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**Season's Greetings** from the Gazette staff. This month we are issuing a four-page newsletter that introduces a new font and type size...saving space and money on printing and postage. Traditionally, there is not a lot of club shooting activity in the winter months, with the exception of the Juniors and Freeze Your Parts Off in January.

Be of good cheer, and get your membership renewals in. PLEASE read the Red Shed report carefully. (There may be a test.) The **postmarking issue** is very serious business due to the holiday post office hours.



## Red Shed Report

**From Gordy Mitchell:** From one of our shooters from ND. He came down to check out our improvements to pit area and do his Christmas shopping. I gave him a little tour Below is a email he sent to a bunch of our shooters:

Hello- Was down to Harris Saturday and saw the improvements made (and got watch Gordy work). The improvements and wall expansions look better in person then can be seen in pictures. From the pictures I am attaching you can see fairly well, under the target carrier frames have been cleaned out and sloped toward the new ditch/waterway. All reeds, weeds, and growths removed, to a widened, smooth, transitional ditch/water. The road widened, smoothed, and a very nice transition from the frames to the waterway, then up to the road. A new culvert system was put in at the East end of the waterway which now takes the rain/snow melt water and runs it under the target shed porch, through the retaining berm South/East to the swap area several hundred feet away. Standing water in the pits will be a thing of the past.

The ground is prepped and retaining wall built for the new BR target shed/building to go up, which will be on the West end of the Pits (the stakes in the pictures represent its planned placement). After the new building is put up, there will be finish work of the additional retainment dirt and block, upon knowing the assembled building height. All in all when complete, I foresee the pits to be a much improved and workable "grounds" with a welcome modern look instead of the dismal effect the heavy rains and snowfalls of the past three years. In a nut shell: "the swamp" is gone and a new pit environment is in place. I want to Thank Gordy, Dave, John, and all those involved for their work and dedication to this project and all the projects they have seen done. Best Regards, Donovan Moran

**Anxiety over 2013 GRRC Renewals?** Here's a ditty for you to think about:

There remain yet some members of Gopher  
who probably have been real loafers.  
They woke up one night with a terrible fright,  
Thinking membership was really over!

They ranted and screamed from all over  
"I'm certainly NOT a dang loafer!"  
They got their check quick, writing it in a flick.  
Now they're upstanding members of Gopher.

As of November 25, well over 50% of the GRRC membership needs to "get the lead out" and send in their 2013 renewals. All checks received up to that date have been processed and deposited in the bank. If your check has not yet cleared your account, look for it in your next bank statement.

### Serious Information from Laurie Pekarik, Secretary :

Deposit your renewals in the case at the December GMM, or get postmarks on mailed-in renewals that are 'round stamped' or hand-cancelled in your local post office no later than **Friday, December 28, 2012**. The USPS is only open Saturday, Dec 29 in the morning and is closed on Dec. 30 and Dec. 31. Do not expect December 31 postmarks if you drop your envelope in a mail box. After December 31, your GRRC membership is in jeopardy and will have late fees tacked on. To avoid this, bring your renewal form and check to the 18Dec2012 GMM or get it hand cancelled or 'round stamped'; mailed prior by December 28, 2012. Late fees, by virtue of the GRRC by-laws, are applied between January 1, 2013 postmarks and the Jan 15 GMM.

Renew after January 15, 2013 and will lose: a place on the GRRC roster, your original membership number, your gate combo at the range, and voting privileges at GMMs. Downright horrible for a Regular member and worse yet for a Senior member to have to endure. To avoid late fees and the possibility of having your membership deleted.... and, having to start the membership application process all over again, just get your 2013 renewal paid on time.

