President's Report

Stan Pate

Greetings Everyone; I hope by the time you read this the weather has decided to start acting like spring or summer instead of the rain and snow that is falling around the state as I'm writing this report. It seems like here in Oregon we are almost never satisfied with the weather no matter what it is, that describes me now, I like the rain but I'm at the same time tired of it.

As an update to where DRRC is currently at on its legal front, we are in a waiting game at this moment. This week we had DEQ, AMEC, two attorneys, and myself on the range doing testing. This was part of our voluntary oversight request we made to DEQ for testing of our facility. Both attorneys were present to witness the samples being taken, and the samples were split between the environmental firms for both sides of the lawsuit. We are currently waiting for AMEC to get the lab results back which could take two to four weeks, and then they have to turn it over the Oregon DEQ for their evaluation. Once the DEQ gets the results then they have up to 60 days to publish a report and what their findings are, we then go from there. So as you are reading this report the DEQ should be getting the AMEC report in the next week or two.

The assessment as voted in by the membership is bringing in much needed money for our legal defense costs. We are getting very positive response from most members, many donating more than the one hundred dollar assessment that is required for membership renewal. One of our newest members wrote us a check for \$3,000 to help offset our legal bills. We have gotten a few letters of resignation over the last couple of

Hunter Sight-In

We are in need of a contact person(s) and someone to take over the coordination of the 2008 Hunter Sight-In. I will assist to get volunteers up-to-speed on the duties. Anyone interested please contact me. Michael Jones at 503/314-6820, jonesc@teleport.com



weeks identifying that the additional costs to renew was the reason, most were friendly, some not so much. All of the aforementioned being said we appear to be close to on track for our membership numbers at this time although it is still early in the membership renewal period.

Board and Officers positions elections are in a matter of days and I'd very strongly suggest that you attend the July general membership meeting to vote for the person you would like to see in the various positions that are open for elections. If you have a desire to run for a position then please feel free to contact Nils Bittner before or at the meeting to get you name thrown into the hat, or nominate someone if you have someone in mind for club officer. Voting is one of the loudest ways of speaking your mind, I'll see you there.

As usual I look forward to seeing you on the range.

Youth Day Notice

Larry Warren

Hunter Education, Coordinator Clackamas Co

The Douglas Ridge Rifle Club Youth Day at the Range scheduled for July 26th has been cancelled. This decision was a hard one to make and we regret any imposition this may have caused. Due to the time restraint for mailings, advertising and solicitation of donations, a logistical decision to cancel the event was made.

The DRRC Youth event has a reputation of being one of the quality youth events in the state due to your dedication and volunteer time. To relocate or to lessen the experience of the event would simply take away from the expectations that this event has bought to the organizations involved. That is why the option of moving or changing the event was not a consideration.

We hope to be back next year with an even better event, thanks to all of you and your dedication to the shooting sports and the youth of Oregon.

We Need You Nils Bittner

Elections are less than a month away and we still need an Executive Officer and Board members. Michael Jones has done an excellent job as Executive Officer for the past 6 years but he needs a rest. It is time for you to step up and take a turn helping run your club. This is not the time to think someone else will take care of it, it is time you to step up to the plate. We need a few dedicated members willing to put in the extra time to help ensure our club runs smoothly. No bull here, the XO is not a figure head position, it is a vital working position that is critical to our club. If you have the skills and time or know of someone who does, call me and lets get your name on the ballot. Call me, Nils Bittner 503/661-0324

Hunter Sight-In – Will It Fade Away?

Charlie McAlister

We have a terrific hunter sight-in program. We meet the needs of many local hunters who need to sight-in that special hunting rifle and generate a good amount of revenue for our club. And it gives great exposure for the potential new member. However our hunter sight-in coordinator is ready to step down after many years of organizing and ensuring a quality event. We are looking for a few good men, or even one will do, to step up and take over organizing this event. Michael Jones our current coordinator is more than willing to assist in this year's sight-in to help bring you up to speed. Don't let this great program and fund raiser fade away...rise to the occasion and help your club.

Benchrest News

Kent Uhl

Good Match, weather was a bit wet but the wind was predictable and the scores were fair for the conditions of the day. Competition in the open class was tight with the winner being determined on the finial target. Art Hevy shot his 22 Long Rifle, Al Crowley shot his Hunter class 6PPC, Ron Thalman shot his Savage 308, and John Shaw won shooting his 223 Rem. June Match class winners:

Congratulations gentleman!

- John Shaw 397-7x Open Class
- Kent Uhl 385-8x Heavy Class
- Stan Dziewiontkoski 369-1x Production Class
- Bill Anderson 345-2x Plain Base Bullet Class

Thanks to all who helped make our match possible today.

The next Benchrest match at DRRC will be held Saturday July 5th. Till next match, Take care...

