## **The President's Corner**

Chuck Adams, DRRC President

I have not yet shared any personal thoughts about our club. Since being appointed as President I get to see this club from a different perspective. We are a group held together by a common interest and have a place to improve our skills, to meet, and to share ideas and knowledge. Membership is up about 4% over last year. If you have been out to the ranges you see improvements and change.

Classes continue to be popular and two new classes in reloading have been added to the club calendar; they are full as of the last membership meeting. The ladies classes are filled but more will be offered in the fall. This February the Hunter Education classes start.

None of these things happen without the efforts and work of club members and your Board. As a member I hope you will become involved in the programs and activities of DRRC. Involvement is positive for both member and DRRC. Whether you come out to work in the rain and cold spring weather on the Tuesday work parties, hold down a shift at the DRRC gun table at a gun show, spend hours working in the background keeping the membership and financial wheels turning, or step forward and say "I'd like to work on this" discipline or project - you will grow and the club will benefit. Take the time to speak to a new member at their first club meeting. Get acquainted with each other and you will be surprised at the things you can learn.

On a personal note – I am not a hunter and hardly ever shoot a rifle but I love the wilderness. I spent 32 years as a volunteer for High Altitude Mountain Rescue. Recent events with the loss of life on Mt Hood bring back lots of memories. As a kid growing in Eugene my dad taught me to shoot in the hills above Oakridge off the Willamette Pass. At home we had a small



handgun range in the unfinished basement and that's where I did most of my shooting – 22 LR. I have two married sons – one in the Salem Keizer area and one in Camp Sherman. We get together a few times a year for practice outings.

I welcome your ideas or suggestions for DRRC; my only "requirement" is that you identify yourself so I can make contact if necessary.

### **How Fast Is Too Fast**

Charlie McAlister

27... 28... 29... and 30! Now you've got that 30 round mag loaded and your thinking, "I wonder just how fast I can shoot 30 rounds." Depending on what you're shooting the cost of the ammo may make that decision for you. But if money is no object then safety becomes your next and most important concern. So how fast is too fast? The answer is really quite simple. If you cannot keep ALL rounds on target, you are shooting too fast. Consider the following:

All rounds must be contained in the appropriate impact berm for the range you are using.

Rounds should not be hitting target frames or standards.

While they may not hold 30 rounds, this also applies to pistol shooting in the indoor range where recoil control is very critical. We have been here since 1956 and have a perfect safety record when it comes to bullets leaving the muzzle and we need to keep it that way. Uncontrolled rapid fire is not safe or responsible use of a firearm. So slow it down and keep it in control.

On another note; if you are going to do some controlled rapid fire please use courtesy in your lane choice. Don't set up right next to the guy practicing bench rest or trying to sight in his new scope. Make sure you have a few lanes between you and other shooters so they are not being pelted by your brass and concussed by your muzzle blast. Common courtesy will go a long way to ensure we have a positive experience at DRRC.

#### Archery Range News Al Meteney

We hope to have the Archery Range in good repair by springtime for all archers or potential archers to use. For those interested in an entry level class (kids or adults), contact Archers Afield in Tigard at 503/639-3553. We hope to have them put on a class on our range this spring, depending on interest. Equipment is provided and the fee is reasonable. All suggestions for improving the Archery Range are welcome; those with suggestions are encouraged to participate in making our range the best that it can be. Anyone with questions or comments should call Al at 503/891-9699.

Also, Project Manager Ron Carey reminds members that when using the Archery Range, follow the existing tire tracks across the fairway. And if the ground is soft from heavy rain, please park and walk to the Archery Range to avoid tearing up the turf and creating ruts.

The Archery Range is normally available for use during all regular shooting times except Thursdays, when the Archery Range is closed for Long Range Day. But it will also be closed for other Long Range shooting activities such as Black Powder Cartridge matches. Please check the calendar to ensure a Long Range shooting activity is not taking place before coming out to use the Archery Range.

# Introducing the Dynamic Range

Joe Keller

In January, the Board recommended to the membership and the membership approved the construction of a block wall to divide the 100/200 Yard Range and the Known Distance Range. The wall will run from the end of the covered 100 Yard Line to the 100 Yard target berm. The goal of this wall is to allow the use of the Long Distance Range from the 200 Yard shooting berm to the target berms at the same time and independent of the 100/200 Yard Range, increasing the utilization of our range space.

The Board has decided to call this enhanced range area our Dynamic Range. Chet Davis is working to obtain various steel targets and barriers so that DRRC can develop a premier range for offering instructional classes, training facilities for local law enforcement and military agencies, and new shooting opportunities in the dynamic shooting sports for Club members. For example, a tactical pistol class could be conducted on the Dynamic Range, while the 100/200 Yard and the Silhouette ranges are open for general membership shooting. Be sure to watch the newsletters and web site for further developments and scheduling of events on the Dynamic Range.

By the time this article is published, work will already have begun on the wall. Club Project Manager Ron Carey took advantage of a spell of dry weather to construct the gravel

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#### **General Meetings** 2012: 04/05, 05/03, 06/07, 07/05

**Board Meetings** 2012: 04/26, 05/31, 06/28, 07/26

"If it be asked, What is the most sacred duty and the greatest source of our security in a Republic? The answer would be, An inviolable respect for the Constitution and Laws – the first growing out of the last." Alexander Hamilton

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foundation for the wall on Tuesday and Wednesday February 7th and 8th. Shooting on the 100/200 Yard Range was closed. Then on Wednesday, Ron was able to begin construction of the block wall. The weather opportunity allowed for transportation and placement of the blocks. About 350 of the blocks were delivered, and a trackhoe was used to carry the blocks and lift them into place. The blocks are 2' wide, 22" tall, and either 5'9" or 11'6" long. The wall is 5 rows high, for an overall height of approximately 9'.

At the time of writing this article, construction was expected to continue until Friday the 11th. This also meant that some additional range closures were required for the 100/200 Yard Range and Long Range Day that Thursday. Thanks for the patience of all the members as we worked on this project.

#### **Work Hours Reminder**

Charlie McAlister

Hi, your favorite writer is here again. It is time for a friendly reminder that if you have not already done so you will want to be sure and get your work hours done to avoid that ever popular \$150 work hour assessment on your renewal statement in May. If you are not sure about vour work hours remember vou can now check your hours online. The online data is kept reasonably up to date but if you worked hours in the last 2-3 weeks they may not be posted just vet. Here is the URL to info on how to check your hours online www. douglasridge.org/zoho\_instructions.pdf. If you are still living in the nineteenth century and don't own a computer feel free to call me. My number is on our website, okay now I am kidding, if you really don't own a computer call me at 503/351-8360 and I can check on your work hours if you are not sure.

Our annual work day is on April 21, 2012 and you can put in your full 8 hours on that day. But do remember that April 21st is your last opportunity to complete your work hours for credit for the current membership year. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

#### **Member Stories**

Anyone have interesting stories to share? Anything having to do with shooting, hunting and military experiences. Share humurous or serious adventures with the rest of the DRRC members. If you witnessed or were involved in something you'd like to share, here's your opportunity to tell your story in the newsletter. You can remain anonymous or you can attach your name and take the credit (or abuse). Send to bruceh@ ccwebster.net.