

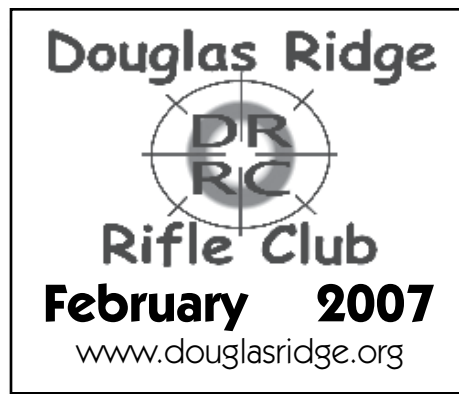
## President's Report

Stan Pate, DRRC President

Hello again everyone, I hope your new year has started off better than you even expected. At DRRC we have so many things on the planning board to accomplish this year in the form of improvements, clean ups, repairs, new events, and projects that are planned.

We took a major step forward towards protecting the future of our range at the general membership meeting in January by voting to contract with AMEC Earth Environmental, Inc. Among other things, they will survey our range and write our Environmental Stewardship Program. Our Environmental Stewardship Program is designed for eventual submission to the Environmental Protection Agency. This will place us in the category of clubs trying to do the right thing. By having an Environmental Stewardship Program in place, not only will we define where DRRC stands environmentally, we will find out any steps that we may have to take to correct an area or make things better and safer for all DRRC members. This is a major step forward. It has accounted for a vast majority of my time over the last six months, and an even longer time for some of the other club officers. There is still a great deal of work to do before this project is finished, so look for steady updates as we have them, and please be patient with us when we have AMEC personnel on the range doing their work.

As many of you have likely noticed, we now have a great many trees that have either fallen or are about to fall on the range; there are actually 197 of them, to quote someone who took the time to count them. Our first priority is to make sure none of the trees we know about form any type of safety hazard to anyone at DRRC. If you should see something we have happened to miss, it would be greatly appreciated if you bring this to our attention. It was decided at our January board meeting not to do anything in the way of disposing of these trees until we have had ample time to research our options for the greatest benefit to DRRC.



Some members have inquired about our permit pertaining to the dirt pile and the new berm that we are in the process of building between the 100/200 range and the silhouette range. The permit is posted on the board next to the office door inside the meeting room of the club house. Please feel free to inspect it at your convenience. We will continue work on the safety berm as soon as weather and soil conditions permit us to do so. This will make things much safer when a person walks down range on either of the two ranges, especially when you get further down range.

Some of you will relate to having left something behind accidentally at the range, I know that I have. I've found everything from keys to even shooting bags with several guns in them left behind. I know from personal experience that it is greatly appreciated when these items are turned in to the office to be returned. One of our members left a nice shooting bag on the indoor range which obviously didn't belong to DRRC, and it apparently went home with somebody. Let us be the kind of people we'd want others to be, both in our manners, as well as we treat fellow members on the range.

I look forward to meeting more of you as this year goes on and shooting with even more of you on the shooting line.

## NW Sportsman's Show

Time to renew your NRA membership? This will be the call from the volunteers at the NRA booth this coming February at the 2007 NW Sportsman's Show. It was December 2004 that I received a call from Dennis Tharp, Marketing Rep. for the NRA, concerning the NW Sportsman's

Show. Dennis had been assigned to cover the Western Division and was seeking help to coordinate volunteers for the membership drive at the NW Sportsman's Show in 2005. Working from our combined resources, we were able to put together a volunteer crew to work the NRA booth for the 2005 show. The volunteers were successful in topping enrollment numbers from previous shows, enrolling 311 people. The 2006 show was even more successful with a final count of 359 enrollments. This may sound easy, but it required a lot of work on the part of our volunteers, and the bar for the 2007 show will be set even higher.

Our volunteers are made up of NRA members who come from near and far, several of whom are also members of DRRC. Some are only able to commit to one or two shifts, while others commit to several days. For their time and effort we provide admission, reimburse parking, and give them a heart-felt thanks for helping to make a difference. If you are wondering how you can help, there are several ways:

**Volunteer.** If you have an interest in working the NRA booth please contact me. We ask that a volunteer be able to work at least a 4-hour shift to receive admission and parking reimbursement.

**Renew at the NW Sportsman's Show.** If you normally renew your NRA membership around this time of the year, come to the show and renew at the booth. The annual membership will only cost you \$25, saving you \$10, and we will give you a T-shirt. If you have been thinking of upgrading your annual membership to life member, we can help you with the upgrade.

**Family or Friend.** Do you have a spouse, son, daughter, grandchild, or friend that needs to be added to the NRA membership rolls? Bring them to the show and sign them up. Junior memberships are only \$15 and they also get a T-shirt.

**Gift membership.** If that family member or friend is unable to attend the show, all we need to write up a gift membership is their name, date of birth, and address to mail their magazine. You get the T-shirt for paying the bill.

**Membership Donation.** Each year we have had several people make an anonymous donation at the booth to cover an adult membership or several junior memberships.

The dates for the NW Sportsman's Show are Wednesday, February 7th thru Sunday, February 11th. Stop by the booth and say hello to Dennis Tharp and the volunteer crew – who knows, you may be surprised at who you will see working the booth. See you at the NW Sportsman's Show.

Thanks,  
 Carl Hayes • 503/669-8018  
 DRRC Member • NRA Volunteer  
 \* EVC District 03 OR  
 \* NRA Recruiter

## Party Contributions

Douglas Ridge Rifle Club would like to acknowledge and thank the following people and organizations for contributing prizes for our Christmas Party.

