

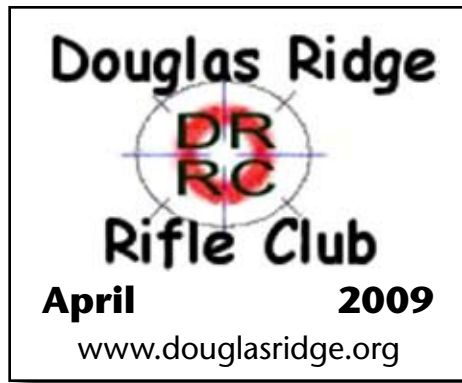
Ladies and Guns, They Do Mix

by Charlie McAlister

About a year and a half ago a couple of ladies at the bank where we do business inquired to John, our treasurer while he was there making a deposit, if there was someone in our club that would teach them how to shoot. What started out as a couple of interested ladies turned into 10 ladies (9 from that one bank) and our first Ladies Beginner Pistol class. They learned a lot and had a great time, even taking on the monogram of the "Dirty Harriets". Just last week we completed our fourth Ladies Beginner Pistol class and it was one of the best yet. Many types have taken this class from ladies that have never fired or touched a gun in their life, those where their husband has guns in the house and they want to be more comfortable around them, those who like the idea of shooting but just didn't have experience or know where to start, and finally those whose significant other said "sure honey I'll teach you how to shoot" and took them into the woods and handed them a .44 mag only to scare them half to death and turn them off to guns. This class is for all those ladies and more. First and foremost, husbands and boy friends are not invited, only ladies may attend this class. Most of our ladies agree that husbands and boy friends are not the best ones to teach them to use a gun.

This is a six week class at one night a week for three hours each night and takes them from the very beginning. They learn about various types of handguns, single action, double action, and semi autos. How they work, how to unload and make them safe, safe handling, how to clean them, and how to accurately shoot them, and more. This is a combination of classroom instruction and significant live fire time. They all start with .22 caliber only and by the 5th or 6th week can try bigger calibers (9mm, .38spl, .357 mag, .40, .45 ACP) if they want to, and most do. Instruction is provided by an NRA instructor with several coaches helping with the live fire to give more personal instruction and to help ensure safety during live fire. The only cost to the ladies is ammo as our instructor and coaches bring their personal firearms for the ladies to use.

I have the utmost respect for all the ladies that attend this class whether they



continue in the sport or decide it is not for them. I remember one who was not sure if she wanted anything to do with guns, a bit of a liberal, but wanted to find out what it was all about. She went through 5 of the six class sessions, even bought a gun, and was one of our better shots, she was a natural. Just prior to the last class she decided that guns were not for her and sold her gun. I respect her for taking the time to find out what is was all about and making her decision based on facts and experience, not on fear or political rhetoric.

Unbeknownst to us another overcame her personal emotional distress of firearms by taking this class. Turns out her father committed suicide with a gun. She did great and even shot bigger calibers to decide she wants to stick with .22 caliber guns. After completing the class her husband went out and bought her a Ruger Mark III as a gift, she was so excited.

Another had never shot a gun before and on the first night of live fire it took her almost 5 minutes to pull that trigger for the first time, and then she closed her eyes and jumped when she did. I doubt she shot more than 20 rounds that night. She has since taken her husband to a gun show where they bought matching .22 caliber target pistols and then her husband surprised her with a Ruger 10/22 for Christmas. Now they are planning to build a little shooting range on their property just for their new .22's.

This class has become so popular that our next two classes (April and October) are already booked with a waiting list started. Our goal is to keep holding these classes as long as there are ladies interested in learning how to safely handle a gun. As a bonus, even though it is not the focus of the class, those ladies that want to can buy the NRA book and take the test and will then be eligible for a certificate to obtain a CHL. Even a few husbands have thanked us for this class as now their wives are no longer afraid of guns and even participate in their hobby. It's not oil and water, ladies and guns do mix well.

Work Hours, The Deadline Is Near

by Charlie McAlister

If you are required to put in 8 hours of volunteer time don't forget to do so before or on April 18th, or you will get that unwelcomed work assessment of \$150 on your membership renewal. If you don't know if you are required to put in work hours, or if you need to know how many work hours you have credit for then please send an email to webmaster@douglasridge.org and I will get back to you about your status. Of course if money is no object and you are a busy kind of guy then paying the assessment may be best for you, but if not... don't procrastinate, put in your hours. Remember you can put in your full 8 hours on our annual workday on April 18, 2009.

DRRC Moving Into 21st Century

by Charlie McAlister

No, this does not mean we are opening a laser range or having tactical Phaser matches, but we are going to an all (or almost all) electronic newsletter. We spend about \$6,000 to \$7,000 a year printing and mailing our newsletter. We have discussed this at the

NOTICE – VERY IMPORTANT

At the March general membership meeting the membership agreed to move forward with a Board recommendation to extend the defense fund assessment for the 2009/10 membership year. This will be discussed further at the April and May general membership meetings with a vote to take place at the May meeting. Each active senior and life member will be getting a letter with further details and explanation. We encourage our members to attend general membership meetings to voice their thoughts on this subject. If you cannot attend general meetings you may send your views to us via email at webmaster@douglasridge.org.

last two general meetings and put and article in this newsletter. The response has been overwhelmingly positive and at the March 2009 general membership meeting a motion was passed to go to an all electronic newsletter (with one exception) effective with July 1, 2009. It will work like this.

- If you have access to the internet you will be expected to get your newsletter online via our website.
 - If you do not have a computer or cannot access the internet you will continue to receive your newsletter via snail mail.
- In the May renewal notices there will



Turn-In-Poachers (T.I.P.)

