## **President's Message**

Tom Hatch, President

March turned out to be a busy month for Douglas Ridge Rifle Club. I wanted to remind you that next month you will start to see a few changes to our monthly newsletter. Please feel free to share your thoughts and opinions.

On March 4th I had my first opportunity to attend the Oregon Association of Shooting Ranges. With me was Past President Hal Halvorson and Board Member Kurt Patterson. The OASR is a good organization for DRRC to be a part of. The purpose of the association is to share information from clubs around the state on basic operational procedures, problem solving and dissemination of legislative bills. This month Kurt Patterson introduced how we are stepping up our First Aid Training and the updating of our First Aid kits. This was well received by all the ranges. Kurt did an excellent job on his presentation and was a good representative for Douglas Ridge.

A few weeks back I was approached at the last minute asking if we would be interested in having a booth at the Sportsman's Show held annually at Good Shepherd Community Church. When asked, I declined feeling that we did not have enough time to prepare. I happened to mention this to Dale Nelson, one of our Junior Shotgun Directors and he said he could set it up. Within two hours Dale had volunteers, vouth and static displays ready to go. The show came and went and was a success. Dale will present an article sharing the details of the show. Well done Dale, I wish we could set things up like the Sportsman Show all the time.

Last year's Christmas Party had a 200 person cap due to space. This caused some heart ache with some of our members who wished to bring additional family members. To accommodate more people, we will be changing the venue for the Christmas 2017 party. It will be held at Camp Whithycombe in Clackamas.



The structure is new and has a 500 person capacity. The kitchen is new state of the art, we will not have to cater our meal and will continue to have the same quality food we have had in the past. Next year's party will be one of our best.

As I close this month's newsletter I would like to remind you that our Range Safety Officers are out there for your safety. If a disagreement on range safety or rules should occur between a member and an RSO, the RSO has the final say. A member can bring a concern to the Board for review and ascertain what occurred and directives and/or suggestions made. However at the time of the incident, the RSO's word is final. Thank you to all of our RSO's and to our members for following the rules and keeping our range safe.

## **Annual Work Day**

Joe Keller

The Annual Work Day this year is Saturday, April 15th. This is the last chance for those needing work hours for the 2017 renewal. There are no exceptions; we do not credit late work.

The range is closed all day to shooting, and Project Coordinator Ron Carey will have plenty of work projects to complete. Work starts at 8am, so arrive early to sign in. Upon arrival, come to the Clubhouse, and go to the sign-in table. Fill out your work hour ticket and hang it on the cork board on the wall by the first letter of your last name. Workers will be assigned to various tasks, each with a crew leader. At the mid-day break, lunch will be provided by the Club. After lunch, it will be back to work to finish the projects by the end of the day. When the work is over, return to the Clubhouse. Find your work ticket and give it to the time keeper, who will enter your time and sign it. A signed work ticket is required to get credit for your hours.

The work projects typically include:

- Cleaning roofs and gutters
- Trimming or picking up tree branches
- Chipping branches
- String trimming berry vines and tall grass
- Cleaning up range areas and repairing targets
- Misc. carpentry, painting, cleaning, and landscaping. If you have any of the following resources available for that day, please let Ron know: dump truck, small track hoe, farm tractor with a brush hog mower, farm tractor with a flail mower, riding lawn mowers.

Tools and other items that will be useful to bring on Work Day include: chain saws, string trimmer, loppers, clippers, gloves, work boots and work clothes, rain gear, carpentry tools, shovels, rakes, machete, etc.

Remember that all members who joined the Club before July 1st, 2016, and have not attained Oldtime status, need to contribute a minimum of eight hours work for the year or pay the \$150 Work Hour Fee at renewal time this coming June. And Work Day is the last opportunity to volunteer work for the 2016/17 year. Any work performed after this Work Day will count towards the next year. Work slips must be deposited in the green box by the end of Work Day to count for this year. Also, work performed by registered Associate and Junior members does count as work hours credit for the Senior member.

