

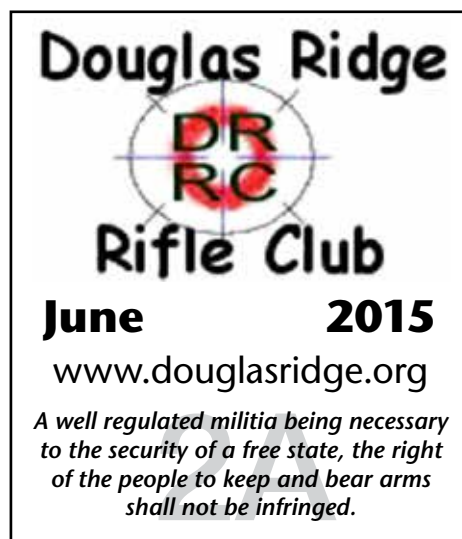
Master Hunter Program

Bill Hendrix, Discipline Director
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Instructor

On Wednesday evening, April 8th, Douglas Ridge Rifle Club hosted a Master Hunter class through our Hunter Education discipline. It was facilitated by our instructors Bill Hendrix and Bill Madden with guest instructor Larry Warren who drove over from Pine Hollow. Larry has retired and moved away from our club to greener pastures in North Central Oregon.

The Master Hunter Program is an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife program that allows hunters additional opportunities to hunt nuisance animals and those creating agricultural damage throughout the state. Participants who have successfully completed the program are eligible for these specialized hunts, typically on private property, to cull animals from areas of crop damage, nuisance animal complaints and livestock predation as ODFW determines the need for additional animal removal in selected areas. Most of these hunts are complaint driven. ODFW employees assess the need and, if animals need to be removed from a property, they release tags for Master Hunters to utilize. These hunting opportunities do not reduce your ability to participate in your own recognized seasonal hunting experiences, but gives limited chances to hunt for a deer or elk or other game animals throughout the year as tags become available.

Although 28 people registered for the class 17 people showed up on Wednesday evening to complete their shooting requirements with either bow or firearms and attend the four-hour class instruction period and final comprehensive examination to complete their course. Participants have previously received home study materials to work through, they have volunteered through other organizations to acquire their hours necessary to complete their volunteer requirements, and to complete paperwork necessary to attend the class given at DRRC. All participants



in the classroom passed their tests. When the class information is sent back to ODFW, these participants will be able to qualify for these additional hunting opportunities.

Douglas Ridge Rifle Club has this class annually for qualified students. If you're interested in attending next year's class you need to enroll for the course and program at the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife website. Across the top of the home page is the "Hunting" tab. Click it and follow the links to find out how to enroll in the program. You do not need to be a Douglas Ridge member to sign up and start working through the paperwork. My team and I look forward to seeing you next year.

Grants Improve the Club

Joe Keller

Over the years, DRRC has been able to take advantage of grant programs to help fund improvements and equipment. The Linatex curtains on the Indoor Range were originally purchased with an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife shooting range grant. Another ODFW grant helped fund purchase of the curtain material for the Shot Curtain project. The new Silhouette Shack was another ODFW grant funded project. The most recent project utilizing an ODFW grant is

the four storage containers installed next to the Ag Building, near the Silhouette Range. The Club applied for and received a 50% grant to assist in the cost to purchase the containers. The containers will be used to store targets and other equipment for various disciplines such as USPSA, 3-Gun, Blackpowder, and Rimfire Challenge.

The funds for the ODFW shooting range grants come from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, using money collected as excise taxes on the sale of sporting goods as authorized by the Pittman-Robertson Act. The grants are administered by the ODFW Hunter Education program, and an advisory committee of sportsmen's and shooter's associations along with the ODFW and OSP approve the grant applications.

Recent ODFW grants have covered 50% of the cost of projects. Our latest grant application is still in process awaiting approval, and will fund improvements on the Archery Range if awarded.

The National Rifle Association Foundation is another organization that provides grants to shooting ranges and DRRC has successfully applied for several NRA grants over the years. Recent grants have funded shooting accessories and equipment for the Junior Smallbore program and both the initial and supplemental purchases of firearms for the Ladies Beginner Pistol classes. NRA Foundation funds are generated by the Friends of the NRA program and their fundraising banquets. State Fund Committees review grant applications and those they recommend are forwarded to the NRA Foundation Board for final approval. Our latest grant application is for safety enhancements on the Silhouette Range, and it has been recommended at the state level, and is awaiting final approval from the NRA Foundation Board.

