

**November 2006**

**Douglas Ridge**



**Rifle Club**

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## **President's Report**

*Stan Pate, DRRC President*

I hope in the hustle and bustle of this holiday season that you are planning on attending the annual Christmas Party at the club house. It's a great time to meet and have fun with other members, eat great food, and perhaps collect a prize or two. Many people are working long and hard for your enjoyment, I can't wait to see each of you there.

The Agg. Building exterior is finished and it's time to start on the interior so that we can start using it. We need members to help in the work to prepare the interior of the building for the pouring of the concrete. The concrete work will be professionally done but the preparation work leading to the concrete is up to us. Helping in this project is a great way to spend some time on something that you can point to in the far distant future, and tell a friend or family member that you helped in building it for the range. Helping in projects on your range is a way to get a feeling of ownership in how things are done and what goes on, it becomes personal.

As you may have noticed much of the brush and limbs located in the trees along side the road down towards the 100 yard range is arranged into stacks, and some of it has

been chipped already. We have a great deal of work yet to do in cleaning up the remains of our tree thinning operation and your help would be greatly appreciated and helpful. As a rule the Tuesday work crews have been mainly the same individual members each and every week, it would be great to see some new faces. If you are interested in doing this there is much that can be done after work hours on both sides of the range whether it is to work off your work hours, or just to get a part of the job done.

Please take time this holiday season to remember all of our troops that are so far away, they are standing tall for us and cannot be here with their families. While I don't have a recommendation specifically on something that you can do for them, remember what they are giving up willingly for the job that they do while we are comfortable, safe, happy, and well fed at home. I don't know what their meals or living accommodations are like, or what all of the stress and troubles that their families here at home are going thru but I believe that if we knew, we'd be a lot less worried about our own troubles.

On behalf of my wife and myself we'd like to wish each and everyone of you a happy, safe, and fulfilling holiday season.

## **Archery Range Closures**

Archers: please note that the Archery Range is always closed during Sport Clays shoots and Long Range shoots past 600 yards. Please check the calendar. Also during very wet weather when we have standing water you will not have vehicle access.

## **Annual Christmas Party**

*Nils Bittner*

The Christmas Party is just around the corner. It will be December before you know it. This may seem like it is an early notice, well it is. But we wanted to make sure all the members and their families have the date in their calendars, date books, etc. This year's party is Thursday, December 7, starting at 7 pm. The party will take the place of the General Meeting. Ron Lucas and his wife, Jamie, have agreed to be the chefs again this year.

This will be a potluck event with members bringing many fantastic dishes and desserts. The Club will be furnishing the turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, ham, along with the rolls and butter, and all of your eating and drinking utensils. This year there will be a raffle for some type of gun to be announced in the next article and lots of neat gifts to be given away. This is going to be one of the best Christmas parties you will ever attend. See you all on Dec 7th.

## **Metal Chicken Massacre**

That's right, Big and Small Bore Pistol Silhouette shoots are back for the first Sunday in November. For those who have shot this in the past, you know how much fun it can be. For those who have not tried it, *come on out and have a blast*. For big bore (any thing bigger than a .22) will have metal silhouette targets in sets of 5 from 50 to 200 meters in the shapes of different animals. Small bore (.22 and pellet) is closer, but smaller targets always keep things interesting. Any question please contact me at [dgindlesperger@comcast.net](mailto:dgindlesperger@comcast.net)

## The Stearns/Boucher/ Allen Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Bill

H.R. 4547, introduced by U.S. Representatives Cliff Stearns' (R-Fla.) and Rich Boucher (D-Va.), and S. 3275, by Sen. George Allen (R-Va.), would allow any person with a valid concealed firearm carrying permit or license, issued by a state, to carry a concealed firearm in any state, as follows: In states that issue concealed firearm permits, a state's laws governing where concealed firearms may be carried would apply within its borders. In states that do not issue carry permits, a federal "bright-line" standard would permit carrying in places other than police stations; courthouses; public polling places; meetings of state, county, or municipal governing bodies; schools; passenger areas of airports; and certain other locations. The bill applies to D.C., Puerto Rico and U.S. territories. It would not create a federal licensing system; it would require the states to recognize each others' carry permits, just as they recognize drivers' licenses and carry permits held by armored car guards. Rep. Stearns has introduced such legislation since 1995.

- Today, 48 states have laws permitting concealed carry, in some circumstances. Forty states, accounting for two-thirds of the U.S. population, have RTC laws. Thirty-six have "shall issue" permit laws (including Alaska, which also allows carrying without a permit), three have fairly administered "discretionary issue" permit laws, and Vermont (and Alaska) allow carrying without a permit. (Eight states have restrictive discretionary issue laws.) Most RTC states have adopted their laws in the last decade.

