

May 2012 SRC Bulletin

The Club would like to welcome new members : Kriss A.

Carpenter, John W. Combs, Chad Erickson, Caleb Hallett, Robert J. Kasberger, Randall Kimberling, Donald E. Lynn, Scott Meredith, Gregory B. Meshew, Michael E. Quinn, James H. Strandy, Michael Thomson, Robert J. Valdez, and Albert & Terry Wilson.

Dan and Christine Sears will manage our presence for the next Big Horn Show. Treasurer, Bill Mott, gave them a check to enroll us. Vice President, John Johnston, said we need new photos/posters, but the other “stuff” is in good enough shape.

We met Ray Amundsen at the county clerks office in April to file our lease. He refused to “cloud the title” but “will include a note in the file about it’s existence.” Disappointing.

There are questions about our insurance coverage for our classes and instructions. It’s not clear how this fits our coverage, so we will compile a list of cases, do our own assessment, then review it with an attorney, competent in this area of expertise. Our insurance agent can only advise us on what options are available through him, not what we need. We’ll ask about savings with a special rider on our insurance to fully cover the classes and instructions we give. Stay tuned.

Shotgun Chairman, Dave Valandra, reported 7 shooters in the beginner class, including a 12 year old boy and 14 year old girl, and all is going well. Attendance at Wednesday evening shoots has been light – typically 3 to 5 shooters.

Our juniors just returned from the WA State Championship Tournament in Wenatchee last weekend where 14 participated, scored well, and behaved very well. Parents, and grandparents attendance and support was exemplary and stood out versus the other participants. Mike Furrer says our junior are strong with more coming. Spencer Upham won 2nd place at the Olympic Training Committee invitational match with an impressive score of 596 out of 600. That’s only 4 dropped points. Juniors we are so proud.

NRA grants purchased new equipment for the Junior team. The Juniors will sign it out to encourage them to take good care of it. “Camp” was a success and thanks to the membership for honoring the “do not disturb” signage on the clubhouse during same.

Mike Furrer and the other coaches are in the process of formalizing a succession plan, the training, and the development process, including plans to send 4 to 5 parents to NRA classes in Olympia for certified coach training, so the juniors team activities will carry on as current staff retires in the future. If we get 10 or more trainees, the classes can be held here in Spokane and there is probably enough interest, club-wide.

We had 14 shooters compete in the CMP Garand match with proceeds donated to the NW Honor Flight organization. At the combined Class F and BPCR match on 5 May, 2012 we had 5 BPCR competitors [won by Larry Bassett], and 24 competitors in Class F, [won by Matt Karstetter with 595-30X and 2nd place won by Mike Furrer with 589].

Muzzleloader Chairman, Lee Kershner, moved the muzzleloader match for May from Mother's Day to next Sunday 20 May, 2012.

Cast Bullet Chairman, Joe Young, announced a match Saturday 19 May, 2012 and expects it to be completed by 2 PM and re-open the range to all. He expects competitors from across the state to attend.

We rented a BobCat tractor, graded the roads, may need more serious work soon, and we'll buy a grader attachment for our Husky tractor to save money on this. We can't pave, our location it's too near the river to get a permit. More weed control spraying soon. New BBQ works well, new tables arrived, not yet assembled, the 200 yard range backstop is good, but we may blow some more sand on it. Rebuild of the face of the 25 yard range backstop is out to bid. We'll paint the north range clubhouse, the 25 yard facility, and the front faces of the storage shed. Larry Bassett will coordinate both to minimize downtime. Storm drainage fixes on the 25 yard range are needed. Lowell Peterson, designed the current set-up, will help Larry design improvements. Whew!

WA Department of Revenue says our status as a non-taxable C7 corporation is under review. We must submit a questionnaire that goes back as far as 2008, may get audited and could become taxable, because the state is desperate to find more revenue.

Wounded Warriors will shoot for the first time 22 June, 2012. Volunteers are needed. Please take note of 3 new advertisements on our sponsor's page and support them.

Mike Furrer met Keith Macbeth, a former junior team member, now a sniper with a U.S. Marine recon team, soon to be deployed. They need good rangefinders. Mike's friends and co-workers bought 3 rangefinders for Keith's recon team. A "Zombie" sniper style match at SRC, was approved, the first on Saturday June 9th, will help finance buying more rangefinders for other recon teams, soon to deploy. See Mike for details.

We received an NRA grant of for High Power and Class F equipment. We will buy a NM AR-15, a spotting scope, and maybe another M1 Garand with the grant. Long Range practice is on 3rd Thursday of the month and is on the web schedule.

Legislative Chairman, Kit Davis, reported that we should expect to see a vote come up in the U.S. Congress to ratify the proposed U.N. treaty attacking 2nd Amendment individual gun rights and our active petitioning of Congress to turn it down is needed.

Member, Roger Bertsch, told us about the upcoming "Cast and Blast" event, sponsored by Trouts Unlimited and Safari Club International, and encouraged us to support it with a team of competitors. Interested - See the flier in the north range clubhouse.

John Johnston is calling for Volunteer help at a shoot being hosted by NW Sportsman's Club for handicapped persons. See our web site for the details