

President's Report

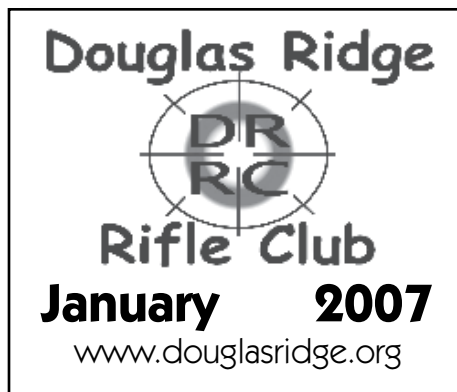
Stan Pate, DRRC President

I'd like to start off by wishing everyone a very happy and prosperous new year. By now, those of us that make new year's resolutions have done so, and are perhaps already regretting having made that decision. HA!

To say our Christmas party was a success would be a drastic understatement. Many members approached me suggesting that we have perhaps outgrown the capacity of our clubhouse for having this function. Thanks to all of the members that brought food of every description, and the wonderful dishes that Ron Lucas again prepared for us. Many were the people who were having some difficulty staying awake after dinner, some were blaming it on the heat.

Nils Bitner with the tireless help of John Weil accumulated a huge amount of prizes to hand out, with most of the members in attendance winning something. The infamous red tickets that had to be purchased in order to stand a chance to win the Savage rifle, gun case, or Nikon scope raised several hundred dollars for the junior program. The ladies Rinda Clark, Sheri McAlister, and one of our junior shooters Alex (also known affectionately as Fainting Lilly) were selling the new DRRC patches, pins, and hats, with the proceeds also going to support the junior program. The response was greatly appreciated. Thanks again, Al, for allowing us to use your field for parking not only for this event, but for all of the other times you've graciously allowed us access.

As we go thru what is traditionally our colder and wetter time of the year it is time to get some of the reloading done, clean the rifle, make new bow strings, and prepare for this coming seasons of enjoyment at the range. Many of you have heard it before from many others but let's strive to bring some young people to the range. Encouraging our kids or grandkids to enjoy our sport, whether it is getting them involved in our "free" junior small bore program or for a day of plinking. Gentlemen, I also believe it would be

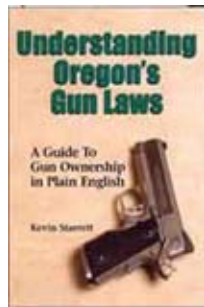


a very good idea if some of our wives might be introduced, and encouraged to try their hand at one of our many ranges.

Oregon Gun Laws. A Guide In Plain English.

Oregon Firearms Federation

Understanding Oregon's Gun Laws is a long overdue reference for gun owners in Oregon and those who may travel or move to Oregon.



Written by OFF Executive Director Kevin Starrett, "Understanding Oregon's Gun Laws" covers every essential aspect of owning and carrying guns in the Beaver State.

In concise, easy to grasp language, "Understanding Oregon's Gun Laws" will answer virtually any question you might have about purchase, possession and carry of firearms.

The entire Oregon Revised Statutes dealing with firearms is included, as are answers to the most common, and many uncommon, questions. (Updates will be available for free download on the OFF website if the laws change in the up-coming session. As you can imagine, we'll be doing everything we can to assure they don't change for the worse.)

You can keep a copy in your car or boat as well as at home for fast answers to the confusing array of laws that regulate (and over regulate) gun ownership.

If you own a gun, or plan to, and you live in or visit Oregon, you need this book.

Whether you keep a firearm in your

home for self defense, or carry one daily, knowing the law, and knowing your rights, can save you a lot of heartaches and hassles.

Oregon's gun laws are complex and confusing, but this book will answer your questions in plain English. The more you know about the law, the better able you will be to protect yourself when your rights are under attack.

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Written in clear, easy to understand language, "Understanding Oregon's Gun Laws" is a must- have addition to any gun owner's library.

"Understanding Oregon's Gun Laws" is only \$12.95 plus shipping, and we offer substantial discounts for quantity orders for gun stores, clubs and instructors.

Use this link to print a PDF order form: <http://oregonfirearms.org/pdfs/bookpricelist1.pdf>.

Five Rules for Concealed Carry

from firearmstactical.com

1. Your concealed handgun is for protection of life only.

Draw it solely in preparation to protect yourself or an innocent third party from the wrongful and life-threatening criminal actions of another.

2. Know exactly when you can use your gun.

A criminal adversary must have, or reasonably appear to have: the ability to inflict serious bodily injury (he is armed

"Why do you sit there looking like an envelope without any address on it?"

