Presidents Report

Stan Pate, President

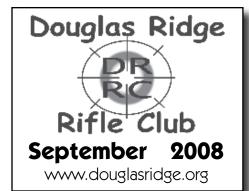
Hello everyone, it is hard to think that you'll be reading this in September; it is still August and we are in a heat wave as I'm writing this. I hope you are enjoying the range and the good weather; it will be cooling and becoming much damper soon.

We received a copy of the AMEC report that was sent to Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and it looks very good. It is written in a form that will take the attorneys to sort out the minute details but in an overview like this newsletter it doesn't look bad. It appears like the water samples taken on the range came back clean, and the sediment samples from my lay understanding do not look bad either. I believe that now DEQ has the remainder of the information they need to write their report. We can expect their report within 60 days according to information provided to me by them. I have been informed that the DEQ posts all of these reports, and you can view the AMEC report online at the DEQ website. As soon as the DEQ report comes out, it

Club Support

This article ran in Tri-County Gun Club's August newletter. Let your "brothers-in-arms" at Tri-County know how much we appreciate their support:

Tri-County Gun Club will help sponsor The Douglas Ridge Rifle Club's August registered Sporting Clays tournament which will be held at TCGC Sunday August 24th. The DRRC shotgun programs are on temporary hold pending finalization of the last DEQ test, on legal counsel. DRRC's infamous disgruntled exmember has bragged repeatedly about how much damage and expense he has caused the club with his multiple complaints. We want to help minimize the impact of this continuous litigation against one of the premier shooting clubs in the Northwest. You can demonstrate your support by shooting in this tournament or being part of a supportive audience.



as all other documents, will be public knowledge and should be posted on the DEQ website for you to view.

For those who weren't at the last general meeting the Department of Justice (DOJ), report has been sent to us and it looks very good. In the DOJ report there were no fines, penalties, or demands. As with the AMEC report you can view the DOJ report by going to their website and locating it. In the DOJ report there were several worthwhile recommendations made to us to improve the way we do business and to keep us above suspicion in the future. The board is currently looking at ways to implement many of the recommendations that the DOI has made for our club. Some of these changes will likely change the way that some of the shooting disciplines do their book keeping, and the way monies are handled.

One area that the DOJ hit on is an area that we already work very hard on and that is recruiting club members to run for board and officer positions. The DOJ strongly recommended that no officer or board member should stay longer than the term limits allowed in our bylaws; we whole heartedly agree. If you are like me, you didn't join the gun club to run for an office. Being a board member or officer at DRRC demands some of your time, it really can be some work to keep the range running so that

September Events to be Aware of:

9/6 Hunters Sight-In Coaching Clinic is canceled

9/19 BSA Scout Campout

9/20 BSA Scout Campout

9/28 Swap Meet at Clubhouse

others can enjoy it. I would challenge you that it is in running for one of the board or officer position you have the opportunity to gain the feeling of ownership in the club by serving other members.

The Pacific Northwest International Rifle Championships has just finished and as last year was a great success. Our attendance was down from our first year as is to be expected on an "off year". At least two new national records were qualified for with a third very likely. Of special note of the international shooters that traveled down here to the states was that the target service was world class, so much so that the Canadian shooters started passing the hat for a tip to be handed out to the target pullers. Club member Hal Halverson was responsible for supervising the target pullers. Michael Jones volunteered to run the line at this year's match and just like Hal Halverson he out did himself at the job.

As usual, I hope to see you at the range or at a club meeting. Keep the sun at your back and the barrel pointed down range.

RSO Class

We have had a request by a Club member to offer a Range Safety Officer class evenings during the week to accommodate those that cannot attend weekend classes. If there is enough interest I will try to schedule one. Please let me know if you might be interested in such a class.

Michael Jones, jonesc@teleport.com



Sunday, September 28 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Bring your toys, tools and miscellaneous. Tables are \$10. To reserve a table or for more information, contact Dick Jennings at 503/655-5405 after 6:30 PM.

Benchrest

Kent Uhl, Benchrest Director

We had a good turn out for our last Benchrest match of the season. Very light wind and pleasant temperatures helped push our overall scores a bit higher. One of our consistent top scoring shooters had an equipment failure and wasn't able to finish but did stay on to help with targets and scoring. A special thanks to Al Crowley and John Shaw who volunteered as the target crew this month. John Shaw also "cleaned" all his targets for a perfect 400.

