

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The following new members recently joined or rejoined the club: Peter Catalina, Jessie Shoemaker, Dan Pavela, Gary Drager, Bill Riffle, Earl Bishop, Billy Johnson, Fred Stephen Jr, David Jung, Joe Glascock, Michael Buren, Brett Herb, Scott Bigham, Gary Bryant, Patrick LaRochelle, Kenneth Vance, Richard Massey, Kyler Massey, Charles Young, and John Reynolds.

SINGING OR CRYING

At each general membership meeting the member number of a member is drawn from the BIG barrel. If that member is current on his/her dues and present at the meeting, then they are rewarded with money. The amount is based on what has accumulated in the POT-OF-GOLD up to that time with a maximum of \$500.00. If they are not present then they get the crying towel. At the January meeting, member number 1981 belonging to Edward Casciato was drawn. He was not in attendance and so lost out on collecting a check for \$500.00. So Ed, it is Boo Hoo and the crying towel to you. The pot for the next meeting will remain at \$500.00.

TIDBITS

Once again our old world kept on a turning and the stars, sun and moon stayed in their places so here we go again. Ain't it neat.

A while back in these pages it was reported that the U.S. House of Representatives had passed H.R. 822 the "National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act of 2011. The bill, sponsored by Representatives Cliff Stearns, R-Florida, and Heath Shuler, D-North Carolina, had 245 cosponsors and was approved by an overwhelming bipartisan vote of 272-154. Well it now comes out that as is usual with any bill, some people tried to attach amendments to the bill which would have undermined the bills protections. Each amendment was soundly defeated and included:

Amendment to create a national data base of permit holders – defeated 284-139.

Amendment to require permit holders to notify law enforcement officials in other states of their intention to carry a firearm in those states – defeated 299-123.

Amendment to exclude permit holders under 21 years of age – defeated 276-150.

Amendment, intended to exclude permit holders who states do not require applications to be filed in person – defeated 277-148.

Amendment to apply the bill only to states in which state legislatures vote to accept it – defeated 274-147.

Amendment to allow states to create their own agreements which would exempt them from the bill – defeated 283-140.

Amendment to apply the bill only to permit holders who were required to participate in a live-fire exercise to be eligible for their permits – defeated 281-144.

Amendment to create a patchwork of recognition (and resistance) by applying the bill only between states where the attorneys general, state police chiefs, and secretaries of state have affirmed that their states' carry law are similar – defeated 277-146.

The fight for the right to carry firearms nationally now moves to the Senate where it will face determined opposition from long time anti gun activists such as Charles Schumer and Dianne Feinstein. And from the seemingly never ending squabble between the House, Senate, and the President. Stay tuned for future updates.

If you plan on traveling to our neighbor state of Washington and in particular Seattle, be happy, on October 31, 2011 the states' second highest court affirmed the gun ban in Seattle's parks is illegal. The decision comes more than a year after a King County judge sided with several area gun owners, the NRA and the Second Amendment Foundation, which had joined forces to sue the city. The ban was imposed in 2008 by the then mayor Greg Nickels. The ban banned firearms and "dangerous weapons" from city parks, community centers, and other city properties. In 2009 the city added another rule that banned guns from parks where "children are likely to be present". In affirming that the ban was illegal, the court's opinion concluded "whether to amend [state law] to prohibit possession of firearms at city-owned parks and park facilities frequented by children and youth is a question for the legislature to decide. The story will continue and the city has appealed to the Washing Supreme Court.

OK listen up. If you bought a T/C Venture rifle made between August 1 and October 28, 2011 it may contain a sear not manufactured to specifications. Smith and Wesson – the parent company – is asking that all rifles produced during the period be returned for inspections and service if needed. To determine if your rifle is

affected reference the serial number list at [smith-
wesson.com/venturerecall](http://smith-
wesson.com/venturerecall) or by calling S&W at 1-800-
713-0356.

Another one stop gun news shopping resource is now on the internet. The conservative new website The Daily Caller has launched a section on their site specifically covering news and trends concerning guns and gun rights. Know and “Guns and Gear” the section will provide readers with the latest news and information about their firearms freedoms. Coverage will range from industry news to the latest information on legislation affecting the rights of gun owners nationwide. The Daily Caller website is at www.dailycaller.com. Give it a look.

Now a quote: “Government should be the servant of the people not their supervisor”. People make mistakes in their lives – with relations, finances, cars, and some with guns. It is not the place of government to play guardian and supervise every aspect of our lives as if trying to protect us from ourselves. When it comes to guns, most gun owners will never use their firearms in an irresponsible manner. They will follow the law. A few will not however, and it is the place of government to deal with these exceptions. It is not the place of government to pass laws which supervise the actions of all gun owners because of the bad actions of a few. So, next time you hear someone bad mouthing gun owners and they are crying for more gun control, remind them in all things it is not fair to punish the many with a few misguided individuals may do. Remind them that if they allow government to supervise their lives that at any time that same government can supervise them right out of their rights and freedoms.

