

President's Report

By Stan Pate

Hopefully it's finally drying out across the valley as you are reading this report. This month's report has some sad news for many club members as well as successes. As I've mentioned in earlier reports, it is very hard to keep the membership fully informed as to what is going on in a newsletter that is published a month after the article is written. To stay fully informed it is recommended that you attend the monthly meetings both to learn and to direct the path of this club.

First, we've had another very long time member Al Kitchen pass away Tuesday afternoon, April 8th. Al was a very good friend to a great many people at our gun club and he will be sorely missed at future events and around the range.

Most, if not all of you, are by now aware of the \$100 one time assessment fee voted in by the membership at the April General Membership meeting. If you haven't received the letter yet along with your membership renewal then you should shortly. I won't go into the details of the letter here, but will instead let the letter speak for itself. It is the hope of the board and membership that this will not cause an undue hardship on individual members, and that everyone understands that we have to fight the fight that has been brought to our door, and be prepared for whatever the future holds.

Many of you have noticed that the shotgun disciplines have been temporarily stopped. This was done at the direction of our club attorneys, and it is hoped that by the time you read this the ranges will be operational again. Your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated.

On a happier note, during the general membership meeting Desera Frentress, Small-bore Director, gave a report on the Junior Small-bore Program. The program continues to grow and experience more and more successes in the form of accomplished shooters. Jerika Wallace was pointed out as one of the success stories with her growing record of accomplishments, competitions and participation in the



adult small-bore league. This is a great program that you help support through your membership dollars, and a program that is planting the seeds for future competitive sports.

The gentleman that was reported as interested in the Club Host job unfortunately decided that he would be unable to fill the posting. It was unfortunate as it was felt he was a very good candidate for the job. We have now had two other people come forward inquiring about the position and interviews have taken place. Perhaps by the time you read this there will be a new range host on the range, I hope that if there is you'll take the time to introduce yourself and make them welcome.

Again, I have to mention that club elections are fast approaching in July and your participation is appreciated. There are several positions available to run for if you'd care to step up and have a go at it, or if you'd like to recommend someone that would be good for the job. I believe that to date we only have one person who is willing to run for one of the board positions. This is your chance to both give back and to help direct your club. Hope to see you on the range

Benchrest News

Kent Uhl

We had six different shooter classifications competing on April 5th and with help and cooperation from everyone the match progressed very smoothly. The new benches seemed to work out well. The small problem with the target numbers should be corrected by next month as they are scheduled for replacement during the club's annual work party.

Many thanks to Virgil Edwards for calling the line, to Art Hevy, our RSO, for keeping the line safe, to Ron Thalman and all those who helped him set targets.

The April Match class winners:
Congratulations gentleman!

- Ron Thalman 387-3x Open Class
- Kent Uhl 384-2x Heavy Class
- Frank Roulst 381-10x Military Rifle Mod Scope Class
- Virgil Edwards 370-0x Production Class
- Jesse Miller 316-3x Long Range Hand Gun
- Art Hevy 155-1x Plain Base Bullet Class

Our weather was typical for April in the northwest and most of us found the 200 yard course challenging; reading the wind... Thanks to all who helped make our match possible today. Till next month, take care

Range Improvements

The covered 100/200 yard rifle line has 17 new permanently positioned concrete/steel benches installed on the right hand side of the covered rifle range. This project, began as a concept over a year and a half ago, is now complete thanks to the many members who donated so much work time, technical expertise, money, and much of the material. Thanks to all who helped make the project possible and for your contributions.

Our new benches are ambidextrous, comfortable to sit at, and solid enough for shooting precision rifles. There is 30 inches of space for the shooter to sit and 20 inches between the benches to walk through. All of the new benches were designed to be ADA friendly, but the two benches on the far right side, closest to ADA parking, are set higher and are designated ADA complaint.

While the bench project is complete, we still need to build 15 new shooting stools, finish cutting additional carpet for the bench tops, and complete the renumbering of the target frames.

The newer moveable shooting benches made with steel frames and wood tops have been moved to the left side of the line to better accommodate our CMP

and Long Range disciplines. Gravel has been placed on the walk areas in front of the target frames on the far left and right sides of the rifle range so that those positions are now useable during the wet seasons. All of the older style wood benches have been put in storage along with an additional seven new concrete benches to be used as necessary for hunter sight in days or larger matches requiring additional shooting benches on the line.

Cause for Concealed Carry

(Continued from last month)

Before I accept this responsibility, I must know the law governing it. I must know how I may carry, where I may or may not carry, and under what circumstances I may reveal, draw, or discharge my firearm; and I must know the consequences of being wrong in my ability to discriminate these circumstances.

As I accept this responsibility, I must understand that I will be expected to maintain a higher standard of behavior than my fellow citizen, and, it could be argued, a higher standard than even the Police, as should I make a mistake with my firearm, I will be required to defend myself against criminal charges, and I will not have the resources and influence of the Police Union to support me.

As I accept the responsibility, I must understand that I can not be allowed to make a mistake with my firearm, as one mistake will result, at the very least, in the suspension of my responsibility, and should I be convicted, the permanent revocation of that responsibility, and possible loss of my freedom.

As I accept this responsibility, I must understand the following:

I can not verbally reveal to anyone that I have a firearm in a manner that could be considered threatening, intimidating, or otherwise hostile without the existence of a credible threat.

I can not visually expose my firearm in a manner that could be considered threatening, intimidating, or otherwise hostile without the existence of a credible threat.

I can not draw my firearm in any manner without the existence of a lethal threat.

