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SAFETY LAST
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Enjoying the balmy January temps, the BPCR shooters plied their skills in 45 degree temps on the KD and MP ranges January 7. A smiling Gordy Hall hit the first target at 1000 yards. See details below. Yes, this is the first 4-page newsletter in 56 months. Thanks to Dick Shaaf for his Yuma report.



Red Shed Report

e-Newsletter A special thanks to members; 586, 604, 659, 662,708, 847, 852, 992, 1087, 1374, 1426, 1428,1444, and W-13. Each email user saves GRRC over \$1.50 a month in postage and printing costs. GRRC now has 248 Email users, and the savings to the club is significant.

On Saturday, January 7 the BPCR discipline held its annual **Freeze Your Parts Off Shoot**. This year we had wonderful mix of our regular shooters and several new shooters to the black power cartridge shooting sport. The number of attendees that shot this year was incredible. Over 14 shooters availed themselves of both the KD and MP ranges. The targets at the KD range re-fitted with X-ring disks that allowed the shooter to take home a disk with his/her bullet hole in it. The range officer recorded the shooter, range (1,000 yds.) and the date. Gordy Hall was the first shooter Saturday to accomplish this challenge. Taking a 100 year old rifle, with home-cast lead bullets, black power, and period iron sights, this was a great accomplishment for Mr. Hall.

Saturday, February 18, will be the annual GRRC Banquet at Kraus-Hartig VFW. All members and their guests are invited and encouraged to attend. The evening social starts at 6:00 pm and dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. The prime rib buffet comes with a full salad bar and a dessert table. The cost for the evening is \$23.00 per person. All attendees are encouraged to bring a donation for the door prize drawings. A banquet sign-up sheet will be available at the January General Membership Meeting. If you can't make the meeting, call or email Dave Newell 651-653-0490 [dnewell@isd.net] with your reservations. The tickets can be paid for at the door on the night of the party.

The Word Slave erred on the spelling of Kurt Borlaug's name in the December issue, and apologizes profusely. It was fatigue and not eggnog.

Steve Shimek is waiting to hear back on the availability of an **instructor from the USPSA for a RSO Training Session at GRRC**. He requested two dates based on their requirements: **March 9-10 and April 20-21**. Details to follow. He envisions starting Friday evening at 6 pm to allow those who work to get up to Harris. Saturday morning would be the practical portion at 9 am. As a heads up, it would be expected that each student be prepared to take notes for the classroom portion Friday evening. For Saturday's practical exercise, Steve recommends (not requires) each student have a handgun, holster and two mag pouches and no more than 75 rounds of target ammunition. This is a recommendation, not a requirement, should the student not want to invest in the equipment used in practical shooting. Those who are interested in trying the sample stages for the RO's in training, he will provide a rig and ammunition to use on Saturday. Thanks for your continued interest.

e-Newsletter

To sign up for your e-version of this newsletter, just click on the **"contact us"** tab at the top of the GRRC website, or send your request to pekarik1911@q.com. Please provide your member number, name and e-mail address, being sure to enter your request prior the end of any month, so the database can be updated for the next issue. As an example, to receive the February issue via e-mail, send your information prior to the end of January. Money saved on postage and printing adds up, and you are taking a small step to making GRRC more efficient and green. And...it's in color.

Date	Time	Location	Event	Contact
1/9/2012*	1900-adjrn	Kraus-Hartig	GRRC Board of Directors Meeting*	Dave Newell
1/12/2012	1800-2000	Forest Lake	Junior club practice Legion Post 225	Joe Showalter
1/17/2012	1900-adjrn	Kraus-Hartig	General Membership Meeting	Dave Newell
2/13/2012	1900-adjrn	Kraus-Hartig	GRRC Board of Directors Meeting*	Dave Newell
2/18/2012	1800-close	Kraus- Hartig	GRRC Annual Banquet	Dave Newell

GRRC General Membership Minutes 12/20/11

The President called the meeting to order on December 20, 2011 at 7:03pm with a quorum present.

The Vice-President led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance, with a moment of silence to honor departed companions and those serving in the military.

Secretary's Report – Minutes from the November 2011 GMM was published in the December Newsletter. Motion made by Jerry Sadowski, second by Dave Secord to accept the November GMM minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Executive Officer's Report – Bruce Aune – No report.

