

Shooter Courtesy, Where Do You Fit In?

Charlie McAlister

Shooter #1 – This shooter is into absolute accuracy. He works up his loads to within a .01 of a grain of powder, weighs each bullet to make sure all are within .1 of a grain of each other. He meticulously prepares his brass and makes sure each bullet is seated to the exact same depth and that the cartridge is true in alignment. At the range he only brought the one rifle and maybe 50 rounds that he spent hours loading. He tracks every shot and impact location looking for the best group within a fraction of an inch. He may only shoot one round every minute or two and may even clean the bore of his rifle between shots. Concentration is part of his game. His groups are the best and he likes what he is doing. This club is for him.

Shooter #2 – He wants his guns to be accurate but if they are on paper he is okay. If they are in the black he is happy and all smiles. If they are in the 10 or X ring he is ecstatic. But mostly he likes to plink and put rounds down range. At the range he brings several rifles and pistols, lots of ammo, and a few friends. This guy just likes the idea of shooting and the sound of guns, all guns. He especially likes rapid fire and it is not uncommon for him to load up a few 20 or 30 round mags and put rounds down range as fast as he can. He doesn't care about groups and he likes what he is doing. This club is for him.

Today both shooter #1 and shooter #2 are at the range at the same time. Shooter #1 needs to concentrate and focus and shooter #2 just wants to have fun and blast away. So who is the range for today? It is for both of them, but now is the time for extra shooter courtesy. One of the great things about our 100/200 yard rifle range is it is covered, great for those rainy days. One of the lousy things



about our 100/200 yard line is that it is covered and the noise and shot concussion is intensified as it bounces around within the covered area. So today the burden of being extra courteous is on the shooter who wants to do some rapid firing.

Is rapid firing okay? Sure it is as long as you maintain control of your firearm, all rounds impact within the target or target berm, you are not destroying target frames or other property, and you are being courteous to your fellow shooter. This may have been the long way to get here, but the point is, if you are a rapid fire shooter (which I admit I do now and then) we need to show some simple courtesy to our fellow shooters. It is very simple, if you want to shoot more than a few rounds of rapid fire move to the north end of the range out side of the covered area and shoot at the metal clangers (since groups are not the point when rapid firing). When outside the covered area the noise and concussion of rapid fire is much less. Remember, be safe, courteous, and have fun.

Environmental Stewardship

Joe Keller

Douglas Ridge has created an Environmental Stewardship Plan for our range. The plan was prepared by AMEC Earth & Environmental, Inc. (AMEC), and includes the best management practices for management of lead at outdoor shooting ranges. These best management practices were

developed with input from the Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality, and exceed what the federal EPA recommends. The Environmental Stewardship Plan provides guidance for operating our club cost effectively in a way that protects human health and the environment.

The goals of the Environmental Stewardship Plan are:

- Assess the physical setting of and operations at the DRRC facility;
- Provide operation and management procedures to prevent the off-site migration of lead into the surrounding environment through erosion, groundwater transport, and/or surface water runoff;
- Minimize the potential for human and environmental exposure to lead and range materials; and
- Develop policies and procedures for the long-term management of lead and lead compounds at the facility.

The plan of action for general management of DRRC includes: permanently abandoning water wells not in use; erosion and sediment controls for any construction or maintenance projects that involve ground disturbance; communicating operating procedures regarding lead to volunteers on projects through a Lead Awareness Fact Sheet; using qualified contractors for any work with potential exposure to lead; and properly recycling or disposing of potentially hazardous waste. In addition, DRRC is creating a baseline assessment and five-year monitoring and reporting of the Corps Ditch sampling analysis. The sampling results will be reported to the DEQ. DRRC will maintain all records and documents for these procedures.

Along with the actions we have already been taking with our specific ranges, additional best management practices are identified. For the 100/200, Long Distance and Silhouette ranges, they include vegetation to prevent erosion;

soil pH monitoring; phosphate amendment as required; containing storm water runoff at the Silhouette range; annual inspection of berms and lead removal as appropriate; removing rocks from berm faces and adding sand to the berms.

For the Trap range and Sporting Clays course, new management practices will include: biodegradable targets; shot size limited to 7-1/2; annual vegetation inspections; soil pH monitoring and phosphate amendment; annual inspection of shot accumulation and contractor removal of lead when necessary; and reorienting the sporting clays stations to ensure lead is confined to DRRC property.

