

## ***TCSS 2022 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Newsletter***

**Annual Meeting:** The annual club meeting will be held Saturday, March 5, 10:00 AM-Noon at the Pikes Peak Community Center in Divide. Board elections will be conducted, club updates will be provided, and new membership cards available for distribution. A more detailed agenda will be sent prior to the meeting.

**Board Elections:** The 2-year terms for the president, vice president, treasurer, and at-large director position #1 end this year and are up for nomination and election at the annual meeting. The current vice president and at-large director have announced they will not be running again. Nominations are welcomed and encouraged for all positions but especially for those two positions. The prior recording secretary resigned in November of last year, and that position is still vacant, up for nominations and election. Information on all board positions can be found in the member handbook in the Documents section on the TCSS Website.

### **Current Board Members:**

President: Alex Paul

Vice President: Asa Wilson – term ends, not returning

Treasure: Phil Chase

Membership Secretary: Jerry Smith

Recording Secretary: OPEN

Range Manager: Larry Marty

At-large Director #1: Don Sievers – term ends, not returning

At-large Director #2: Joe Kraudelt

**Membership Renewals:** Most memberships will expire at the end of February. See the recent renewal email for instructions on how best to renew your membership. Check with the membership secretary (jersmith26@gmail.com) if there are any questions. New cards will be distributed at the annual meeting.

**Membership Update:** Membership totals as of the end of 2021 included a record # 453 members, with 225 Primary Members and 228 Associate/Family Members. That's a **65% increase** in membership in the past year.

**Trap/Skeet Shotgun Range:** 2021 was not as productive as planned as we encountered issues with the access road to the trap/skeet range not being able to support heavy truckloads of dirt to the site. Club members installed water diversion piping to the front of the range to prevent future flooding of the area with spring runoff. A professional survey of the range was also completed to ensure the range will meet international specifications for sanctioned matches in the future. The range is planned to be completed in 2022, and we are collaborating with our Contractor to ensure we have a schedule, materials and volunteer labor on-site when needed.

**CPW Grant Updates:** We are still waiting on the Colorado Parks and Wildlife to issue an order to proceed with the Fire Mitigation Grant, previously awarded for \$59,000. The grant includes earthwork for fire mitigation, berm improvement of 25 and 100-yard ranges, backstop upgrade for 25-yard range, extension of the long distance rifle range to 500-yards, road development to the trap/skeet range. We are also applying for a 2023 grant to build the 25-yard shooting shed.

**FNRA Grant Update:** We have applied for an FNRA grant to purchase a new container to store trap and skeet range material. We should know by the end of February if we have been awarded the grant.

**Range Management:** A reminder that the combination for the padlock on the entrance gate to the range will be changed in mid-late March with the new combination on the back of your new membership cards. An email will be sent when the change takes place.

**Fire Mitigation:** Because of the possibility dry weather conditions will continue this year, there will be times (Red Flag Warning) when we will need to close the 400-yard rifle range; the 100-yard will remain open. We will attempt to notify everyone in advance via email and via the website, but we ask that you always check the local weather, and if there is any doubt, maybe it's best to wait and go after the high winds subside. A fire mitigation project is planned for this year to help reduce the risk of fire danger.

**Public Days:** 2022 Public Days begin in May and will continue through mid-November and will be held every Saturday and Sunday except the 3rd Saturday of the month, which is reserved for Member Shoot Days. Public Days are necessary for support of the grants we receive from CPW.

**Member Shoot Days:** Member Shoot Days will be held again on the 3rd Saturday of every month, beginning in May with various shooting contests and a potluck lunch. Each Member shoot includes a "theme" competition: muzzleloaders, foreign military arms, and black powder cartridge rifles.