The Turn-In-Poachers (T.I.P.) reward is paid for information leading to the arrest/conviction of person(s) for the illegal killing, taking, possession or waste of deer, elk, antelope, bear, cougar, big horn sheep, mountain goat, moose, upland game birds, waterfowl. T.I.P. rewards can also be given for the illegal netting, snagging, or dynamiting of salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, or large numbers of any fish listed in Oregon Statute as a game fish. In addition, a reward may be issued for information that results in an arrest/conviction of a person who has illegally obtained Oregon hunting/angling license or tags.

- \$100 game fish
- \$100 upland birds
- \$250 deer, bear, antelope, and cougar
- \$500 elk, big horn sheep, moose, and mountain goat

When reporting a violation, advise the trooper of your interest in requesting the reward.

be a document that you can complete, sign, and return with your membership renewal to keep your mailed copy of the newsletter if you do not have a computer or do not have access to the internet. If you do not complete and sign the club provided statement and return with your renewal you will be changed over to the electronic newsletter effective July 1, 2009.

The vast majority of our members have internet access and this is a simply way to save us some money that can be better spent elsewhere. I appreciate all those who have volunteered to change to the electronic newsletter. Thank you and happy shooting.

National Park Service Calls For Lead Ammo Ban

March, 2009
from the NRA-ILA web site

The National Park Service (NPS) has announced its intention to ban traditional ammunition containing lead in all its parks. The move would needlessly push hunters to use more costly bullets made of tungsten, copper, and steel. The restrictions, set to take affect by the end of 2010, were announced without regard to science and without soliciting feedback from sportsmens' groups.

"The NPS announcement demonstrates either complete ignorance or complete arrogance as to the effect that this policy will have on hunters," said NRA-ILA Executive Director Chris W. Cox. "There is no science to support NPS's contention that the use of lead ammunition in hunting is causing environmental contamination, having a negative effect on wildlife, or posing a threat to the health of visitors or park staff. This policy, and the lack of communication in advance with the sportsmen's community, is a deliberate attempt to reduce the number of people who will want to hunt in the 60 parks that are open to hunting. This plays directly into the hands of radical anti-hunting organizations like the Humane Society of the U.S. which is advocating that hunters be banned from using lead ammunition."

NRA-ILA will continue to be a voice of opposition against this unnecessary action and is committed to protecting the rights of hunters to use the ammo that is best suited for their hunting needs and budget.

"Liberty must at all hazards be supported. We have a right to it, derived from our Maker. But if we had not, our fathers have earned and bought it for us, at the expense of their ease, their estates, their pleasure, and their blood."

John Adams



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April 2009

Douglas Ridge Rifle Club

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
		1	2 <i>9am-Sunset Suarez Intl Rifle Class (LR)</i> 7pm-9pm General Meeting	3 <i>9am-Sunset Suarez Intl Rifle Class (Silh)</i>	4 <i>8am-4pm NRA ITC-BP (CH/Ind) Jones</i> <i>9am-2pm Benchrest (100/200)</i> <i>9am-4pm USPSA/IPSC (Silh)</i>	5 <i>8am-4pm NRA ITC-BP (CH/Ind) Jones</i> <i>9am-3pm Pistol Silhouette (Silh)</i>	
6 <i>4:30pm-8pm Jr. Smallbore (CH/Ind)</i>	7 <i>8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance</i> <i>6pm-9pm Lady Pistol Class (CH/Ind)</i>	8 <i>6-9pm Ladies' Night (CH/Ind)</i> <i>Newsletter Submissions Due</i>	9 <i>Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600yd 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd</i>	10	11 <i>9am-2pm Black Powder (Silh)</i> <i>Greater Gresham Mens shoot 100yd shared use</i>	12 Easter Sunday	
13 <i>4:30pm-8pm Jr. Smallbore (CH/Ind)</i>	14 <i>8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance</i> <i>6pm-9pm Lady Pistol Class (CH/Ind)</i>	15	16 <i>Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd 1pm-sunset 300-600yd</i>	17	18 8am-5pm WORK DAY ALL RANGES CLOSED	19 <i>9am-5pm Speed Steel (Silh)</i> <i>1pm-3pm New Member Orientation</i>	
20 <i>4:30pm-8pm Jr. Smallbore (CH/Ind)</i>	21 <i>8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance</i> <i>6pm-9pm Lady Pistol Class (CH/Ind)</i>	22 <i>6-9pm Ladies' Night (CH/Ind)</i> <i>LE: NOAA 8am- 9am (CH/Ind) 9am-5pm (Silh)</i>	23 <i>Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600yd 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd</i>	24	25 <i>9am-5pm Fields Match 800 Agg. (200-600yd)+CH</i>	26 <i>9am-5pm Fields Match 800 Agg. (200-600yd)+CH</i>	
27 <i>4:30pm-8pm Jr. Smallbore (CH/Ind)</i>	28 <i>8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance</i> <i>6pm-9pm Lady Pistol Class (CH/Ind)</i>	29	30 <i>Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd 1pm-sunset 300-600yd</i> 7pm-9pm Board Meeting	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Calendar Codes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CH/Ind Clubhouse & Indoor Range • Arch Archery Range • 100/200 100/200 Yard Range • Silh Silhouette Range • LR Long Range </div>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Calendar Codes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trap Trap Range • SC Sporting Clays Range • LE Law Enforcement (training) • NRA . . . NRA Classes </div>	

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Patrick Henry

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2/26, 3/26, 4/30, 5/28, 6/25
7/30, 8/27, 9/24, 10/29, 11/26
12/30 (On a Wednesday as the normal Thursday is New Year's Eve)

2009 General Meetings
2/5, 3/5, 4/2, 5/7, 6/4, 7/2
8/6, 9/3, 10/1, 11/5, 12/3

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