

Hunter Education


Bill Hendrix

It's time to be thinking of your family members who may need a Hunter Education card next year. If your young shooter is planning on hunting deer and elk next year, and is between the ages of 12 and 18, a Hunter Education card is mandatory for the young hunter. There are two ways of acquiring a card. Attend a series of classes and a field day from a volunteer instructor OR if time commitments are challenging with schedules, you can now take self-paced online classes available through the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). After the student has passed their online class they are required to attend a two day class and field day testing to complete the process and acquire the card.

Douglas Ridge Rifle Club instructors are teaching several classes this year. Our only in-house class, which is open to all potential students in the area, starts in January. This class will be on three consecutive Mondays and Wednesdays, the 12th, 14th, 19th, 21st, 26th & the 28th, with our field day and testing done on Saturday the 31st. All classes are mandatory. The online application and list of available classes can be found at or.outdoorcentral.us/or/license. When the class is posted you can sign up until the class is full. Please have your students SSN# and a credit card handy when you are trying to register. You can also look up and sign up for classes at other locations as they become available. Check the website often for changes and additional classes outside DRRC.

Those wishing to sign up for the online self-paced classes can do so here www.dfw.state.or.us. Go to the HUNTING tab at the top of the home page and click it. Then you click on the Hunter education and events tab, and click the Online Hunter Education Courses or Workbook Option to register for the computer based study. Remember if

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A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

you're taking the online classes you need to also take the field day and final exam with volunteer instructors so plan accordingly. Our DRRC home study field day/final exam classes will be June 9th and 11th, July 7th and 9th, and August 11th and 13th. You must attend both nights of the field day/final exam nights to complete the requirements and receive your card. These classes will be posted to the ODFW website a couple of weeks before class starts so you can use the online registration to sign up for them.

Additionally if those of you who have exceeded the age of 18 and plan to hunt out of the country or in other states outside of Oregon, almost all other states require some form of Hunter Education to be able to buy tags. Plan to attend our January class or take the online course and field day/final exam classes so you can be ready when you win that raffle of a lifetime. ***Don't wait until July to start thinking of and trying to get into a class!!!*** We as instructors are in the field starting in August and will not be available for last minute classes.

The DRRC instructors are also teaching a Master Hunter class for eligible adults on Wednesday April 8th at DRRC. Master Hunter opportunities for extra hunts start each year in July. There is a home study component, a volunteer requirement, a shooting proficiency

test, and a four-hour classroom requirement before you can obtain your hunting opportunities. The information and registration is available at the ODFW website listed in the second paragraph of this newsletter article. After you've clicked on the Hunting tab, click on the Master Hunter Education link and follow the directions for registering. It does take a little time and discipline to finish the course. If you want to take the April class as part of the program you will need to start your studies very soon to complete all of the requirements before the April class. We will post the class to the website a couple of weeks before it begins so you can register for it online.

For those young hunters who may not be ready for a Hunter Education class (age, inexperience, etc.) the State of Oregon also offers a youth mentored hunt program. The Program allows youth 9 through 13 years of age to hunt without first passing an approved hunter education program. It gives unlicensed youngsters the opportunity to receive mentored, one-on-one field experience and training on the ethics, safety, responsibility, and enjoyment of the hunting while closely supervised by a licensed adult. See the ODFW website under the Hunter Education Tab listed above to find out about this great opportunity for younger hunters. All of the information that you need to experience this opportunity with a young hunter is found there.

Once again I cannot stress enough that you need to plan EARLY! Start your research now so you don't get caught without being able to find a class.

Enjoy your Christmas season and we'll be looking forward to seeing you in 2015! Because of the large volume of inquiries I can respond to questions, after working hours, by email. My email address is inspectorbill@msn.com

Fall Work Day Report

Ron Carey

About 50 members volunteered to work for the Fall Work Day on Saturday, November 22nd. Not too much rain, but the weather wasn't all that great, either.

The main Clubhouse got a good cleaning; windows, trophy cases, ceiling lights, floor and walls look like new, the roof and gutters got cleaned, as well as on the Maintenance Shop and Host Trailer. The Road Sign and the propane tank were cleaned. All the branches that fell from the fir trees around that area got picked up. Crews cut berry vines, and picked up brush in the timber area by the Known Distance Range and the main access road. Another crew applied ceiling and wall paneling to rooms in the Ag Building.

