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WINTER 2007 NEWSLETTER

The TSC 2007 shooting season was a success thanks to members and non-members who gathered in fellowship and good shooting fun combined with skill to supplement their shooting form.

This season was a “hot” one, but that didn’t stop shooters from attending matches at the range. Our specialty matches were a lot of fun and drew a lot of shooters out to try their hand at these matches.

Starting early next year all shooting back boards on the upper and lower ranges will be replaced with chicken wire. Targets will be attached with clothespins, which the Club will provide. This is an easier and cheaper way to provide the same needs for securing targets. One person should be able to replace the chicken wire, if this does not work out, we can go back to the other way.

The new 2008 shooting schedule is almost completed and is filled with events for everyone. These shooting events really help the Club bring in extra money. A couple of thoughts: One, concerning the upper range, please refrain from shooting the “Rules” sign. If you are shooting at the sign, you are shooting towards the Shot Gun Club. This is a violation of Club Rules. Second thought, with new Club cards and gate combinations going out soon please remember to lock the gate going in and out. I pass the Club twice every day and on many occasions I have had to lock the gate.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! See you at the range.

Mike Cole

FROM THE FIRING LINE

By: Darell Rolen, Vice-President

By the time you read this Christmas 2007 will almost be a memory. I hope everyone has enjoyed a safe and Happy Holiday. I would like to take a moment to Thank Triangle Sportsmen's Club for the donation at the December meeting to help the Kennedy family have a Merry Christmas instead of a bleak one.

This has been a Great Year for Triangle Sportsmen's Club. We have had a very successful match season. Congratulations to all the shooting disciplines: Cowboy, Action Pistol, IDPA, PPC, IPSC and don't forget the Specialty Matches: Steel, Back-up Gun, 3-Gun, Military Match, and the Halloween Night Match in October. Thanks to everyone that came out to compete and a Special Thank you to the Discipline Chairman for all the time and effort that you put into running each match. It takes a lot of time and effort to come with a different and challenging match.

On a personal note, Grace and I will be visiting our son Jesse, who we have not seen in almost a year. He is returning from Iraq where the WASP took the U.S. Marine Osprey into its first combat missions.

At this time of year please remember all our service men and women that are far away from home protecting each of us from the terrors that threaten our way of life. Sometimes we take this way of life for granted, with all the freedoms that we enjoy.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A WORD FROM THE SECRETARY

By Wayne L. Blevins

I have been advised that Mrs. Patricia Beavers attorney-at-law will be attending a seminar in Fairfax VA to obtain her certification for the NRA's **REFUSE TO BE A VICTIM**. TSC will be sponsoring her for all seminars that are held in our area. E. C. Browning, club treasurer, is working with Mrs. Beavers to assist her in finding locations for these seminars to be held. This program is sponsored by the **NRA** and provides the materials for this program. While this program is mainly for women anyone who is interested may attend. Schedule of seminars will be forthcoming in future newsletters and possibly in local newspapers.

For those interested in attending a NRA Basic Hand Gun safety class our own E. C. Browning will be teaching these throughout the year. Mr. Browning may be reached at 327-8625 or by e-mail ecbrown@frontiernet.net for additional details.

Tracy French found a large lens caps that someone left at the range. If anyone is missing this item please contact Tracy at 326-2549.

Please find attached the match schedule for 2008 and a renewal membership form as dues are due by Dec. 31, 2007. This form may also be obtained by visiting our website www.triangleonline.org.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT

BY KAREN CUMBY

Triangle Sportsmen's Club finished 2007 with just over 400 members. Already, we have 135 members for 2008. This is on track with numbers from last year. Hope everyone enjoys their time spent at the range. If you haven't done so, review our 2008 match schedule and make arrangements to attend some of our competitions. I think you will our competitions very enjoyable.

Please remember that on January 1, 2008, we will change the combination on the lock at the gate. We will try to do this as early as possible, so if you are planning on shooting on New Years Day, you will need to have your 2008 membership card with you.