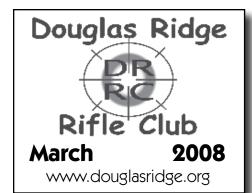
President's Report

By Stan Pate

I've seen an increase of members using the range lately so the shooting season must be just around the corner. I've talked with many of the discipline directors of DRRC about this coming season and ways to increase their individual match attendance, if they are going to have a match then they should enjoy a good turn out for all of the work they are putting in. When all of the national teams were here this last year they made it clear what a great facility that we have here compared to what they enjoy in their own countries, and at a fraction of the cost they have to spend. We are in deed lucky to have what we

It has gotten to be one of the most dreaded phone calls that can I get these days, another member and a good friend has recently passed away. Long time club member and my good friend James Mura passed away from an infection and stroke in the hospital, he will be sorely missed by both myself and many of us at the club. I had the privilege and honor of getting to know him from the time we had to talk on Tuesday work days at the range, I enjoyed his humor, his stories, and the well timed questions that often lead to answers as to how to accomplish something we were working on at the time. We had a moment of silence for him at our last general meeting and I hope that many of you reading this article will remember him fondly from time to time, he spent a lot of time trying to help us all. Our hearts are with his family in this time of morning for a father, husband, and friend.

Desera Frentress continues to develop and encourage the kids in the junior small-bore program. Her youth, energy, and expertise continue to attract kids that want to learn and some who would like to compete in small-bore at various levels of competition. If you've ever been curious as to how this program is run, then perhaps you should come to the Clubhouse on a scheduled Monday evening to observe what some of your membership money supports. We are training the next generation of youth in the safe, and proper handling of



firearms, hopefully this will encourage the sport beyond what we might ever live to see.

For those of you who are not already on the email list for the Oregon State Shooting Association you might consider 1)joining this organization or 2) at least going onto their web site to sign up for their email alerts for gun related laws that are coming before the house or senate. There have been many new proposed laws and bills popping up that it is very difficult to keep up with them, or to decipher them if you do become aware of them. The OSSA alert system makes some sense out of the legalese in the bills in the attempt to give it to you in plain English, and the people you need to contact to voice your opinion. The web site is www.ossa.org.

As usual I hope to see all of you on the range doing what we joined the club for in the first place. Please say hi if you see me there.

Sportsmans Show

Douglas Ridge owes a special thanks to Carl Hayes for his great work in recruiting workers for the NRA booth and the FONRA booth at the February Sportsman Show at the Expo Center. Thanks also to the DRRC members who volunteered.



Jim Mura

With great sadness we announce the death of Jim Mura, on January 25, 2008. Jim became a member of DRRC in 1990. Soon after, he actively volunteered on hunter sight-in days, attended monthly club meetings, participated in Youth Day, and brought his sons and grandsons to the range for shooting practice.

Most recently, he arrived every Tuesday morning for work party day with fresh eggs from his farm to share with other club members. He loved working on the range keeping it in good order, and he cherished the friendships he made along the way. Jim lived in Eagle Creek for 25 years just a few miles from the range. His love of the outdoors, hunting, fishing, camping and the shooting sports is a legacy he's passed on to his 6 children and 15 grandchildren. His family suggest remembrances in Jim's honor be sent to DRRC to support the Club he loved. Condolences may be sent care of Kevan and Molly Hoffarth (Jim's daughter), 15078 SE Robinette Court, Milwaukie, OR 97267.

Time To Rest

By Charlie McAlister

Now having to say good bye to two good friends within a very short time frame I find myself feeling tired. As I sit here wondering what to say about my friend Dan Wylie, that tiredness I feel gives me reason to rejoice in his life. Here is a man who in the last months of his life had every reason to feel tired. Battling cancer and chemo no one would have thought less had Dan just sat back and said I'm tired, not today, I'm done. That was not Dan he was there when you needed him, right to the end. His wife Judy says that DRRC was his home away from home. As often as he was at the club I wonder if at times it might not have seemed the other way around. For 19 years as a member of DRRC, Dan was dedicated to the betterment of our club and it showed in everything he did.

After having driven up and down Hwy 224 many times and passing by the

Douglas Ridge Rifle Club sign, one day my wife (Sheri) and I decided to check it out and see what DRRC was all about. The gate was open so we drove in. The clubhouse parking lot had a lot of cars in it so it seemed someone was home. We parked and tentatively got out and walked towards the clubhouse. Many guys were standing around talking hardly giving us a notice. As we approached from the middle of the group of guys comes a person in an orange hat and vest with patches and pins all over them. He saunters over to us and says, "Hi I am Dan, can I help you"? Sudden relief on our part as in that moment we now know DRRC is not a bunch of gun toting paramilitary survivalists looking to recruit the passerby. We get the tour and low down on DRRC and before you know it we are members. Dan made us feel welcome right from the beginning. Dan had a way of doing that, making you feel welcomed.