And one more quote: Silence is often misinterpreted but never misquoted. While that is true the unfortunate part is that the misinterpretation is usually that one’s silence means that they agree or don’t care. So if something is said or done that sticks in your craw when it comes to your rights, don’t just stand there with your mouth shut in silence, speak up and be heard. Remember the adage about the squeaky wheel getting the grease?

Well, once again that is all for now. More next month if the world keeps turning and the sun doesn’t get too close to the earth. Until then, shoot straight, keep em in the ten ring, be safe on the range, be vigilant and protective of your freedoms, and God bless the USA.

Tim Brown

Rimfire Defender Pistol Shoot

It was a new year with new opportunities for shooting fun for the shooters who arrived at the Indoor Range on the evening of January 10, 2012 for the first Rimfire Defender Pistol shoot of the year. In front of the line of shooters in the target holders were all bulls-eye targets for the evening’s event. Each shooter fired at their targets in the pattern directed by the match director until they had used up their first fifty rounds of ammo. At the conclusion of the first fifty rounds of fun, the targets in the holders were replaced and the evening’s shooting continued through another fifty rounds. When all the targets had been scored and the range cleaned up, shooting honors went to:

1st Place	Jim Garges
2nd Place	Tim Brown
3rd Place	Daryl Fitzpatrick

Once again, my thanks to all those who came out and enjoyed the evening’s shooting fun. A great start to the year. For those who stayed away, as always, a reminder that you once again missed out on a lot of fun and good shooting practice. So, put it on your 2012 to do list to come on out and join in the fun.

Tim Brown.....Match Director

Centerfire Pistol Silhouette Shoot

There was still some standing water on the range from the flooding and the wind was predicted to blow as setup was completed and the shooters took to the line on the lower Range on the morning of January 22, 2012 for the first scheduled Centerfire Pistol Silhouette shoot of the year. Targets in the centerfire pistol silhouette event consist of metal chickens set at 25 meters, javalina (pigs) set at 50 meters, turkeys set at 75 meters and rams set at 100 meters. The targets are 1/2 scale duplicates of their full size high power rifle target counterparts. Each shooter, when their turn came, took their centerfire handgun and forty rounds of lead bullet ammo to the line and fired ten shots from each of the four shooting positions in an attempt to knock over as many steel animals as they possibly could. And, sometimes the squeeze of the trigger resulted in a satisfying clang and the animal toppled over and sometimes it only resulted in the sound of the shot fading away into the distance. But, that is what makes silhouette shooting so much fun. With silhouette shooting there is no waiting for a target to be recovered and checked before you get your score. You know in an instant whether or not you made that good shot. Each shooter made two rounds through the animals for a

total of eighty rounds fired during the event.

When the shooting was over and the animals toppled from their stands were tallied, shooting honors for the morning's fun went to:

1st Place Dusty Freeman and Jim Ritts
2nd Place Doug Harp
3rd Place Tim Brown

A big thanks to all those who came out braved the water and wind and participated in this steel toppling fun event. As has been said before, silhouette shooting - whether shot with a rifle or a handgun - is not only fun and challenging but will definitely improve your shooting abilities. And you don't have to be crack shot with a fancy gun to get started. All you have to be is willing to give it a try. So come on out and give it a try. The will be waiting for you.

Tim Brown.....Match Director

When all the targets were brought back and the holes were scored, shooting honors went to:

1st Place Tim Delgrosso
2nd Place Jim Ritts
3rd Place Dusty Freeman

My thanks to all those who came out and enjoyed this first month of the year shooting fun. To those who stayed away, let me say please don't. There is plenty of room for everyone at this shoot and it is a great way to improve your shooting skills. So come on out and see what you have been missing.

Tim Brown.....Match Director

Final Election Reminder

One more time let all be reminded that the annual election of club officers will take place at the February 7, 2012 General Membership meeting. Keep in mind that those people who take the time to attend the meeting will be the ones who have the say on who will run your club for the next year. If you want a voice in that process - and every member should - come to the meeting and cast your vote.

If that isn't enough to get you out to the meeting, also keep in mind that at the meeting all the remaining drawing prizes will be given away. But you must be there to get a ticket to be in the drawing. So come on out and let your vote be counted.

Centerfire Defender Pistol Shoot

The shooters just keep pouring in until seventeen eager shooters had arrived at the at the Short Range on the morning of January 28, 2012 for the first Centerfire Defender Pistol Shoot of a brand new year. At the twenty five yard distance each shooter had in front of them six bulls-eye targets at which they fired a total of thirty-six rounds as directed by the match director. After completing the targets at twenty-five yards, each shooter took their remaining fourteen rounds of ammo to the ten yard line where they found three prairie dog targets waiting to be punched full of holes as directed. In all each shooter went through the shoot program twice for total of 100 rounds for the complete shoot program.

