Christmas Party

Nils Bittner, Chair

Our Christmas party is just around the corner and we need volunteers to give our chef Joe and his wife help with preparation set up, and cleanup. Could you please call me at 503/407-6571 or send an email to bittnerlights@comcast. net if you are available to help. This is a great way to get in your work hours. Now for the party, it is going to be held on December 15 at Mountainview Christian Church. The address is 1890 N.E. Cleveland Ave. in Gresham. The party is potluck style and starts at 6 p.m. and is over about 9 p.m. The Gun club will furnish the turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, ham, dinner rolls and all the eating utensils, along with the coffee and beverages. Please bring your favorite main dish, salad or desert and let's enjoy some good food. This year we are going to Raffle off a 42" or larger LCD TV, a Henry Golden Boy Rifle, a Smith & Wesson 22 cal. pistol and a couple of \$100 gift cards. So bring lots of cash to buy tickets for your favorite item. All raffle proceeds go to the Junior Fund so we can help our Junior Shooters go to places like Camp Perry or the Junior Olympics. There will also be many door prizes given away this year with one sponsor donating \$200 in cash. So please if you are available call me as we really need your help. Remember, the turkey and ham are great, but many of the "special" dishes you bring are the icing on the cake. Hope to see you there. Yummmm!

Work Hours

Joe Keller

Now that Hunter Sight-In is over for 2012, one of the primary ways to complete the Club's work hours requirement is done. But there are still many ways to get



them done. Every Tuesday from 8 a.m. to noon there is still a need for maintenance help. The grass mowing is over for now, but there is always something to do. If Tuesdays don't work for you, call our Project Coordinator Ron Carey, and he will help you find another day where you can help. Ron's number is 503/668-4212.

The annual Christmas Party is coming up on Saturday December 15th. In addition to having a great time, you can volunteer to help and get some work hours credit. Call Nils Bittner (503/661-0324) if you can help with the party set up on Saturday morning. Saturday afternoon we can always use help with the food preparation for the party. Call Joe Keller at 503/760-3454 to volunteer.

There are other ways to get hours. Dan Day is the Coordinator of our public relations efforts at the gun shows. Dan's number is 503/695-2679. We always need more content for the newsletter. Writing articles is another way to get work hours. Contact Charlie McAlister at 503/351-8360 to get information about helping on the newsletter.

Remember, work hours for each year must be completed by the third Saturday in April, when we have our annual Work Day. Work Day is the last chance to get your work hours done for the year. The hours must be recorded by then so that we can calculate the annual billing in May. As a reminder, the work hours requirement applies to all Senior Members who joined before July 1. The requirement is to complete eight hours; there is no credit for partial work hours. Members who do not complete the work hours and submit them correctly on a work hours time slip will be charged the Work Hours Fee of \$150 on the next year's billing. Old Time members are not required to complete work hours, but of course we appreciate all the help you guys give.

Our Club always look great, and it is a joy to show up to shoot and have everything working. The Work Hours program is a major reason for that. Thank you to all who contribute time to our Club.

Archer Range Update Al Meteney



The new archery range is now open. We still need to do a little cleanup and fine tune the firing line; for those of you that would like to lend a hand, come on out on any work day. For those hunters who will be practicing with broadheads, remember to bring your own target. Only fieldpoints will be allowed in DRRC targets! Looking toward spring we are hoping to partner with ODFW to offer their Bowhunter Safety Course at our facility, and we have received positive feedback from James Reed the state coordinator regarding his interest in holding

the classes at DRRC. We are also going to have the professionals from some of the local bow shops giving lessons this spring, and will keep you posted as to when this will be and what it will cost. Come on out and see the range, bring your bow!

LOST? Hypothermia?

Chuck Adams

Recently and over the past several months we had read stories in the local papers of hikers, mountain climbers, fishermen, hunters and others getting lost in their "adventure" into the woods. Unfortunately when found some have succumbed to the wet, cold and snowy

weather around them.

Having been involved in many such searches and recoveries there are some basic things that one could have done to prevent loss of life. Now that we are into elk season and winter is here take the extra time to prepare yourself and your hunting companions for the wilderness.

GPS – this technology is great, it can do wonderful things for the wilderness traveler/hunter; however, the batteries will fail, especially in cold weather. Always carry a compass that you know how to use and the map of the areas you are traveling. Know how to use your compass!

