Fort Colville Gun Club Members,

Greetings, I'm Chuck Meese and have recently been elected your Club President. This will be my third time at bat in this job and I'm confident I will get the Club on base and not strike out! Dan Smith was re-elected Vice President, Dennie Fugit Treasurer, and new Club member Kevin Webster has stepped up to be our Club Secretary. Board of Directors are Chuck Corn, Howie Kubik, Jeff Hall, Ed Aebley, Jerry Kline, Chris Ory, Warren Ed Rand, and past President John Norris. Special group committee coordinators will be appointed shortly.

A little bit of where we have been, are at, and where we are going. The past two years have been tough for all of us; we shut the Club down back in mid 2020 for several months due to Covid concerns; did not have elections last year; but did re-open later that year for limited activities following Covid guidelines. Dennie led the effort to keep the Club solvent with Dan and Nancy's appreciated help. The Club has survived, and our treasury is strong! We just had a successful scaled back gun show that netted $1000 profit for the Club. I am hopeful for the future. We will pull up the boot straps and get things moving forward so the Club can have a fun and safe year ahead. I have scheduled a meeting of the Officers and Board members for November 20th to begin this planning process. We welcome your ideas and feedback on how to improve Club facilities and activities.

Our Club's success depends on the help of volunteers. All of us have something to contribute, whether its knowledge, skills, equipment (like log splitters and tractors), or most important, your time. Please attend our monthly meetings the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. I will try to make them a little entertaining, like bringing back the 50/50 raffle and a "show and tell". Think about serving on one of our special committees, which are Shotgun, Rifle & CMP, Pistol, Youth, Women’s, and 4H. As Chief Range Safety for the Club I'm in need of additional Range Safety Officers (RSO) to run the ranges when we are open to the public on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. I plan to teach the NRA class this winter, so let me know if you are interested.

As a final reminder, membership dues are on a calendar year basis and come due January 1, 2022 and remain at $75. We are going to credit $5 off for each 1/2 day you volunteer for a designated "work party" such as the one we just had on Oct 9th. This will be on the HONOR system, so just mark it down on your renewal form for the next year as a credit and subtract that from the $75. This is just a small way to thank you for your volunteer help.

Thanks again for your contributions to our Club. Please follow our website (**FortColvilleGunClub.com**) for news and upcoming events. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Wednesday December 1st at 6:30pm or call me anytime.

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