All the target stands on the Dynamic Range were repaired, as well as the 200 yard pop-ups on the 100 Yard Range and the Upper and Lower Pits. The heavy equipment machinery was checked on and serviced as needed. From the wetland mitigation area (the fenced area next to the Ag Building), vines and miscellaneous weeds were cut and bagged. A large pile of brush was burned.

Thanks to all staff members for their help, kitchen help, time keepers, and any others I missed. Special thanks to the 4-H members, who did a good job. Once again, thanks to all for a great job well done. And to all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Attention Archers!

Frank Womack, Archery Director

Beginning January, 2015, we will be having a regularly scheduled Archery Day at the range. Come join us on the second Saturday of each month from 9 AM to 2 PM. Check the club calendar before coming out to ensure there is not a Long Range event superseding our shoot day. This monthly event is open to

the public; so invite your family and friends to join us. We have some silhouette targets we can put up, the 4-H Youths will be joining us and we'll just have some fun shooting.

2014 President's Awards

At the Annual Christmas Party on December 6th, Club President Hal Halverson announced his selections for this year's President's Awards, given to Club members "In recognition and appreciation for your outstanding service above and beyond expectations, and for your valuable contribution to the mission and purpose of Douglas Ridge Rifle Club." This year, three awards were given. The first was given to Mike Holder, our Chief Range Safety Officer. Mike has done significant work this year to upgrade our Range Safety Officer program and keep all our RSOs informed about the issues facing our Club. The second award was given to Norm Allen, who does much work operating the heavy equipment at the Club and working on our environmental projects. The third award was given to Ron Carey, our Project Coordinator, who spends countless hours working on behalf of the Club on all types of projects and activities. A plaque was presented to each man. It is these men and many more like them that make our Club the outstanding organization that it is. Please congratulate them when you see them.

A Record Xmas Party

Joe Keller

The Annual Douglas Ridge Rifle Club Christmas Party dinner was held on Saturday, December 6th, and it was record setting. A full house of members, family and friends filled hall at the Mountain View Christian Church in Gresham. At two hundred fifty eight people, it was the largest turn-out ever for the Club Christmas Party, which has come a long ways since

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2014: 01/08/2015, 02/05, 03/05