Understand the mechanics of hypothermia; that is the way your body functions to keep you warm in miserable weather conditions. You're wearing your jeans, it is cold, rainy or rain & snow mix, windy and you have been tracking for two or more hours you are a classic case of hypothermia waiting to happen. Hypothermia means loss of body heat; your body loses its ability to generate warmth due to exhaustion, and lack of food. Your body is just like any other machine; you must maintain a minimum fuel level to keep the motor running. When you lose heat you also lose the ability to think and reason clearly. One of the classic cases in my experience was that of an elk hunter who became lost in the rim-rock country of eastern Oregon. He was long overdue, it had gotten dark, and snow had been falling all day and into the night. Search teams cut his tracks, traced him to the edge of the rim and eventually located his body at a tree near the base of an 80 foot cliff. He had literally run off the edge; he hit with enough force to break the frame of his revolver on the rocks.

When you are out – go where you told your companions you were going to go. Make notes of your route out for the return trip. Wear lots of wool or the new fiber synthetics that will wick moisture off your body. Do not hunt in cotton jeans and a t-shirt. Wet clothing will increase your rate of heat loss by 240 times normal; stay dry. Take extra food for snacking - (NOTE: That bottle of rum is not a food). Alcohol increases heat lost by another huge factor. When you become cold you shiver, normal body reaction; when you are so cold, tired and wet that you no longer can shiver you are in the early stages of hypothermia. Your mind ceases to function well, decisions are difficult or wrong and vou are faced with life and death choices. A common mistake is that once you realize it's way too dark, you are overdue for camp, you are cold and shivering, you put all your remaining energy into thrashing through the snow or brush hoping to find a landmark. You run out of energy, may sink down to "rest" and may become a statistic.

General Meetings

2013: 01/03, 02/07, 03/07, 04/04

Board Meetings 2013: 01/24, 02/28, 03/28, 04/25

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"We must take human nature as we find it, perfection falls not to the share of mortals."

December 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00 am - 4:00 pm USPSA (Silh/TSB) 3:00 pm - 8:30 pm Cascade Frirearms Training (Ch/Ind)
2 Advent 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Handgun Silhouette (Silh) 10:00 am - 1:30 pm Trap at Sandy Gun Club 4:30 pm - 8:00 pm JR smallbore (Ch/Ind)	3	4 8:00 am - 12:00 pm All Ranges closed for maintenance	5 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Ladies Night (Ch/Ind)	6 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Long Range Day 8am-1pm 300-600yd 1pm-Sunset 800-1000yd 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm General Meeting (CH/Ind)	7 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm Service Rifle Class (Ch/Ind)	8 Newsletter Submissions Due 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Service Rifle Match (100yd)
9 4:30 pm - 8:00 pm JR smallbore (Ch/Ind)	10	11 8:00 am - 12:00 pm All Ranges closed for maintenance 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm Black Powder Cartridge (300- 800yd)	12	13 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Long Range Day 8am-1pm 300-600yd 1pm-Sunset 800-1000yd	14 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm Adult smallbore (Ch/Ind)	15 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Black Powder Muzzle Loader (Silh/TSB) 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Christmas Party Mountainview Christian church
16 10:00 am - 1:30 pm Trap at Sandy Gun Club 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Orientation Setup (CH/Ind) 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm New Member Orientation (CH/Ind) 4:30 pm - 8:00 pm JR smallbore (Ch/Ind)	17 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Long Range Planning Meeting (Ch/Ind)	18 8:00 am - 12:00 pm All Ranges closed for maintenance	19 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Ladies Night (Ch/Ind)	20 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Long Range Day 8am-1pm 300-600yd 1pm-Sunset 800-1000yd	21	22
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Much better to spend that energy securing for yourself a nest of some sort in the brush, woods, whatever, stay dry as possible, start a fire – you do have waterproof matches with you(don't you?) and wait out the night knowing that at first light folks will be looking for you.

At a minimum when you leave camp you need to carry with you:

- Whistle or signaling device
- Extra food, clothing
- Flashlight, Knife, Compass, Map
- Water proof matches, Fire starter
- First Aid Kit
- 2 large Garbage Bags for shelter *Travel safely*

Report or Get Fined!

From the ODFW website

Report big game and turkey tags by Jan. 31, 2013 even if you weren't successful or didn't go hunting!

At the ODFW website, click on "Hunting" to find the link to the

report page, or call 1-866/947-6339. Customer service representatives can take your information over the phone.

Hunters that don't report 2012 tags by Jan. 31, 2013* will be penalized \$25 when they purchase a 2014 hunting license.

*For hunts that end between Jan. 1-March 31 2013, the deadline to report is April 15, 2013.

1753 Foresight

"Repeal that welfare law, and you will soon see a change in their manners. Industry will increase, and with it plenty among the lower people; their circumstances will mend, and more will be done for their happiness by inuring them to provide for themselves, than could be done by dividing all your estates among them." Benjamin Franklin (1753)



"Society in every state is a blessing, but government, even in its best state, is but a necessary evil; in its worst state an intolerable one."

Thomas Paine