August Match class winners:

- John Shaw 400-10x, Open Class
- Kent Uhl 388-8x, Heavy Class
- Virgil Edwards 377 3x, Production Class

Our next planned Benchrest match will be held the first Saturday of March 2009.

Shotgun Safety...

Safe gun handling consists of common sense, applied over and over and over again until it becomes instinct. All shooters must make sure they practice safe gun handling.

Safe Gun Handling

In simplest terms, safe handling of your shotgun is whatever prevents you from firing it accidentally, and preventing injury or damage if it does fire unexpectedly.

The primary rule is to always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction. Never point the muzzle at any person, animal or object you don't intend to shoot. The safest directions are upward or toward the ground (but not toward your foot or anybody elses).

Keep your finger off the trigger. Fight the natural tendency to put your finger on the trigger when you hold a shotgun. If you must curl it around something, use the trigger guard. The only time your finger should touch the trigger is at the instant you plan to shoot.

When not actively shooting, keep the gun unloaded, with the action open. Whenever you pick up a shotgun, develop the habit of opening the action and checking the chamber to verify that the gun is unloaded. Keep the gun unloaded with the action open until you are ready to use it.

More Safety Tips

Know your shotgun. Familiarity with your gun's basic parts and how they function is a prerequisite for safe shooting. Know how to open and close the action, and how to safely load and unload ammunition.

Don't depend on the gun's safety. Remember, the safety is a mechanical device, and it can break. The safety is not a replacement for safe gun handling.

Make sure gun and ammunition match. If there is any question about compatibility between the gun and ammunition, don't shoot! For example, the gauge of the shell must match the gauge of the shotgun. The gauge of the gun is usually stamped on the barrel. The gauge of the shell will be indicated on the box, and on each shell.

Don't carry shells of mixed gauge. Whenever you're through shooting, immediately remove unfired shells from your clothing. It can be disastrous to slip the wrong size shell in the chamber. Any blockage to a barrel, such as a wedged 20 gauge shell in a 12 gauge barrel, invites disaster.

Always check your gun for barrel obstructions. Barrel obstructions can cause the gun barrel to burst. If you've stumbled and jabbed the barrel into the ground, or crawled to surprise your quarry, unload and check the barrel for mud or snow before you shoot.

Be 100% sure of your target before you shoot, or don't shoot. And, be equally aware of what's beyond your target. If there's any possibility of a person being hit, don't shoot!

Protect your eyes and ears when shooting and when around shooters. Guns make noise which can detrimentally affect your hearing. Guns also emit powder fragments and gases that can injure your eyes. Ear protectors and safety glasses are a must for all shooting.

Shooting, alcohol and drugs don't go together. Don't drink and shoot.

Field Etiquette

In any situation, etiquette is just good manners. In shooting, good etiquette introduces another element of safety. Practice proper shooting etiquette in the field and you'll be a safe and popular shooting companion.

- Never shoot across another shooter.
- Don't interfere with another hunter's dog.
- Never put your gun off safety until game has flushed.
- Don't shoot at low flying birds you may inadvertantly hit a dog or another hunter.
- All hunters should wear hunter orange.
- Always maintain a "straight line" when hunting with others.
- If you don't know where your hunting partners are, don't shoot!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Labor Day	8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance	3 8am-5pm LE: NOAA (Silh)	4 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd 1pm-sunset 300-600yd 7pm-9pm General Meeting	2	6 9am-4pm USPSA/IPSC (Silh)
7 9am-3pm Handgun Silhouette (Silh)	9am-5pm LE: OCPD (Silh) 4:30-8pm Jr. Smallbore (CH/Ind) newsletter submissions due	9 8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance	9am-5pm LE: OCPD (Silh) 6-9pm Ladies' Night (Silh) 1pm-5pm 5-Stand	11 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600yd 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd	12 9am-5pm LE: OCPD (Silh)	13 9am-4pm Hunter Sight-In (100/200)
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2008 General Meetings (Thursdays at 7 pm) Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4

2008 Board Meetings (Thursdays at 7 pm)

Oct. 30, Nov. 20, Dec. 18

"How could a readiness for war in time of peace be safely prohibited, unless we could prohibit, in like manner, the preparations and establishments of every hostile nation?"

James Madison

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