.

Four (4) Spokane Rifle Club Junior Shooters have now made the Olympic team, including Amanda Furrer, who won the trials at Fort Benning, Georgia, to gain a 2012 London Olympics berth. See the nice article by Rich Landers in the June 14th Spokesman-Review about this. He is more eloquent than I on this,

Executive Officer, Larry Bassett, reported that the power grader attachment for our garden tractor has been purchased, delivered, and is in use, doing a good job of grading our roads.

The painting of the pistol range is now scheduled for late July or early August, and face work on the building will be accomplished at the same time to minimize disruption to the range use.

The State was not able to obtain a commercial bid for the logging operation at the north end of our lease holding, so turned it over to the Department of Natural Resources. Convict labor is being used, and only the diseased trees are being removed.

Sand for the 200 yard range impact area was put in by conveyor belt and leveled to prevent undermining of the upper timbers. In order to maintain the integrity, no more lead "mining" will be allowed in the 200 yard impact area.

Vice President, John Johnston, brought up the need for getting coaches certified for insurance purposes. He believes he has a contact for obtaining certification classes, and he has about five people who are interested. He believes that the SRC may be able to put on a class for this purpose in the October time frame. Let him know if you're interested in participating.

We discussed the purchase of shirts with the SRC logo to be used in place of the current orange vests used by the range officers and it was suggested that T-shirts might also be purchased for sale to club members. Further discussion was tabled until such time as the tax situation with the state was resolved. John Johnston will get firm prices in the interim.

The open issue about the state and our taxable status may be summarized as follows: the state is again looking in every nook and cranny for more revenue and has sent letters to us, other gun clubs, and many other non-profit organizations announcing review of our non-profit status. This is not really new but the state's desperation is. Until our accountants have responded and assessed potential problem areas, we will be careful about where and under what arrangement we supply stuff to the membership. We just don't know yet what money we take in could be deemed taxable "sales." We would prefer to avoid the complexities of collecting sales taxes, Sorry, we can't provide more detail at this time. We hope it blows over, like it has in the past.

Treasurer, Bill Mott, expressed our thanks to the club member who cut the firewood for the North Range. He noted that Action Zone Shots provided the paint balls for the June 2nd SRC Family Fun Day. If you get the opportunity to thank them, don't pass it up.

Juniors Chairman, Mike Furrer, advised that the Juniors would continue to shoot on Tuesdays. He has also been helping Bill Mott assess insurance needs. For insurance purposes, he addressed the issue that rifles are issued out for use by the Junior Shooters. Policy is that SRC purchased equipment can be issued out to members and non-members, but it is not currently issued to non-members. A motion to make this club policy was made, seconded, and approved. Adults must be members to be issued firearms.

Pistol Chairman, Jon Coleman, brought up for discussion an SRC member who wants his 15-year-old son to shoot pistol competition. He was concerned about the clubs 18-year-old rule. It was clarified by the board, that as this individual's father is an SRC member, and the Junior will be under the immediate supervision of an adult at all times, there is nothing in the SRC bylaws to prevent his shooting with his parent.

Hunter Education Chairman, Dave Colton, reported that the April class was a good one. The May class used Internet evaluation, and the students were not prepared. Two weeks ago a Girl Scout class did exceptionally well. There will be a 5-day, 1-night class held in September.

Legislative Chairman, Kit Davis, reported that the UN will be discussing small arms weapons treaty implementation in July. There appears to be a great deal of opposition to this treaty in the United States. Members are urged to reinforce this opposition with their congress persons.

On behalf of High Power Chairman, Dusty McQuary, it was reported that the new SRC high power rifles are in and are the A-4 configuration. There were fourteen HP shooters plus four Black Powder Cartridges Rifle shooters in the combined match at the last high power match and eight shooters at the carbine match.

Member, Lowell Petersen advised us that Brian Davidson, the son-in-law of James "Gordon" McDonald, a recently deceased member, gave Gordon's reloading equipment to the SRC. It was sold at the last gun show and a check for \$402 was presented to the Treasurer as a donation to the Juniors.

There is a lot going on this summer, so read the outdoor calendar and join in.