

SPOKANE RIFLE CLUB BULLETIN - MARCH 2011

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS - On behalf of the SRC E-Board and all of our members, we want to welcome the following individuals to our club; Mark Ainslie, Darin Corte', Dale Franzen, Rich Wells, John Morgan, Steven Gentry, Eric Countryman, Dion Greenwalt, James Collen, Mike Schneider, Andrew Potter, Martyn Robinson, Virgil Stripes, Terry Conwell, Michael Cooper, Christopher Demlow, Phil Dipofi, Anthony Leanza, Adam Morrison, Christopher Pritchard, Thomas Ryan, Michael Solheim and Tyler Spence.

SRC BOARD MEETING NOTES -

The big news is the Spokane Rifle Club web page. It has been updated and much more user friendly with 'bullets' directing you to each of the individual venues such as shotgun, black powder, legislative etc. There are also individual monthly calendars for both the indoor and outdoor ranges. Once you open the calendar and find the event of interest, simply click on it to show you the times and any other pertinent information. This is a work in progress with updates and improvements continuing over the next several weeks, so bear with us. Any suggestions or ideas for improvements can be sent to either the web page or contact your venue chairman.

One additional item - the legislative page. Since we are a non -profit organization and non-political we can neither support nor condemn any candidate or legislation. The Legislative Chairman will be posting items of interest with connecting e-mail addresses. That way anyone can check out the legislation and/or candidate and draw their own conclusions.

BIG HORN SHOW - Our club is going to have a booth again this year and as I mentioned earlier volunteers are going to be needed to help man it. Signup sheets are now in the North Range Club House, Indoor Range and Trap Range Club House. So, all you dedicated members rush down and sign up. Remember you get in free during the hours you work. I'm not sure but you might get in free that day, something to ask about.

The Club is also selling tickets to a raffle. Two Club memberships will be raffled off the last day of the show and you don't have to be there to win. The tickets are \$1.00 a piece and the proceeds go to the Juniors to help with travel expenses etc. Tickets are presently available at the North Range and later during the Big Horn Show. Before I forget, if a member wins the drawing he/she can use the membership for next year or if you haven't already paid, for the remainder of this year. It does pay to take a chance every now and again.

Bob Winnick made recommendation that a suggestion box be placed in the North Range Club House for use by the general membership. It was also decided that all suggestions include the submitting members name and telephone number. That way if his/her suggestion is used he/she can be recognized and if there are questions they can be contacted for clarification. Good idea Bob !!!!

It appears that we are doing something right as our membership continues to grow as does the membership participation in the individual venues. Almost all Chairmen are reporting increased numbers of shooters

Dave Valandra (Shotgun Chairman) reported that the Winter SRC and Spokesman-Review Trap Shoot is coming to an end in the next couple of weeks. He requested about \$400 for trophies and food on the last day of the competition. The E-Board approved his request.

Our NRA grant request came back. We asked for \$26,000 to help with the 100 yard range reconstruction. We were awarded about \$6,000. Not what we had hoped, but every little bit helps.

SRC BOARD MEETING NOTES - Cont.

The 100 yard firing line is starting to really need repair. Our concrete is cracking and undermined, the wooden uprights are starting to rot and decay and the water coming off the range cover is draining down and flooding parts of the club house. It's still safe, but there are those that feel not for long. The idea has been presented to replace the concrete and extend it an additional 6 ft or so, to give more walking room at the line. To do so would require replacing the roof (cover) and extending it an additional 6 to 8ft. There is whole list of things that need to be done and that's why we applied for the NRA grant. Since we didn't receive the amount we had hoped for the greatest burden of these repairs will be on the club. Initial estimates are in the \$42,000 range. With some serious wheeling and dealing we might be able to reduce that amount considerably. Now having said all this, I understand that our Vice President John Johnston will be handling this project. (I missed the last E-Board meeting and am looking at the meeting notes)

Ken, our Range Safety Officer advises that a donation jar has been set out in the North Range Office with the monies collected going to the range improvement fund. Nuff said.

Ken also requested that I give Spence Countryman an ATTA BOY for his donation of a much needed hand truck. So, Mr. Countryman a great big THANK YOU from all of us at Spokane Rifle Club.

HIGH POWER - I mentioned in an earlier Bulletin that the E-Board had been looking at leaving the 100 yd and pistol range open while the High Power 300 and 600 yd matches were in progress. Cooler heads, insurance requirements and a great deal of compromise have prevailed. Mr McQuary (High Power) advises that in order to minimize disruption of the range by High Power Shooters, matches would be fired in reverse order i.e., 300 yds, 600 yds and then 200 yds. A range safety plan is being completed and will be submitted for review by next E-Board meeting. He also said that 300 and 600 yd classes will be held on the first Thursday of each month. Regular practice will be held two hours before dark, check your schedule for dates.

LEGISLATIVE - Chairman Kit Davis reported on HB 1729 - gun safety issue, HB 1066 - transportation and storage of propellents, HB 1016 - use of silencers, HB 1238 - concealed carry licenses for 18 yr olds and HB 1508 - range immunity from liability etc. Check the web site for further information.

SAFETY ISSUE - SRC received a complaint from a jogger that a round went over his head on 2/13/2011, when he was about a half mile from the range. After an investigation was completed it was decided that the round was not fired from a muzzle loader and did not originate from our range.

HUNTER EDUCATION - Chairman Dave Colton advised that his program is getting started for this coming year. Dates will follow along with sign up procedure. Watch your Bulletin and check the web site for further details.

Last - the issue of dogs on SRC property is still being discussed. The rules are presently being enforced but modifications are probable.

That's it for now. Remember SAFETY is the watch word at Spokane Rifle Club.

