

May 2014 SRC Bulletin Summary:

Your **Range Safety Officers** would like to remind you of a couple of things related to safety on the range. First, remember to keep your actions open at all times when not actually firing. In particular, whenever you are not within arm's length of your firearm, whether on the bench or in the rack, open that action. Second, do not close your action on a live round with the muzzle pointed in any direction except at the target. This means do not have it pointed at the sky, the ground, or the baffles because an accidental discharge would not end up in the impact zone at the targets. The most common error in this respect is to have a rifle resting on sand bags or a tripod with the butt on the bench when closing the action – and the muzzle points well above the impact area into the baffles. Please don't hesitate to point out either of these or any other safety problems to a shooter. If you are not comfortable speaking up, at least let the RSO know about it.

We thank The WSP Trooper's Association, who sent us a donation of \$500.

Our junior team won 3rd place in the State Smallbore Championships in Wenatchee. We were beat by 9 points in the wind and rain.

We wish to thank the Boy Scouts who spruced up the area around the Hunter Education training cabin. They did a great job, and they are looking for more work.

One of our former Junior Team members just graduated from the WSP Academy and was hired into the WSP.

The extra RSO on duty now, every Saturday, is working well. The new safety vests are in, look great, and are in use by the RSO's.

SRC's former Junior Team member, Amanda Furrer, age 23 Qualified for the US Women's Three Position Team to compete in the ISSF World Championships in Grenada Spain to be held September 6th through September 10th 2014. In addition to the World Championships Amanda will also represent the United States in the World Cup Munich Germany June 4th through June 12th, World Cup, Slovenia June 13th through June 21st, Grand Prix Grenada Spain, July 11th through July 21st, Championships of the Americas October 11th through October 20th.

The Well Armed Woman had 32 attendees this month.

Pistol Chairman, Jon Coleman, announces that Wednesday pistol practices will henceforth be on Wednesdays. The schedule is updated. This will end a conflict with junior smallbore practices on Thursdays.

BPCR and Class F had a good combined first match for the year on May 4th, including really challenging wind conditions.

We had only 113 trap shooters for the month. This is slower than usual due to competitions elsewhere and spring fever, we guess.

Muzzleloader moved their match from Mother's Day to the 3rd Sunday this month.

Membership update: We are 10 members ahead of the count at this point last year, with 1233 total. Renewals are ahead of last year at 75% and new members behind.

Dave Colton reports the 2nd HE class of the year completed and the wait listed people filled the class in place of the no-shows. All the wait listed students got in.

Dave Valandra will get a bid from local suppliers for additional gravel in and around the trap lanes. He wants it done with crushed Basalt that is less prone to tracking into the clubhouse.

Dave reports no news from lakeside H.S. regarding their future plans to rent our facilities for trap shooting and gun safety classes.

Legislative Chairman, Jack Jenkins, reports that both HR591 and HR594 will be on the November ballot. Be sure to vote for the one that restricts the state to registration requirements no more stringent than federal requirements and NOT the one calling for universal background checks, which we see as an excuse to confiscate guns when it fails to achieve its goals. Please recommend the same to everyone you can.

Jack Jenkins also reports that Connecticut, in reaction to the Newtown massacre, has passed a law that would confiscate non-complying firearms and magazines. In response a bill is being introduced in the U.S. Congress to cut Federal DOJ funds to any state passing a confiscation bill.

Jack also reports that California is expected to pass a bill to centralize all authority for issuance of concealed carry permits and become a must issue state to end the capricious handling of same by local police and sheriffs. If passed, it is expected to result in an immediate 500,000 applications. He mentions this because it is common for other states to try to follow California's lead.