March 2006 Douglas Ridge Rifle Club

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Presidents Report

Nils Bittner

Here it is almost March and we have certainly had some interesting weather. There are a lot of interesting things happening at DRRC in March. On March 11th we will host the youth Turkey Clinic and March is the starting month where will have a monthly drawing for \$100 at our General Membership meetings. If you are present at the General Meeting and your name is drawn, you win, cash. We will also give away another door prize, so come on out to the General meetings. The club is also going to host a number of Boy Scouts during the month of March so keep a look out in your calendar for all the upcoming events.

Thanks to all the people involved with my birthday cake and Ice cream. It was a very pleasant surprise.

It's time to start thinking about the upcoming club elections as we will need a new President and other officers beginning in July. I have spent the last 4 years as your President and it has been rewarding and challenging. If you are interested in taking over the reins of the club give me a call and I will give you the low down on the job. Safe Shooting.

Benchrest News

Kent Uhl

Benchrest Matches at DRRC are sanctioned by the Cast Bullet Association. Our Benchrest Matches are held on the first Saturday of the months of April through August. Registration at 8 am; Match begins at 9 am. Normally we are finished around 1 pm depending on how many shooters are present. 20 rounds for record are shot from 100 yards and 20 rounds from 200 yards. Maximum possible score is 400 40X. There is a warm up target for both 100 yds. and 200 yds. for a total of ten targets for the event. Each target card has six bulls on it. Five of the bulls are for "record" The bull in the lower right is a sighter. The shooter may fire on the sighter bull any number of times, but only one shot may be shot at a "record" bull. Ten minutes are allowed for each target card.

30 caliber rifles are the most common. .308 Winchester is the most popular "production class" rifle, and 30 BR is the most popular "heavy class" rifle. Cast bullet weights range from about 180 grains on the low end to over 215 grains on the high end. Velocity for these classes range from around 1700 fps to near 2300 fps. Rifle scopes commonly used range from 36 to 45 powers.

First Match of 2006: Saturday, April 1st. Matches are open to the public. Match fee: \$10.

For more information on Cast Bullet Association's match rules, see www.castbulletassoc.org.

For more information on our matches at DRRC please call Kent Uhl at 503/631-2508 or email at oregonuhls@ccwebster.net

If you have moved recently or are planning to move or have not received your newsletter, please send a notice of address change to:

It's Your Range ... Protect It

Charlie McAlister

How many of us would line up golf balls in our back yard and with our best driver slam those little white globes into the side of our own house or through our own windows? Or better yet, sit along a nice stream and with a handful of smooth river rocks turn around and start throwing them at our own car? Well, I wouldn't do that either, but it seems some of us think it is okay for similar behavior at our own gun club. It is a shame to even have to write an article about this, but alas, it is so.

We continue to find more and more of what appears to be intentional damage to club property. Mostly it is folks shooting up target stands, but here has been the case of vandalism or theft. Of course, in normal use target stands will get hit by unintended "friendly" fire, but in many cases the fire does not seem to be unintended or friendly. Many of the target frames and brackets on the 100 yd. line, and the portable target stands are being shot to pieces by folks who can shoot really good groups, yet can't seem to hit the paper bulls eye.

Volunteers spend many hours building, maintaining, and repairing the equipment we all use. It is really disheartening to see it intentionally shot up and damaged. You pay dues, you volunteer your time, its your club, its my club. We have one of the best clubs in the state. Let's all do are part to keep it that way. If you are one of those I am talking about, please think about this and use our facilities appropriately. If you are not, please speak up and correct and/or report those who are damaging your place to shoot.

Pin Shoot at DRRC

George Schneider

How do you combine the fun of a Turkey Shoot with the competitive spirit of IPSC? The answer is Bowling Pins! Depending on who I talk to, they've either been done before or not at DRRC, but the consensus is that it's been a while, so I'd like to make my initial offering to my new shooting club by putting on a Pin Shoot.