**E-version of The Gazette:** 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 January issue via e-mail, send your information prior to the end December. 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. -Dave and Karen



Date	Time	Location	Event
12/17/2012	1900-Adjourn	Kraus-Hartig VFW	General Membership Meeting
1/5/2013	900	KD 1000	Freeze Your Parts Off
1/7/2013	1900-adjrn	Kraus-Hartig VFW	GRRC Board of Directors Meeting
1/10/2013	1800-2000	Forest Lake Legion	Junior club practice Legion Post 225
1/16/2013	1900-adjrn	Kraus-Hartig VFW	General Membership Meeting
1/17/2013	1800-2000	Forest Lake Legion	Junior club practice Legion Post 225
1/24/2013	1800-2000	Forest Lake Legion	Junior club practice Legion Post 225
1/31/2013	1800-2000	Forest Lake Legion	Junior club practice Legion Post 225
2/7/2013	1800-2000	Forest Lake Legion	Junior club practice Legion Post 225
2/11/2013	1900-adjrn	Kraus-Hartig VFW	GRRC Board of Directors Meeting



## GRRC General Membership Minutes 9/20/12

President David Newell called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. at the Kraus-Hartig VFW. A quorum was present, with 71 members and 9 guests attending. Vice-President Kim Frick led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance, and a moment of silence was observed to honor those serving in the military and departed members.

**Secretary's Report:** A motion was made, with second by Steve Shimek and Dave Secord respectively, to accept the minutes from the October GMM as published in the November Gazette. Carried.

**Executive Officer's Report:** No report

**Chief Instructor's Report:** No report

**First Readings:** William Sykes, No Branch, Kent Bratten, Eden Prairie, Paul Nygren, Minnetonka, Gordon Cornelius, Jr., Big Lake, Caribe Schreiber, St. Paul and Jediah Naumand, Chisago City. **Second Readings:** Mark Krueger, Derek Green, Marc Hildebrant, Steve Walsh, Alan F. Loquasto, Everett Madsen, Don Kalland, Thomas Erickson and Michael Haase. The Sergeant at Arms led the applicants, guests, and non-members from the room.

**Treasurer's Report:** A motion was made by Rick Repovsch, with second by Bruce Peglow to accept the Treasurer's Report as given. Carried. A motion was made by Joe Showalter, with second by Lance Wells to accept the applicants as a group. Carried. A motion was made by Lance Wells, with second by Rick Loye to accept the group as members in GRRC. Carried. The guests were brought back into the meeting room. Kim Frick re-introduced the new members. Dave Newell reminded the new members to see the Secretary following the meeting to pay their fees.

**Committee Reports:** In the interest of time needed for the election we will dispense with Committee Reports, unless there is something extremely urgent

**All Around Match:** See Rich Williams for your targets.

**Archery:** Plans are in the works to announce the names of the new discipline co-chairs.

**CMP:** The tour of the range was cancelled due to one visiting person having a motor vehicle accident. The tour date of the range will be rescheduled.

**Juniors:** The senior shooters will start the Thursday after Thanksgiving. New junior members will start after January 1, 2013. Membership fees remains at \$50/year per junior shooter. One Workday credit equals 4 Thursday evenings to help score the targets. Joe estimated that the Juniors shot over 100,000 pellets last year. Rich Williams presented a \$1,000 GRRC check to Joe for the junior program for the coming year.

**Legislation:** There is a complete report on the GRRC website. Steve reminded everyone to call, e-mail, or write to your legislators to ask for their support in the passing of Bill S-3525, the "Sportsman's Act of 2012".

**Membership:** Approximately 25% of membership has renewed for 2013.

**Newsletter:** The percentage is running 50-50 hardcopy vs. e-version.

**Good and Welfare/Correspondence:** A sympathy card sent to John Rice on the recent loss of his son, James.

**Old Business: None.**

**New Business:**

The President rapped the gavel once to recess the membership meeting to prepare for the election. After a short recess, the GMM reconvened for the purpose of the election of the 2013 Executive Board and the General Board Members, with Sergeant at Arms, Kurt Borlaug, presiding.

With no further nominations from the floor, Kim Frick was elected President, Steve Marden was elected Vice President, Rich Williams was elected Treasurer, and Laurie Pekarik was elected Secretary by acclamation. With two nominations received from the floor for Executive Officer, a paper ballot determined the outcome with Wade

Brown defeating Bruce Aune for that position.

