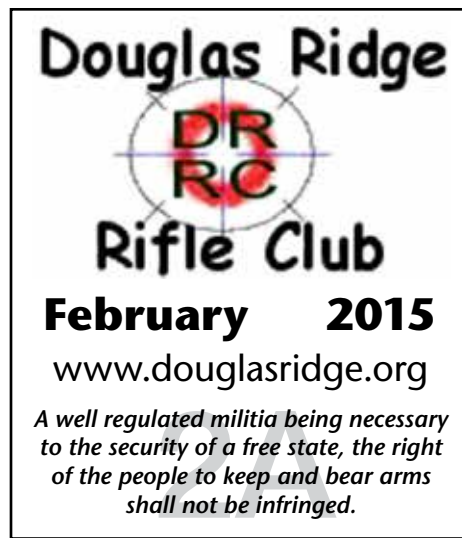


## **Black Powder? No Way, Not Me**

*Charlie McAlister*

I have written articles about Speed Steel, USPSA, CMP and Service Rifle but never thought I would be writing one about black powder shooting. Maybe one day about black powder cartridge when I actually get out and shoot my BPC rifles, but those smoky old muzzle loaders... no way. Well never say "no way" as that day has come. Back in September I made the mistake of traipsing over to the Silhouette Range one day to check out those guys in funny outfits shooting those smoky old rifles. They were having one of their matches. So I watched for a while and helped a friend work on a rifle and then the discipline director said "Hey ya gotta try shooting one before ya go", so he loaded that thing up and let me shoot it. They have all kinds of neat targets at the Black Powder Matches, but the one I tried that day was the good old shoot the rifle at the business end of an axe and split that bullet in two and hit two targets. Dang if I didn't hit that blade and split that bullet. I hit it low so the two bullet halves went below the two targets and into the dirt so I did not get a point... but who cares, I hit the dang thing. Now I am in trouble as it was fun. And now I want to try it. I buy a .54 caliber Lyman Great Plains rifle from a club member, get some gear and try out the next black powder match. It was a blast. 21 targets, no shooting under a time limit, shoot at your pace and shoot the targets in any order you like. One shot per target, you hit it, you get a point or two. He or she with the most points wins and has bragging rights. Really laid back and fun... and they even served me lunch, grilled gourmet hot dogs. How can a person lose!

So what is a match like? I have been to two matches now and you don't know how many or what targets they will set up until match morning. They kind of decide the morning of the match but here are some of my favorites. The Running Buffalo - a moving target. It moves across the field of fire while also going downhill, not too fast so I did manage to hit it.



Then there is the proverbial Top Shot split the playing card target, more on that one later. Also the feather, break the feather and two points, hit it but not break it and one point. There are plenty of steel targets in the shape of various critters and various sizes and various distances. But the big ole bear at about 150 yards is a good one. Then there is that dang turkey head that I swear is barely bigger than my .54 caliber bullet, at least that is what I said when I missed it. There is even some tomahawk and knife throwing and a really old style bow and arrow. The tomahawk and knife must stick in the log for a point. You get two tries with each, I managed to get two points so I was happy. Can't forget the string, yup, a piece of string between two wooden posts and you are supposed to hit the string with a round ball bullet. Heck, I can hardly see the string. I have not seen anyone hit that one yet. So we stroll around, shoot at targets and depending on the target you get one or two points if you hit it. At the end of the day, he or she with the most points wins. Everyone there was nice and helpful, a real great bunch of guys and gals. Now on to the playing card and my chance for some shameless bragging, but not about me.

After shooting my first black powder match I decided I needed all the cool supplies and tools for black powder shooting so off my friend and I go on a shopping spree. While there I decided that my wife should shoot black powder with me

so picked her up her own .54 caliber Thompson Hawken black powder rifle. This thing weighs 9.5 pounds and is about as long as a boxcar. So now to the bragging part. After two short trips to the range so she can sight in her new rifle she went to the December 14th black powder match with me. Understand, other than sighting it in this is the first time she has shot this black powder round ball muzzle loader. By the end of the day she tied for first place and ended up in second place by one point after the tie breaker. She won a turkey (yes a real one we will cook up for Christmas) and of all things on her very first try she split that playing card right through the center. Needless to say I am proud of my wife if not tired of her beating me at most shooting events.

Now you have it, if you have not tried black powder, come on out to one of the matches and check it out. I guarantee folks there will let you try their smoke pole. It is a lot of fun, you will not regret it.

## **Junior Memberships**

*Joe Keller, V.P.*

We recently received a couple questions about Junior Memberships, so I thought I would review the Junior Membership program at DRRC.

Senior members can sponsor Juniors who are their kids, their grandkids, friends, or not related at all. Junior Members receive their own Club name badge, and do not have to be signed in as guests when they come to the Club as long as they are wearing their name badge. Junior members are included as part of the four guest per visit limit for Senior Members, because the Junior Members still need to be supervised by a Senior Member when at the Club.

