### **President's Report**

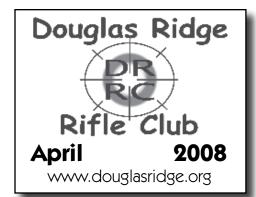
By Stan Pate

Hello again everyone. At the time of this writing I was going to write that the weather is changing for the better and warmer and today a new snow storm moved into the mountains. Hopefully when you read this the weather will be better.

In this newsletter you will find an overview of a proposal that was proposed at the March general membership meeting as passed as a first reading. The proposal has to do with a one time membership assessment, I encourage you to read this and to attend the general membership meeting the first Thursday of April at the DRRC club house starting at 7:00 P.M. As I've mentioned in almost all of my articles it is important for each member to stay informed during these times and to make your feelings know at these meetings. The officers and board are working very hard to make good solid decisions in protecting our club and range and you can help in either support or direction.

Desera Frentress who is the Junior Small-bore Director for DRRC has applied for and received a grant from the Friends of the NRA to upgrade the junior program at DRRC, she will likely have more on this in her own article for the newsletter. Desera has brought a new dynamic to our junior program and has created a new excitement for the kids that have been utilizing this program and has created enough of a "stir" that has attracted a new batch of kids to investigate the program. Through Desera's program many of the parents not only wait around for their kids to practice but now become actively involved in coaching and helping in the program.

For those of you who've thought about running for an office at DRRC, remember that there are elections coming up in July for the club. Holding an office is a great way of giving back to an organization like ours that has allowed us a wonderful place to shoot and socialize. It is to be kept in mind that although these are volunteer positions, they are very important and



will require some work on your part should you become elected to a position. Being on the board or an officer can be quite a fulfilling endeavor for a properly motivated person and can give you a feeling of ownership in DRRC.

As always, I hope to see each and everyone of you on the range and good shooting.

### Not To Early...

Michael Jones

Yes it is only April, but we are thinking ahead to the elections in July.

The positions up for election are President, Secretary, Executive Officer and three Directors (we also call them Trustees). If you or a member you know might be interested in any of these position they can call or email me for more information or throw their hat in the ring. We need more involvement from our members.

# Defense Fund Assessment Needed

At the March 2008 general meeting a statement of our status and need to generate funds to pay for our legal defense and a Defense Fund Assessment Proposal was presented to the membership for input and a first reading. Following is the text of the assessment proposal. If you would like a copy of the full statement please either email your request to webmaster@douglasridge.org or call 503/351-8360.

### **Defense Fund Assessment Proposal**

- A \$100 defense fund assessment will be assessed to all current members (excluding associate and junior members) as part of the 2008/09 membership renewal process.
- A \$100 defense fund assessment

- will be charged of all new members joining during the 2008/09 membership year.
- The assessment will apply to all members across the board without exception. It is important that all members share in the burden equally.
- The full assessment will be due at membership renewal time.
- Any member who refuses to pay the assessment will not have their membership renewed.
- This assessment will only be used for direct and related costs of defending our club.
- This assessment will be for one year only for current members and cannot continue without a vote of the membership.
- Beginning in membership year 2008-09, in addition to existing dues, fees, and assessments, all new members will be assessed a one-time fee of \$100 to be deposited in the DRRC legal defense fund.
- Any monies not spent on the current litigation will be set aside in a defense fund for future defense needs.
- A letter will be included with the membership renewal statement explaining the need for the assessment.

A second reading and vote on this proposal will take place at the April 2008 general meeting. This is an important milestone for the future of our club and we urge you to attend this meeting to offer your input and to vote on this proposal. If you cannot attend the April meeting but would like to offer your thoughts you may do so via email to webmaster@douglasridge.org.

# We're Looking For A Few good Men (or Women)

With the passing of Joe Cook we will soon be in need of some help with the mowing. If we could get several willing and able people to be trained and could commit to occasional mowing we could put together a crew to mow on a sign-up schedule. You'd sign up for a day or days that you could work for a few hours. If you are interested call Ron Carey at 503/880-3076 (cell) or 503/668-4212.

#### **Our Junior Shooters**

Desera Frentress

A lot has been going on since December 2007 with the junior smallbore shooters. First I would like to thank Ralph Mowatt for donating a set of Champion's Choice sight inserts. Our up and coming competitors will find them very useful! Back in December, Jerika Wallace went to her first official shooting match and won her class by over one hundred points. Also Jerika and Jacob Veley went to the 3 and 4 position match in Salem on March 2nd and made me very proud. This was Jacob's first match. He has been shooting for less than four months and comes out once a week to practice. He is going to be a fierce competitor coming up in the next few months. Jerika won the 4-position match and got third in the 3-position. Her scores have been rapidly improving thorough her dedication and desire to shoot. She is also a member of the ESCO rifle team, which competes in the Columbia Willamette Rifle League through the winter months. There are some talented young people in our junior program, and some very young shooters that show up every Monday to practice. Even though they are too young to hold up the rifles in a sling, they continue to come and improve their skills off the shooting block. I am so pleased and thankful to all of our shooters and the parents/guardians that support them. Hopefully by next month I will have news regarding the application for the NRA grant that I applied for a few months ago.

