

## President's Message

*Eric Severson, DRRC President*

It is with regret that I have to inform you that Dan Sweet has decided to resign his position as Executive Officer. I'm sure you all will join me with many thanks for Dan's years of dedicated service to our Club. He's not going anywhere and is still involved in several aspects of helping the Club to run smoothly. Hopefully this will allow Dan some time to come out to the Club and shoot instead of work.

The Board has appointed Mark Edwards to fill the Executive Officer position until Dan's term expires in July 2012. Thanks, Mark, for stepping up.

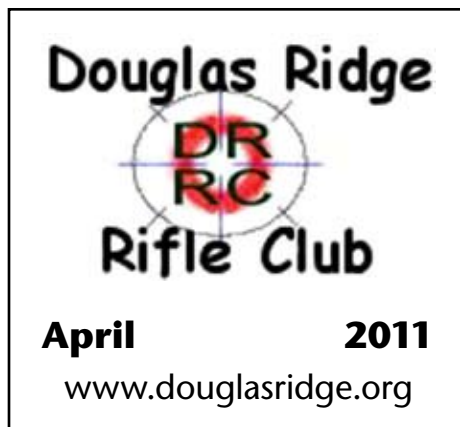
This brings me to my next point. Elections for several Board positions are coming this July. All of you as members need to look at your Club and decide what you can do to help, for without Officers and Board members DRRC cannot exist. As President, I am asking, what can you do to become more involved in your Club and improve its operations? Our Annual Work Day is coming up this April 16th. Mark your calendar and be there, as there is lots to do, lunch included. We all know 8 hours a YEAR are required or it's \$150. You might not know most jobs don't include a pick and shovel or breaking a sweat. I'm also Discipline Director for Handgun Silhouette, and you could earn hours spotting/sighting for our shooters, lunch included also. Other Discipline Directors might like help setting up a shoot. Time at the DRRC table in gun shows are work hours also. My point is get involved, this is your Club, what can you do? If you need an idea send me an e-mail, we'll figure something out.

## Safety First...Always!

*Charlie McAlister*

"I really didn't mean to hurt anyone, it was an accident." I have not heard anyone have to say that, thank goodness, but with increasing evidence of bullet holes in the ceiling plates in the indoor range, impact marks on the walls of the indoor range and my own observations it is time for a reminder of some basic gun safety.

- All guns should be unloaded when brought onto the range. The



- only exception would be if you have a CHL and you are carrying concealed. REMEMBER the key word is CONCEALED. Keep it concealed and do not practice drawing your concealed handgun when it is loaded.
- Never load your firearm until you are on the line, the line is hot, and the muzzle is pointing down range.
  - When carrying your firearm to or from the line it must be unloaded, action open (or in a gun case) and muzzle pointing up. Never, never, never sweep or point your muzzle at other folks, I don't care if you are positive the gun is unloaded, just don't do it.
  - When on the firing line always be aware of where the muzzle is pointing. When loading, adjusting sights, clearing a malfunction or talking to the shooter next to you always know where the muzzle of your gun is pointing and that should be down range.
  - Only shoot as fast as you can control the firearm and hit the intended target. Spray and pray should not

## Work Day, Work Hours

This is it, your last notice. April 16th is the work day. All ranges will be closed for our annual work day and this date will be your last chance to put in your work hours and avoid the extra charge at renewal time. So if you prefer to pay the extra \$150, great, our treasurer will be happy to take your money. Otherwise, be sure to get your 8 hours in by the end of the day on April 16th. No second chances on this one so Git-R-Done.

be a term we use to describe our shooting style at our gun club. Only shoot at a rate of fire where you can keep ALL rounds on the intended and appropriate target. If your rapid fires results in impacts on the ceiling baffles or into the target frames then you are shooting too fast so SLOW IT DOWN.

All of us (me included), regardless of experience or how long you have been around guns are subject to distraction or forgetfulness so remember, don't be sorry, be safe. SAFETY FIRST... ALWAYS!

