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Douglas Ridge



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President's Report

Dan Wylie, Vice President

Since our President is in Alaska having fun fishing and will be gone for a few weeks, this gives me an opportunity to write in the Newsletter in his place.

The new officers were installed at the July 7th regular meeting.

As the President has said, we received the grant from ODFW, and when we start to do the work on the Indoor Range, we are going to need lots of help.

We are deciding when to do this work and when we start the Indoor Range will be shut down for at least one (1) month. This would depend on how much help we get from you members.

The cameras on the Indoor Range seem to be doing a good job. There have been no problems so far and everyone is being safe.

The Archery Range is looking better and we are trying to get that area up and running for the people to practice their skills for hunting season.

Joe Cook, our Range Host, has been voted in as the newest life member of DRRC. Congratulations, Joe!

One last note, I want to thank the membership for the vote of confidence on electing me as your Vice President. I hope I can do as good a job as Paul Meier. He has done an excellent job as Vice President for DRRC. I believe now he is going to really concentrate on

the love of his sport, USPSA/IPSC. Thanks Paul!

As always, be safe on the Range. Happy shooting!

Hunter's Ethics

- I will consider myself an invited guest of the landowner, seeking his permission, and so conducting myself that I may be welcome in the future.
- I will obey the rules of safe gun handling and will courteously but firmly insist that others who hunt with me do the same.
- I will obey all game laws and regulations, and will insist that my companions do likewise.
- I will do my best to acquire those marksmanship and hunting skills, which insure clean, sportsmanlike kills.
- I will support conservation efforts, which can assure good hunting for the future generations of Americans.
- I will pass along to younger hunters the attitudes and skills essential to a true outdoor sportsman.

Hunter Sight-In

Michael Jones

Believe it or not it will soon be time for Hunter Sight-In. We need volunteers to work as RSOs, ticket takers, gun checkers, boresighters, and coaches.

This year's dates are September 10th (Saturday), & 11th (Sunday), 17th (Saturday), & 18th (Sunday), 24th (Saturday), & 25th (Sunday), and October 15th (Saturday), & 16th (Sunday). No experience is necessary.

Come on out, meet fellow club members, have some fun, and get your work hours in. If you have a spotting scope, please bring it with you. For more information or to sign up contact Dan Day at (503) 695-2679 gamsara@teleport.com or Jim Henderson at (503) 888-9719 jhenderson@pru-nw.com

Damage Costs You

Michael Jones, XO

One of the reasons dues go up is the increasing cost of maintenance. This photo is of the Indoor target carriers two weeks after they were all replaced during the April 30th Work Day. Someone is destroying the 2 X 4s because they forgot to bring targets. Nice groups, but in the wrong place. Also in May there has been a lot of damage to the 100 yard target supports, mostly from .17 HMRs. Apparently someone is posting targets on the wood supports rather than the plastic and are destroying the new wood. Small hole going in; big hole and lots of splinters coming out. **Please:** post your targets on the carriers and not the wood. Be mindful of what you are hitting.



Threat Prepared?

Threats to our safety have always been present. Regardless of whether it is a natural or man-made disaster, almost no person on earth is entirely exempt from danger or devastation. Floods, earthquakes, tornadoes, drought, hurricanes, snow storms, tsunamis, and wildfires only offer a smidgen of the havoc that Mother Nature herself can throw upon mankind. Add to those the threat of war, riot, terrorism, civil unrest, and all the ways that humans can subvert their own security, and one can

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IPSC Change

Due to conflicting matches, we will not be having an IPSC Match on August 6th and September 3rd, which is Labor Day weekend. We will resume matches on October 1st.

Paul Meier, IPSC Director

When using or storing a gun, always follow these NRA rules:

Know your target and what is beyond.

Be absolutely sure you have identified your target beyond any doubt. Equally important, be aware of the area beyond your target. This means observing your prospective area of fire before you shoot. Never fire in a direction in which there are people or any other potential for mishap. Think first. Shoot second.

Know how to use the gun safely.

Before handling a gun, learn how it operates. Know its basic parts, how to safely open and close the action and remove any ammunition from the gun or magazine.

Remember, a gun's mechanical safety device is never foolproof. Nothing can ever replace safe gun handling.

Be sure the gun is safe to operate.