Any youth under 18 years of age is eligible to be a Junior Member at DRRC, by being sponsored by a Senior Member for \$5 per year. As long as the Junior does not turn 18 before July 1st, they can be renewed for another year. If there is also a Family Associate member, then the Junior members do not pay any additional dues.

Junior Members who perform

volunteer service for the Club can credit that work to their sponsoring Senior Member's eight work hours requirement.

Junior Members, when they turn 18 years old, can apply to become a Senior Member, and the Initiation Fee is waived. Application for membership needs to be made within one year of their 18th birthday. If a Junior is going to be away at college or in the military, upon their return they may apply for Senior membership within one year, and the initiation fee will be waived.

Junior Membership status is not required to participate in the Junior programs at DRRC.

## Blackpowder Trail Shoot Schedule

*Don Edwards*

Howdy DRRC Blackpowder shooters, and Happy New Year!

The first trail shoot of the year at Douglas Ridge was Saturday, January 17th. We had a terrific turnout for the December Turkey Shoot, and hope to see more new faces this year.

We'll have the Chili Pot on at each shoot, now that we have our 'shack' back, so be sure to bring a can or two to contribute. Our shack doesn't quite have the rustic charm, nor the woodstove of the old one, but at least it won't be falling down on us. And yes, the chili pot is also a period correct (1980's) electric Crock Pot. Modernization can stink, but the chili still tastes great.

As for our Blackpowder shooting dates for 2015, we're set for the year on the 3rd Saturday each month.

The only exception is in April, when we move to the second Saturday to make way for the DRRC Annual Work Day. So please make a note, and stick it where you can find it; i.e. your refrigerator, or your spouse's calendar, so they'll remind you...

In July, we'll again hold our monthly shoot on Saturday at the Barlow Trail Longrifles Rendezvous on Mt. Hood. Here's the flyer for my all-time favorite rondo. Join us for camping too if you can: [www.barlowtraillongrifles.org/uploads/BTLR Rondy FLYER 2015.pdf](http://www.barlowtraillongrifles.org/uploads/BTLR Rondy FLYER 2015.pdf)

I'm hoping we'll have some more

new shooters, and we experienced a broken hammer spring last shoot, putting one of the 4H kids out of a rifle for the day. So it would be helpful to bring an extra rifle and supplies, including powder that you wouldn't mind lending.

I've also fielded a couple requests for local sources of real blackpowder now that Bob/Muzzleloading and More sold to Ken in Salem. I refer folks to Ken, and to The Gun Works in Springfield, but that's all I know in the area. If you know of others, please let me know and I'll get the word out. Plus, if you have blackpowder you would like to sell, please bring it. One member was asking for help with powder for a new flintlock, so if you have some 4F for primer, or some 2F, please bring some and help this new blackpowder shooter figure out how to make his smokepole smoke!

We shoot only roundball and patch on a 'Trail Shoot' rifle course just like at rendezvous, plus knife and hawk throwing, pistol and primitive archery. Come join in some truly old school fun.

For more info, contact: Deadeye Don at 503/830-0506 or [donledwardsjr@gmail.com](mailto:donledwardsjr@gmail.com).

Join us for a great start to a smokin' good new year. Hope to see ya there. 8 a.m. start time for setup.

## Lead Bullets & EPA

*23 December, 2014*

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia upheld the dismissal of the latest lawsuit brought by anti-hunting groups petitioning the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to issue regulations banning traditional ammunition with lead components. The refusal by the EPA to consider the petition was challenged by the anti-hunting petitioners in federal court in 2013.

Traditional ammunition represents 95 percent of the U.S. market and is the staple ammunition for target shooters, hunters and law enforcement, with more than 14 billion rounds sold annually.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), the trade association for the firearms and

*"Let us by wise and constitutional measures promote intelligence among the people as the best means of preserving our liberties." James Monroe, First Inaugural Address, 1817*

