



Newsletter

Fourth Quarter, 2020

I wanted to send a short but concise newsletter to update the MRSA members of a few important things.

MRSA ANNUAL MEETING: Most important, due to COVID-19, we were not able to rent a meeting room for our MRSA annual meeting. It will be postponed until further notice. It would have traditionally been held this coming Tuesday evening, January 19.

GFSSC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: Also, due to COVID-19, the processing of renewal memberships for 2021 to the Great Falls Shooting Sports Complex was essentially halted for a bit over a week. Please be patient if you have not received your renewal card and window hanger. Remember, the combination to the outdoor ranges does not change until February 1, 2021.

CHIEF RANGE SAFETY OFFICERS: In October, 2020, the MRSA hired an NRA Instructor from Oregon who held a Range Safety Officer (RSO) certification class and Chief Range Safety Officer (CRSO) class. Five people attended the CRSO class, all are members of the MRSA. At the December, 2020 MRSA Board of Directors meeting I appointed Carl Thrasher and Joe Leggett as the MRSA's CRSO's. We also have formed a CRSO Committee of the five CRSOs to work on a variety of outstanding tasks, the most important one being compilation of a Standard Operating Procedure Manual.

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION: Also at the December MRSA meeting, I appointed John Berletich to the Director of Education position. John comes from California, is a retired police officer and lawyer with many certifications having taught police officers use of firearms for several years.

UPCOMING RANGE SAFETY OFFICER CLASS: The CRSOs will be having an NRA Range Safety Officer Certification class on Saturday, February 20 at the MRSA Indoor Range. For more information, contact Carl Thrasher at cthrasher@bresnan.net or Joe Leggett at joecpd52@hotmail.com.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATION AND RELATIONS: I also appointed Randy Knowles as Director of Communication and Relations. Randy has much background in marketing, is involved in a variety of organizations in the area and knows many people in the area. He will do a great job tying the MRSA/GFSSC into the community.

FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS GRANT APPLICATION: An Ad Hoc Grant Committee was formed and has met to complete the application for a grant to place concrete at the 200 Yard Range and 50 Yard Range firing lines, add concrete handicapped parking for the two ranges, a concrete sidewalk between them as well as a heated outhouse.

1,000 YARD RANGE: A contract has been put in place to complete the catwalk for the 1,000 Yard Range. It is scheduled to be completed no later than March 31, 2021. This was the final major step to get this range up and running so it is expected to be usable for matches this coming summer!

MRSA BYLAWS: An Ad Hoc Committee was formed and met to review and revise the MRSA Bylaws. The changes will be e-mailed to current members of the MRSA prior to the annual meeting for review. The changes must receive a majority of votes of membership at the annual meeting to take effect.

MRSA WEBSITE: The MRSA website is now live but is still in the development stage. Please reference it occasionally for information, scheduled events, etc.

<http://www.missouririvershooters.org/>

FACEBOOK: And, again, for those of you who are on Facebook, here is the link to the MRSA page:

<https://www.facebook.com/MissouriRiverShooters>

WEATHER STATION: Don't forget the convenience of the weather station which was placed on the Classroom at the 200 Yard Range for current weather conditions at the outdoor ranges. You can access this information via:

<https://ambientweather.net/dashboard/64b5f4f177b501e1ffecbe308e48cbb>

<https://www.wunderground.com/weather/us/mt/great-falls/KMTGREAT100>

Respectfully submitted,

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