Just like other tools, guns need regular maintenance to remain operable. Regular cleaning and proper storage are a part of the gun's general upkeep. If there is any question concerning a gun's ability to function, a knowledgeable gunsmith should look at it.

Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.

Only BBs, pellets, cartridges or shells designed for a particular gun can be fired safely in that gun. Most guns have the ammunition type stamped on the barrel. Ammunition can be identified by information printed on the box and sometimes stamped on the cartridge. Do not shoot the gun unless you know you have the proper ammunition.

Wear eye and ear protection as appropriate.

Guns are loud and the noise can cause hearing damage. They can

also emit debris and hot gas that could cause eye injury. For these reasons, shooting glasses and hearing protectors should be worn by shooters and spectators.

Never use alcohol or over-the-counter, prescription or other drugs before or while shooting.

Alcohol, as well as any other substance likely to impair normal mental or physical bodily functions, must not be used before or while handling or shooting guns.

Store guns so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons.

Many factors must be considered when deciding where and how to store guns. A person's particular situation will be a major part of the consideration. Dozens of gun storage devices, as well as locking devices that attach directly to the gun, are available. However, mechanical locking devices, like the mechanical safeties built into guns, can fail and should not be used as a substitute for safe gun handling and the observance of all gun safety rules.

Be aware that certain types of guns and many shooting activities require additional safety precautions.

Cleaning

Regular cleaning is important in order for your gun to operate correctly and safely. Taking proper care of it will also maintain its value and extend its life. Your gun should be cleaned every time that it is used.

A gun brought out of prolonged storage should also be cleaned before shooting. Accumulated moisture and dirt, or solidified grease and oil, can prevent the gun from operating properly.

Before cleaning your gun, make absolutely sure that it is unloaded. The gun's action should be open during the cleaning process. Also, be sure that no ammunition is present in the cleaning area.



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DRRC August 2005

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | | 8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance | 6pm-9pm Ladies Night (Silh) | 4 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd only 1pm-sunset 300-600 yd only 7pm-9pm General Meeting (CH) | | 9am-1pm Benchrest (100/200) 9am-2pm Pistol Class (CH/Ind) |
| 7 9am-5pm Bigbore Pistol (Silh) 9:30-2:30 Trap | 8 7-9pm Board Meeting (CH) | 9 8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance | 10 6pm-9pm Ladies Night (Silh) 5pm - Sunset Ormark Trap Shoot | 11 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600 yd only 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd only | 12 6:30pm-9:30pm CMP (CH) | 13 9am-5pm CMP Match (200-600) 8am-4pm Hunter Ed Test Day (CH/Ind) 5pm-Sunset .50 Cal Match (800-1000) |
| 14 3pm-Sunset Action Pistol (Silh) 9am-3pm Smallbore Pistol - (Silh) 9am-5pm NSCA Shoot Sporting Clays & 5-Stand 2pm-3pm New Member Orientation (CH) | 15 | 16 8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance | 17 6pm-9pm Ladies Night (Silh) | 18 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd only 1pm-sunset 300-600 yd only | 19 9am-5pm COLA (Ch/Ind) | 20 9am-2pm Blackpowder (Silh) 9am-5pm COLA (Ch/Ind) |
| 21 9am-4pm Speed Steel (Silh) 9:30-2:30 Trap | 22 5:30pm-8pm .22 Mini-Palma (100 yd) | 23 8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance | 24 6pm-9pm Ladies Night (Silh) 5pm - Sunset Ormark Trap Shoot | 25 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600 yd only 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd only | 26 10am-5pm COLA (Ch/Ind) | 27 Leupold Cup Long Range 8am-9am (CH) 8am-6pm (800-1000) 10am-5pm COLA (Ch/Ind) |
| 28 Leupold Cup Long Range 8am-9am (CH) 8am-6pm (800-1000) | 29 5:30pm-8pm .22 Mini-Palma (100 yd) | 30 8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance | 31 6pm-9pm Ladies Night (Silh) | | | |

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clearly see the potential for something bad to affect our communities and families. From the pestilence and plague of the Bible, to the predictions of terror in our midst, the threat and risk of catastrophic occurrences has never truly left the people who inhabit this world.

Protection, prevention and planning can prevent a significant amount of unnecessary suffering and loss of life. But in order to defend against these threats, we must first understand them. We must come to terms with what they are, how and where they are likely to occur, and how we can prepare for them.

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