## **Annual Work Party Alert**

Saturday, April 26, the annual Work Party will take place. We will be involved in all sorts of maintenance and grounds keeping activities. There will be brush and weed cutting, wood cutting, hauling, roof and gutter cleaning, fence building, carpentry and other jobs. If you bring tools please mark them so you finish the day with what you came with. You might also want to bring a pair of boots (or waders – I'm writing this in early March).

We are hoping to see everyone who has not completed their work hours as well as the many Club members who wish to support the Club in this important activity. The entire Range will be closed until 5 pm. Feel free to call Michael Jones (503/314-6820) for information concerning jobs or needed tools. Remember, any work hours earned after April 26 will apply only to next year. Let's be ready to work, rain or shine, at 8 am. Again a free lunch will be furnished by our staff. See you there.

#### **Cause for Concealed Carry**

At any given moment, on any given day, I can legally conceal a firearm on my person for the defense of myself or others.

As a person who carries concealed, I have accepted an enormous responsibility to myself, my family, and to my community at large. I bear the responsibility to be aware, at all times, of my surroundings and of myself. I bear the responsibility of being trained and confident in the use of my firearm, and to take any and all measures to maintain control of myself, and my firearm, whether it is riding in the holster, or I have drawn it to confront a threat.

Before I can accept this responsibility, I had to be certain of my own moral center, to know that, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that the two pounds of steel and plastic on my hip is more than an uncomfortable bit of weight. To know that should I reveal my weapon, the situation may escalate to a point where I must use deadly force in defense of myself or others, and to know that my skill and training may not be up to the task, and despite the firearm, I may die, and that I am OK with that

Before I can accept this responsibility, I must be old enough, I must have enough money for the permit fee, and I must subject myself to a complete background check, one that involves local, national, and possibly international police agencies. If I have any instances of violence in my background, or events that have demonstrated my inability to be careful, lawful, and responsible, I will be denied this responsibility.

Before I can accept this responsibility, I need to know how to use a firearm safely. I need to know the four rules and have them such a regular part of my

daily regimen that I am always aware of them and never forget them. Depending on where I live, I may be required to bear the expense to attend firearms training, or demonstrate my skill with a firearm at the range, or demonstrate it during a mock combat scenario.

Before I can accept this responsibility, I have to have a firearm. I must do my research and choose a firearm that fits my needs, my lifestyle, and my hands. I must again have the financial resources to purchase this firearm, which can range from \$200 to \$2000. I must have a holster that can safely secure my firearm on my person for carry, and it is likely a good idea to have different holsters for different occasions or seasons.

(to be cont., see it in entirety at: http://madrocketsci.blogspot.com/2008/02/ and-i-carry-concealed.html)

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# Douglas Ridge Rifle Club

# April 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> 8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance	2 6pm-9pm Lady Pistol Class (CH/Ind)	3 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd 1pm-sunset 300-600yd 7pm-9pm General Meeting	4 Scout Camp-out	5 9am-4pm USPSA/IPSC (Silh) 9am-2pm Benchrest (100/200) 9am-2pm Shotgun Class (Trap #1) Scouts (AM-Ind; PM-Trap#1)
6 9am-2:30pm Trap 9am-3pm Handgun Silhouette (Silh)	7 4:30-8pm Jr. Smailbore (CH/Ind)	8 8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance Newsletter Submissions Due	9 6-9pm Ladies' Night (CH/Ind)	10 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600yd 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd	11	9am-5pm Cascade League High Power 800 Agg. (200-600yd)+CH FONRA Banquet (Monarch)
9am-2pm Sporting Clays 9am-3pm Action Pistol (Silh)	14 4:30-8pm Jr. Smallbore (CH/Ind)	8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance	16 6pm-9pm Lady Pistol Class (CH/Ind) 8am-5pm LE: NOAA (Silh) 5:30-sunset Omerk Trap	Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd 1pm-sunset 300-600yd	18	19 9am-5pm Fields Match 800 Agg. (200-600yd)+CH
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27  9am-2pm Sporting Clays  9am-5pm Speed Steel (Silh)	28 4:30-8pm Jr. Smallbore (CH/Ind)	29 8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance	30 6pm-9pm Lady Pistol Class (CH/Ind) 5:30-sunset Omark Trap	Calendar Codes  CH/Ind Clubhouse & Arch Archery Rang  100/200 100/200 Yard Silh Silhouette Range  LR Long Range	Range • LE	Trap Range Sporting Clays Range Law Enforcement (training) NRA Classes



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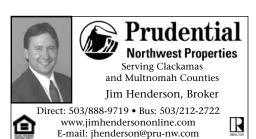


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# **Future Club Member Meetings**

# 2008 General Meetings

(Thursdays)

May 1 at 7 pm

June 5 at 7 pm

July 3 at 7 pm

#### 2008 Board Meetings (Thursdays)

May 29 at 7 pm June 26 at 7 pm July 31 at 7 pm



Please keep your vehicles off the grass on the Ranges during wet weather.It creates ruts and you can easily get stuck. NEVER drive over the berms.