

SPOKANE RIFLE CLUB BULLETIN - MAY 2011

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS-

On behalf of the SRC Executive Board and all of our members, we want to welcome the following individuals into our club; Bernie Freeman, David Brod, Neville Fernandes, Robert Kisselberg, Perry Tinklenberg, Thomas Berg, Paul Blake, Scott Grayban, Scott Peterson, Christopher Peterson, Gil Price, Mike Stultz, Rees Madison, David Ju, John Jessep, Phillip Stoltz, Rick Udlock, Sean Culver, Stephen McMillin, Robert Campbell, Alexis Thomas, Dean Barley, Bruce Olgard, Gene Osburn, James Osburn, Harold Skaar, Robley Smith, Marc Johnson, Erik Overland, Bert Overland, David Duray, Corey Troftguben, Levi Daines, Ronald Ballew, Jay Matillo, Montsho Corppetts and Dan Richeson.

SRC BOARD MEETING NOTES -

The one item that came out of this Board meeting that impacts the majority of our members is the new safety procedure involving firearms brought to the range in a case. We have had a 'couple' of accidental discharges at the North Range recently and fortunately no one was injured. Because of this, it has been decided that all firearms brought to the range, in a case, will have to be uncased at the firing line with the barrel pointed down range. Any firearm brought to the range without a case will have its action open or bolt removed before transporting it to the firing line.

During the discussion regarding this safety procedure, it was decided that any firearm cleaned in the North Range Club House would have its barrel pointed down range parallel with the 200 yard line. Any further accidental discharges will be written up by the Range Officer. The offender will be removed from the range and will have to appear before the E-Board to explain the occurrence. The penalty maybe as severe as loss of membership. To 'sweep' another person with a firearm will result in a warning and removal for the day.

The E-Board understands that common sense is the major factor in range safety. Unfortunately, there have been those that bring loaded firearms to the range and because of this accidental discharges can occur. To deny or ignore this potentially dangerous situation increases the Club's liability and therefore the need for this action.

The next item is that there may not be a June Bulletin. I'll be on vacation most of May and will miss that month's E-Board meeting. I plan to return sometime the first of June but by then will too late to get the Bulletin written, printed, on the web and/ or mailed out.

Kit Davis reported that while Washington state had a law permitting the possession of a silencer, it was illegal to use it. Now, that has been changed with new legislation having been signed by the Governor. Use of the silencer should be permitted by the time you read this. While I have not had the opportunity to read the law, it would make sense that there are certain restrictions. So, would strongly suggest that you read HB 1016 dealing with suppressors before rushing out to buy one.

Marilee and her family surprised those members present with a THANK YOU cake. It was their way of saying thank you to the club for our support of the Juniors and their ticket sales. Of the 500 tickets they had for sale they sold \$458 worth. That's money that goes toward their travel expenses. Dan Richard won the drawing for the SRC membership. Congrats to Dan and welcome to our club.

OLD BUSINESS - cont.

After having such a successful showing at the Big Horn Show, it was decided that we should participate again next year. To insure we get a spot, hopefully better than the last, a \$100 deposit was approved. Payment to be made by 6/1/2011.

Mike Furrer (Juniors) complimented Marilee and her family for all their hard work on the Big Horn Show and particularly for their work with the Juniors. Thank you, Marilee and family, for all you have done and continue to do for the SRC and the Junior Team.

Larry Bassett reported that the trees we had approved to be removed were now gone. He also told us that new targets had been received for the North Range.

Dave Valandra (Shotgun) told us that he had 175 shooters last month with an income of \$658. Looks like our trap range continues to grow in popularity. Good work David.

Dusty McQuary (High Power) said that in their March match, they had 9 paid shooters @\$20 each for an income of \$180. He also advised that their next match will be on April 24th and will require closing the North Range in the morning. There will also be a work detail for target cleanup on April 20th, volunteers are greatly appreciated.

In the legislative area, Kit Davis reported on three bills, HB 1016 dealing with use of suppressors, HB 1041 corrections personnel concealed carry, out of Senate but not sent to Governor for signature and SB 1923 basically says if Feds say no to a weapons bill - the State says no as well. Unfortunately, we have not been able to get together with the correct people to finally get the Legislative page setup, so if you have questions about any of these bills you can find them on the Washington State Legislative page or ask Kit ☺.

Kit Davis also reported on behalf of Bruce Thompson (Black Powder Cartridge) that for their first match this month, they had 10 shooters. Larry Bassett had the highest score winning all the marbles. Congrats to Larry for some pretty fine shooting.

Dave Colton (Hunters Ed.) said they were trying something new with a self study program. The class information is passed out prior to the start of the class and it's up to the student to be prepared for the classes. They have 32 participants in each class with a minimum age of 12 years.

I understand from Larry Bassett that the Club owes Rick Morris a big ATTA BOY and THANK YOU for the answering machine he bought for the North Range. Now the RSO's will be more available to check on what's happening on the ranges and not tied to the phones.

We have ordered another 5 dozen SRC hats as the first batch sold so quickly. Thanks to John Johnston for taking care of this so quickly.

As many may have noticed, a spray truck has been busy knocking down those darn noxious weeds. Something we have to do every year or get cited by the State. Cost to the Club \$1515 for the area between the fence separating the North and Trap ranges and to the fence south of the Indoor Range.

Last but not least, Mike Furrer said that thanks to the actions of Bob Winnick and John Johnston. The Northwest Sportsmen had donated \$3500 to the Juniors for their travel expenses. Way to go gentlemen. THANK YOU from all of us.

Well, that's it for another month (possibly two). Enjoy your shooting sport and keep those barrels pointed down range.