Chief Instructor's Report – Joel Showalter – congratulated Andy Mager on being elected as the next C.I.

1st Readings – Michael Criswell, Brooklyn Park, Kevin Nassery, St. Paul, Eric Stannard, North Branch, John Serpico, Forest Lake, Mark Lundblad, North Branch and Patrick Herold, Stillwater.

2nd Readings - None. The Sergeant at Arms lead the guests and non-members from the room. **Treasurer's Report** – Rich Williams reported that expenses are about equal with last year. We are in the black. Motion made by Steve Shimek, second by Rich Loye to accept the Treasurer's Report as given. Motion carried. The non-members and guests are brought back into the room.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Action Arms – Steven Shimek announced a tentatively scheduled USPSA Range Officer class at the Red Shed on Fri, Feb10 (classroom) and Sat, Feb11 (practical session). Twenty registrants at \$50each would be required to pay for the USPSA instructor. More details coming.

All Around Match – this match is extended to January's GMM. Prizes awarded at the General Membership Banquet. At this point, shooters are on their honor to score their own targets.

Black Powder –The Wilcox Shoot has been rescheduled from its usual date and will be incorporated into the Rendezvous.

BP Cartridge – Rik announced January 7 as the date for "Freeze Your Parts Off". Should be fun with snowfall delayed this winter. 9:00AM start, come to warm up in the Red Shed, lunch is provided. Details of next year's schedule will be planned over eats.

Campgrounds –The last day to pay your 2012 fees is 2011December 31.

Facility Management –Dave A. announced with lots of humor that the "roads are plowed!"

Finance – Ron explained that the 2012 Budget is almost completed. If a D.C. has not submitted their 2012 Budget, Ron said he would make that decision for them.

Juniors – Joe said the program started Dec 2 with the shooting line filled with 30 shooters. Come to Forest Lake Legion on Thursday evening for an easy way to get Work Day Credits helping to score targets. Joe put out a call for donations of .177 flat nose pellets for the Juniors Program.

Legislative –The season is quiet because legislators have gone home for the holidays. Steve Shimek said that those interested in what is going on with suppressed weapons should read the article in the December NRA magazine. It is illegal in MN to have suppressors, which makes it a felony to have them in possession.

Membership –There are 37 on the Waiting List. Let's get busy; send in your 2012 renewals. See details in the Oct/Nov Gazette. Remember to include your NRA information.

Newsletter – Dave passed on information on 10-12 new requests for the e-version. Last mailing was about 287, which is about 50% of the membership.

Pistol–[Bob Linder] – Steve Shimek gave a reminder that he is not the new Pistol Chair. The chair is **Bob Linder**. Because Bob has commitments to the City of Almelund on Tuesday, Steve will bring Bob's report.

Schutzen – Bruce said Schutzen plans on two matches for 2012, in May and August.

Tuesday Night Practice – Mike Kaluza brought up, out of order, that the new Robert's Rules of Order is now available. Said there might be a 100-200 yd bench rest on the MP range some Saturday. This could be held in conjunction with Silhouette Rules Match with XP and contenders.

Good & Welfare/Correspondence– To respond to individual circumstances appropriately, please contact Laurie as soon as you know of that need.

OLD BUSINESS

Cancel summer GMM at the range vs. no quorum. After more discussion, the concensus was to continue during the summer months going to the Red Shed. A 50-50 hand vote showed that the members liked Kraus-Hartig just as well as the Red Shed.

Ford Tractor auction - The hammer came down with a bid of \$1,000 from Joe Showalter.

NEW BUSINESS

The Annual **GRRC Banquet will be on Saturday, Feb 18** at Kraus-Hartig with the usual Prime Rib Buffet. There will be a sign-up sheet at the next GMM. Call or e-mail Dave Newell on Door Prize donations. Everyone was encouraged to bring a mixed assortment of items, as there are many women in attendance for this annual social.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Laurie presented \$50 to Joe Showalter, which was donated to the Juniors Program by member, Glenn Peterson. A hardy round of applause followed.