I can not discharge my firearm for any reason without the existence of a lethal threat.

As I accept this responsibility, I must understand that I can not allow myself to become involved in an easily avoidable physical, or even verbal, altercation while in possession of my firearm, and that I am required to attempt to leave or defuse a tense situation that may escalate. I must make every reasonable effort to "turn the other cheek" so that should I be forced to fight, it is only in self-defense of myself or others. I must always stay in control and keep a cool head. I can not give someone a piece of my mind in the parking lot, I can not belt the guy who is talking smack about my mother, I can not go drinking and get into a fight, I must avoid confrontation whenever possible.

As I accept this responsibility, I must understand that I can never be complacent as I carry, as I can not allow another to gain control of my sidearm, nor can I ever place an innocent in jeopardy because I am careless. I must make every effort, and bear every expense, in order to improve my skill with a firearm and my ability to safely use it.

I have to be better than a model citizen, I have to be an exemplary citizen.

I accept this responsibility not because I think "guns are cool" or because I want to be a gangsta, or because I want to make someone my "beyotch", or because I want to be a hero, or because I am expecting trouble and want to be tough; I am not so shallow in my self.

I accept this responsibility because the police, as honorable and courageous as they may be, can not be everywhere.

I accept this responsibility because criminals, and those that would do violence for their own purposes, respect no boundaries, and can ply their trade anywhere, from the slums to the gated communities.

I accept this responsibility because I firmly believe that the only person that is responsible for my defense is me, and that every citizen, not just the police, are responsible for the defense of the community. I accept this responsibility with the same honor and courage that calls me to the aid of others, whether they are in peril for their life, or they

merely stumbled on the sidewalk.

I bear this responsibility willingly and with love because I am a citizen of this great nation, and I want to protect it and all her people, and this desire imposes on me a duty to defend her with my skill, my determination, and possibly my life.

(<http://madrocketsci.blogspot.com/2008/02/and-i-carry-concealed.html>)

Contributors

Any items given to the Club need to be accompanied by a written statement which includes The name brand, and description of the item, the model number, serial number and be dated and signed by the donor. We need to be able to inventory and track all of our belongings and contributions. We sincerely appreciate all of your contributions. Thank you.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Calendar Codes</p> <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 • Trap Trap Range • SC Sporting Clays Range • LE Law Enforcement (training) • NRA . . . NRA Classes </div>				<p>1</p> <p>Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd 1pm-sunset 300-600yd</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7pm-9pm General Meeting</p>	<p>2</p> <p>4pm-6pm CHS Archery (Arch)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9am-7pm USPSA/IPSC (Silh)</p> <p>9am-2pm <i>Benchrest</i> (100/200)</p> <p>8am-5pm <i>Pistol & Concealed Carry Class</i> (CH/Ind)</p>
<p>4</p> <p>9am-3pm <i>Handgun Silhouette (Silh)</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p>4:30-dusk <i>Jr. Smallbore (Silh)</i></p>	<p>6</p> <p>8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6-9pm <i>Ladies' Night (Silh)</i></p> <p>8am-5pm LE: PPB SERT (Silh)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600yd 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Newsletter Submissions Due</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6pm-9pm <i>CMP Class</i> (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8am4:00pm <i>CMP Match</i> (100/200)</p>
<p>11 Mothers Day</p>	<p>12</p> <p>4:30-dusk <i>Jr. Smallbore (Silh)</i></p>	<p>13</p> <p>8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6pm-9pm <i>Lady Pistol Class (CH/Ind)</i></p> <p>9am-5pm LE – USFS (Silh)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd 1pm-sunset 300-600yd</p>	<p>16</p> <p>4pm-6pm CHS Archery (Arch)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>4pm-sunset 3-Gun setup</p>
<p>18</p> <p>9am-5pm 3-Gun (Silh)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>4:30-dusk <i>Jr. Smallbore (Silh)</i></p>	<p>20</p> <p>8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6-9pm <i>Ladies' Night (Silh)</i></p>	<p>22</p> <p>Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600yd 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9am-5:30 <i>Burden Mem. Long Range Regional Practice</i> (1000 yd & CH)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9am-5:30 <i>Burden Mem. Long Range Regional</i> (1000 yd & CH)</p>
<p>25</p> <p>9am-5:30 <i>Burden Mem. Long Range Regional</i> (1000 yd & CH)</p>	<p>26 Memorial Day</p> <p>9am-5:30 <i>Burden Mem. Long Range Regional</i> (1000yd & CH)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6pm-9pm <i>Lady Pistol Class (CH/Ind)</i></p> <p>8am-6pm LE Training (Silh)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Long Range Day Cancelled</p> <p>8am-6pm LE Training (Silh)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7pm-9pm Board Meeting</p>	<p>30</p> <p>4pm-6pm CHS Archery (Arch)</p> <p>8am-6pm LE Training (Silh)</p>	<p>31</p>

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 June 5, July 3, August 7

2008 Board Meetings
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 June 26, July 31, August 28

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New Officers Needed
Nils Bittner

It is that time of year again and as the past President I have been asked to write this. The Club needs some new officers. We need members to run for the offices that will be vacant and give some of the old officers a rest. It never hurts to have a change. This years openings are for President, Secretary, Executive Officer, and three Directors (Trustees). If you want to nominate someone please call 503/661-0324 and let me know who you would like to nominate. The elections will take place at the July General meeting. So call me soon and either nominate yourself or someone else. Have a say on how you feel Douglas Ridge should be operated.

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