

## **November, 2014 SRC Bulletin Summary**

We wish to welcome and remind everyone to attend the annual member's meeting and elections at 7 PM on December 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be plenty of turkeys for door prizes.

The current office holders: Larry Bassett for Executive Officer, John Johnston for Vice President, and Bill Spalding for Treasurer, will run again for their respective offices. Jack Jenkins will also run for Vice President.

The Life Center Church has asked for volunteers to coach kids shooting at their annual gathering Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, and there is a signup sheet at the north range clubhouse. They also need more .22 LRF rifles, in any action, preferably with iron sights, to help the children get to shoot in a reasonable time. Many of them have never shot before, but all get an exciting kick out of it. In the past, volunteers got fed well.

Juniors will hold a CMP Precision Air Rifle Match on Saturday November 22<sup>nd</sup> in 2 relays from 9 AM to 4 PM in the indoor range. Junior's gold and silver teams attended a match last week, where Gold team was in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Silver in 8<sup>th</sup> place at press time. On January 15<sup>th</sup>, Juniors will find out if they are invited to the Ft Benning matches this year for the US Army Airgun Nationals. We had 18 shooters at the shoot with Walla Walla the previous weekend for the Clark Fisk match.

Shotgun Chairman, Dave Valandra, reported the lead processing firm from Libby, Montana which he has been dealing with will clean and re-graphite at \$0.25 per pound and return it in 25 pound bags. Rock and waste content is unknown but Dave estimates our 12,000 pounds of shot will net 400 to 480 bags. Dave will create guidelines for who will be permitted to buy shot, how much shot, and at what price. Stay tuned.

High Power Chairman, Dusty McQuary, reported the Honor Flight Benefit Match went off without a hitch, earned \$240 for them, and he thanks us all for our continued support of same. Dusty says members needing a letter of membership for CMP, see him.

The Muzzleloaders held their annual "Turkey Shoot" on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in November with 28 shooters. All shooters won a turkey or something else good to eat.

Bob Orth and Larry Bassett were invited to a Well Armed Woman meeting to talk about why the WAW members should also join the Spokane Rifle Club. They had 44 members in attendance. What would be their alternative venue if the club was no longer around?

Kaery Dudenhofer, the head of the Well Armed Women is a certified shooting safety instructor and taught a safety class for 4 indoor range and 5 north range people this month. She and Larry Bassett have planned another, co-ed this time, for January. Larry reports she did an excellent job and was not boring. The next class is open to interested members, will cost \$58 per head, and the date will be posted as soon as decided.

We had "The Maid Brigade" service come in to thoroughly clean all the bathrooms in the clubhouses. This was to catch up with maintenance overload.

Construction started on the 600 yard baffle, with the poles set in concrete. Jerry Masgui and Joe Fisher were a big help setting them correctly. Setting them in steel sleeves was rejected for safety reasons. The baffles will be hung on the posts in the spring. Larry Bassett began rebuilding the 25 yard baffles with help from Brad Petersen and his son, Matt, who came up with a clever way to do it more easily.

Doug Bennett resigned as maintenance man. We hired Tim Haller to replace Doug. Thanks, Doug for your service and welcome Tim to a thankless job.

Mike Cooper Sr. resigned as Cast Bullet Chairman, recommended, and the board installed, Don Baron as his replacement.. Mike Cooper is now Indoor Range Manager. Mike needs some breathing room and desperately needs volunteer help with opening and supervising the indoor range. Apparently, when asked, the bullseye shooters, with only 5 to 7 shooters want it open one day a week, just for them, and are unwilling to open and supervise the indoor range on that day for the general membership, who will no-doubt show up and be miffed if excluded. Stay tuned. I hope they feel punished.

Hunter's Education Chairman, Dave Colton, announced he is done for the year and on sabbatical. As such, he will NOT be answering calls nor any questions.

Two members passed away recently Jerry Masgui and Gus Richmond. They will be sorely missed. Gus was a 93 year old life member. Jerry quite active in High Power.

Total SRC membership stands at 1,445. So far, 310 new members joined, an equal number did not renew yet, and Junior membership stands at 30. A total of 20 additional members have earned **Life** membership as of December of this year. Their new life member cards and letters of congratulations will be mailed shortly.

Only those members who have renewed for this year, 2014, and who will owe dues next year will receive renewal reminder post cards, about 1,200 members. Expect those reminders to arrive in the mail around Thanksgiving. If you haven't renewed for 2014, do so before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 or you will be dropped from the roster and have to start over as a new member. No reminder will be sent.

Legislative Chairman, Jack Jenkins, announced that because I594 is an initiative and as such, will automatically go into effect in 30 days on December 4<sup>th</sup>. For the next 2 years it would require a 2/3rds majority of votes in the legislature to overturn. Jack introduced us to Jim Mullen of Washingtonians for Wildlife, who offered some hope of relief in the courts based on I594 not meeting the "single issue" rule for initiatives. Meanwhile, we will be evaluating the effects of I594 on our normal club activities as we wait to see if we can get relief through the courts.