

March 2012 SRC Bulletin Summary

The Club would like to welcome new members : Kyle Beckwith, Insewa Berridge, David W. Boyd, John P. Brady, David Britt, Shadd M. Campbell, Craig Everett, Millard M. "Matt" Fisher, Joseph Ford, Brock Goodner, Donald R. Grimes, William D. Haines, Stephen Helms, Michael D. Hughes, Marcus Jackson, Jeremy Johnson, Dennis Jones, Jeffery Liles, Joseph D. Maas, Robert B. Marcione, Dale J. Peringer, Robert Pfrimmer, Todd Ricobono, Roderick E. Saxton, David L. Smith, Marcy Sullivan, Terry Van Weerdhuizen, Dina Wilson, Steven B. Wilson, and Kevin Winans. Welcome all.

The Spokane Junior Rifle Team is Traveling Members of the Spokane Junior Rifle Team have qualified for trips to The Junior Olympics at the Olympic Training Center and to the Nationals in Alabama. The juniors and their families work hard throughout the year collecting items for their annual Estate Sale. The money from the sale goes toward the travel fund. Donations of any sellable items would be very much appreciated. No item is too small. Arrangements can be made with the junior's families for pickup of any items you would like to get rid of. The sale is in early May. Please contact Jeff Upham at (509) 434-4160 for any further details. Thank you very much.

The member fun day date is changed to June 2nd, due to conflicts. New style club hats were delivered and are on sale for \$10 each at the North Range – proceeds go to the range development fund. In the chair search for the firing lines, we bought 5 gallon buckets. They're only in trial. Sandbags inside seems to make them more stable.

President, Bob Orth, says the customized gun case from the Juniors given to The Friends of NRA, was auctioned for \$620 at the dinner. An upcoming Juniors match on March 31st is on the schedule.

Members renewals, plus new, so far, is at about 1,100, versus 1,303 total members last year. Our rangemasters are set to begin checking memberships now. Those who have not renewed will not be shooting until they do so.

The E-board "excess liability" insurance renewal discussions noted that although we don't believe we supply "products and services," a lawyer at trial might try to convince a jury otherwise, so we will not cut corners on this. In that light, it was suggested that all loaded ammo, primers, and powder donated towards the range development fund should be discarded. Bullets and brass components are OK.

The derelict Coke machine at the shotgun clubhouse is removed now and the broken water fountain is next. Soda and water are available, though, with proceeds going to the range development fund.

Smallbore Chairman, Pat Brownier, announced the Juniors will be shooting outdoors beginning this week. He also noted that they had full lines both days for both air rifle and smallbore matches just completed. Match results are posted on the web.

The Hi Power and BPCR work party on Feb 11th succeeded in rebuilding all the targets for HP and BPCR match use. They are drying in the shotgun clubhouse storeroom until a clear day allows transfer to the 200 yard range butts. Thanks volunteers.

The indoor range will close as of April 18th as more members can shoot late in the day at the outdoor pistol range. The club will replace the range's 20 chairs, in bad shape.

Pistol Chairman, Jon Coleman, expects a new action pistol league to start April 1st.

Legislative Chairman, Kit Davis, reported the Washington Supreme Court put an end to gun bans in Seattle parks. He also reported that the 3 WA bills previously discussed are all dead, but the Range Protection Bill is expected to be revived next session and at least say range owners will not be subject to noise abatement regulations passed after the latter of 1980 or the date of range opening. He also urges all members to seek out the NRA-ILA pages for information on U.S. Federal legislation regarding HR822, "National Right to Carry...", HR991 "Polar Bear .. Fairness," HR2834 "Recreational...Heritage...", HR1558 "...Toxic Substances...", and HR3440 "...Recreational Shooting Protection.." acts. Our strong support of these bills is needed.

Larry Bassett announced a serious problem regarding a Parks Dept plan to log parts of our lease holding. Larry notified Parks Dept. management that we don't want this. They thought we only have 14 acres, the part with the ranges and buildings, when we actually have property across Aubry White Parkway and around the bend in the river, a total of about 53 acres. Larry and Bill Mott will meet with the county auditor's office and ensure acknowledgement of the lease is recorded into their computerized records. Our board believes we must, in general, promptly prevent trampling of the club's property rights.

General weed control and sterilization around the range property is needed again and we will proceed with it this spring.

Hunter Education Chairman, Dave Colton, announced we will do Hunter Ed. sign-ups at the Big Horn Show again this year. This summer we will again be doing Saturday "audit checkout days" designed to reduce problems with people who have taken hunter education tests on-line via the web.

Black Powder Cartridge Rifle Chairman, Jim Jones, announced practice times on the 200 yard range, Friday afternoons, will change as sunset times change during the year. They will be posted in advance on the web schedule page. Members planning to shoot on the 200 yard range on Friday afternoons should look at the schedule. BPCR practice only lasts from a half hour before start time until about 45 minutes after star time, unless participation requires a second relay. Shared Hi Power and BPCR 300 or 600 yard practice will shut down the whole north range from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM on the 3rd Thursday of the months from April through September. It's on the outdoor calendar.