Members who joined the Club

after July 1st, 2016 are already credited with 8 hours work for this upcoming renewal. But you are still welcome to come help. We also welcome the Oldtime members who don't need work hours, and the Senior members who already have their hours completed. Please consider coming out to help to get our Club in shape for the good weather shooting season.

## Ladies League, was Lady's Night

Paul Meier, Discipline Director

We have changed our format due to the skill level of the gals shooting. We work on concealed carry techniques, personal protection and competition. Since we are more than a walk in level we are looking for trained shooters who want to progress to the next level and will come out for most of our scheduled sessions. If you are a beginning shooter and interested in this type of training I suggest you take a couple of classes from me or other instructors to get to that level where you can perform with the group. If you think you are ready for this training call me first at 503/866-0068, don't just show up.

## **Safety Corner**

#### Mike Holder, CRSO

Hello everyone. It's been a long and wet winter, and hopefully by the time you read this the mud will be drying out. Please keep in mind that driving on the grass while it is still wet is not a good idea.

The date for the next RSO Quarterly meeting is April 13 from 7 pm to 9 pm. This is open to Range Safety Officers and Board members.

The date for the next Range Safety Officer Training is set for June 4 from 8 am to 6 pm. Please sign up prior to June 1. This is first come, first served. Club fee will be \$20 payable to DRRC.

Thanks to everyone for being safe, and if you haven't been through the Member Handbook in a while, please read it and know how to operate your experience on the ranges. As always, if there is any question please call me.

## **DRRC Facebook**

Bill Mattes, P.R. Director

If you are on Facebook, you can join our "closed" DRRC Facebook page. Just open your personal Facebook page, and go to groups. Find search groups or click on the magnifying glass and type in "Douglas Ridge Rifle Club," when it comes up, click on it and then click on "Join Group". When our administrators have determined that the person requesting to join is a club member, they will be admitted.

Firearms legislation issues are posted on the page, and some of our disciplines post news items there.

# Membership Data Update Time

Joe Keller, V.P.

It is time for a spring clean-up of our membership database. Renewal time is not too far away; we'll be processing statements in May. Every member gets a statement mailed to them, which must be returned with any fees due in order have continued access to the Club. So in order to ensure a smooth renewal process, we should get our database of membership records cleaned up and current.

The first and most important item is mailing address changes. If you have had a change to your mailing address since last May, we need to get that information. Every year we get several renewal statements 'Returned To Sender'. It costs time and money to track down the correct addresses and re-send the statements. Some of them never get corrected, and the memberships just expire. Or members call a few months later and say "I never got my statement." So please get all address changes to us before the mailing in May. An easy way to

General Meetings 2017: 03/02, 04/06, 05/04, 06/01, 07/06 Board Meetings

**2017**: 03/23, 04/27, 05/25, 06/29, 07/27

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notify the Club of changes is to use the link on our web site: Update Your Contact Information. You can also call the Club and leave a message with your new information. Be sure to include your member number in your message.

Any members who know they are not going to renew for 2017-2018 can let us know ahead of time. That way we can avoid the expense of sending a renewal statement.

Renewals to the National Rifle Association are another item to take care of before renewal time. If your NRA membership is expired, now is a good time to renew it. You can do it directly with them on-line. Then notify the Club of your new NRA expiration date, either by forwarding an acknowledgement email to info@douglasridge.org or using the Update Your Contact Information link.

Many people are cancelling their landline telephone service these

days. If you have dropped yours, or changed your phone number recently, send us your current phone numbers, either at Update Your Contact Information or leaving a message.

If you have changed your email provider, or are using a new primary

email address, use the Update Your Contact Information or send the Club an email and ask us to update our database and our bulk email server. Again, use info@douglasridge.org.

Thanks to the members who have already sent in updated information.

