

June 2006

Douglas Ridge



Rifle Club

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Presidents Report

Nils Bittner

The warmer weather has arrived and DRRC is looking great. Joe our Range host is out mowing daily along with John and everyone else who takes turns on the mowers. The new DRRC budget is finished and will be presented to the membership soon and like everyone, we must live within our means, cuts had to be made, but overall we believe all requests were treated fairly and you will be presented with a balanced budget.

Remember elections are coming up at the July meeting and we are still in need of members to run for offices. If you are interested, know some one who is, or if you would like to know more about the election or open positions call Dan at 503/695-2679.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers who came out to the annual work party, at least until the monsoon started, but even with that there were lots of projects on the agenda and about 1/2 of them got completed. So if any one needs work hours for the coming year there is still a lot of work to be completed.

To all members: Be prepared for the range to be closed on short notice as we have some work that needs to be done up by the high power targets and as the ground gets drier there

will be people up there working. We will put the closures on the phone answering machine and the website when dates and times are confirmed.

Remember come on out to the General meeting as we have not given away the \$100 yet and you may be the lucky one if you are present. Had Doug Johnson been at the last meeting, he would have taken home the \$100 bill.

Enjoy and Safe Shooting!

Bids Requested

We need bids for a proposed new AG building. DRRC is accepting bids from club members or outside contractors to construct a new 40'x60' AG building. Please contact John Weil at 503 622-3815 for the specs. All bids must be received by June 30, 2006.

Cold Range

by Paul Meier

The good weather is starting to get here and I'm still not seeing a lot of shooters out. I hear people talking about shooting or in our case shooting pistol. While you have been snuggled up by the fire these past winter months many of us pistol shooters have been out having a good time making smoke and noise. Even during those down pours of Dec. thru Feb. the IPSC gang was out having fun and we didn't get wet. Let me repeat that, 'We didn't get wet.' We shot out usual 5 stages and 100 rds every match. I designed all stages to be shot from under a portable tent cover that we have.

We are always looking for new shooters as these matches are for training. So before you walk on please contact me so I can provide you with some info so you are prepared to shoot when you arrive. One of the first things you'll notice about our sport is that it isn't a static stand and shoot match. Everything moves,

the shooter and some of the targets! Bring your traction shoes.

If you don't have all the equipment we can probably help you out and we will also help you get through the stages. The main thing is we want to get you out shooting and having a good time at a very safe sport.

Signing In

Michael Jones, XO

The Board has decided to temporarily suspend the Range Sign-In requirement. We have found that many people do not sign in and on some Ranges hardly any do. The reason for signing in was to track how many people use the various ranges so as to know what we should set as priorities in maintenance and range upgrades. Since we are not getting an accurate count there seems to be little point in continuing the practice. This may change in the future. Until then forgetting to sign-in is okay.

Elections Coming Up

Michael Jones

Board elections are coming up next month! We are still looking for people to run for President, Secretary, Executive Officer and three Trustee positions. The election will be at the General Meeting on July 6th. We are looking for a few good men or women. Nominations (you can nominate yourself) and be made by contacting Dan Day, Nominating Committee, at 503-695-2679 or at gamshara@cascadeaccess.com.

Women's Shooting

by Paul Meier

There is nothing unsafe about having your wife trained to shoot a gun. Just always remember, 'no man has ever been shot doing the dishes!'

The "Firearms Corrections & Improvements Act"

Rep. Lamar Smith (R-Tex.) recently introduced H.R. 5005, the "Firearms Corrections and Improvements Act," which would make a variety of technical changes to federal firearm laws. The bill would roll back unnecessary restrictions, correct errors, and codify longstanding congressional policies in the arena of firearms laws.

Among its provisions, H.R. 5005 would: permanently ban taxes or "user fees" on background checks by the federal instant check system – fees that Congress has prohibited in annual appropriations riders since 1998; permanently ban the creation of a centralized electronic index of dealers' records – a threat to gun owners' privacy that Congress has barred through appropriations riders for a decade; codify limits on disclosure of trace records – which Congress has already limited through a series of appropriations riders over the past few years, out of concern for gun owners' privacy and the confidentiality of law enforcement records; and repeal of obsolete language from the Brady Act's "interim" waiting period provisions, that expired in 1998.

State "Emergency Powers" vs. The Right to Arms

After Hurricane Katrina, many New Orleans residents legally armed themselves to protect their lives and property from civil disorder. With no way to call for help, and police unable to respond, honest citizens were able to defend themselves and their neighbors against looters, arsonists and other criminals.¹

However, just when these people needed guns the most, New Orleans's Police Superintendent ordered the confiscation of firearms, allegedly under a state emergency powers law. "No one will be able to be armed," he said. "Guns will be taken. Only law enforcement will be allowed to have guns."² (Fortunately, an NRA lawsuit brought an end to the seizures – along with a far-fetched denial that confiscation had ever been ordered.)

