

March 2005

Douglas Ridge



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President's Report

Nils Bittner

March is going to be here very soon and hopefully this means good weather. The grass is already starting to grow and Joe cook says the tractors and cutters are ready.

The General membership passed the dues raise. Please read the article with the new rate schedule. There are quite alot of articles in the newsletter this month so I won't bore you by telling you their contents. You can read them for your self.

The club accepted the resignation of Trustee Nate Ruddell. We would like to thank Nate for his time on the Board. Larry Logdahl our Alt. Trustee has gladly accepted and will finish the remainder of Nate's term. Our own Dan Wylie has been appointed the Alt. Trustee.

The Board has contacted Bill Gilmore a Urban Forester/Arborist to help put our tree resources into perspective. He will provide a report on how we should best manage our timber. Safe Shooting

Range Rules

Michael Jones, Executive Officer, CRSO

Recently we have found evidence of several violations of the Indoor Range rules. The specific rules are:

No .17HMR is not allowed, either in rifles or handguns.

Shotguns of any gauge are not allowed.

Shoot at the paper targets only. We are finding many holes in the baffles; if

the offenders are that bad of shots they need to take a class or take a hike.

Also, when you use the portable targets on the outdoor ranges please return them to the covered areas. When the range is mowed the mower must stop and move each target himself. There are signs at each range that asks that the user do this.

Rumor, Rumor, Who's Got The Rumor

DRRC Board of Directors

It seems we have a rumor spreading around, and it goes something like this. "Did you know the police are taking over our club and turning it into their own personal training facility". Well folks, no, nada, nyet, no way, this rumor is definitely not true. Now for the facts... the police rent, as in pay, portions of our range to conduct officer training. This occurs once a month on weekdays only during normal workday hours. You will see this listed on our calendar as SERT Training. Now it is true that the police have approached the club and requested permission to construct a small "door breaching" training area. The Board is listening to their request and investigating the possibilities. The police are our friends and it behooves us to do what we can to assist them in their training to improve their ability to serve and protect us. However, whether their request is eventually approved or denied, you can rest assured that the Board will not approve such a request if it would be a detriment to the club or our shooters. If anything, we would make sure it is to our advantage and the police's. If you would like more information or details on their request, please contact any club officer as noted in this newsletter. Now you have the rest of the story.

The Scouts are coming, The Scouts are coming . . .

Michael Jones, Executive Officer

BSA Troop 344 from Battle Ground, Washington, will be coming on March 11 to camp out and learn about shooting. They will camp in the trees near the Clubhouse on Friday and Saturday nights. They will be getting a safety briefing on Saturday morning and then shoot .22 rifles indoor and get a shotgun class in the afternoon. Later on Saturday they will be doing a service project for the club. On Sunday they will spend time with the Powell Valley Long Rifle people learning about blackpowder shooting. All scout leaders and RSOs are encouraged to come out and observe and/or help.

Don't Get Relaxed

Michael Jones, CRSO

We had a non-shooting, non gun, accident at the range last month that brings to mind this thought: we should always be aware of our immediate environment and strive to not become complacent. A long-time and very competent member was working on a familiar piece of equipment and it reached out and whacked him. He had injuries which could have been very serious or even lethal. As his good luck would have it he got by with a bunch of stiches and a big headache for a few days. We all shoot guns. Guns are heavy equipment. We should never be relaxed around them. Comfortable yes, relaxed NO.

Ladies Night Cancelled

Due to very low turnout Ladies Night has been cancelled until the beginning of May.

The Second Amendment is in place in case they ignore the others.

Dues Increase Approved

DRRC Board of Directors

The Board has been investigating the need for and a proposal for a dues increase over the past few months. After newsletter articles/announcements and two readings at General Meetings, the membership at the February 3, 2005 general meeting approved a new dues structure to be implemented over the next 3 years. The new dues structure will be effective with the next billing cycle for the 2005/06 membership year beginning July 1, 2005. Below is the dues structure that was approved. Questions can be directed to any DRRC officer as listed in this newsletter. The Board thanks the membership for their support through this at times, difficult process. Thank You!

Category	Dues 2005/06	Dues 2006/07	Dues 2007/08
Senior	\$75	\$85	\$100
Old Time	\$25	\$25	\$25
Initiation (new members)	\$100	\$100	\$100
Work hours (First 5 years)	8 hrs	8 hrs	8 hrs
Work Hours Assessment	\$100	\$125	\$150
Building Assessment (First 3 years)	\$25	\$25	\$25
HID Access Card Fee (one time only)	\$5	\$5	\$5

Trap & Sporting Clays

Jeff Tunem, Director

Spring is rapidly approaching and the weather is improving. I invite you to come out and shoot Trap or Sporting Clays. We routinely get 25 – 35 shooters and we have a great time.

For Sporting Clays we had recently moved to 100 bird only course, as that is what the regular shooters preferred. With recent feedback we are now including a 25 bird course for youth (\$5.00), a 50 bird course (\$10.00), and a 100 bird course (\$20.00). So, regardless of your age or skill level, come on out and try your hand at Sporting Clays. We will be happy to give you all the help and instruction you need. Sporting Clay shoots are on 2nd and 4th Sundays each month.

