

## Black Powder Cartridge Class

by *Charlie McAlister*

There seems to be an increasing interest in the loading and shooting of black powder cartridge (BPC) guns... myself included. Now the proud owner of a Springfield Model 1873 Trapdoor in 45-70 caliber I spent the first phase bringing it back to original configuration. Now for phase two, loading the big 45-70 cartridge, and with real black powder. Don't want that new fangled smokeless stuff, we want that big cloud of white smoke. With that thought in mind we are putting on a class to teach you the basics of BPC loading including casting your own bullets, brass preparation, bullet lubrication, and loading the cartridge.

While all BPC shooters of any experience level are encouraged to attend please understand this class will cover the very basics for those new to BPC. So whether new to BPC, looking for a refresher, or experienced and want to bring your ideas and tricks of BPC loading, everyone is invited.

The class will be on Monday, February 16, 2009 from 6 PM – 9 PM and will be held in the club house and indoor range at Douglas Ridge Rifle Club. Stan Pate will be the instructor. This class is open to DRRC members only and there is no charge for the class. Pre-registration is required, as we would really like to know in advance how many folks are going to be there. To pre-register simply email or call Charlie at [webmaster@douglasridge.org](mailto:webmaster@douglasridge.org) or 503/351-8360. See you there and don't get any smoke in your eyes.

## What Costs \$6K to \$7K a Year?

by *Charlie McAlister*

So what is it that costs so much? The publication of this newsletter? Yes that is correct, and the cost just went up this month due to a new post office rule. Even with those that have voluntarily chosen to get their newsletter online we still spend a considerable amount to generate the hard copy of our monthly newsletter. At last month's general meeting the idea was discussed to go to an all electronic newsletter with the only exception being for those members that do not have computers or may not have access to the Internet. With so many folks having email and access to the Internet it seems like a pretty good idea and can save our club thousands of



dollars annually. Right now it is in the discussion stage and that is where you come in. We want to hear from you and get your thoughts on this idea. Here are some key points to think about.

- The newsletter is already published electronically and is available via our web site. No extra work is needed from our volunteers to do this.
- The electronic format is identical to the printed newsletter.
- The electronic format is high quality and can be printed at home so you can have a hard copy if you desire. Home print quality will vary depending on the printer you have at home.
- If you print at home and have a color printer, you will see color pictures and color items in their intended colors.
- The electronic newsletter is always available to you at least 1-2 weeks sooner than a snail mail copy.
- Saved monies can be used in other needed areas and projects.

The only real change we are discussing is that those with computers and/or access to the Internet would be

required to get their newsletter online. This is going to be a key topic at the next couple of general meetings so it is important you are there to voice your opinion. If you cannot make it to the general meetings then you have a few other options. You can email your thoughts to [webmaster@douglasridge.org](mailto:webmaster@douglasridge.org), send us a letter via snail mail to: DRRC, PO Box 307, Boring OR 97009, or call 503 637-3131 and leave us a message with your position on this. While your input is valuable and emails, letters, and voice mails will be shared at general meetings the final decision will be made by a vote of the membership present at a general meeting. So to vote, you must be there. Happy and safe shooting.

## Work Day Approaching

by *Charlie McAlister*

Our annual work day is rapidly approaching. Whether you need work hours or not, come on out to our annual work day and support our club by helping us maintain our facility. If you have not put in your 8 hours of volunteer work and need to then you can do it all in one day. Saturday, April 18 from 8 AM – 5 PM is this year's work day. Remember, if you are required to put in the annual 8 hours of volunteer work and don't or if you forget to fill out a work slip, you will be billed and additional \$150 work hour assessment in your May renewal statement. So unless the money is no object for you, remember to come out and put in your hours and fill out a work slip. You never know, you just might have a good time and lunch is provided.

To suppose arms in the hands of citizens, to be used at individual discretion, except in private self-defense, or by partial orders of towns, counties or districts of a state, is to demolish every constitution, and lay the laws prostrate, so that liberty can be enjoyed by no man; it is a dissolution of the government. The fundamental law of the militia is, that it be created, directed and commanded by the laws, and ever for the support of the laws.