- Citizens with carry permits

are more law-abiding than the general public. Only 0.01% of nearly 1.2 million permits issued by Florida have been revoked because of firearm crimes by permit holders. Similarly low percentages of permits have been revoked in Texas, Virginia, and other RTC states that keep such statistics. RTC is widely supported by law enforcement officials and groups.

- States with RTC laws have lower violent crime rates. On average, 22% lower total violent crime, 30% lower murder, 46% lower robbery, and 12% lower aggravated assault, compared to the rest of the country. The seven states with the lowest violent crime rates are RTC states. (Data: FBI.)

- Crime declines in states with RTC laws. Since adopting RTC in 1987, Florida's total violent crime and murder rates have dropped 32% and 58%, respectively. Texas' violent crime and murder rates have dropped 20% and 31%, respectively, since its 1996 RTC law. (Data: FBI.)

- The right of self-defense is fundamental, and has been recognized in law for centuries. The Declaration of Independence asserts that "life" is among the unalienable rights of all people. The Second Amendment guarantees the right of the people to keep and bear arms for "security."

- The laws of all states and constitutions of most states recognize the right to use force in self-defense. The Supreme Court has stated that a person "may repel force by force" in self-defense, and is "entitled to stand his ground and meet any attack made upon him with a deadly weapon, in such a way and with such force" as needed to prevent "great bodily injury or death." (Beard v. U.S., 1895)

- Congress affirmed the right to guns for "protective

purposes" in the Gun Control Act (1968) and Firearm Owners' Protection Act (1986). In 1982, the Senate Judiciary Committee Subcommittee on the Constitution described the right to arms as "a right of the individual citizen to privately possess and carry in a peaceful manner firearms and similar arms." *NRA Fact Sheet*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> 8am-5pm SERT Training (200-1000 yds)  <i>6pm-9pm Ladies' Pistol Class (CH/Ind)</i>	<b>2</b> Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd only 1pm-sunset 300-600 yd only  <b>7:30-9pm General Meeting (CH)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <i>9am-4pm USPSA/IPSC (Silh)</i>  9am-3pm Venture Scouts (#1 Trap)
<b>5</b> <i>9:30-2:30pm Trap</i>  <i>9am-3pm BB &amp; SB Pistol Silhouette (Silh)</i>	<b>6</b>  <b>7-9pm Board Meeting (CH)</b>	<b>7</b>  8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance	<b>8</b> LE Training 8am-10am (CH) 9am-5pm (Silh)  6pm-8:30pm Scouts (Ind)  Deadline for December Newsletter Articles	<b>9</b> Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600 yd only 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd only	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  9am-2pm Church Group Turkey Shoot (#1 Trap)
<b>12</b> <i>9:30am-2pm Sporting Clays</i>  <i>9am-4pm Action Pistol (Silh)</i>	<b>13</b> <i>5:00pm-8pm Jr. Smallbore (Ind)</i>	<b>14</b>  8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance	<b>15</b>  <i>6pm-9pm Ladies' Pistol Class (CH/Ind)</i>	<b>16</b> Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd only 1pm-sunset 300-600 yd only	<b>17</b>  Boy Scout Campout	<b>18</b> <i>9am-2pm Blackpowder (Silh)</i>  4pm-sunset 3-Gun set up (Silh)  Boy Scouts 8am-noon (CH/Ind) 1pm-5pm #1 Trap
<b>19</b> <i>9:30-2:30pm Trap</i>  <i>9am-sunset 3-Gun (Silh)</i>	<b>20</b> <i>5:00pm-8pm Jr. Smallbore (Ind)</i>	<b>21</b>  8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance	<b>22</b>  6pm-8:30pm Scouts (Ind)	<b>23 Thanksgiving</b>  Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600 yd only 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd only	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  <i>High Power Match 8am-5:30pm (200-600)</i>
<b>26</b> <i>High Power Match 8am-5:30pm (200-1,000)</i>	<b>27</b> <i>5:00pm-8pm Jr. Smallbore (Ind)</i>	<b>28</b>  8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance	<b>29</b>  <i>6pm-9pm Ladies' Pistol Class (CH/Ind)</i>	<b>30</b> Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd only 1pm-sunset 300-600 yd only		

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### Hunter Sight-In

Michael Jones

I'd like to thank all of the helpers that made this year's Hunter Sight-In a success. We had over one thousand guns and most of the shooters went home happy. We also gained a few new members. Also, I am looking for a couple of people to take over the Hunter Sight-In planning and operations for next year.

*"The real freedom of any individual can always be measured by the amount of responsibility which he must assume for his own welfare and security."*  
Robert Welch

*"I just wonder if it ain't just cowardice instead of generosity that makes us give most of our tips."*  
Will Rogers

Future General Meetings: Dec. 7, Jan. 4 • Future Executive Board Meetings: Dec. 11, Jan. 8

**Vote November 7th**