## Take Note – Little Things Do Help

*Charlie McAlister*

- Please stay on the roads. Do not drive on the grassy areas as vehicles tear up the grass and leave ruts in the ground that make life rough for those mowing the grass.
- On long range Thursday, if you are the last one to leave, please take the Long Range Shooting In Progress sign down. Folks like me will believe you are still out there shooting when you are not.
- Save us a buck and turn off the lights when you leave the indoor range, club house, restrooms and such.
- Save us 2 bucks and turn off the ventilation fan when done in the indoor range.
- Save us many bucks and don't even use the radiant heaters in the indoor range as they are pretty much worthless anyway when the ventilation fan is sucking all that cold air in from the outside.
- Unless you bring your mom, wife or maid to clean after you, please pick up after yourself.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until you are on target and slow down. We are seeing and increase in bullet impacts in the baffles and walls of the indoor range. Be smart... Be safe!
- News Alert! Target Frames Are Not Targets! Please don't shoot up the target frames, you are a better shot than that.
- The calendar is important, check it before you come out and possibly save yourself a trip and some frustration.

## Annual Work Day

Ron Carey, Project Coordinator

Hi, Guys and Gals! It's about that time of year again when you must have your eight hours of work done or pay \$150. Let's hope for warm and sunshiny weather, but bring rain gear if it is raining. For safety, please, wear boots.

This year, most of the painting has been done. However, there are some things that still require paint. We have lots of yard work to do this work day. The Club has some tools and equipment, however, it would be very helpful if you would bring any of the following: gas powered weed eaters, loppers, machetes, pitchforks, gloves, ear plugs or muffs, safety goggles or glasses, walk-behind brush hog, riding mowers and/or anything else you have that may be useful.

Jobs will be assigned like always. Start at 8 a.m. and work until 4:30 p.m. From 4:30 to 5 is check out time. When you arrive, report to the Clubhouse. Just inside the front door and to your left is where you sign in. After filling out a time sheet you will be sent to the job assignment table and then directed to your crew foreman. You will be given a lunch schedule – lunch is provided.

Come early, get signed in, visit and get coffeed up. See you Saturday.

## Board Reminder

Last year the Club Bylaws were amended to require every Senior Member to perform the eight hours work annually. This work must be completed on or before the Annual Work Day to avoid an additional dues assessment. The previous five-year time frame was eliminated. Old Time and Life Members are exempt from this requirement, but are encouraged to help. This change was made because more help is required to maintain our beautiful facilities. Members who believe they are unable to fulfill this requirement due to physical or other limitations must request an exception from the Board, by writing a letter or appearing in person. If you are not able to come on the Annual Work Day, contact Ron Carey or any Board member to arrange an alternative, before April 16th!

## Ladies Pistol Class A Huge Success

Charlie McAlister

What started out as a spontaneous one time group of ladies wanting to learn gun safety and how to shoot has turned into one of our clubs most successful programs. Starting out with 10 ladies, member provided handguns and member fronted ammunition we now offer 4 classes a year, have 3 certified NRA instructors, received an NRA grant to buy pistols and have many coaches who volunteer their time to help and make sure everyone is safe. This has grown well beyond any expectations and continues to grow faster than we can accommodate and mostly by word of mouth. Started by John Weil, he is now assisted by NRA instructors Sheri McAlister and Mark Edwards with several members and even class graduates acting as coaches. By mid February all classes for 2011 were full and we have a waiting list just incase someone cancels. It is amazing the response we are getting and the interest ladies have in learning about firearms. We get all ages and skill levels from, "I don't like guns but my husband has them in the house and I want to feel safe around them" to "I have always wanted to learn how to shoot but did not know where to start". We even had one lady who after having been shot in the shoulder at a young age spent the rest of her life up to now being afraid of firearms. She attended our class and after an emotional first pull of the trigger she has become and excellent shot, exuberantly attended a gun show, purchased her first handgun and is anxious to learn more and get involved in the shooting sports. We have seen success story after success story and some of these ladies have become members of DRRC.

This is a six week course, one evening a week for 3 hours each evening. We cover the full NRA Basic Pistol class plus more with plenty of opportunity for hands-on shooting. The first week is classroom instruction only with the next 4 weeks a combination of classroom and shooting .22 caliber pistols only. Week six instructors and coaches bring in their big guns and give the ladies an opportunity to try out 9mm - .45 ACP handguns. Shooting

handguns larger than .22 caliber is strictly voluntary but few have turned down the opportunity. This class is free to ladies except for the cost of ammunition. And sorry guys, this is a ladies only class; spouses or significant others may not participate or help with instruction.