*John Adams*

## Spent Brass

We are having a tidiness problem at the 100 yard and silhouette ranges. Seems some folks just don't want to pickup after themselves. There is a lot of .22 and .223 brass left lying around at these ranges. Not only is it just plain messy and rude, there is also a safety issue when walking on the brass and slipping. So, unless you are bringing your mother with you to pick up after you, please pickup after yourself. It is not that difficult, "Just Pick It Up".

## Maintenance

by Ron Carey

A big thank you to those who have shown up on Tuesday mornings to help with our weekly chores. The coming days will be busy for the maintenance crew due to the recent storms. High winds, snow, and ice have broken off many tree branches and blown down a few trees. Gathering, stacking, and pushing fallen limbs into the chipper is going to take a lot of effort and the regulars on Tuesdays could sure use some extra help. We need your help so please make an effort to come out.

There are a variety of jobs to be done, some for the young and strong and for us ancient ones. There is a job for everyone. Come on down, get out of the house, get some exercise and you'll feel better. If you cannot make it on Tuesdays, call me at 503/658-4212 and we will arrange for you to help when you are available.

About a month ago I asked members to keep their eyes and ears open to help us find some equipment. Hopefully someone might donate an item, allow us to use it, rent it at a lower rate, or sell to us at a reasonable price. Here is what we need:

- Stump grinder
- Small 5 yard dump truck
- Track hoe
- Dump trailer
- Small dozer with 4 in 1 bucket
- Misc. yard tools

If you know of anyone that could help have them give me a call. Thanks again for all your help and I hope to see many of you at a maintenance day.

## Ammunition Accountability

from their site: [ammunitionaccountability.org](http://ammunitionaccountability.org)

Ammunition Accountability is a newly forming group of ammunition coding technology supporters. Our group includes gun crime victims, industry representatives, law enforcement, public officials, public policy experts, and more. We are working together to pass legislation to make ammunition coding technology a reality.

Ammunition coding technology works by laser etching the back of each bullet with an alpha-numeric serial number. Then when a potential criminal purchases a box of 9mm cartridges, the box of ammunition and the bullets' coding numbers would be connected to the purchaser in a statewide database. When a bullet is found at a crime

scene, the code on the bullet can be read with a simple magnifying glass and then be run through a statewide database to determine who purchased the ammunition and where, providing a valuable investigative lead.

Bullet identification technology, known as an ammunition coding technology, has been developed and will provide law enforcement with modern crime fighting tools. Ammunition coding technology assigns a unique code to every round of ammunition manufactured, and by recording sales records, law enforcement personnel will be able to easily trace the ammunition involved in a crime and have an avenue to pursue and solve even the most difficult cases.

The unique code is micro-laser engraved on factory-produced ammunition. This laser engraving is etched on both the projectile and the inside of the cartridge casing.

Each code will be common to a single box of cartridges and unique from all other ammunition sold. The unique ammunition codes will be tracked and records maintained to identify individual ammunition purchases. The ammunition coding technology will provide a method for law enforcement personnel to trace ammunition purchases and link bullets and cartridge cases found at crime scenes to the initial retail ammunition purchaser.

This system will not necessarily prove who pulled the trigger, but it will provide law enforcement with a valuable lead and a starting point to quickly begin their investigations.

The design of the ammunition coding technology laser engraving system will allow law enforcement personnel to identify the bullet code in cases where as little as 20% of the bullet base remains intact after recovery. Since bullets are designed to keep the base solid and in its original configuration, the likelihood of ammunition codes remaining legible after recovery is very high. Law enforcement testing has already shown a 99% success rate in identifying the ammunition code after bullet recovery.

**Legislation is already being introduced in these states:** Alabama, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Washington.

## NW Sportsman Show

The dates for the 2009 NW Sportsman Show are Wednesday, February 4th thru Sunday, February 8th.