A new opportunity for grants is the Cabela's Outdoor Fund, which has arisen as we have begun to build a relationship with Cabela's at their new store in Tualatin. We recently submitted our first grant application to them, and we just received \$1,500 in funding for the purchase of

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archery equipment to expand our archery programs for 4-H, Scouts and other youth. This is an exciting new opportunity for the Club, and we hope to continue to develop a strong relationship with Cabela's and their Outdoor Fund Board for future project opportunities.

All of these grant programs focus on education and increasing opportunities for youth, women and other shooters to get involved in our shooting sports. All DRRC members should be proud of the opportunities we provide through our disciplines, our Junior programs, our work with the 4-H, Scouting and other youth organizations, our classes and programs for Ladies, our cooperation with Appleseed, and our Hunter Education classes at the Club. There are an incredible number of volunteers who work with these various programs. Maybe there is a place for you to help in one of them.

Some Club History

Dick Jennings, Past President

Many members are aware that Douglas Ridge Rifle Club has formed in the mid-1950's. But there was no clubhouse or indoor range in those first years. In the early 1960's Club meetings were held at the American Legion building at S.E. 89th and Harney in Portland. The facilities at the range included the 100 Yard range, a 600 Yard range with the lower pits, and a shotgun trap range.

In 1968, the foundation was poured for a clubhouse at the range. But there was no money to complete a building. At that time, there were 350 members, and the annual dues were \$35. The membership did not have much interest in putting more money into the operation, and the foundation was as far as they got for several years.

Eventually, the officers of the Club obtained approval to implement a Building Fund assessment on new members of \$25 a year for the first three years of membership. That is still the assessment in place today. Dues were also raised to \$55 per year. In the early 1980's, the current

Clubhouse was completed. The original design of the Indoor range called for posts down the middle, but that was changed to the open space we have today.

In the mid-1990's, the upper pits were built and the long distance range was extended to 1,000 yards. The Ag building for maintenance storage was built in the 2000's, and continues to be improved. And the Tactical Shotgun Bay was added next to the Silhouette range. More recently, the concrete block safety wall was built in 2012, creating the Dynamic range on the end of the long distance range fairway. And major enhancements to the Archery range have been made in the last couple years, with more improvements planned, including a covered firing line.

The Club has finished our membership for this fiscal year ending June 30th at 1,482 members. What future range improvements will be implemented remains to be seen. Discussions include additional classroom facilities, that would allow classes and meetings that don't require the Indoor range to meet in a different place. No matter what, the Club has come a long ways from those early years.

Choosing a Defensive Handgun

James Holman, Member, 540tactical.com

According to the U.S. Department of Justice there are over 7 million violent crimes committed each year. A violent crime is defined as rape, sexual assault, domestic violence, robbery, aggravated assault and simple assault. Even scarier, estimates range as high as 45% of all violent crimes go unreported every day. Every 5 seconds someone is violently assaulted and since you started reading this column several people have been the victim of a violent assault.

Recently, my sister asked which pistol and what caliber is the best for her primary defensive handgun? "That's easy", I answered, "the one you are comfortable taking with you everywhere you go." Of course, I said

"Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom."

Benjamin Franklin, Letter to the Abbes Chalut and Arnoux, 1787

General Meetings

2015: 07/02, 08/06, 09/03, 10/08

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2015: 07/30, 08/27, 09/24, 10/29