Handgun Silhouette

Dan Gindlesperger

Another nice morning...you look down your sights and see a ram 200 meters away. Slowly squeeze the trigger and "Bang". With a 'ting' you watch the metal silhouette target fall over; well nine more to go. The DRRC Handgun Silhouette shoot is picking up as the weather gets better and we would love to see you out there! For those that have not tried it yet, we have "Big Bore" which is .357 and larger caliber targets for 50 to 200 meters in 4 stages. Each stage has two runs at 5 shots each and you get a whole 2 minutes for each run. We also set up "small bore" targets for you .22 shooters. The small bore is at half the distance, but the targets are a lot smaller to keep it fair. At the last match we gave out a 40 out of 40 pin to Bill Troutsdale for an outstanding shoot. Please do not think anyone can just walk up and pull that one off. If you ask most of us, on our first shoots we ended up with a 5 or even lower. To me, it is a lot of fun and a great way to improve your pistol accuracy farther than most people would try shooting. We have a great gang out there

and if you're not sure what to shoot, come on out and someone will loan you a gun and some ammo to get you started. The first shoot is of course free to get you hooked. I would like to invite you all, once again, to come to the best shoot at the club. We run the first Sunday of the month starting at 9 am. In July we will be bringing out a BBQ to make sure no one has to shoot on an empty stomach. Happy and safe shooting!

Living with Cougars

If you live in cougar country:

- Learn your neighborhood. Be aware of any wildlife corridors or places where deer or elk concentrate.
- Walk pets during the day and keep them on a leash.
- Keep pets indoors at dawn and dusk. Shelter them for the night.
- Feed pets indoors.
- Don't leave food and garbage outside.
- Use animal-proof garbage cans if necessary.
- Remove heavy brush from near the house and play areas.
- Install motion-activated light outdoors along walkways and driveways.
- Be more cautious at dawn and dusk when cougars are most active.
- Do not feed any wildlife. By attracting other wildlife, you may attract a cougar.
- Keep areas around bird feeders clean.
- Deer-proof your garden and yard with nets, lights, fencing.
- Fence and shelter livestock. Move them to sheds or barns at night.

If you recreate in cougar country:

- Be aware of your surroundings at all times.
- Leave your dog at home or keep it on a leash. Pets running free may lead a cougar back to you.
- Hike in groups. Make noise to alert wildlife of your presence.
- Keep children close to you. Teach them about wildlife.
- Keep campsites clean. Sleep 100 yards from cooking areas.
- Store food in animal-proof containers.
- Carry deterrent spray.
- Be cautious at dusk and dawn.
- Never feed any wildlife. Prey attracts

predators.

- Do not approach any wildlife; stay at least 100 yards away.
- Steer clear of baby wildlife. Mother is likely nearby.
- Be alert when sitting quietly or stopping to rest.
- Be especially alert at dawn and dusk when cougars are most active.
- Be aware that animal calls and animal kills can attract a cougar.
- If you encounter a cougar
- Cougars often will retreat if given the opportunity. Leave the animal a way to escape.
- Stay calm and stand your ground.
- Maintain direct eye contact.
- Pick up children, but do so without bending down or turning your back on the cougar.
- Back away slowly.

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July 2008 Douglas Ridge Rifle Club SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY TUESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

Calendar Codes• CH/IndClubhouse & Clubhouse & C	Range	1 8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance	2 6-9pm Ladies' Night (Silh) 8am-5pm LE: PPB SERT (LR)	3 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600yd 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd 7pm-9pm General Meeting	4 Independence Day	5 9am-4pm USPSA/IPSC (Silh) 9am-2pm Benchrest (100/200) 8am-4pm PPITH Inst. Class (CH/Ind)
6 9am-3pm Handgun Silhouette (Silh) 8am-4pm PPITH Inst. Class (CH/Ind)	7 4:30-dusk Jr. Smallbore (Silh)	8 8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance Newsletter Submissions Due	9	10 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd 1pm-sunset 300-600yd	11 6pm-9pm CMP Class (CH/Ind)	12 8am-4:00pm CMP Match (300-600)
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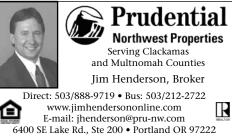




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Future Club Member Meetings

2008 General Meetings (Thursdays at 7 pm) August 7, September 4, October 2

2008 Board Meetings (Thursdays at 7 pm) August 28, September 25, October 30

Cougar

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- Do not run. Running triggers a chase response in cougars, which could lead to an attack.
- Raise your voice and speak firmly.
- If the cougar seems aggressive, raise your arms to make yourself look larger and clap your hands.
- If in the very unusual event that a • cougar attacks you, fight back with rocks, sticks, tools or any items available.

From ODFW website

"Make yourself an honest man, and then you may be sure that there is one less scoundrel in the world."

Thomas Carlyle