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## Classes Coming Up

### *NRA Basic Instructor Training (only)*

February 3; 8 am–3 pm; \$40

### *NRA Basic Pistol Instructor*

February 17 & 18; 8 am–4 pm; \$70

### *NRA FIRST Steps Pistol & Concealed Carry*

February 25; 9 am–4 pm; \$50 + \$20

### *NRA Personal Protection In The Home Instructor*

March 10 & 11; 8 am–4 pm; \$70

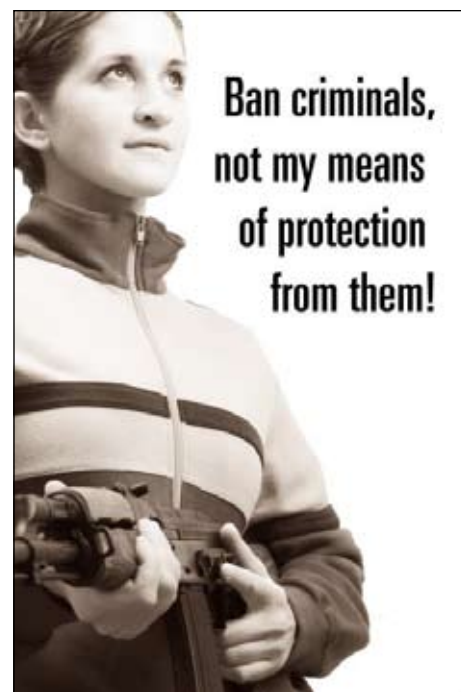
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## Range Protection Laws

Firearms shooting ranges have a long tradition of service to a wide variety of citizen groups in local communities. However, population shifts from urban

to suburban or rural areas have moved new groups of citizens in closer proximity to existing ranges. In recent years, this has resulted in hundreds of lawsuits and complaints filed by newcomers against range owners or the passage of local ordinances aimed at closing ranges because of noise, times of operation and facility expansion to accommodate growing interest and shooting club membership levels. It is critical that states adopt legislation to ensure that ranges remain open for operation and that range owners are protected from civil court action, criminal prosecution, or other local board, commission, committee or similar-type body action. Firearm shooting ranges have longstanding records of safely providing important public services and recreational or training opportunities.

Firearm shooting ranges often serve as training facilities for local law enforcement officials and military personnel. Firearm shooting ranges offer firearm and hunter education and safety courses, providing invaluable hands-on instruction in the safe and proper handling and use of firearms for shooting club members or citizens exercising their fundamental right to self-protection. Firearm shooting ranges serve as a location to hold both informal practice sessions and organized competitions for those engaged in recreational shooting. Without range protection laws, safe shooting ranges that offer valuable public services, facilities at which applicants for permits to carry firearms can receive training and practice, and recreational opportunities will be vulnerable to arbitrary sanctions by local bureaucrats. Since 1994, the number of states that have range protection laws has risen from eight to 45, indicated in green in the map below.



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# Douglas Ridge Rifle Club February 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600 yd only 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd only  <b>7:30pm-9pm</b> <b>General Meeting (CH)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9am-4pm USFSA/FPSC (Silh)  8am-3pm NRA Instructor Class (CH/Ind)
<b>4</b> 9am-2:30pm Trap  9am-3pm Pistol Silhouette	<b>5</b>  <b>7-9pm</b> <b>Board Meeting (CH)</b>	<b>6</b> 8am-noon Ranges Closed for Maintenance  6-9pm Hunter Ed (CH/Ind)	<b>7</b> 8am-5pm PPB SERT (Silh)  6-9pm Ladies' Pistol Class (CH/Ind)	<b>8</b> Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd only 1pm-sunset 300-600 yd only  6-9pm Hunter Ed (CH/Ind)  Newsletter Deadline	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 9am-2pm Sporting Clays  9am-3pm Action Pistol (Silh)	<b>12</b> 4-8pm Jr. Smallbore (Ind)	<b>13</b> 8am-noon Ranges Closed for Maintenance  6-9pm Hunter Ed (CH/Ind)	<b>14</b>  6-9pm Ladies' Pistol Class (CH/Ind)	<b>15</b> Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600 yd only 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd only  6-9pm Hunter Ed (CH/Ind)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9am-2pm BlackPowder (Silh)  8am-4pm NRA Instructor Class (CH/Ind)
<b>18</b> 9am-2:30pm Trap  8am-4pm NRA Instructor Class (CH/Ind)	<b>19</b> 4-8pm Jr. Smallbore (Ind)	<b>20</b> 8am-noon Ranges Closed for Maintenance  6-9pm Hunter Ed (CH/Ind)	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd only 1pm-sunset 300-600 yd only  6-9pm Hunter Ed (CH/Ind)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  8am-1pm Hunter Ed (CH/Ind)
<b>25</b> 9am-2pm Sporting Clays  9am-sunset Speed Steel (Silh)  8am-4pm NRA Pistol & CC Class (CH/Ind)	<b>26</b> 4-8pm Jr. Smallbore (Ind)	<b>27</b> 8am-noon Ranges Closed for Maintenance	<b>28</b>  6-9pm Ladies' Pistol Class (CH/Ind)			

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## OFF Alert - 01/10/09 Oregon Firearms Federation

The 2007 Oregon Legislative Session has begun. Yesterday, January 9th, the first gun bills were introduced. For some indication of what to expect, the Democrats in the Senate have already passed a Resolution calling for annual sessions. (Twice the opportunity to erode your rights.) They did this without a single word of public testimony. No public hearing was held on the issue at any time.

So far gun bills are the introduced versions of drafts we have had posted on our website for some time.

To keep track of, and see the bills, (and all future bills) please use this link: <http://oregonfirearms.org/2007gunbillsdrafts.html>.

There will be plenty more as the session continues. There are some important developments of which you should be aware, that will make you a more informed and effective citizen lobbyist.