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### President's Report

Stan Pate, DRRC President

Here we are in the middle of the holiday season, we're likely eating to much, working out to little, perhaps even thinking of our upcoming new years resolutions. If you're like me the resolution portion more times than not doesn't last much longer than it did to make it. HA!

Perhaps you've gotten a youngster in your family a new rifle, B-B gun, or even handing down a family air loom. Even if the firearm as a gift isn't on the agenda it is never to late to think about planning a hunting trip or a trip to the range with a young man or young lady, that otherwise wouldn't have the chance to learn about our heritage without you being there to help. It's been said that our sport of hunting is a sport that is dying out due to fewer and fewer people taking up the challenges, and learning the life lessons that come from being tutored by a responsible adult..

I am writing this because of a situation I've recently became aware of where the son of a single mom wanted to learn to shoot and to hunt, but the mother didn't know anything about such things and frankly was afraid of both. I was able to connect her son with someone I knew to be both responsible and a very good steward of our hunting fraternity. The real

challenge is that this is only one young man, there are countless thousands that would enjoy and even flourish in the field, or on the range if they were given the chance. It might not be what Santa would've brought them, but it would be a really good present to take someone under your wing so to speak, and teach them some new and exciting things. Perhaps get a young person into the junior smallbore program at our club to start with by making sure they can get there.

As we proceed thru the rest of this holiday season my wife Mary and I would again wish for you and yours' a very happy and safe holiday season. Please remember during this season when we can reflect on what we really have to thank a Veteran who is so far away from home.

### **DRRC Held Hostage?**

Michael Jones

As members of DRRC, and especially those of you that attend the General Meetings, many of you are aware that there is a small faction of the Club that has raised questions about the activities and practices of the club.

They seem to be interested in only their own disciplines and agendas and are complaining about fantom activities or supposed environmental effects of other disciplines. Complaints have also been made about having classes for gun safety, marksmanship, personal

### **Project Help Needed**

Ron Carey

I desperately need people to help ready the new Ag Building for a cement pour as soon as possible. Anyone willing to help on any day except Thursdays please give me a call at 503/668-4212.

protection and hunter safety (check your copy of the Club By-Laws). Threats have been made, BY DRRC MEMBERS, to "inform" public agencies about alleged violations of state or county laws or regulations.

In one recent complaint the Club found that it did indeed need to address an issue, which it did and immediately resolved the issue with the county. We appreciate the notification of the issue by the member, but it would have been much more conducive to resolve the issue to approach the Board in a non-threatening and helpful manner. We encourage members to consider running for office (a Trustee position would be a good start) or volunteering to help out in an advisory position in their area of concern.

The Board is committed to observe state laws and regulations and attempts to do so in a normal business process. Allegations and threats by Club members are not conducive to good management practices nor are a benefit to our Club. We would like all members to contribute positively to the Club. I want to encourage each of you to attend the General Meetings, become aware of what is happening in the Club, and voice your interest and concerns.

Every member will be heard; your opinion will be considered.

### It's Christmas Party Time

by Nils Bittner

Here it is folks, time for the 2006 DRRC Christmas party on Thursday December 7, 2006 at 7 pm at the DRRC Clubhouse.

The DRRC Christmas Party is open to all members and their families. It is a great time for people to see people they have not seen or chatted with for weeks, months, or even years. This year there will be raffle

tickets sold for some high dollar gifts such as a Savage 17 cal. rifle, hard shell rifle case, Nikon rifle scope, Streamlight rechargeable flashlight. These are just the raffle items. There will also be many nice men's and ladies gifts that will be given away throughout the evening. Our chef's, Ron Lucas and wife Jamie have already started getting together all the food that they will be preparing. The Club is going to furnish the turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, and the ham. We need everyone else to bring a pot luck dish such as a main dish, salad, dessert, etc. DRRC will also furnish all of your eating utensils and the coffee, water, and soda pop. I am looking forward to seeing everyone.

As Past President, Nils and Lisa would like to wish all the DRRC folks a Very Merry Christmas and a blessed and safe New year. P.S. I have just been notified that a member just donated many envelopes of CASH to also be given away.

### **Directors Input Invited**

Michael Jones, XO

We would like to encourage all Discipline Directors to write articles promoting their disciplines. In addition, any changes in rules, directors, event details or dates should be reported to the Executive Officer and the Web Masåter as soon as they know the change. Deadline for the newsletter is the 8th of the month before the event; for the website send it in ASAP.

Promotional articles inviting newbies to participate and learn about their disciplines can only help increase your participants. You have to market your product positively; make them really want to check you out.

The calendar and newsletter are available online.



### Memo: Anybody You Know?

A mountain lion is laying low during opening day of the Cascades elk season, watching hapless hunters walk by all day, cussing elk and their lousy luck.

Later that afternoon, when most of the hunters have headed back to camp, a trophy bull elk wanders by the cougar's hiding spot. The cougar pounces on the bull and brings it down in an instant. The cougar gorges itself on the fresh kill, taking great satisfaction in doing what all the human hunters had failed to do. Proudly the cougar roars a defiant roar. It makes the cat feel so good, he periodically stops feasting on the bull to roar again and again, reasserting himself as the king of his domain. But the cougar's roars are heard by a nearby hunter, who follows the sound to the spot of the kill, and shoots the cougar.

The moral of the story is this: "When you're full of bull, you'd do well to keep your mouth shut."

"The whole of that Bill [of Rights] is a declaration of the right of the people at large or considered as individuals...[I]t establishes some rights of the individual as unalienable and which consequently, no majority has a right to deprive them of."

**Albert Gallatin** 1789 - letter to Alexander Addison



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### Rifle Scope Winner

By Nils Bittner

Douglas Ridge Rifle Club raffled off the Nikon Rifle scope that was donated to the club by the Nikon Company. The tickets were sold during Sight-In days. The winning ticket was drawn at the DRRC General Meeting on November 3rd 2006 and the winner was Al McInturf of N.E. Portland. Congratualations Al. Hope to see you at the DRRC Sight-In 2007.



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