Of course, no one condones the mindless violence of those who would loot a helpless city, or shoot at rescue workers. But one reason for the

citizens to retain a legal right to arms, is precisely because the government has no legal duty to protect them.³ Legislative bodies can, and should, act to protect the self-defense rights of citizens at the times when those rights are most important.

Unfortunately, 33 states have "emergency powers" laws that give the government permission to suspend or limit gun sales, and to prohibit or restrict citizens from transporting or carrying firearms. In some states, authorities are authorized to seize guns outright from citizens who've committed no crime – and who would then be defenseless against disorder.

The movement to change these laws is gaining speed. Just two months after Hurricane Katrina, the Louisiana legislature – with only one dissenting vote – adopted a resolution declaring "the policy of the state of Louisiana to protect and uphold the citizens' right to keep and bear arms in their residences, businesses, and means of transport, and on their persons," condemning the seizure of firearms from New Orleans citizens, and announcing it planned to amend Louisiana's emergency powers law "to rectify the denial of these rights."⁴

In the past, America has balanced emergency needs with respect for constitutional rights. Months before Pearl Harbor, the U.S. Congress passed the Property Requisition Act of 1941, which allowed the President, as a last resort, to seize needed war materials "upon the payment of fair and just compensation."⁵ The Congress, concerned about the prospect of gun confiscation, included language to prohibit registration or seizure of privately owned firearms. America and its allies went on to win the greatest armed conflict in history. Today, Congress and the state legislatures should follow that lead.

1. Felicity Barringer & Jere Longman, Police and Owners Begin to Challenge Looters, New York Times, September 1, 2005; Robert Tanner, With Guns And Generators, A Few Homeowners Stand Guard (AP), Columbia Tribune, September 5, 2005; Bob Dart, Armed Militia Protects Its New Orleans Neighborhood, Austin American-Statesman, Sept. 10, 2005.
2. Timothy Dwyer & Ann Scott Tyson, Troops Escalate Urgency of Evacuation, Washington Post, Sept. 9, 2005.
3. See, e.g., DeShaney v. Winnebago County Dep't of Social Services, 489 U.S. 189, 197 (1989) ("[A] State's failure to protect an individual against private violence simply does not constitute a violation of the Due Process Clause."
4. H.C.R. 39, 1st Extraordinary Session 2005 (La.).
5. Property Requisition Act, Ch. 445, 55 Stat. 742 (1941).

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DRRC June 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>4</p> <p>9:30-2:30 Trap</p> <p>9am-3pm BB & SB Pistol Silhouette (Silh)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8am-5pm OCPD Training (Silh)</p> <p>7-9pm Board Meeting (CH)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance</p>	<p>7 8am-5pm OCPD Training (Silh)</p> <p>1pm-5pm 5-Stand</p> <p>6pm-sunset Ladies Night (Silh)</p> <p>5:50-sunset Omark Trap Shoot</p>	<p>1 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd only 1pm-sunset 300-600 yd only</p> <p>7-9pm General Meeting (CH)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>4pm-6pm CHS Archery</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9am-4pm USPSA/IPSC - (Silh)</p> <p>9am-1:30pm Benchrest (100/200)</p>
<p>11</p> <p>9am-2pm Sporting Clays/5-Stand</p> <p>9am-4pm Action Pistol (Silh)</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1pm-5pm 5-Stand</p> <p>6pm-9:30pm (Ind) Ladies Handgun Class</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd only 1pm-sunset 300-600 yd only</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9am-2pm Blackpowder (Silh)</p> <p>8am-4pm RSO Class (CH/Ind)</p>
<p>18</p> <p>9:30-2:30 Trap</p> <p>9am-sunset Speed Steel (Silh)</p> <p>8am-4pm RSO Class (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance</p> <p>6pm-sunset Ladies Night (Silh)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1pm-5pm 5-Stand</p> <p>5:50-sunset Omark Trap Shoot</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600 yd only 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd only</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8am-5:30pm High Power Match (CH & 200-600)</p>
<p>25</p> <p>8am-5:30pm High Power Match (CH & 200-600)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6pm-sunset Mini-Palms (100/200)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance</p>	<p>28 1pm-5pm 5-Stand</p> <p>8am-5pm SERT Training (Silh)</p> <p>6pm-9:30pm (Ind) Ladies Handgun Clas</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd only 1pm-sunset 300-600 yd only</p>	<p>30</p>	

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