Mark Twain

... How about helping out at the club?

or reasonably appears to be armed with a deadly weapon), the opportunity to inflict serious bodily harm (he is physically positioned to harm you with his weapon), and his intent (hostile actions or words) indicates that he means to place you in jeopardy – to do you serious or fatal physical harm. When all three of these “attack potential” elements are in place simultaneously, then you are facing a reasonably perceived deadly threat that can justify an emergency deadly force response.

3. If you can run away – RUN!

Just because you’re armed doesn’t necessarily mean you must confront a bad guy at gunpoint. Develop your “situation awareness” skills so you can be alert to detect and avoid trouble altogether. Keep in mind that if you successfully evade a potential confrontation, the single negative consequence involved might be your bruised ego, which should heal with mature rationalization. But if you force a confrontation you risk the possibility of you or a family member being killed or suffering lifelong crippling/disfiguring physical injury, criminal liability and/or financial ruin from civil lawsuit. Flee if you can, fight only as a last resort.

4. Display your gun, go to jail.

You should expect to be arrested by police at gunpoint, and be charged with a crime anytime your concealed handgun is seen by another citizen in public, regardless of how unintentional or innocent or justified the situation might seem. Choose a method of carry that reliably keeps your gun hidden from public view at all times. You have no control over how a stranger will react to seeing (or learning about) your concealed handgun. He or she might become alarmed and report you to police as a “man or woman with a gun.” Depending on his or her feelings about firearms, this person might be willing to maliciously embellish his or her story in attempt to have your gun seized by police or to get you arrested. An alarmed citizen who reports a “man with a gun” is going to be more credible to police than you when you’re stopped because you match the suspect’s description, and you’re found to have a concealed

handgun in your possession. Before you deliberately expose your gun in public, ask yourself: “Is this worth going to jail for?” The only time this question should warrant a “yes” response is when an adversary has at least, both ability and intent, and is actively seeking the opportunity to do you great harm.

5. Don’t let your emotions get the best of you.

If, despite your best efforts to the contrary, you do get into some kind of heated dispute with another person while you’re armed, never mention, imply or exhibit your gun for the purpose of intimidation or one-upmanship. You’ll simply make a bad situation worse – for yourself (see rule #4).

Gun Bills Introduced

Oregon Firearms Federation

The Legislative session has not even begun and gun bills are on the move in Oregon.

Today, (as we expected) in a joint session of the House and Senate Judiciary Committees, at least 5 drafts for bills dealing with firearms were introduced at the request of the House Interim Judiciary Committee.

They were part of a much larger number of drafts introduced in block. There was no discussion on them and the committee agreed to introduce all the bills after just a read of the draft numbers.

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Buy, Sell, Trade

For Sale: FAL carbine, .308/7.62 NATO. Genuine Imbel upper, 18” chrome lined barrel, DSA Lightweight Lower - total weight only 8-1/2 lbs! Folding cocking handle, extended safety for easier manipulation, modified positive locking rear sight (no wobble!) Metal has been finished in dark brown at Z-Kote; furniture is a medium-dark green. Has been used with complete reliability in demanding advanced rifle classes - light, accurate, hard hitting carbine! Includes (6) 20-round magazines. To local residents only. \$850. Call Grant, 503/307-9746

For Sale: Walther TPH, .22 cal. This is a GERMAN Walther with the light alloy frame, not the heavy, inferior US made gun. Beautiful condition - just a hint of blue wear on the front edges; you have to look to find it. Perhaps the sexiest of all the pocket pistols! Comes with (2) magazines. If not sold by Jan. 5, it goes up on GunBroker - where they sell for more than the price I’m asking! Sale to Oregon resident only. \$800. Call Grant, 503/307-9746

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Gun Bills Introduced cont.

As noted, at least 5 of the drafts deal with firearms, and although we do not yet have the language of the drafts, it is clear from some of the relating clauses that at least some of them will represent new attacks on gun rights.

We've said it before, with anti-gunners in charge of both Houses of the Oregon Legislature and leadership in both Houses being solidly anti-gun, we face some of our biggest challenges ever.

As soon as we have the language of the drafts in question we will provide it for you. In the meantime, if you have not already done so, there is still time to make a contribution to our Political Action Committee and get a credit on your Oregon taxes for it. For more information please click this link <http://oregonfirearms.org/offpac/index.html>.

Now more than ever, we are counting on your continued support.

Security is not the absence of danger but the preparedness to deal with the danger.