It'll be on March 11. That's a Saturday, and we'll be on the Silhouette Range from 9am to finishing the shoot. There will be 5 Classes: Rimfire Iron Sight; Rimfire Any Sight, Centerfire Revolver Any Sight; Centerfire Pistol Iron Sight and Centerfire Pistol Any Sight. For those not yet acquainted with Bowling Pin shoots, leave those doubts at home and come on down! Bring any handgun you even think you might want to enter. Bring at least 100 rds any target-load ammo, ball or lead, per gun.

The shooting is done at pins lined up on tables at 25 feet. It's a race. First you shoot to establish your time for pairings, and then pairs shoot off against each other, elimination-style until one champion emerges.

Gun smoke, adrenalin and just plain fun. Does it get any better than this?

Any questions, call George Schneider at 503/667-1095, and watch for flyers to come out soon.

Scouts Are Coming

Two Boy Scout troups will be at Douglas Ridge on March 17, 18 & 19. They will be camping out in the trees behind the 1000 yard berm by the Clubhouse on Friday and Saturday nights. On Saturday they will be using the Indoor Range, Archery Range and the #1 Trap from 9am until 4pm. They will also be visiting the Blackpowder shooters who will be at the Silhouette Range.

On Sunday they will be doing a service project for the club. This campout is being co-sponsored by DRRC, ODFW, OHA and NW SAFE. We would appreciate any knowledgeable adults helping out at each of their activities. Contact Michael Jones if you want to help.

FONRA Is Coming

Michael Jones

The Oregon Trails chapter of Friends Of NRA is having its annual Diner and Auction Fundraiser on Saturday, April 8th, beginning at 5 pm. There is a live auction, silent auction of many great items, special drawings and door prizes. Banquet tickets are \$35 each and if you order early you will be automatically entered into a special Early Bird Drawing. Douglas Ridge would like enough interested members to sponsor our own tables (8 people per table) - after all we are the 2nd largest gun club in Oregon. (The largest club is working on getting 100 of its members there.) I have attended for the past two years and I can tell you it is a *lot* of fun. How about joining us? Call Dan Wylie at 971/506-5840 or come to the General Meeting on March 2nd to reserve a spot.

Buy, Sell, Trade

Wanted: .308 Winchester cases made by Remington with small primer pockets. Jay 503/631-2566.

Wanted: NEW in the box .38 Special 148 grain Double Ended Wad-cutter ammunition. To be used in a Smith & Wesson model 52 automatic. Jay at 503/631-2566.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			-	2 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600 yd only 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd only 7-9pm General Meeting (CH)	က	4 9am-4pm USPSA/IPSC (Silh) 8am-5pm NRA Instructor Class (CH & Ind)
5 9:30-2:30pm Trap 9am-3pm BB & SB Pistol Silh (Silh) 8am-5pm NRA Instructor Class (CH & Ind)	6 7-9pm Board Meeting (CH)	7 8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance	&	9 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd only 1pm-sunset 300-600 yd only	10 6:30pm-9:30pm CMP (CH/Ind)	8am-4pm Hunter Ed Turkey Hunting Clinic (CH/Archery/Trap) 9am-5pm CMP Match (100- 200) 9am-3pm Pin Shoot Demo (Silh)
12 9:30am-2pm Sporting Clays 9am-4pm Action Pistol (Silh) 9am-5pm Women's Pistol Class (CH/Ind)	13 4:30pm-8pm Jr. Smallbore (Ind)	14 8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance	15	16 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600 yd only 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd only	97 Boy Scout Campout* *See Newsletter article for Ranges affected	18 Boy Scout Campout & Shoot* 9am-2pm Blackpowder (Silh) 4pm-sunset 3-Gun set up (Silh)
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DRRC Guest Fee Policy

Nils Bittner

I have noticed that many members bring a guest out to the club and the member or the guest is not paying the \$5 guest fee, most giving the excuse they knew nothing about it. The guest fee has been has been in existence for over 10 years and it is explained to every new member during orientation.

Remember, we are a member supported club and the guest fees really do help out the club's budget. So everybody, if you bring out a guest please pay the \$5 and enjoy yourself. If you need any further information please call any board member or me and we will explain the policy to you.