

Safety Corner

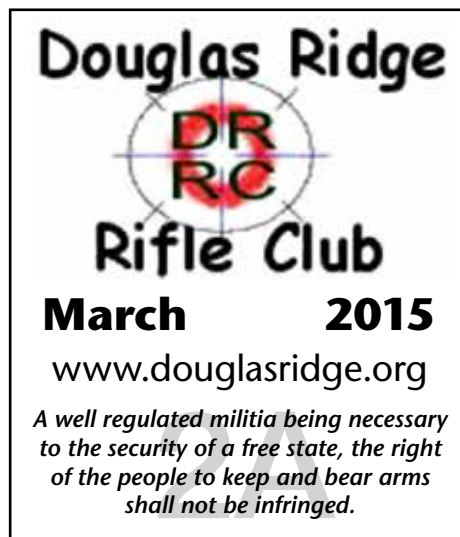
Mike Holder, CRSO

I watched the news last night (1/28/2015) and found that a Vancouver Washington range had a round leave the property and hit a lady tending her garden. At that time the range was closed. The reason I bring this up is to show the necessity of keeping all rounds on the property. That is why those big dirt piles are downrange, they stop the fired bullets. They're called Berms, and that is what they're there for. Use them! The lady was treated and released, but we don't need our neighbors harmed.

By the time this is published, I hope that the Board has approved changes to the SOP regarding the use of steel on the approved for steel ranges, and added a requirement for shooters under 18 to wear safety glasses. Not a bad idea for the shooters over 18 either. Protect your eyes, they're the only ones you'll get in this lifetime. If you don't know how serious this is, I can introduce you to someone that didn't, and it was a struggle for him to get his sight restored, he was lucky.

I want to remind everyone that the Indoor range is getting abused. There are indications of rounds hitting where they're not supposed to causing extra work and a dangerous situation. We have cameras installed, so be on notice that you are being watched.

Someone took it on themselves to shoot at the 3-Gun steel at the last match with Armor Piercing ammo which damaged the steel. That range was closed to everyone that was not part of the match. Unfortunately, the steel is damaged beyond repair which is expensive to replace. If you want to shoot steel, bring your own and do not shoot at someone else's without their permission. As you should know, AP rounds are forbidden. If you don't know, make sure. Ask an RSO or Terry the Range Host. If you bring any



steel to the property, take it home. It is your responsibility to clean the range. Our Range Host and the Tuesday Work Crew don't like cleaning up your mess.

There are some 3-Gun and USPSA barricades on the Silhouette that were used as target stands. If you need a target stand, take a look around, they develop legs and may be on another range. But use those instead of some other piece of equipment.

I'm instructing all Range Safety Officers to not accept the "I didn't know that" for an excuse. You have online access to the SOP. You have ample opportunity to attend a refresher Orientation. The Board is just as annoyed at the damage and lack of consideration as I am. If you can't follow the rules, or are out just shooting up the place, maybe you should just move on down the road. We can't afford you. I don't need the aggravation.

Some Folks Need to Get a Clue

By Joe Keller, V.P.

I do not know what some shooters are thinking on the range lately. As reported by our CRSO, someone used the USPSA barricades as a target backer, tacking the targets to the plywood, and damaging them. See the picture nearby. Also, an RSO recently

showed me a picture of a paper plate full of holes stapled to the leg of a portable target stand. Folks, any time you are shooting at your target and hitting wood, you are doing it wrong! Paper targets need to be stapled to the cardboard or plastic backing boards provided for your use.

If you observe someone shooting at inappropriate targets, please try to obtain their name and report it to a Board member. Vandalizing behavior is subject to a disciplinary hearing and possible suspension of Club membership. There are no excuses for this shooting behavior.

Elections on the Horizon

Chuck Adams

If you are like most of us you are probably wondering just where did the month of January go? How about February? It is now, or almost now, March. In a very short time DRRC will be electing members to the Board of Directors to replace those whose term is expiring this year. If you or someone you know would like the opportunity to serve your Club in the coming years 2015-16-17, now is the time to be thinking about that.

In the weeks ahead you may submit nominations to Chuck Adams via email via the DRRC website or to Hal Halverson, Club President. See the Contacts page on the DRRC web; email links can be found there. Job descriptions are available, contact Chuck Adams for a copy.

