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Monthly Newsletter

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OK, this is March so spring must be coming. This means warmer temperatures so the squirrels are out running around and they make very good targets. Things are getting busy at the Shotgun field with Trap and Skeet. We would really like to get the Sporting Clays going. If you would like to take this on or help, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

Out at the Vale range we have: Bench Rest, Small Bore Silhouette, 600 yd. Bench Rest, Practical Pistol, and High Power. High Power will be holding the Don Johnson Memorial Sporting Rifle match this month. There is something to do every Saturday of this month and some Sundays. Come out and try one or all of these matches.

Hunter's Education will have a range day at Vale on the 12th of March. This will be a large group with classes from Vale and Ontario. It is good to have them using the range.

Newsletter Changes

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This is the last newsletter that will be mailed to all the members. As I have previously stated, due to rising costs, starting in April the newsletter will be emailed to you or you can access it on our website, www.snakeriversportsmen.com. Please contact me with your email address if you wish to have it emailed to you. My email address is blprice@fmtc.com. We will mail a copy to those of you that do not have email or access to the internet; BUT you must let us know you need it mailed to you. This can be done by mailing in a renewal page with your mailing address and "PLEASE MAIL NEWSLETTER" clearly written on the renewal. You may also call me at (541) 216-1616 and I will see that you receive a copy by mail. Thank you for helping the Board with this reduction in expenses so that our match fees can be used to improve the disciplines and ranges

Indoor Small Bore Rifle and Pistol

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The Idaho State Rifle and Pistol Winter Postal's continue through March 11th, 2011 so we will still be going over to Nampa on Friday evenings through that date and then the Indoor Small Bore Rifle and Pistol season will be over and we will be ready to start the High Power Rifle Season. Along that line there has been some movement on the Ontario National Guard Armory Indoor Shooting Range and hopefully they are on the way toward getting the air exchange program worked out. That has been the holdup in getting final approval to open the range so maybe by next year we can do the Small Bore Program at home as well as having a more convenient place to shoot for the Personal Protection and NRA Instructor classes

If anyone is interested in going over to Nampa on the remaining Friday evenings we car pool from Denny's in Ontario leaving about 6:00 PM

High Power Rifle

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Even though there is still a bit of winter in the air it's time to start thinking about the High Power Rifle season. We will start the season on March 12th with the Don Johnson Memorial NRA Approved High Power Rifle Match at the Vale Outdoor Range. Don Johnson was an early member of SRS being there almost from the beginning. I am not sure Don was a Charter Member but it seems like he was and if he wasn't he joined shortly after the foundation of SRS.

Don served as SRS Treasurer for several years and was one of the founding fathers of the Oregon Hunter's Education Program serving as its Director in the early years of that program. Don shot several disciplines but always a Sporting Rifle enthusiast first and foremost. Jim will include a Match Program in this newsletter and you can refer to that for information on the Match. Sporting Rifle is a High Power Rifle Program geared toward the big game hunter or casual high power rifle shooter in that you don't use shooting jackets and can use

most any center fire rifle such as your favorite deer, antelope or elk rifle and it is only thirty two shots and all at 200 yards (you can also use your service rifle if you so desire)

On the following day Sunday, March 13th, we will host an NRA Approved 800 Aggregate High Power Rifle Match; again Jim will have a match program in this newsletter as well as a High Power Rifle Match Schedule

We will be hosting the Idaho State Service Rifle Competition this year in May. It has been awhile since we have conducted a State Match

It is too early to start Friday evening High Power Rifle Practice sessions; generally we start those sometime after day light savings time kicks in so about the month of April. Watch the newsletter for an opening date announcement.

I was going to drop the Military Bolt Action Match due to low turnout last year but decided to give it one more try as this was a popular program for several years.