This Environmental Stewardship Plan has been included in DRRC's agreement with the Oregon DEQ. The Club will report annual summaries of our plan implementation to DEQ. Based on the DEQ investigation, no reclamation of lead is currently required.

All DRRC members are encouraged to become familiar with our environmental controls, and help ensure that we provide a safe and healthy environment while maintaining the superior shooting opportunities that we enjoy.

Works Hours... Time to Plan

Charlie McAlister

If you do not have your works hours in yet it is time to plan how you are going to get it done. A good way to get your work hours in or even just help out in the maintenance of your club is to participate in our annual work day.

Saturday, April 17th
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Lunch is provided and be sure to wear appropriate clothing for working outdoors, rain or shine. Be sure to bring the tools of your trade as appropriate and any rakes, shovels, loppers, pitch forks, and gas powered weed eaters you may have. No matter what anyone says, remember to turn in your work slip for this day to make sure you get credit, **do not forget**. So whether you can work all day or just part of the day come on out and help support our maintenance efforts. If you have any questions regarding the work day, please contact Ron Carey at 503/668-4212.

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WORTH DEFENDING.**



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Douglas Ridge Rifle Club

March 2010

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | | 8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance | 6-9pm Ladies' Night (CH/Ind) | 4 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600yd 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd 5pm- Jr Shotgun Practice (Sandy Shotgun Club) 7pm-9pm General Meeting | 6pm-9:30pm CMP Class (CH/Ind) | 6 9am-4pm USPSA/IPSC (Silh) 8am-4pm CMP Match (100/200) 8a-5p NRA HFS Instr (CH/Ind) |
| 7 9a-3p Pistol Silh (Silh) 9a-5p High Pwr Cascade Leg 800 Agg (100yd) 8a-5p NRA HFS Instructor (CH/Ind) 5p-8p Jr Smallbore (CH/Ind) 10a-2p Jr Shotgun (Sandy Shotgun Club) | 8 6:30p-8:30p LRPC Meeting (CH/Ind) Newsletter Submissions Due | 9 8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance | 10 | 11 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd 1pm-sunset 300-600yd 5pm- Jr Shotgun Practice (Sandy Shotgun Club) | 12 | 13 4p-8p CH/Ind Closed for Maintenance |
| 14 8a-8p CH/Ind Closed for Maintenance | 15 | 16 8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance | 17 6-9pm Ladies' Night (CH/Ind) | 18 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600yd 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd 5pm- Jr Shotgun Practice (Sandy) | 19 | 20 9am-2pm Black Powder (Silh) 9a-11p New Member Orientation (Ind/CH) 3pm -?pm 3-Gun Setup (Silh) |
| 21 9am-5pm 3-Gun (Silh) 4:30pm-8pm Jr Smallbore (CH/Ind) 10a-2p Jr Shotgun (Sandy Shotgun Club) | 22 6:30p-8:30p LRPC Meeting (CH/Ind) | 23 8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance | 24 | 25 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd 1pm-sunset 300-600yd 5pm- Jr Shotgun Practice (Sandy Shotgun Club) 7pm-9pm Board Meeting | 26 | 27 7:30a-9a HiPower (CH) 9am-5pm Hi Power 800 Agg @200/300/600yd NRA Approved 3p-5p HiPower (CH) |
| 28 7:30a-9a HiPower (CH) 9am-5pm Hi Power Long Range Palma+20 (1000yd) NRA Approved 3p-5p HiPower (CH) 5pm-8pm Jr Smallbore (CH/Ind) | 29 | 30 8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance | 31 6-9pm Ladies' Night (CH/Ind) | | | |

Calendar Codes

- CH/Ind Clubhouse & Indoor Range
- Arch Archery Range
- 100/200 100/200 Yard Range
- Silh Silhouette Range
- LR Long Range

Calendar Codes

- Trap Trap Range
- SC Sporting Clays Range
- LE Law Enforcement (training)
- NRA . . . NRA Classes
- TSB Tactical Shotgun Bay

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2010: 3/25, 4/29, 5/27, 6/24, 7/29, 8/26, 9/30, 10/28, 11/18, 12/30.
2011: 1/27

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