This year we will be electing a Vice President, a Treasurer, and three Directors for the Board. Our Treasurer Christine Walters has decided not to run for another term. All other current Board members are eligible to run again, but that does not mean we don't want other candidates.

Elected members of the Board serve a two year term and may serve a second two year term if re-elected. Members nominated will be presented to the membership at

the June membership meeting. The election of new Directors will take place at the July Annual Meeting of the Members.

WANTED

Nominee for DRRC Treasurer. This is a specialized position and does require time on site for the person chosen. Knowledge of Quick Books or similar computerized accounting system or a strong willingness to learn is important. If you know of someone in the Club who has a background in accounting or bookkeeping encourage them to become involved. Backup and training classes can be provided and Christine will be available to assist the new person with Club procedures.

Equipment Inventory

Chuck Adams

As you may know DRRC is growing the last few years. Membership is up about 14% this year. With growth comes new programs, training opportunities, additional equipment and supplies. Discipline Directors must budget for necessary supplies for their matches and programs. Existing equipment must be maintained for the upkeep of the campus grounds.

The DRRC Board of Directors will be considering a revised and upgraded inventory control program. The purpose of this is to manage our programs and supplies in a manner that is financially responsible. From inventory reports to counting weed whackers we need to be able to forecast future needs and make good use of the equipment we now own.

If you are a Discipline Director you will be expected to be accountable for the supplies and equipment used in your discipline. You will be expected to know what remaining inventory you have during the year. From this you should be able to accurately plan your operating budget for the next year.

If you are now or have been in the past involved in inventory control for a company your input can be helpful as we plan this process. Contact Chuck Adams if you have that experience or interest.

What is "Highpower"?

Carl Haggland, Highpower Director

Would you like to learn what it is that is fired at the longer known distance ranges at Douglas Ridge?

You can if you attend the Highpower Rifle Clinic that will be held March 28th & 29th.

Saturday the 28th will be classroom in the clubhouse. Register at 8:30 AM and class starts at 9 AM. Subjects to be covered will include; safety, shooting fundamentals, mental attitude, equipment, match procedure, pit operation, ammunition, and more. Participants will have the opportunity to learn rifle operation and practice shooting positions.

Sunday the 29th we will fire an 80 shot rifle match from the 200 yard firing line using the lower target pits. Experienced Highpower competitors will be on hand to coach the new participants. Sunday registration is from 8 AM to 8:45 AM in the clubhouse, firing begins at 9 AM.

For those who do not have their own rifle to use, rifles will be available for use along with ammunition. Ammunition cost is \$10 for juniors and \$25 for adults. Cost for the class is \$10; match fee is \$10, or both for \$10. Participation is open to all, members and non members, including juniors.

Preregistration is not required. For information contact: Carl Haggland at 503/539 7755 or highpower@ossa.org.

"The name of American, which belongs to you, in your national capacity, must always exalt the just pride of Patriotism, more than any appellation derived from local discriminations."

*George Washington,
Farewell Address, 1796*

"Our peculiar security is in the possession of a written Constitution. Let us not make it a blank paper by construction."

