

The Club would like to welcome Jan/Feb new members :

Joshua Arriolt, Rick A. Bates, Barry Bean, Ross Beier, Daniel Brajcich, Randy Brown, Megan C. Capelle, Vicki Carlsen, Michael P. Copas, David L. Cowdrey, Timothy D. Crowley, Mark M. Davis, Lenny DeWitt, Gerard B. Drass, Brett M. Foster, Dennis W. Foster, Stephen T. George, M. Dean Giles, Keith A. Glanzer, Mike Gleason, Don Graves, Travis Higdon, Jan K. Hoogstad, Brent Howard, Gary L. Hughes Jr., Robert J. Jaddatz, Gordon P. Johnson, Peter Jones, Larry E. Koppin, Jeff Lesser, James Lorenzo, Larry Lorenzo, Charles J. Marinella, Matt Masiarek, David Mata, Robert J. "Mac" McDevitt, Thomas J. Meyers, Caleb Mortlock, David R. Oglesby, Matt Ojile, Daniel J. "Dan" Powell, Kevin Powell, Todd Putz, Jackson G. Rosenthal, Kreg Schaefer, Dennis M. Shaw, Richard Stanley, Branden J. Stansberry, Karen Stoyan, Jodie Verhaag, Wayne R. Warner, and Rubert Workman.

March 2012 SRC Bulletin Summary

President, Bob Orth, is away, Vice President, John Johnston, is acting on his behalf while he's gone.

Dan and Christine Sears, will manage SRC's presence at the Big Horn Show this year. We authorized two 1 year annual memberships to be raffled at the show for a \$1 ticket price. Additional products may be added. Proceeds will go to the Junior program. We are allowed 2 unlicensed raffles per year. Dan needs volunteer help in the booth, especially on March 23rd, because all the juniors, who usually help man it, will be involved in a match. All other volunteer help will be appreciated.

There was again NO progress report from the two lawyer members with respect to a potential alternative "hold harmless" waiver, for the third month in a row. At least one new life member is anxiously awaiting their results.

Jack Jenkins reported that new members and renewals have reached a total of approximately 1,400 to date, well ahead of the approximately 1,000 by this time last year and about 100 more than the final membership count for all of last year. Apparently, unlike prior years, very few members are failing to renew on time, while new members keep coming at a fast pace with 52 in January and February.

Legislative Chairman, Jack Jenkins, reported that recent (honest) poles show 56% of the population oppose versus 44% support more gun controls. Legislation is facing significant opposition, as Democrat legislators worry about future re-election, but is not dead yet. He advises watching and being wary. He further advises all to take care with all personal gun sales, to get identification, at least, and better yet to insist on seeing a Concealed Weapons Permit from your buyer or seller, to save grief later.

We had a good turnout for matches last month in spite of crummy weather. This includes the Spokesman Review shoot, which gets more popular each year, 32 women participated in the women's pistol shoot, and the smallbore match, "offhand" match, and the Spokane Falls Muzzle Loaders match were all well attended.

An High Power RMC 80 match is scheduled for March 24th, a “Mini-Palma” match shooting rimfire rifles is scheduled for March 31st, a “tune-up” match is scheduled for April 7th, and monthly 300 and 600 yard long range practices will begin again on the 3rd Friday of each month, beginning March 15th. All are on the web based calendar. The juniors will begin practices outdoors starting March 12th, but the newer kids will continue indoors, for more intensive coaching.

Hunter Education Chairman, Dave Colton, announced that hunter education sign-ups will be collected again this year at the Big Horn Show and are likely to fill all available slots for the year, so if you know anyone needing a class this year, they should sign up before then or miss out this year.

The board approved a request from Patrick Walker of Defensive Mechanics, who teaches NRA Basic Pistol classes from his home. He will rent indoor range time to hold live fire portions of those classes. He is NRA certified, insured, and will sign a “hold harmless” agreement.. We have frequent requests from members for this type class and will point them to his classes.

Maintenance and facility items completed: the vacuum cleaners were purchased and delivered, the 504 cases of clay birds have arrived, new doors were installed on the shotgun range traps and work well, and the new window for the shotgun club house has been ordered, but not arrived.

The club’s annual membership renewal process, as currently managed, requires well over 2,000 hours of treasurer and secretary volunteer time and over \$800 in direct expenses, mostly due to the tradition of issuing new member cards each year, to make it easier for the Range Safety Officers to see, at a glance, if a member’s dues are paid for the current year. It is increasing each year as our membership increases. There are many issues to resolve, but we must modernize by next year because we’ve run out of candidates to replace the treasurers and secretaries we’ve burned out. The board has formed a committee, consisting of Charlie Boettcher, Jack Jenkins, Larry Bassett, Dave Valandra, and Lowell Peterson to review available options, and propose a solution to the board. So far, we believe we will have permanent membership cards, less renewal options, and implement some form of electronic readers, scanning the cards to look up member status in a database, for range check-in and check-outs. We’ve made some progress on investigations of methods and hardware for electronic check-in and out. Visits were made to a doctor’s office, casino, and country club to view and discuss their solutions. We’ve met with the person who developed the software used by Sharp Shooting. Costs or reliability both seem to be an issue with those seen, so far. We will visit a local health club to see their system, among others. This is a common need of many clubs and companies, so a web search of suppliers of card readers and printer solutions has begun. There are many selling stuff but the area is new and no obvious winning solution has yet overtaken the business, which means we must take care not to select and buy a poorly implemented system.