As Sheri and I became more involved in the club we started to see a lot more of Dan, Dan seemed to be everywhere. We started to talk and become friends, the three of us. Like of lot of gun toting good old guys Dan did at times shall we say "used colorful language". Not being used to having lady folk around no one seemed to mind it much... and then there was Sheri. Sheri started telling Dan, "Each time you use one of those words it's going to cost you a quarter, and if you use that one word, it's a buck". Dan laughed, Sheri smiled, but she meant it. Dan lost a few quarters, Sheri never made him pay up on the bucks, but the friendship was made and the "quarter" was the standing joke. But let it be know, after a short while, Dan never used those words in the presence of his friend Sheri. I loved Dan for that, he was a good man and a good friend.

Hardly was there a time when we were at the club that Dan wouldn't eventually show up. He would visit with us during an IPSC match, attend and offer his wisdom at our CMP classes, and many times help me run CMP matches by running the line or as the pit boss. Dan offered his direction to many new members during orientations many times offering special orientations to

those who couldn't make the scheduled ones. Dan was like that, he went out of his way to help you, even if he didn't know you. You would regularly find Dan in the clubhouse returning phone calls, doing paper work, helping maintain the range, and acting as an RSO at many different events. Dan cared, and it showed.

I imagine for a while when at the range I will swear I hear that unique voice behind me saying, "How ya doin' Charlie" only to turn around and find no one there. I already miss you Dan.

Dan never seemed to tire. Through thick and thin, battling cancer and nasty chemo treatments Dan was there for anyone who needed him... right up to the end.

It's your turn to rest Dan, we will carry on.

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The Equalizer

"The gun has been called the great equalizer, meaning that a small person with a gun is equal to a large person, but it is a great equalizer in another way, too. It insures that the people are the equal of their government whenever that government forgets that it is servant and not master of the governed. When the British forgot that they got a revolution. And, as a result, we Americans got a Constitution: a Constitution that, as those who wrote it were determined, would keep men free. If we give up part of that Constitution we give up part of our freedom and increase the chance that we will lose it all. I am not ready to take that risk. I believe that the right of the citizen to keep and bear arms must not be infringed if liberty in America is to survive." Ronald Reagan

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 8am-1pm Hunter Ed. (CH/Ind) 9am-4pm USPSA/IPSC (Silh) 9am-2pm Benchrest (100/200)
2 9am-2:30pm Trap 9am-3pm Handgun Silhouette (Silh)	3 4:30-8pm Jr. Smailbore (CH/Ind)	4 8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance	2	Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd 1pm-sunset 300-600yd 7pm-9pm General Meeting	7 6pm-9pm CMP Class (CH/Ind)	8 8am-4:00pm CMP Match (100/200) 8am-4pm NRA Instructor Class (CH/Ind) Newsletter Due
9 DST Begins 9am-2pm Sporting Cleys 8am-4pm NRA Instructor Class (CH/Ind) 9am-3pm Action Pistol (Silh)	4:30-8pm Jr. Smailbore (CH/Ind)	8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance 6pm-9pm Master Hunter (CH/Ind)	6-9pm Ladies' Night (CH/Ind) 8am-5pm LE: PPB SERT (Silh)	13 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600yd 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd	14	9am-2pm (Siih) PVLR Blackpowder Match 8am-5pm ODFW BOW (CH/Arch) 4pm-sunset 3-Gun setup
16 9am-2:30pm Trap 9am-5pm 3-Gun (Silh)	4:30-8pm Jr. Smallbore (CH/Ind)	18 8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance	19 6pm-9pm Lady Pistol Class (CH/Ind)	20 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd 1pm-sunset 300-600yd	21	22 9am-5pm Pistol & CC Class (CH/Ind)
23 Easter 9am-2pm Sporting Clays	24 4:30-8pm Jr. Smallbore (CH/Ind)	25 8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance	26 6-9pm Ladies' Night (CH/Ind)	27 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600yd 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd 7pm-9pm Board Meeting	28	29 9am-5pm High Power 800 Agg. (200-600yd) 10am -4pm Church Group (CH/Ind)
30 9am-5pm Long Range Palma. (800-1000)vd)	31 4:30-8pm Jr. Smallbore (CH/Ind)		0	Calendar Codes CH/Ind Clubhouse & Indoor Range Arch Archery Range 100/200 100/200 Yard Range Silh Silhouette Range Long Range	• Trap • SC • LE • NRA	Trap Range Sporting Clays Range Law Enforcement (training) NRA Classes



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> April 3 at 7 pm May 1 at 7 pm June 5 at 7 pm

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> April 24 at 7 pm May 29 at 7 pm June 26 at 7 pm