*Thomas Jefferson, Letter to Wilson
Nicholas, 1803*

General Meetings

2015: 04/02, 05/07, 06/04, 07/02

Board Meetings

2015: 04/23, 05/28, 06/25, 07/30

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March 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 am - 3:00 pm <i>Handgun Silhouette (Silh)</i> 11:30 am - 12:00 pm New Member Orientation setup (CH/Ind) 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm New Member Orientation (CH/Ind)	2	3 8:00 am - 12:00 pm All Ranges Closed For Maintenance 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm <i>JR Small Bore (CH/Ind)</i>	4 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm <i>Ladies Night (CH/Ind)</i>	5 Long Range Day 8a-1p (800/1000) 1p-Sunset (300/600) 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm General Meeting (CH/Ind)	6 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm <i>Service Rifle Clinic (CH/Ind)</i>	7 8:00 am - 2:00 pm <i>Service Rifle Match (100/200)</i> 9:00 am - 4:00 pm <i>USPSA (Silh/TSBDR)</i>
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins Newsletter articles due 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm <i>Cascade Firearms Training (CH/Ind)</i>	9	10 8:00 am - 12:00 pm All Ranges Closed For Maintenance 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm <i>Black Powder Cartridge (300/800)</i> 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm <i>JR Small Bore (CH/Ind)</i>	11	12 Long Range Day 8a-1p (300/600) 1p-Sunset (800/1000)	13	14 9:00 am - 2:00 pm <i>Archery Shoot (Arch)</i> 9:00 am - 1:00 pm <i>Mark Durand (CH/Ind)</i> 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm 3 Gun Setup (Silh/TSB/DR)
15 9:00 am - 5:00 pm 3 Gun (Silh/TSB/DR)	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 8:00 am - 12:00 pm All Ranges Closed For Maintenance 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm <i>JR Small Bore (CH/Ind)</i>	18 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm <i>Ladies Night (CH/Ind)</i>	19 Long Range Day 8a-1p (800/1000) 1p-Sunset (300/600)	20	21 8:00 am - 5:00 pm <i>Project Appleseed Known Distance (DR w/lower pits)</i> 9:00 am - 2:00 pm <i>Blackpowder Muzzleloader (Silh/TSB)</i>
22 8:00 am - 5:00 pm <i>Project Appleseed Known Distance (600)</i>	23	24 8:00 am - 12:00 pm All Ranges Closed For Maintenance 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm <i>JR Small Bore (CH/Ind)</i>	25	26 Long Range Day 8a-1p (300/600) 1p-Sunset (800/1000) 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Board Meeting (CH/Ind)	27 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm <i>Adult Small Bore (CH/Ind)</i>	28 8:00 am - 5:00 pm <i>Highpower Training Clinic (CH/Ind)</i>
29 Palm Sunday 8:00 am - 5:30 pm <i>Cascade Highpower League Match (DR w/lower pits)</i> 10:00 am - 1:30 pm Trap At Sandy gun Club	30	31 8:00 am - 12:00 pm All Ranges Closed For Maintenance 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm <i>JR Small Bore (CH/Ind)</i>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Calendar Codes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CH/Ind Clubhouse & Indoor Range • Arch Archery Range • 100/200 100/200 Yard Range • Silh Silhouette Range • LR Long Range </div>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Calendar Codes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trap Trap Range • TH Trap House • SC Sporting Clays Range • LE Law Enforcement (training) • NRA . . . NRA Classes • TSB Tactical Shotgun Bay </div>	

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Activities Pick Up in March

Joe Keller

Although it seems that winter has never really arrived, March brings spring and an increase in Club activities. Here's a review of some of them.

There are three different opportunities to engage in some type of Highpower shooting this month. On the 7th, there is a Service Rifle match shooting from the 100 Yard range. It is preceded by a clinic the night before covering the match basics and use of the M1 Garand. The Club has Garands to borrow for the match. Contact the match director Todd Hanson to inquire about space availability for the clinic. On the weekend of the 21st and 22nd, Appleseed is sponsoring a Known Distance event. This is a two day marksmanship clinic. On Saturday

the shooting will be at 25, 100 and 200 yards on the Dynamic range. Then on Sunday the shooting will be from 100 to 400 yards on the Known Distance range. There is a fee to participate. Contact the director Ben Edman to get more information and to sign up. Finally on the weekend of the 28th and 29th, a Highpower clinic and training match will be held. Carl Hagglund has an article elsewhere in the newsletter with the details. Bottom line, if you want to get some training in shooting centerfire rifles in competition this year, March is the month to get started.

For a quieter time, Frank Womack has his monthly Archery event on the 14th. Other regular events include Greg Watson and the Handgun Silhouette shooters who will be doing their thing on the 1st. Dan Carpenter and the USPSA pistol shooters will be shooting their stages on the 7th, while Markus

Wigle and the 3-Gun guys will be shooting on the 15th. Dave Kendall and the Black Powder Cartridge shooters will be practicing on the 10th after the work session. And Don Edwards and the Black Powder Muzzloaders will be smoking up the range on the 21st.

Glen Miller will have the Juniors shooting Smallbore as always every Tuesday evening. And Paul Meier will be helping the female shooters at Ladies Night on the first and third Wednesdays.

So get out there and have fun testing yourself and improving your skills.

DRRC on Facebook

If you didn't know or remember, Douglas Ridge Rifle Club is on Facebook. Check it out, and ask to be added to the list of people who can share there.