### General Meetings

2014: 02/05, 03/05, 04/02, 05/07

### Board Meetings

2014: 02/26, 03/26, 04/23, 05/28

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Handgun Silhouette (Silh)	<b>2</b> 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Ladies NRA Basic Pistol Class setup(Ch/Ind) 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Ladies NRA Basic Pistol Class (Ch/Ind)	<b>3</b> 8:00 am - 12:00 pm All Ranges Closed For Maintenance 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm JR Small Bore (CH/Ind)	<b>4</b> 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Ladies Night (CH/Ind)	<b>5</b> Long Range Day 8a-1p (800/1000) 1p-Sunset (300/600) 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm General Meeting (CH/Ind)	<b>6</b> 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm Adult Small Bore (CH/Ind)	<b>7</b> 9:00 am - 4:00 pm USPSA (Silh/TSB/DR) 9:30 am - 10:00 am New Member Orientation setup (CH/Ind) 10:00 am - 1:00 pm New Member Orientation (CH/Ind)
<b>8</b> Newsletter articles due	<b>9</b> 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Ladies NRA Basic Pistol Class setup(Ch/Ind) 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Ladies NRA Basic Pistol Class (Ch/Ind)	<b>10</b> 8:00 am - 12:00 pm All Ranges Closed For Maintenance 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Black Powder Cartridge (300/800) 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm JR Small Bore (CH/Ind)	<b>11</b> 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm RSO Quarterly Meeting (CH/Ind)	<b>12</b> Long Range Day 8a-1p (300/600) 1p-Sunset (800/1000)	<b>13</b> 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm Adult Small Bore (CH/Ind)	<b>14</b> Valentine's Day 8:00 am - 5:00 pm .22 Rimfire Challenge (Silh/TSB/DR) 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Archery Shoot (Arch) 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm 3 Gun Setup (Silh/TSB/DR)
<b>15</b> 9:00 am - 5:00 pm 3 Gun (Silh/TSB/DR)	<b>16</b> President's Day 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Ladies NRA Basic Pistol Class setup(Ch/Ind) 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Ladies NRA Basic Pistol Class (Ch/Ind)	<b>17</b> 8:00 am - 12:00 pm All Ranges Closed For Maintenance 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm JR Small Bore (CH/Ind)	<b>18</b> Ash Wednesday 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Ladies Night (CH/Ind)	<b>19</b> Long Range Day 8a-1p (800/1000) 1p-Sunset (300/600)	<b>20</b> 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm Adult Small Bore (CH/Ind)	<b>21</b> 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Blackpowder Muzzleloader (Silh/TSB)
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Ladies NRA Basic Pistol Class setup(Ch/Ind) 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Ladies NRA Basic Pistol Class (Ch/Ind)	<b>24</b> 8:00 am - 12:00 pm All Ranges Closed For Maintenance 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm JR Small Bore (CH/Ind)	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Long Range Day 8a-1p (300/600) 1p-Sunset (800/1000) 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Board Meeting (CH/Ind)	<b>27</b> 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm Adult Small Bore (CH/Ind)	<b>28</b> 8:00 am - 7:00 pm Cascade Firearms Training (CH/Ind)

## Calendar Codes

- CH/Ind Clubhouse & Indoor Range
- Arch Archery Range
- 100/200 100/200 Yard Range
- Silh Silhouette Range
- LR Long Range

## Calendar Codes

- Trap Trap Range
- TH Trap House
- SC Sporting Clays Range
- LE Law Enforcement (training)
- NRA . . . NRA Classes
- TSB Tactical Shotgun Bay

*"America's glory is not dominion, but liberty. Her march is the march of the mind. She has a spear and a shield: but the motto upon her shield is Freedom, Independence, Peace. This has been her declaration: this has been, as far as her necessary intercourse with the rest of mankind would permit, her practice."*

*John Quincy Adams, Speech to the House of Representatives, 1821*



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ammunition industry, joined the lawsuit on the side of the EPA to ensure that interests of industry and hunters were properly represented. The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia ruled that the EPA had properly dismissed the petition filed under the Toxic Substances Control Act. The petitioners appealed that ruling to the U.S. Court of Appeals, which heard the case in late October.

EPA has consistently denied repeated attempts by anti-hunting groups led by the extremist Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) to have the agency ban traditional ammunition, and the court had dismissed an earlier case brought by CBD seeking the same relief. The latest suit simply added more parties.

“This latest iteration of a frivolous lawsuit is essentially the same as those dismissed earlier and equally without merit,” said Lawrence G. Keane, NSSF senior vice president and general counsel. “We are pleased

the Court of Appeals considered the legal merits in case and has now ruled that Congress has not given the EPA the authority to regulate ammunition, putting an end to efforts by anti-hunting zealots to end America's hunting heritage.”

CBD's serial petitioning of EPA and its repeated lawsuits are intended to begin shutting down hunting and the shooting sports in America by banning the ammunition that millions of hunters and target shooters choose to use safely and responsibly.

“There is quite simply no sound science that shows the use of traditional ammunition has harmed wildlife populations or that it presents a health risk to humans who consume game taken with such ammunition,” said Keane. “Banning traditional ammunition would cost tens of thousands of jobs in America and destroy wildlife conservation that is funded in part by an 11 percent excise tax on the sale of ammunition. The protection and management of

wildlife is properly handled by the professional biologists in the state fish and game agencies, as it has been for over a hundred years.”

In addition to NSSF, the National Rifle Association, Safari Club International and the Association of Battery Recyclers intervened in the case.