General Board Members: Seven nominations were accepted from the floor for the six positions as General Board Members, and in no particular order, the following were elected: Bruce Peglow, Steve Shimek, Mike Gjersvig, Rut McGhee, Dave Secord and Morgan Prock.

The President, Dave Newell closed the elections.

**Announcements:**

Next GMM, 18Dec2012, 1900hrs, at Kraus-Hartig VFW

Next BOD, 7Jan2013, 1900hrs, at Kraus-Hartig VFW

Next GMM, 15Jan2013, 1900hrs, at Kraus-Hartig VFW

Motion by Dave Secord, with second by Lance Wells to adjourn at 8:27pm Carried.

Respectfully submitted, Laurie Pekarik, GRRC Secretary

## GRRC BOD Minutes 11/05 /12

A quorum was present: Dave Newell, Kim Frick, Laurie Pekarik, Rich Williams, Bruce Aune, Rik Rarick, Tom Torborg, Mike Gjersvig, Steve Marden, Morgan Prock, Excused: Andy Mager, Rick Loye, and Rut McGhee

The BOD meeting was called to order by President David Newell on Nov 5 at 7:12 PM at Kraus-Hartig VFW, Spring Lake Park, MN. Vice President, Kim Frick, led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence to observe departed members and those serving in the military.

**Secretary's Report:** With a motion and second by Kim Frick and Steve Marden, respectively, the minutes from the October BOD meeting were approved, as printed. Carried.

**Executive Officer's Report:** There will be an article in the November Gazette about the necessity to close the front gate. As he will be absent from the November GMM, Bruce said that he would accept the position of XO, if elected.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion, with second, to accept as given. Carried.

**Correspondence:** The replacement check for an overpayment in sales tax has been received and given to the Treasurer for deposit.

**Old Business**

Paving of Cty Road 61: A letter from Chisago County addressed to Dave Anderson circulated for reading by the board. County is basically saying indications are that GRRC has funds to engage in this project and has some interest in doing so. NAT.

CMP range visit on 11-14-12: Plans are underway to coordinate a GRRC presence at the range for this visit from CMP.

Spring Banquet: Ticket price is still undecided. Stay tuned for more details.

Skeet Range development – Larry Sparks and Dave Secord presented a detailed description of the anticipated expenses anticipated at about \$12,000. This expenditure will be submitted for consideration in the 2013 budget. NAT

**New Business**

The annual stipend for the Secretary and Gazette editor, along with a stipend for the Treasurer was discussed. NAT until the January 2013 BOD meeting.

Dave Newell said that **Rick Lester** has expressed an interest in being the Archery Range discipline chair. Rick is well qualified for this position. Dave knows another GRRC member that may have an interest in assisting. NAT.

Dave has received an e-mail from the USN Sea Cadets expressing their need to find a place to shoot between 30Dec2012 and 3Jan2013. Dave will forward this request to Tom Torborg for follow-up. NAT.

More discussion on a finish mower followed. Conclusion that a 2013 Budget Request needed to be turned in for this expense. NAT.

Motion and second, respectively by Laurie Pekarik and Mike Gjersvig to provide \$150 in gold one dollar coins to the Harris Legion Children's' Christmas Party on 8Dec2012. Discussion. Carried.

Dave noted receipt from Dave Anderson for a 2013 Facilities Management budget request for \$5,000. With no itemized breakdown, it was sent back to Dave for an itemized breakdown on this budget request. NAT

Rich Williams, Treasurer brought up the necessity for the 2013 GRRRC budget to be approved based on net profits vs. budgeted items to achieve a balanced budget. Rich will contact Finance Chair Ron Schwachtgen to see about meeting in December to discuss the 2013 budget requests.