If you have an interest in working the NRA Recruiting booth, please contact Carl Hayes at 503/669-8018, 503/704-0377, or by email at [hayesjc@comcast.net](mailto:hayesjc@comcast.net)



**Politicians aim to rob him  
Of his liberty and rights  
He has no voice or vote  
But you have both  
So you must act**

**Someday, he will fight for our rights.  
But today, he's underequipped  
The duty to keep the freedom alive  
Till that day is yours to fulfill**

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# Douglas Ridge Rifle Club

# February 2009

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 45%;"> <p><b>Calendar Codes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CH/Ind Clubhouse &amp; Indoor Range</li> <li>• Arch Archery Range</li> <li>• 100/200 100/200 Yard Range</li> <li>• Silh Silhouette Range</li> <li>• LR Long Range</li> </ul> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 45%;"> <p><b>Calendar Codes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trap Trap Range</li> <li>• SC Sporting Clays Range</li> <li>• LE Law Enforcement (training)</li> <li>• NRA . . . NRA Classes</li> </ul> </div> </div>					1	
2 <i>4:30pm-8pm Jr. Smallbore (CH/Ind)</i>	3 8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance	4 8am-5pm LE: PPB SERT (LR)  7pm-? Special Board Meeting (CH/Ind)	5 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd 1pm-sunset 300-600yd  <b>7pm-9pm General Meeting</b>	6 <i>6pm-9pm Lady Pistol Class (CH/Ind)</i>	7 <i>8am-4pm NRA FSP/CC (CH/Ind)</i>  <i>9am-4pm USPSA/IPSC (Silh)</i>	8 <i>9am-3pm Action Pistol (Silh)</i>  <i>Newsletter Submissions Due</i>
9 <i>4:30pm-8pm Jr. Smallbore (CH/Ind)</i>	10 8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance  <i>6pm-9pm Hunters Safety (CH/Ind)</i>	11 <i>6-9pm Ladies' Night (CH/Ind)</i>	12 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600yd 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd  <i>6pm-9pm Hunters Safety (CH/Ind)</i>	13 <i>6pm-9pm Lady Pistol Class (CH/Ind)</i>	14 Valentine's Day  <i>9am-5pm Speed Steel (Silh)</i>	15 1pm-3pm New Member Orientation (CH/Ind)
16 President's Day  <i>6pm-9pm Black Powder Cartridge Class (CH/Ind)</i>	17 8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance  <i>6pm-9pm Hunters Safety (CH/Ind)</i>	18 9am-10am (CH/Ind) 10am-5pm (Silh) LE: NOAA  <i>6-9pm Ladies' Night (CH/Ind)</i>	19 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd 1pm-sunset 300-600yd  <i>6pm-9pm Hunters Safety (CH/Ind)</i>	20 <i>6pm-9pm Lady Pistol Class (CH/Ind)</i>	21 <i>8am-5pm NRA ITC-BIT &amp; CRSO (CH/Ind)</i>  <i>9am-2pm Black Powder (Silh)</i>	22 <i>8am-5pm NRA ITC-BIT &amp; CRSO (CH/Ind)</i>
23 <i>4:30pm-8pm Jr. Smallbore (CH/Ind)</i>	24 8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance  <i>6pm-9pm Hunters Safety (CH/Ind)</i>	25 <i>6pm-9pm Hunters Safety (CH/Ind)</i>	26 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600yd 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd  <b>7pm-9pm Board Meeting</b>	27 <i>6pm-9pm Lady Pistol Class (CH/Ind)</i>	28 <i>8am-5pm Tactical Match (All Ranges)</i>	

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The present Constitution is the standard to which we are to cling. Under its banners, bona fide must we combat our political foes - rejecting all **changes** but through the channel itself provides for amendments.

*Alexander Hamilton*  
1802 - letter to James Bayard

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**2009 Board Meetings**  
2/26, 3/26, 4/30, 5/28, 6/25  
7/30, 8/27, 9/24, 10/29, 11/26  
12/30 (On a Wednesday as the normal Thursday is New Year's Eve)

**2009 General Meetings**  
2/5, 3/5, 4/2, 5/7, 6/4, 7/2  
8/6, 9/3, 10/1, 11/5, 12/3