

September 2014 SRC Bulletin Summary

The SRC board decided that we will have an abbreviated "Sight in Days" this year. It will be handled primarily by our **Range Safety Officers**, but they need volunteers to help with coaching shooters. It will be for 5 days on Friday and Saturday September 26th, and 27th, October 3rd, 4th, and 10th.

Our annual Dave Havercroft Smallbore Match is scheduled for October 18th and 19th on the 100 yard north range. It will close down the range both days 8 AM to 5 PM. We expect 3 Olympians participate. One of the Olympians will give a clinic for 30 kids.

President, Bob Orth, reminds us about upcoming elections in December. Vice President, Executive Officer, and Treasurer positions are to be contested. Charlie Boettcher is the nominating committee chairman. Lowell Peterson and Larry Bassett are helping. Discuss your interest or suggested nominees with them, please.

If you have not yet renewed your club membership for this year, 2014 do it before December 31st or you **WILL** be dropped from the roster. The bylaws make no provision of forgiveness if you forget. Each year a few do and must start over as new members and pay the initiation fee of \$80.

The 2015 membership renewal reminders will be going out as post cards this year. This is a courtesy, not required by the bylaws. All members must put their permanent member numbers on their checks to keep from driving the treasurer crazy, please. Only update your mailing address, phone number, and/or Email address **if needed**.

As in the past, January 1st through February 28th will be a grace period, after which you must renew your membership to use the facilities. Only new members will sign waivers.

We have approval from L & I to employ minors as trap "persons". We are looking for 16 to 18 year old male or female applicants to work during the annual trap shoot this winter. Pay is minimum wage. Persons interested should contact Dave Valandra at (509) 701-4747 for an appointment to meet him about this opportunity.

Juniors Chairman, Mike Furrer, reports 20 juniors have returned this year and 20 to 25 new kids are joining. He finds this a good problem to have, but we need more rifles, therefore, we approved \$5,000 to buy additional air rifles. We also approved an additional night of practice for juniors who are members.

Vice President, John Johnston, reported he has submitted the permit application for our 600 yard firing line baffles. He expects it to be issued in 30 days.

Shotgun Chairman, Dave Valandra, is reviewing options and comparing price for cleaning and re-graphiting the two barrels of reclaimed shot. We have 12,600 pounds. FYI - Castle Rock lost between \$10,000 and \$15,000 dollars on our job.

Indoor Range Manager, Leon Hopkins, will retire this year and his replacement is needed.

Trap shooting had 81 shooters in August.

Legislative Chairman, Jack Jenkins, reported the NRA has finally picked up on I-594 and I-591. Also, due to sanctions against Russia, Russian rifles are no longer available in the United States.

Hunter's Education Chairman, Dave Colton, reported 32 people were registered, 7 didn't show, 10 were on the waiting list, resulting in a class of 35. They graduated 32, while 2 failed the written, and 1 failed the field test. Not bad Dave. September was the last class of the year.

BPCR Chairman, Jim Jones, reported August was the last match of the year. They had 3 BPCR and 7 F class shooters participating. Next year, expect a match on the 1st Sunday in October, in place of the 1st Sunday in July.

We will buy a brush trimmer and replace the windows in the shotgun clubhouse.

Well Armed Women had 35 show up, 32 shoot, and all appeared to be on target.

Doug our maintenance person is rehabilitating target frames and target stands for the Havercroft match which the junior rifle team will be shooting. At the same time he is modifying the stands so that targets can be set up at 75 yards. By mid-October if all goes well, you will be able to shoot at 50, 100, **and** 75 yards on the 100 yard range.

The Range Safety Officers (RSO's) would like to remind all shooters that when chambering a cartridge, make sure the muzzle is pointing at the target, not at the ground or elevated above the target. If the gun has a bipod place a sand bag under the rear of the stock to ensure the muzzle remains pointed at the target while closing the action to chamber a cartridge. If you are shooting a muzzle loader point the muzzle at the target when you are priming the pan or placing a percussion cap on the nipple. Those shooters using cross sticks raise the butt of the rifle and point the muzzle at the target before closing the action on a loaded cartridge. Remember point the muzzle at the target before you begin the loading process. If you have any questions please talk to your RSO before your RSO has to talk to you!

If you bring a guest to our facilities, make sure they know Spokane Rifle Club's safety rules. Take the time to explain the rules and range etiquette them and then ensure that your guest obeys all of Spokane Rifle Club's safety rules. Ignorance is no excuse. As the member, this is your responsibility to your guest and other members. The RSO will approach all safety issues as if **you** have explained all of the safety rules to your guests and those guests understand and agree to obey those rules. If you need help with this ask the RSO and he will be happy to explain the rules to you and your guest.