

## **March, 2014 SRC Bulletin Summary**

A women's fun shoot is planned for March 15<sup>th</sup> 9AM to Noon at the indoor range. Space is limited, RSVP Lori Cook of the Inland Northwest Action Shooters at (509)389-2790.

Greg Hillman needs volunteers to work our booth at The Big Horn Show Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. There is a sign-up sheet in the north range clubhouse. Setup for The Big Horn Show starts 8 AM Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Be aware that Hunter Education class sign-ups for this year begin at The Big Horn Show, Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> and classes are likely to be filled by the end of the show on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please, pass that info along to anyone needing to know.

The 25<sup>th</sup> annual Junior Camp, is scheduled for all day April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in the north range clubhouse. Please keep things quiet in the clubhouse while they are in session. It's open to kids, area wide, to introduce our program and encourage participation.

Our Juniors commenced Tuesday 5 PM to 6 PM outdoor practice on the 100 yard range March 11<sup>th</sup>. They will spill over to the enclosed part of the 25 yard outdoor range.

Our Junior's air gun team, at the Ft Benning matches, took 6<sup>th</sup> overall and individuals took 9<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, 35<sup>th</sup>, and 36<sup>th</sup> places, all shooting over 1,100 of 1,200 possible each day. Instructors, referees, and support staff at the matches were excellent. They plan on 1<sup>st</sup> place next year as our team matures and none "age out."

Mike Furrer thanks Dave Valandra for his service teaching trap to the juniors.

The first regular meeting of The Well Armed Woman had 29 attendees of which 21 participated in shooting. If you have an interest, you can reach the chapter chairman, Kaery Dudenhofer at 509 434-9530 or SpokaneChapterTAWAW@gmail.com

The automated sign-in system is working and saving many, many, hours of volunteer time for the treasurer and secretary on membership renewals. We are ~\$1,500 under budget, so far, but still need some software updates and log-in screen customizations.

Membership: 998 renewed and 65 new members joined since Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. We apologize for giving the impression you would be dropped if not renewed by Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. You just won't be able to shoot until renewed, so if you are not renewed, bring money to cover dues next time you come in. Don't put it off too long. You have a generous Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> deadline but a member of 18 years forgot last year after 2 reminders. Beware, the By-Laws don't call for ANY reminder, but they don't make provision for forgetting either.

Rumors of security cameras coming to SRC are DEAD!

Shotgun Chairman, Dave Valandra, reports 264 shooters at the Spokesman-Review Club Trap shoot. He thanks Steve Mielke, Jess Jespersen, Glenn Shimabuku, John Weber, Lowell Peterson, Jim Groves, and Dennis Ader for their help running it.

The board approved projects this spring to: sterilize the roads and shotgun range for noxious weeds, to gravel both entrance roads and the hill on the connector road between the north range parking lot and the shotgun parking lot, and to build and install a baffle on the 600 yard firing line which is less disruptive to members than at 300 and 200 yard lines, but it should lead to designs and installations of baffles on all 3 ranges.

Hi-Power practice resumes Wednesdays. See the schedule on the outdoor calendar.

Monthly Class-F and BPCR long range practice, starts in April. It's moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 4:30 PM in April and then at 5 PM thereafter. As in the past, it will close the whole North range early, but the indoor range will be opened.

BPCR Chairman, Jim Jones, reports this year's BPCR matches are NRA approved and on the schedule. We hope the 600 yard baffle will help participation. We are aware that BPCR shooters we've shot with at Mica Peak see this as an issue in their participation.

High Power shot their first match of the season, an offhand match, in February.

Inland Northwest Honor Flight sent a nice thank you letter to us for contributions from our benefit matches. They're helping to send Vets to Washington, DC.

Dusty McQuary reports that we should see a write-up of our Hi-Power program in the Washington State Rifle and Pistol newsletter "The Primer" and he encourages other SRC chairmen to take advantage and submit articles to the same.

The Muzzleloaders had 22 shooters attend their match in March and enjoyed their annual banquet at the Longhorn BBQ. They are planning their annual "rendezvous" for late May or early June at Mica Peak, before the grass dries out and creates a fire hazard. The muzzle loaders will again be shooting trap at their matches until fall.

A Lakeside H.S. teacher wants to teach trap on our range and made an acceptable proposal to the principle, but has no word on the attitude from the school district.

The smallbore postal league is complete. Interest in a senior smallbore league is stronger after last month's bulletin notice, so we will pursue this with other local clubs.

Dave Valandra reminds us the Sunday trap shooting is done until next winter. We are back to our regular schedule of Thursdays and Saturdays. Wednesday evening turnout last year was low, so Dave may go to opening on Wednesday by appointment only.