

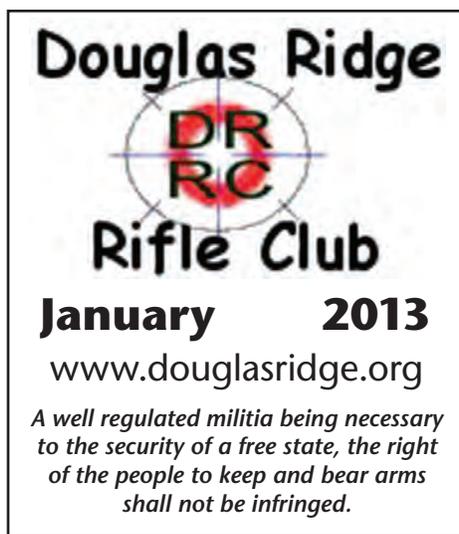
## **DEQ Approval: Sediment Removal and Lead Recovery Projects**

*Joe Keller*

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality has reviewed the reports of the Club's projects for sediment removal and lead recovery, and has found that the Club is in compliance with the conditions of our amended DEQ Consent Agreement, as outlined in our federal court Consent Decree. A letter from the DEQ dated November 26, 2012, was received by the Club with this information and acknowledgement of our efforts to protect the environment.

As most of us know, the Club performed some major tasks in 2011 and 2012. The impact berms for the 100/200 Range, the Known Distance Range and the Silhouette Range were excavated by our contractor (and member) Doug Johnson. Lead shot, bullet, and bullet fragments were recovered from the soil by our vendor Castle-Rose. A total of 9,230 pounds of scrap lead was transported to a smelter, and the sale of this lead partially offset our cost of this work. The screened berm soil was re-utilized on the range for safety berms. The impact berms were rebuilt with sand, which better captures bullets and makes future lead recovery easier. An annual evaluation will be performed to determine if additional lead recovery is required.

The Club also removed sediment from the Civilian Conservation Corps Ditch that runs across the range in 2011. The sediment was tested, and some of it was disposed at the Hillsboro Landfill due to the level of lead concentration



exhibited. The remaining sediment was found to contain lead concentrations below DEQ's industrial cleanup level, and was re-used on the range. Subsequent sampling of the Corps Ditch found that remaining lead concentrations are well below the established cleanup action level. Our Consent Agreement calls for monitoring the Ditch on a five-year cycle, so our next sediment monitoring will be in 2016.

In addition to these major projects, the Club continued implementing our Environmental Stewardship Plan. An inspection report was submitted. Soil testing found pH levels slightly below or approaching the minimum level, so we applied lime to the ranges in the Fall of both 2011 and 2012.

As part of our Consent Decree, a supplemental wetlands delineation is to be completed in accordance with the Oregon Department of State Lands. The Club is actively in the process of completing that delineation, with additional hydrology sampling be scheduled for next Spring. Once the wetlands delineation process is complete, we can begin the process of obtaining approval for mitigating wetlands as necessary, and installing a shot curtain, that will enable us to

re-open our shotgun ranges and resume our shotgun sports and training activities.

Many hours of work were put in by our Environmental Steward Stan Pate and our Project Coordinator Ron Carey, working with our consultants, contractors, attorneys and state agencies. We owe both of them a big round of applause for getting us through these difficult tasks.

The full text of the DEQ approval letter can be viewed on-line at the DEQ web site. The link is [www.deq.state.or.us/Webdocs/Forms/Output/FPController.aspx?SourceId=4865&SourceIdType=11](http://www.deq.state.or.us/Webdocs/Forms/Output/FPController.aspx?SourceId=4865&SourceIdType=11). A copy of the DEQ letter is also posted on the Club bulletin board near the door to the office. If you have any questions about the DEQ letter or the Club's environmental activities and projects, please do not hesitate to talk to Stan, Ron or any Board member.

## **Blue Light Special**

*Charlie McAlister*

*Attention all shooters, attention all shooters,* we have a blue light special at the 100 yard line!

We have a new blue light at the 100 yard line and there seems to be some confusion on the purpose and use of that light. The blue light is only to be used in conjunction with the NO SHOOTING flag when a person is down range setting up 200 yard targets. It is to remind shooters staying at the 100 yard line that there is someone at the 200 yard targets. Yes, shooters have forgotten that someone was there and then called the line "hot" and started shooting before they came back. Here is how it works.

Once the line is called cold the person going to the 200

yard targets needs to let shooters know what they are doing and put out the NO SHOOTING flag and turn on the blue light. The switch for the blue light is on the outside of the 100 covering below the flag bracket.

Only the person going to the 200 yard targets is to remove the flag and turn off the blue light. This will ensure they have returned before the line is called “hot”.

The line should never be made “hot” while there is anyone at the 200 yard targets.

If there is doubt as to whether someone is at the 200 yard targets then somebody must physically go down range and check to be sure.

That about covers it, pretty simple and it should be very effective and help improve safety when used properly.

## Cold Line Safety 101

*Charlie McAlister*

Over the past several weeks I have both personally observed and have had others report unsafe activity at our ranges, especially the 100 yard range. It seems the frequency of such incidents is on the rise and it most always has to do with a cold line. Since we were founded in 1956 we have a perfect safety record of NO SHOOTING accidents... and we want to keep it that way. My experience has been that in most cases it is not willful disobedience but a case of simply not thinking or making assumptions. So here is



a little Cold Line Safety 101 that all members need to adhere to, for your safety and the safety of others.

First here are the two basic scenarios that I and others have experienced.