Our Trap shoots are \$1.25 per game and you can shoot all the games and only spend \$15.00. This is fun shooting and who knows, you might even win a couple of dollars. Trap shoots are on 1st and 3rd Sundays each month.

Check your calendar and come on out. Bring your wife (or husband) and the kids. Kids may shoot as age and skill appropriate.

Highpower Rifle... What Is It All About

Bill Britt, Director

The DRRC Highpower Program begins in early spring and ends in late fall each year. Shooting matches consist of either “over the course” (OTC) or “long range” (LR) matches. Matches are open to club members and the general public.

Shooters competing in OTC matches fire at distances of 200, 300, and 600 yards. A typical course of fire is 88 shots. The course of fire is broken down into stages. The first two stages are fired at 200 yards. During the first two stages the shooter fires 20 single shots from the standing off hand position and two rapid fire ten-shot strings from a supported sitting position. The third stage of fire is two ten-shot strings of rapid-fire prone (lying down) at 300 yards. The final stage is fired at a distance of 600 yards. Twenty shots are fired slow-fire from this position. The shooter has two sighter shots for each stage of fire. In OTC matches shooters compete with either a service rifle (M1 Garand, M14/M1A, or AR15), or a match rifle. OTC shooting is done with metallic sights.

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Have you moved?

If you have moved or are planning to move, be sure to notify the club via mail as soon as you can. Mail your address change to:

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Boring, OR 97009

Gate access cards

If you haven't received your gate access card yet, send \$7 (\$5 refundable, \$2 postage/handling) to:

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance	2	3 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1,000 yd 1pm-sunset 300-600 yd 7pm-9pm General Meetinga	4 8pm-10pm Adult Smallbore (Ind)	5 9am-4pm USPSA/IPSC (Silh) 9am-1pm CMP (CH)
6 8am-5pm CMP (100/200) 9am-5pm Bigbore Pistol (Silh) 9:30am-2:30pm Trap	7 7pm-9pm Board Meeting	8 8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance 6:00pm-9:00pm Hunter Ed (CH/Ind)	9 SERT Training 8am-12pm (100/200 yd) 12pm-5pm (Long Range)	10 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600 yd 1pm-sunset 800-1,000 yd 6:00pm-9:00pm Hunter Ed (CH/Ind)	11 7pm-8pm Boy Scouts Camp Out Meeting (CH)	12 9am-3pm Smallbore Pistol (Silh) Boys Scouts Camp Out 9am-noon (CH/Ind) 1pm-4pm (200-600)
13 9:30am-2pm Sporting Clays 9am-2pm Blackpowder (Silh) Boy Scouts (Blackpowr&Shotgun) 9am-3pm Action Pistol (Silh) 2pm-3pm New Member Orientation	14 5:30-8pm Jr Smallbore (CH/Ind)	15 8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance 6:00pm-9:00pm Hunter Ed (CH/Ind)	16	17 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1,000 yd 1pm-sunset 300-600 yd 6:00pm-9:00pm Hunter Ed (CH/Ind)	18 8pm-10pm Adult Smallbore (Ind)	19 High Power 8am-9am (CH) 9am-5:30pm (200-600)
20 Long Range 8am-9am (CH) 9am-5:30pm (800-1,000)	21 5:30-8pm Jr Smallbore (CH/Ind)	22 8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance	23	24 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600 yd 1pm-sunset 800-1,000 yd	25	26 9am-4pm Speed Steel (Silh) 4pm-sunset 3 Gun Setup (Silh)
27 Easter 9am-5pm 3 Gun (Silh)	28 5:30-8pm Jr Smallbore (CH/Ind)	29 8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance 6:00pm-9:00pm Hunter Ed (CH/Ind)	30	31 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1,000 yd 1pm-sunset 300-600 yd 6:00pm-9:00pm Hunter Ed (CH/Ind)		

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Highpower Rifle... (cont).

Long-range matches are fired at distances of 800, 900, and 1,000 yards from the prone position only. Common course of fire is 15 shots at each distance. LR matches are fired with both metallic sights and telescope sights. Bolt-action rifles are the most common in these matches. Long-range matches also offer a special F-class rifle category. F-class rifles are fired from the prone position and can use any type of support: sand bags, bi-pod, etc. Scoped hunting rifles are generally found in F-class along with other types of scoped commercial long-range rifles.

If this type of shooting interests you, I suggest you come out and observe a match to get the feel for how it is run and what exactly goes on. Talk to people and get to know them. Introduce your self as a new shooter and ask someone to explain anything that's not clear to you. Check the club calendar for matches starting in March. Hope to see you at a match.



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Work hour update

Any member that is unable to get his work hours in on Tuesday mornings or during the annual work day (April 30 this year) can arrange to work at the club at some other time by calling Michael Jones, 503/654-7452, or Jim Quinn, 503/253-2405.

Future General Meetings: April 7 • May 5 • Future Executive Board Meetings: April 11 • May 9