

Whitefish Rifle and Pistol Club News Letter

March 2015

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Next meeting will be May 6, 2015 at Flathead County Fairgrounds 7:00pm

Annual Meeting was held on March 4th with the following items discussed.

Logging around Range, as most of you probably know Stoltz Lumber has been logging around the range this winter.

From what we are being told from Stoltz and the DNRC, the logging that affects the range directly has been completed or will be completed this winter. No other logging will be taking place after this spring that affects the range.

Spring Clean Up work party, was set for April 11th at 8:00am until done. This is our normal spring cleanup, to include picking up trash, and replacing/repairing target boards. We may also be doing some work on our backstop berms to shore them up. The range will be closed for the entire day for any work to be done. We have also scheduled another work party during the summer to mow grass and clean/repair the range on **June 20th**.

Depending on the condition of the range, we may do another cleanup/mowing just before the Women On Target Event around July 18th. Start times for the cleanup in June will be at 8:00am until done. We will notify everyone if we plan on doing a work party in July when we get closer to it.

Range Improvements, during the January meeting the treasurer's report has shown we have been able to save a considerable amount of money this last year. Because of this, we poll the membership on what to do in the way of improvements to the range.

The choices were: build a 500yd rifle range, Safety Improvements like berms and baffles, or Leveling/Grading the range.

With 301 members responding via the website and one responding by phone, results were announced at the March meeting and went as follows; 500yd rifle range 129 votes, Safety Improvements 23 votes, and Leveling /Grading range 149 votes.

It was decided by unanimous vote to start getting bids and information together for grading and leveling the range. We are looking to use some grant money along with our own to do the work so we don't anticipate this happening until next summer.

Range Safety Officer Training, we have asked Paul Tribble to put on another Range Safety Officer training class this year. It will be held at North Valley Shooting Foundation range, 4575 Whitefish Stage Road Whitefish, Montana 59937, on April 4th for one day. If you are interested in becoming a Range Safety Officer see the following website www.dftmontana.com for more information and to sign up.

We also plan on holding **Rifle Instructor training** at a later date. We will notify the membership by e-mail and newsletter later with the dates for this class as the availability of the instructor is limited.

Women On Target Event, this is a reminder we have scheduled a WOT event for July 18th at the outdoor range. Anyone interested in participating as a range officer/instructor should contact the club secretary so we know who is available. **The ranges will be closed on Friday night from 5:00 for setup and all day on Saturday for the event.**

Hunters Sighting, has been scheduled for October 3rd & 4th and again on October 17th & 18th.

Range Lease Renewal March 2016. One last item discussed at our meeting was that our range lease is up for renewal in March of 2016. We will be working with the DNRC this fall to renew our lease for another 15 years.

Election of Officers. Your officers are as follows:

President, Gavin Corrigan
Vice President, Justin Beauregard
Secretary, Stan Rube
Treasurer, William Etter
Executive Officer, Bill LaFontaine
Chief Instructor, Dave Speer

President Whitefish Rifle & Pistol Club

Gavin Corrigan