SRS has a number of AR-15 and M1 Garands for use by members and non members and depending on circumstances members can sign one of these rifles out for competitive shooting. We can also supply shooting jackets (up to about six 42), shooting mats, spotting scopes and other necessary gear to shoot competitive high power rifle. The Garands must use only government ball ammunition or government match ammunition; the AR-15's can use commercial ammunition. I have M2 Ball ammunition for the M-1's available for SRS competitive high score rifle shooting at a reasonable fee You need to let me know ahead of time if you will need a rifle, ammunition or other gear as I usually don't bring them to matches or Friday night practice sessions unless requested ahead of time

It should be noted that again this year we will have our Club High Power Rifle Clinic in April taught by Don Curtis who is very well qualified to teach this course having shot on and coached the Army all Reserve Rifle Team for several years

Weather can be a bit iffy this time of the year but generally it is good enough to get us off to an early start

NRA Instructor Classes

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Gary McClellan and I are still waiting on word from the Boy Scout Leaders as to when they can do the NRA Basic Instructor Class as well as NRA Instructor Rifle and Shotgun classes. Once we have that information we will schedule those classes if you don't see an announcement in the newsletter contact either Gary or me for starting dates. Our contact information is in the Club Directory published in this newsletter

Shotgun

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The weather is getting better and we got the shotgun field up and running. We've had a number of shooters out the last couple of weeks so things are moving in the right way. We have lots of shot for sell both at the range and at the boot shop. I've started opening the range at 4:00pm on Thursday so those that wish can get some shooting in when it still light. Come out and join us for some shooting.

Junior Marksmanship Program

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February has been a good month for our juniors program. We have added a new shooter and one of our accomplished young shooters has continued to win in local events. The new shooter we have added is Josh Galeai of Boise. He has begun shooting with a sling and has progressed very quickly. I hope he will continue to shoot small-bore and will shoot high power with us starting with the sporting rifle match in March.

Cody Leeper is the young accomplished shooter I was referring to and he has participated in four matches of note in recent months. First the Junior Olympic Try-outs where he placed 3rd in small-bore and 4th in air rifle. In the American Legion match Cody took a second place overall with a score of 521 out of 600. The most recent match that he shot in was a USA-CMP Junior Olympic State 3 p match which will be the CMP qualifier for the National Championships. We have his raw scores but not the official scores yet. We also do not have his placing but his overall score is a 537. As you can see this is continual improvement.

As for the postal's we are continuing to participate. Although we have nine juniors participating it has been much more difficult to have consistent participation because of the distance to travel since we do not have a local range. However, we have been able to continue. Thank you to Doug Argo for running the postal's for us.

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We are practicing on Thursday or Friday evenings, depending upon everyone's schedules. Please contact me and I will let you know which day we will be meeting and what we will be practicing. You can reach me by calling (541) 216-1616 or by email at blprice@fmtc.com.

PRACTICAL PISTOL

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We are planning on having our first match of 2011 on March 26th. Start time will be 10:00 a.m. at the Vale range. If the weather turns wet and rainy, please contact me if you have doubts about whether or not we will be shooting.

Hope to see you all out at the range.

Bench Rest

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We had five shooters show up, we shot 100 yds. very mild and sunny slight winds .

1st Dave Schrum .236

2nd Chris Johnson .244 small group .114

3rd Jack Christensen .305

Next month March 5 2011 10am will try to shoot 200 yds.

Bring a friend.

High Power Rifle Schedule For the following year.

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March 12, 2011 Don Johnson Memorial Sporting Rifle Match NRA Approved 200 yards

March 13, 2011 800 Aggregate HP Rifle Match NRA Approved 200-600 yds.

April 9, 2011 Club HP Rifle Clinic

April 10, 2011 800 Aggregate HP Rifle Match, NRA Approved 200-600 yds.

May 14, 2011 Idaho State Service Rifle Championship Registered 800 aggregate 200-600 yds

May 15, 2011 Excellence in Competition (LEG) 500 Aggregate, DCM Approved 200-600 yds.

June 11, 2011 John C. Garand DCM Approved Match 500 Aggregate 200 yds.

June 12, 2010 800 Aggregate HP Rifle Match NRA Approved 200-600 yds.

July 9, 2011 600 yd Mid Range and Palma Long Range NRA Approved

July 10, 2010 800 Aggregate HP Rifle Match NRA Approved 200-600 yd

August 13, 2011 600 yd. Mid Range and Palma Match, NRA Approved,

August 14, 2011 800 Aggregate HP Rifle Match NRA Approved 200-600 yds.

August 27, 2011 Johnnie Appleseed Training Program

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September 10, 2011 600 yard Mid Range and Palma Matches NRA Approved

September 11, 2011 800 Aggregate HP Rifle Match NRA Approved 200-600 yds.