**Scenario 1: The line is hot.**  
I go to a person on the line and ask if he is ready to go cold so I can go hang some targets. He says, “sure, no problem”. I turn my back to head down the line to check with other shooters and the other guy leaves the bench, turns on the red lights and heads down range...**WHILE THERE ARE STILL PEOPLE SHOOTING!**

**Scenario 2: The line is cold.**  
Folks are down range hanging and fixing targets, policing brass in front of the line and setting up portable targets and some folks staying at the line go to their shooting bench and start messing with their gun or other things on a firing line bench... **NOT!**

So here are some key points regarding safety on a cold line. While this is directed at the 100 yard line, it holds true for all ranges.

Who ever initiates a cold line is responsible to make sure everyone makes their firearm safe and that everyone is off the line before calling for a “cold” line. The same person is also now responsible to make sure everyone is back and behind the firing line before calling for a “hot” line. If the person calling for a “cold” line is leaving the range before it is ready to go hot, they should specifically pass that responsibility off to another person on the line.

Just because someone asks you if you are ready to go “cold” that does not mean the line is safe and you can turn on the red lights or go down range. Wait for the person initiating the cold line to announce a “cold” line and then

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*“The natural cure for an ill-administration, in a popular or representative constitution, is a change of men.”*

Alexander Hamilton

### General Meetings

2013: 02/07, 03/07, 04/04, 05/02

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# January 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <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>		<p><b>1</b> New Year's Day</p> <p>8:00 am - 12:00 pm All ranges Closed For maintenance</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>6:00 pm - 9:00 pm <i>Ladies Night (Ch/Ind)</i></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>8:00 am - 5:00 pm Long Range Day 8am-1pm 300-600yd 1pm-Sunset 800-1000yd</p> <p>7:00 pm - 9:00 pm General Meeting (CH/Ind)</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>4:00 pm - 10:00 pm Adult smallbore (Ch/Ind)</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>9:00 am - 4:00 pm USPSA (Silh/TSB)</p>
<p><b>6</b></p> <p>9:00 am - 3:00 pm <i>Handgun Silhouette (Silh)</i></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>8:00 am - 12:00 pm All ranges Closed For maintenance</p> <p>1:00 pm - 6:00 pm Black Powder Cartridge (300-800yd)</p> <p>4:30 pm - 8:00 pm <i>JR smallbore (Ch/Ind)</i></p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>8:00 am - 5:00 pm Long Range Day 8am-1pm ( 800/1000yd ) 1pm-Sunset ( 300/600yd)</p> <p>7:00 pm - 10:00 pm <i>Survival shooting Class (Ch/Ind)</i></p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>8:00 am - 9:00 am Set Up time For Orientation(Ch/Ind)</p> <p>9:00 am - 12:00 pm Orientation (CH/Ind)</p>
<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>8:00 am - 12:00 pm All ranges Closed For maintenance</p> <p>4:30 pm - 8:00 pm <i>JR smallbore (Ch/Ind)</i></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>6:00 pm - 9:00 pm <i>Ladies Night (Ch/Ind)</i></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>8:00 am - 5:00 pm Long Range Day 8am-1pm ( 300-600yd ) 1pm-Sunset ( 800-1000yd)</p> <p>7:00 pm - 10:00 pm <i>Survival Shooting Class (Ch/Ind)</i></p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>4:00 pm - 10:00 pm Adult smallbore (Ch/Ind)</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>8:00 am - 9:00 pm <i>H i Power ( Ch/Ind )</i></p> <p>9:00 am - 2:00 pm Black Powder Muzzle Loader(Shil/TSB )</p> <p>9:00 am - 1:00 pm <i>H i Power ( 100/200yd ) reduced 800agg</i></p>
<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b> Martin Luther King Day</p> <p>6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Long Range Planning Meeting (Ch/Ind)</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>8:00 am - 12:00 pm All ranges Closed For maintenance</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>8:00 am - 5:00 pm Long Range Day 8am-1pm ( 800/1000yd ) 1pm-5pm ( 300/600yd)</p> <p>7:00 pm - 10:00 pm <i>Survival Shooting Class (Ch/Ind)</i></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>4:00 pm - 10:00 pm Adult smallbore (Ch/Ind)</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>
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turn on the red lights.

Too many chiefs running a line makes for a potentially unsafe situation. Only one person should be in charge of the line going cold or hot.

When the line is “cold” do not sit at a shooting bench, do not handle or touch a firearm on a bench, do not mess with anything on a firing bench, do not take or remove items from a firing bench, do not police your brass from under a bench or anywhere between the yellow and red lines. Are you seeing a pattern here... stay away from the firing benches during a “cold” line.

So if you are saying, “dang Charlie, you are too picky and this is overkill” I would say it is not. Remember, this is my safety and your safety we are talking about and this is a rather easy and

uncomplicated way to help ensure everyone’s safety.

This is not intended to cover all our safety rules or SOPs but to address specific issues that are becoming more frequent. If you want more in-depth safety information for DRRC you can read our Handbook or attend a new member orientation. Thanks and be safe.

### Keep Off The Grass

*Please keep your vehicles off the grass on the Ranges during wet weather. It creates ruts and you can easily get stuck. NEVER drive over the berms.*

*"Dependence begets subservience and venality, suffocates the germ of virtue, and prepares fit tools for the designs of ambition."*

Thomas Jefferson

### We have four boxes with which to defend our freedom...

<i>...the soap box,</i>	<i>...the ballot box,</i>
<i>...the jury box,</i>	<i>...and the cartridge box.</i>