

## **September, 2015 SRC Bulletin Summary**

“Sight-in Days” dates are set for October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, & 16<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up for volunteer help in the north range clubhouse. A few more volunteers are needed. During actual “**Sight-In Days**” hours of operation the protocol for members on the 100 yard line will be as follows: No guests will be permitted. All non-members must pay the fee and use the coaching staff provided. SID hours of operation will be from 10 AM until 4 PM wrapping up by 5 PM. All persons wanting to use the range must enter through the front door of the clubhouse to check-in and have inspection of their firearms and ammunition, **even members**, and each must get a ticket to enter the firing line. Less than ½ of the shooting positions will be available to members. You may sight in a **maximum of two** rifles - to minimize crowding. Orange Dot type targets will be provided at 50 and 100 yards for everyone and **NO** cease fires will be allowed to patch or hang fresh targets unless and until the supplied targets are too heavily shot up to continue.

At other times, things will be pretty hectic at the north range, especially at the 100 yard line. Plan ahead, and remember you are responsible for your guests knowing and obeying all safety rules. Please do not expect to get immediate access to a shooting lane on busy days in September and early October, as many people come to sight in their rifles for hunting seasons, peaking in mid-October.

As of 12 July, 2015 membership stood at 1387 members, 44 new, and 189 Life. This is normal for this time of the year.

Leon Hopkins was awarded a life membership in recognition of his long and generous service to the club. Thanks, Leon, we appreciate you.

Jack Floyd, a long time cast bullet competitor from Canada, died.

Shotgun Chairman, Dave Valandra, reported 101 shooters for the month. Dave noted it took 34 hours to sand the clubhouse floor, but it looks good now. Pistol Chairman, Jon Coleman, reported 72 action pistol shooters for the month. Muzzleloading Chairman, Dick Lewis, reported 29 rifle, 5 shotgun, and 14 pistol shooters attended the September match. Hunter Education Chairman, Dave Colton, reported that 36 attended the last H. Ed. class for the year of which 7 failed the written and 2 the practical test, netting 27 pass.

Women’s Division Chairperson, Kaery Dudenhofer, reported 33 women attended and 18 shot at their August meeting. Their RSO class was attended by 12 women. Kaery also thanked those club members whose wives show up to TWAW meetings much better educated about gun handling safety and unloaded guns.

We approved construction of a set of sturdy and good looking target storage shelves in the north range clubhouse during the renovations due to be done there in a few months.

Classes scheduled for Utah or Oregon Concealed Weapons Permits are being given by Kaery Dudenhoffer at a discount for club members. We encourage participation.

SRC received a request from a “grass roots” organization called “Hunting Works for Washington” asking permission to list us as supporters of their organization. They are a non-partisan and non-political organization with the goal of improving public attitudes about hunting, fishing, and shooting sports, as well as raise awareness that hunting in WA generates \$370 Million annually. They are requesting no money. They are patterning themselves after a successful Minnesota organization and are sponsored by National Shooting Sports Federation. The board approved SRC participation

SRC received a request from Lori Leitz of Latah Harvest Celebration requesting we participate with a booth and demonstration of club activities. Jeff Upham will head up our participation and you may contact him if you'd like to help.

Jeff Upham reminds members the juniors have 5 Winchester Model 70 Super-Grade rifles donated by Midway in caliber .280 Remington available. Any member can donate \$3,000 to the Junior's Travel Fund and in return will be given one outright. At some point, the juniors will raffle remaining rifles.

Smallbore practice open night is Thursdays 5:30 to 9:00 PM. The sessions are shown in the indoor calendar. There are new smallbore shooters looking for target quality rifles,

The indoor range will open October 12th, Monday and Wednesday nights and possibly on Friday nights if there is demand and additional RSO volunteers to supervise. He also advises the fall action pistol schedule is set and published on the indoor schedule.

Legislative Chairman, Jack Jenkins, reported the NRA will fight the unlawful Seattle tax on firearms. July to August gun sales have been 2.6 million nationally. In May, 100,000 WWII Government Model 1911 pistols went to the CMP see their web-site for purchase info. Several major airlines have rescinded their decisions to refuse shipment of hunting trophies in air freight again. The VA has changed their mind about implementing their move to outlaw gun ownership by veterans claiming PTSD and their families. Now Social Security Administration has announced plans that anyone assigned financial protection, will have gun ownership rights removed, affecting 4.2 to 5.0 million citizens. Jack let us know our local NRA Rep. is Keeley Hopkins.

### **A message from Executive Officer, Larry Bassett:**

As we approach hunting season again, range traffic is on the rise. All the RSOs and I would like to remind everyone that range safety is paramount. We have had two incidents in the last week of members handling firearms away from the firing lines. Both instances resulted in another member being muzzle swept by the handler. This kind of unsafe range behavior will result in the suspension of range privileges. The RSOs and I would like to urge everyone to help us maintain a safe shooting environment at SRC. If you observe range safety infractions and are uncomfortable with correcting someone, please, bring the situation to the attention of an RSO or me. Thanks for your help.