Board Meetings

2014: 01/22/2015, 02/26, 03/26

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January 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Calendar Codes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CH/Ind Clubhouse & Indoor Range • Arch Archery Range • 100/200 100/200 Yard Range • Silh Silhouette Range • LR Long Range </div>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Calendar Codes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trap Trap Range • TH Trap House • SC Sporting Clays Range • LE Law Enforcement (training) • NRA . . . NRA Classes • TSB Tactical Shotgun Bay </div>		<p>1 New Year's Day</p> <p>Long Range Day 8a-1p (300/600) 1p-Sunset (800/1000)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>4:00 pm - 10:00 pm Adult Small Bore (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00 am - 4:00 pm USPSA (Silh/TSB/DR)</p>
<p>4</p> <p>9:00 am - 3:00 pm Handgun Silhouette (Silh)</p> <p>10:00 am - 1:30 pm Trap At Sandy Gun Club</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:00 am - 12:00 pm All Ranges Closed For Maintenance</p> <p>4:00 pm - 8:00 pm JR Small Bore (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Ladies Night (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Long Range Day 8a-1p (800/1000) 1p-Sunset (300/600)</p> <p>Newsletter articles due</p> <p>7:00 pm - 9:00 pm General Meeting (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>4:00 pm - 10:00 pm Adult Small Bore (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00 am - 2:00 pm Archery Shoot (Arch)</p>
<p>11</p> <p>11:30 am - 12:00 pm New Member Orientation setup (CH/Ind)</p> <p>12:00 pm - 3:00 pm New Member Orientation (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Hunters Education (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8:00 am - 12:00 pm All Ranges Closed For Maintenance</p> <p>1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Black Powder Cartridge (300/800)</p> <p>4:00 pm - 8:00 pm JR Small Bore (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Hunters Education (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Long Range Day 8a-1p (300/600) 1p-Sunset (800/1000)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>4:00 pm - 10:00 pm Adult Small Bore (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 am - 2:00 pm Blackpowder Muzzleloader (Silh/TSB)</p> <p>9:00 am - 3:00 pm Boy Scout Camp Out (CH/Ind)</p>
<p>18</p> <p>9:00 am - 5:00 pm 3 Gun (Silh/TSB/DR)</p> <p>10:00 am - 1:30 pm Trap At Sandy gun Club</p>	<p>19 Martin Luther King Day</p> <p>6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Hunters Education (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:00 am - 12:00 pm All Ranges Closed For Maintenance</p> <p>4:00 pm - 8:00 pm JR Small Bore (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Hunters Education (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Long Range Day 8a-1p (800/1000) 1p-Sunset (300/600)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>4:00 pm - 10:00 pm Adult Small Bore (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00 am - 8:00 am Beginners Reloading Class Setup</p> <p>8:00 am - 2:00 pm Beginners Reloading Class (CH/Ind)</p> <p>8:00 am - 5:00 pm Project Appleseed (Silh/TSB)</p>
<p>25</p> <p>8:00 am - 5:00 pm Project Appleseed (Silh/TSB)</p> <p>1:30 pm - 6:30 pm Boy Scout Shoot (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Hunters Education (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8:00 am - 12:00 pm All Ranges Closed For Maintenance</p> <p>4:00 pm - 8:00 pm JR Small Bore (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Hunters Education (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Long Range Day 8a-1p (300/600) 1p-Sunset (800/1000)</p> <p>7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Board Meeting (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>4:00 pm - 10:00 pm Adult Small Bore (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>8:00 am - 1:00 pm Hunters Education (CH/Ind)</p>

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it could be held in the Clubhouse at the Range. Seeing as it was the first Club Christmas Party in a few years not threatened by freezing temps, blasting winds or snow and ice, those probably contributed to the high numbers. Nils Bittner, in another turn as the Christmas Party chairperson, organized the event and everyone had to scramble to add more tables and chairs as the crowd rolled in.

Bryan Goold led the kitchen crew of volunteers preparing the turkeys, ham, potatoes and stuffing. The members brought tables-full of side dishes and a record number of delicious desserts. The food must have been good, because at the end barely a crumb was left over. After dinner, eighty-five door prizes were handed out to lucky diners. Charlie and Sheri McAlister stayed busy selling raffle tickets, while members of the Junior Smallbore and 4-H Shooting Sports groups circulated

through the hall with tickets, resulting in another record for sales. A record \$3,566 was taken in for raffle sales, and \$2,600 was netted for the junior programs. Thanks to all the youth shooters and their parents and coaches who came to help this year.

When it came time to draw the raffle winners, Cory Smith won the 42" Sony TV. The Leupold 20x40x60 Spotting Scope was won by Greg Loux. Glen Miller was the winner of the Columbia Day Spa prize package, which was donated by Greg and Dee Loux. The Ruger 50th Anniversary 10-22 was won by Jerry Cook, while the Dickinson shotgun was won by Tim Kirkpatrick. Since Tim's wife Dyan won a pistol last year, they are really a lucky couple. Keith Ward was the winner of the laser cut wall art.

After the raffle prizes were drawn, more prizes were awarded, including gift cards from Sellwood Public

House, The Cheesecake Factory, and two from Sportsman's Warehouse. Other donors for prizes included Tri-Phase Electric for all the flashlights for the kids, Igloo Coolers and Paul Goff for some great gifts, and Leupold. A big thanks to Keith Ward and Keith's Sporting Goods for assistance with the firearms prizes, as well as many other door prizes.

Finally, the Club owes a record thanks to Nils Bittner and his wife Lisa for all the time spent making this a record setting party.

"The only foundation of a free Constitution, is pure virtue, and if this cannot be inspired into our people, in a great measure, than they have it now, they may change their rulers, and the forms of government, but they will not obtain a lasting Liberty."

– John Adams, letter to Zabdiel Adams, 1776