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June 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 CH Men's room floor repair	2 7:00 am - 5:00 pm Portland Police (DR) 8:00 am - 12:00 pm All Ranges Closed For Maintenance 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm JR Small Bore (CH/Ind)	3 7:00 am - 5:00 pm Portland Police (DR) 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Fred Meyer Training(Silh/CH)	4 7:00 am - 5:00 pm Portland Police (DR) 5:00 pm - 11:59 pm Long Range Day 5p-Sunset (300/1000) 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm General Meeting (CH/Ind)	5 7:00 am - 5:00 pm Portland Police (DR)	6 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Project Appleseed (DR) 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Archery Shoot (Arch) 9:00 am - 4:00 pm USPSA (Silh/TSB) 9:30 am - 10:00 am New Member Orientation setup (CH/Ind) 10:00 am - 1:00 pm New Member Orientation (CH/Ind)
7 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Project Appleseed (DR) 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Handgun Silhouette (Silh)	8 Newsletter articles due 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Ladies NRA Basic Pistol Class setup(Ch/Ind) 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Ladies NRA Basic Pistol Class (Ch/Ind)	9 8:00 am - 12:00 pm All Ranges Closed For Maintenance 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Black Powder Cartridge (300/800) 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Hunters Education Home Study (CH/Ind)	10 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm JR Small Bore (CH/Ind) 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Ladies Night (TSB)	11 Long Range Day 8a-1p (800/1000) 1p-Sunset (300/600) 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Hunters Education Home Study (CH/Ind)	12	13 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Open House Setup (All Ranges Closed for special event) 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm Open House (All Ranges Closed for special event)
14 Flag Day	15 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Ladies NRA Basic Pistol Class setup(Ch/Ind) 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Ladies NRA Basic Pistol Class (Ch/Ind) 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Long Term Planning (Trap House)	16 8:00 am - 12:00 pm All Ranges Closed For Maintenance 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm JR Small Bore (CH/Ind)	17	18 Long Range Day 3p-Sunset (300/1000) 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Camp Perry Team Practice (1000)	19 9:00 am - 6:00 pm 540 Tactical 3 state CHL class (CH/Ind) 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Red Frog LEO pistol qualification (TSB)	20 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Blackpowder Muzzleloader (Silh/TSB) 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm Cascade Firearms Training (CH/Ind) 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm 3 Gun Setup (Silh/TSB/DR)
21 Father's Day	22 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Ladies NRA Basic Pistol Class setup(Ch/Ind) 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Ladies NRA Basic Pistol Class (Ch/Ind)	23 8:00 am - 12:00 pm All Ranges Closed For Maintenance 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Red Frog LEO pistol qualification (TSB) 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm JR Small Bore (CH/Ind)	24 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Portland SERT (800) 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Ladies Night (TSB)	25 Long Range Day 8a-1p (800/1000) 1p-Sunset (300/600) 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Board Meeting (CH/Ind)	26	27 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Oregon State Highpower Rifle Open Championship (200-600)
28 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Oregon State Highpower Rifle Open Championship (200-600)	29 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Ladies NRA Basic Pistol Class setup(Ch/Ind) 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Ladies NRA Basic Pistol Class (Ch/Ind)	30 8:00 am - 12:00 pm All Ranges Closed For Maintenance 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm JR Small Bore (CH/Ind)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Calendar Codes • Trap Trap Range • TH Trap House • SC Sporting Clays Range • LE Law Enforcement (training) • NRA . . . NRA Classes • TSB Tactical Shotgun Bay </div>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Calendar Codes • CH/Ind Clubhouse & Indoor Range • Arch Archery Range • 100/200 100/200 Yard Range • Silh Silhouette Range • LR Long Range • DR Dynamic Range </div>	

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this tongue in cheek. In reality, there is some pretty good data out there to consider when deciding on which gun or caliber may be best for you.

There are many articles, studies and pundits that clearly advocate one gun or caliber over another and I certainly have some of my own opinions with regards to this very topic. I have had the opportunity to train extensively at various clubs, matches and conferences and it never ceases to amaze me how little consideration is given to a couple basic, yet critical things.

First and foremost, your handgun should fit your hand for optimal performance. You would not run a marathon in shoes that were too big or too small, so why would you want a gun for defensive purposes that did not fit your hand. Listed below are the factors that need to be considered when selecting a handgun.

- Proven reliability of both the manufacturer and the specific model

- Proper single handed grip alignment and contact points
- Length of pull
- Overall feel
- Location of the controls, (i.e.; safety, slide lock, mag release, etc.) on the gun to insure you can effectively reach and operate them.
- Evaluate and understand the tradeoffs of capacity, weight and designs of different guns.

With respect to caliber; well, that seems to be an endless debate. According to a recent FBI study, “most of what is ‘common knowledge’ with ammunition and its effects on the human target are rooted in myth and folklore. Handgun stopping power is simply a myth. There is little to no noticeable difference in the wound tracks between premium law enforcement projectiles from 9mm Luger through the .45 Auto.” Furthermore, the FBI says modern 9mm Luger ammunition retains most of the ballistic characteristics and penetration

power as its larger-caliber brethren, but is easier to control and leads to more accurate shots. Now before you convert everything over to 9mm, this is just one study and like most should be evaluated and compared to others.

In closing, the right handgun and caliber for a primary defensive handgun can vary from person to person. However, it should be properly sized as described above and the user must be able to safely handle and operate the handgun effectively and accurately under extreme stress.

Most importantly, seek professional advice regarding the proper selection of your handgun and take advantage of the programs that are available at our club. Our trainers are some of the finest in the area, and they offer classes every month. Practice does not make perfect. Practice only makes habit. Reach out to a discipline director or sign up for a class. There’s no reason to feel intimidated, just come and learn the right way to do whatever your passion is.