**Announcements:**

Next GMM on 20Nov2012, at 1900 hrs, at Kraus-Hartig VFW  
 Next GMM on 18Dec2012, at 1900 hrs, at Kraus-Hartig VFW  
 Next BOD meeting, 7January2013, 1900 hrs, Kraus-Hartig VFW

The President, Dave Newell entertained a Motion to Adjourn, which was made by Tom Torborg with a second by Morgan Prock. 9:30pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Laurie A. Pekarik, Secretary GRRRC

## President Dave Newell's Final Comments

2012 is a year that I will always remember. I thought I had some kind of idea of what the president's job was all about; I was wrong. GRRRC went to new levels with multiple projects and procedures that have been accomplished. We completed the purchase of a modern tractor and the results are very apparent at the range. The work done in the pits is astonishing. The grading, retaining wall work, and site prep have turned the pits into a club showcase. **Gordy Mitchell, Dave Holland**, and a multitude of hard-working members have done a most marvelous job.

Our **MP range** is seeing many additional matches. The rebirth of the **Schuetzen** discipline, the **22 Long Range matches**, **NRA Women's camp**, and Rich William's **Club Championship** have added shooting possibilities to the MP Range. Our Pistol Range continues to be one of the most used shooting sites. **Steve Shimek** has started a tradition of year-round shooting events and league matches. On any given day, just from the sounds generated from the pistol range, it must hold our record for most number of shots fired. It is leading the way with additional signage promoting range safety and adherence to club rules.

Following the wind storm of July 2011, the complexion of our facility changed. Thoughtfully rebuilding, we are working towards a better site. Our **campground** is now bigger and we are replacing the portable toilets with permanent, handicapped-accessible units. More members are finding out that the **BP range** is a great place to come in out of the rain or hot sun. Any member thinking about **Trap & Skeet sports** next year should be very excited.

We are hoping for continued improvement in the future. I'm delighted to announce that GRRRC member **Rick Lester** has volunteered to restart our **Archery program**. Our range, roads, and buildings are in very good shape because of all of the hard work GRRRC membership has put forth. Thank you to all of those who have worked...and slaved.

2012 was an extremely long and difficult year for the GRRRC Board. We were committed to many extra days of meetings and made some difficult decisions. It was a wonderful feeling at the November membership meeting to see the entire 2012 Board run and get re-elected to the 2013 board. **Steve Marden** will be VP in 2013. **Andy Mager, Bruce Aune, Bruce Peglow, Kim Frick, Laurie Pekarik, Mike Gjersvig, Morgan Prock, Rich Williams, Richard Loye, Rik Rarick, Rut McGhee, Steve Marden, Steve Shimek**, and **Tom Torborg** have done an exceptional job. We should all take the time to thank each one. We are losing Tom Torborg off the board as 3rd Past President-five years is a long time, and Tom will have more family time to play with the kids.

**Rick Repovsch** and **Steve Marden** were life savers for me with their expert help with Robert's Rules of Order. During some of our extremely difficult meetings, I could depend on one or both of them to be in the front row helping me make proper parliamentary decisions.

### 2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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President: Dave Newell	651-653-0490
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Treasurer: Richard Williams	763-257-3653
Chief Instructor: Andy Mager	763-786-4289
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1st Rik Rarick	320-629-6620
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3rd Tom Torborg	763-780-1580

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Rut McGhee	763-670-9524
Bruce Peglow	651-779-3706
Morgan Prock	651-338-9409
Steve Shimek	763-444-9743

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600 Yard Bench Rest: Gordy Mitchell	320-223-3294

I made it through my year without **Lester** calling me a "dumb bastard", so I must have done some things right. Thank you to all who VOLUNTEERED, and all who said YES when called to help. Gopher can't be just a gun club; to work and flourish it must be MY club. I'm looking forward to next year and excited to see **Kim** and **Steve** running our meetings. Both are exemplary members and will do a great job. Thanks for the opportunity to serve.

-Dave



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Tuesday 12/18/2012 1900 hrs.**

**Kraus-Hartig VFW  
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It's Laurie's Birthday**

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