General Membership Meeting: Tuesday, 17Jan2012, 1900hrs, Kraus-Hartig VFW

Board of Directors Meeting: Monday, 9Jan2012, 1900hrs, Kraus-Hartig VFW

At the request of the President, a motion was made by Steve Marden, second by Lance Wells to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted, Laurie A. Pekarik, GRRC Secretary

All-Around Match Deadline Changed

Due to the range being closed for the logging then followed by the hunting season, the **deadline for turning in 2011 targets has been moved to the January meeting**. If you need to shoot your targets without another club member present, you may do so. With the holidays and cold weather it may be difficult to find another member to accompany you to the range to verify targets. Remember you are on your honor to shoot them at the proper distance, with the proper sights etc., as the rules state. Prizes will still be awarded at the club banquet in February.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me.

-Rich Williams 763-257-3653

Winter Shooting in Yuma - D. Schaaf

If anyone is looking for a winter get away, with shooting opportunities, give Yuma, Arizona a try. We held the first combination BPCR, high-power silhouette and long range 22 match Nov 10th. These matches will be the second Saturday of each month through March, possibly April. This range was very active in high power silhouette years ago but needed alot of repair, which has been completed. Also every Friday morning is a 22 fun match based on NRA Cowboy Silhouette. They allow any 22 rifle or pistol plus pistol caliber rifles. Any sight is allowed. This range is part of the Adair Shooting Complex in Yuma, Arizona. The Adair Complex is a free public range (no charge). You have to bring your own targets and frames. There are match fees and trap fees.

The Adair Complex has seven ranges:

1. Trap & Skeet (open shooting several days a week)
2. Small General Range (always open)
3. Black Powder and Schuetzen (Schuetzen matches every Tuesday morning plus a few muzzle load matches)
4. Silhouette Range (organized practice the second and third Monday for BPCR, every Wednesday morning for 22 and lever gun. Fun matches every Friday morning, official matches the second Saturday for BPCR and High Power Silhouette. The last weekend of each month is NRA Cowboy Silhouette 22, pistol caliber and big bore.
5. High Power Range with berms from 100 to 1000 yards. There are a few high power matches.
6. Hand Gun Range has 5 bays for public shooting. Cowboy action matches are held on this range.
7. A large archery range.

The county owns the complex and each range has a club that maintains its range. If you join the club for \$25 you get a key to drive to the firing line and down range to set your targets. The silhouette range has water and toilets accessible if you have a key. When there is a club event (organized practice or match) the general public is not allowed on that range. Sometime in 2012 the county is suppose to turn the complex over to the DNR. We are not sure if anything will change. The complex is 6 miles north of Yuma and highway 95. Look for Adair Rd sign, just before the hills. Any additional information: Dick Schaaf 612-834-0127

Oops! I forgot to renew for 2012.. now what??

If your payment is "in the mail" and postmarked on or before Dec. 31, 2011, you have just won - well sort of - the lottery! That postmark has just saved you a chunk of change! Your renewal will be processed "as paid on time", no matter which calendar date your letter is retrieved from the PO Box. On the otherhand, if your payment is "in the mail" and postmarked on or after 1Jan2012, or you drop your renewal off at the 17Jan2012 GMM, the Secretary will be contacting you to pay the late fee. The Late Fee timeframe starts on or after 1January2012 and ends on the date of the January GMM. This year that would be 17January2012. After the January GMM, memberships lapse for non-payment of dues. If you fall into Late Fee timeframe, there are two Options available:

Option #1 - pay the late fees.

1. Regular member with no work day credits, pay 2012 dues of \$150, plus 50% of normal dues (\$75), which totals \$225.
2. Regular member with one work day credit, pay 2012 dues of \$105, plus 50% of normal dues (\$75), which totals \$180.
3. Regular member with two work day credits, 2012 dues of \$60, plus 50% of normal dues (\$75), which totals \$135.
4. Senior members, 2012 dues of \$35, plus 50% or \$17.50, which totals \$52.50.

Option #2 - let membership lapse and start the membership process all over again.

1. Reapply, don't have to pay initiation fees, go to the bottom of the Waiting List, give up member #, gate combo, voting privileges and barred from range use.
2. Over age 62, besides 1, come back in as a Regular for two years, collect Work Day credits and move back to Senior at the start of the third year.

If you have questions, or concerns please call the Secretary at 763-755-6302 or send an e-mail to pekarik1911@q.com

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