Any ladies even remotely interested in this class should sign up now as you most likely will not get into a class at the last moment. We want the ladies to be safe, learn about handguns, and

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# April 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p><b>Calendar Codes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trap      Trap Range</li> <li>• TH      Trap House</li> <li>• SC      Sporting Clays Range</li> <li>• LE      Law Enforcement (training)</li> <li>• NRA . . . NRA Classes</li> <li>• TSB      Tactical Shotgun Bay</li> </ul> </div>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p><b>Calendar Codes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CH/Ind    Clubhouse &amp; Indoor Range</li> <li>• Arch      Archery Range</li> <li>• 100/200    100/200 Yard Range</li> <li>• Silh      Silhouette Range</li> <li>• LR      Long Range</li> </ul> </div>			<p><b>1</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - 10:00 pm Adult Smallbore (CH/Ind)</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>8:00 am - 4:00 pm RSO Class (CH/Ind)</p> <p>9:00 am - 4:00 pm USPSA/IPSC (Silh)</p>
<p><b>3</b></p> <p>8:00 am - 4:00 pm RSO Class (CH/Ind)</p> <p>9:00 am - 3:00 pm Handgun Silhouette (Silh)</p> <p>9:30 am - 1:00 pm Trap @ Sandy Gun Club</p> <p>1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Jr Shotgun @ Sandy Gun Club</p> <p>4:30 pm - 8:00 pm Jr Smallbore (CH/Ind)</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Ladies Beginner Pistol (CH/Ind)</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>8:00 am - 12:00 pm All Ranges closed for maintenance</p> <p>4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Trap @ Sandy Gun Club</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Long Range Day 8am-1pm 300-600yd 1pm-Sunset 800- 1000yd</p> <p><b>7:00 pm - 9:00 pm General Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Newsletter Submissions Due</p> <p>5:00 pm - 10:00 pm Adult Smallbore (CH/Ind)</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>7:30 am - 5:00 pm HiPower Cascade League 800Agg@2.3,600yd (CH am)</p>
<p><b>10</b></p> <p>1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Jr Shotgun @ Sandy Gun Club</p> <p>4:30 pm - 8:00 pm Jr Smallbore (CH/Ind)</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Ladies Beginner Pistol (CH/Ind)</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>12pm-Sunset Black Powder Cartridge (200- 1000yd)</p> <p>8:00 am - 12:00 pm All Ranges closed for maintenance</p> <p>4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Trap @ Sandy Gun Club</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Ladies' Night (CH/Ind)</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Long Range Day 8am-1pm 800- 1000yd 1pm-Sunset 300- 600yd</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>** WORK DAY** ALL Ranges Closed!</b></p>
<p><b>17</b></p> <p>9:30 am - 1:00 pm Trap @ Sandy Gun Club</p> <p>1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Jr Shotgun @ Sandy Gun Club</p> <p>1:00 pm - 3:30 pm New Member Orientation (CH/Ind)</p> <p>4:30 pm - 8:00 pm Jr Smallbore (CH/Ind)</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Ladies Beginner Pistol (CH/Ind)</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>8:00 am - 12:00 pm All Ranges closed for maintenance</p> <p>4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Trap @ Sandy Gun Club</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>8:00 am - 5:00 pm LE: NOAA (Silh) 8am-10am (CH/Ind)</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Long Range Day 8am-1pm 300-600yd 1pm-Sunset 800- 1000yd</p>	<p><b>22</b> Good Friday</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>7:30 am - 5:00 pm HiPower Fields Memorial 800Agg@2/4/600Yd NRA Approved</p>
<p><b>24</b> Easter Sunday</p> <p>7:30 am - 5:00 pm HiPower Fields Memorial 800Agg@2/4/600Yd NRA Approved</p> <p>1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Jr Shotgun @ Sandy Gun Club</p> <p>4:30 pm - 8:00 pm Jr Smallbore (CH/Ind)</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Ladies Beginner Pistol (CH/Ind)</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>8:00 am - 12:00 pm All Ranges closed for maintenance</p> <p>4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Trap @ Sandy Gun Club</p>	<p><b>27</b> Administrative Professionals Day</p> <p>6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Ladies' Night (CH/Ind)</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Long Range Day 8am-1pm 800- 1000yd 1pm-Sunset 300- 600yd</p> <p><b>7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Board Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>

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have fun doing so. So far we are batting a 1,000 and hope to continue for a long time. For more information check our website at [http://www.douglasridge.org/ladies\\_beg\\_pistol.html](http://www.douglasridge.org/ladies_beg_pistol.html) or call Sheri at 503/351-8396 or Charlie at 503/351-8360.

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