

President's Report

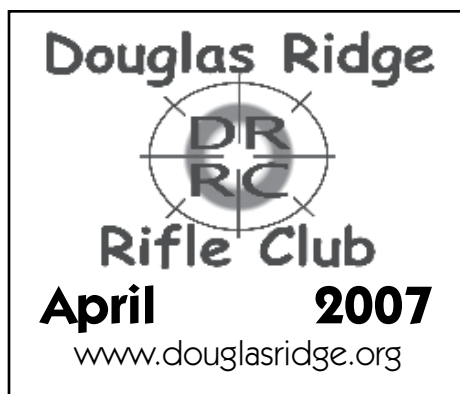
Stan Pate, DRRC President

Many of you may have noticed changes at the highway entrance to DRRC near the existing Club sign. Preparations are being made to relocate the sign onto club property and to widen the entrance for safer entrance and exiting of DRRC property. Please use special care when pulling in or out of the club entrance because of people working or traffic control devices that are in place to protect you. The new location and eventually the new sign will make it easier to locate the club entrance, especially at night when it is much more difficult to see.

Plans for the first ever international match at DRRC are progressing nicely. We have firm commitments from Scotland, Ireland, and Canada for sending teams to this match. As it stands now, both Scotland and Ireland will be sending two teams each and Canada will be sending one team. There are also factory and individual teams planning on attending. Unique to this match is that we are combining the aggregate scores from the Canadian International Match and ours to form a super aggregate winner. If any of you would like to compete in this match, you should likely start practicing for it now; the competition should be quite stiff.

As I understand it from conversations with AMEC Earth Environmental Inc., we are getting very close to receiving a report on the status of our range. There have been many months and hours of work and planning that have gone into getting DRRC to this point. The results of this report to us will allow us to address any issues that we may have, if indeed any are found, and as a result, to ensure DRRC will survive well into the future for our families to use and enjoy. If you'd like to stay better informed as to the findings from AMEC, please feel free to attend the upcoming monthly meetings at our club house.

Kevin Hoffarth has taken over as the new discipline director of high power, filling the position vacated by past discipline director Bill Britt. Kevin comes with a great deal of experience in the sport, and I hope he will have your



support as we continue this mainstay shooting discipline with a long history here at DRRC.

Charlie McAlister has taken over the CMP directorship after the sudden recent passing of long time member Marvin Booth. Marvin's shoes will be very hard to fill and his friendship, experience, and guidance will be sorely missed on the range and at matches. Charlie is looking for someone to help him with running the CMP discipline. If you are interested, please contact him. His email address is in the club directory.

I hope to meet more members this year and to see all you on the range. Good shooting.

Guest Policy

The Board has tweaked the Guest Policy a bit. ALL Guests not participating in a scheduled match must sign in at the Guest Station by the front gate. There is now a sign-in book for Guests only. Only guests who will be shooting are required to pay. The maximum number of shooting guests accompanying each member is four at any one time. Non-members participating in a scheduled match will sign in at the Range where the match is being held.

Fifty Cal Suspension

The .50 BMJ Discipline has been suspended until such time as we have approval to continue and a new Director has been appointed by the Board of Directors.

The Loss Of a Friend and Member

By Nils Bittner

On January 22, 2007, CMP Director, Board Member, and dedicated DRRC member Marvin Booth passed away. Marvin joined Douglas Ridge Rifle Club on Jan 31, 1991. Shortly thereafter he became the Director of DCM, now known as CMP. He served as a member of the Board of Directors three times throughout his tenure. Marvin was always very willing and happy to donate his time in the Sight In Shack during the Hunter Sight-In Days. Many rifles can now hit what they are aimed at because of Marvin's ability to sight in rifles. Marvin was a great supporter for the young folks of the club and he tried to always be a part of youth activities such as our annual Youth Day. A faithful and dedicated volunteer, Marvin will be greatly missed, and filling his shoes will be difficult. May he rest in peace, and God's Blessings and Comfort to his wife and family.

Annual Work Party Alert

Saturday, April 28, the Annual Work Party will take place. We will be involved in all sorts of maintenance and ground keeping activities. There will be brush and weed cutting, wood cutting, hauling, roof and gutter cleaning, fence building, carpentry and other jobs. If you bring tools please mark them so you finish the day with what you came with. You might also want to bring a pair of boots (or waders – I'm writing this in early March).

We are hoping to see everyone who has not completed their work hours as well as the many club members who wish to support the club in this important activity. The entire range will be closed until 5 PM. Feel free to call Michael Jones (503/654-7452) or Jim Quinn (503/253-2405) for information concerning jobs or tools needed. Remember, any work hours earned after May 1 will apply only to next year. Let's be ready to work, rain or shine, at 8 AM. Lunch will be furnished by our staff. See you there.

Here They Are Again!

You can never be too careful when handling firearms.

When using or storing a gun, always follow these NRA rules:

- **Know your target and what is beyond.** Be absolutely sure you have identified your target beyond any doubt. Equally important, be aware of the area beyond your target. This means observing your prospective area of fire before you shoot. Never fire in a direction in which there are people or any other potential for mishap. Think first. Shoot second.
- **Know how to use the gun safely.** Before handling a gun, learn how it operates. Know its basic parts, how to safely open and close the action and remove any ammunition from the gun or magazine. Remember, a gun's mechanical safety device is never foolproof. Nothing can ever replace safe gun handling.
- **Be sure the gun is safe to operate.** Just like other tools, guns need regular maintenance to remain operable. Regular cleaning and proper storage are a part of the gun's general upkeep. If there is any question concerning a gun's ability to function, a knowledgeable gunsmith should look at it.
- **Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.** Only BBs, pellets, cartridges or shells designed for a particular gun can be fired safely in that gun. Most guns have the ammunition type stamped on the barrel. Ammunition can be identified by information printed on the box and sometimes stamped on the cartridge. Do not shoot the gun unless you know you have the proper ammunition.
- **Wear eye and ear protection as appropriate.** Guns are loud and the noise can cause hearing damage. They can also emit debris and hot gas that could cause eye injury. For these reasons, shooting glasses and hearing protectors should be worn by shooters and spectators.
- **Never use alcohol or over-the-counter, prescription or other drugs before or while shooting.** Alcohol,

as well as any other substance likely to impair normal mental or physical bodily functions, must not be used before or while handling or shooting guns.

- **Store guns so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons.** Many factors must be considered when deciding where and how to store guns. A person's particular situation will be a major part of the consideration. Dozens of gun storage devices, as well as locking devices that attach directly to the gun, are available. However, mechanical locking devices, like the mechanical safeties built into guns, can fail and should not be used as a substitute for safe gun handling and the observance of all gun safety rules.
- **Be aware that certain types of guns and many shooting activities require additional safety precautions.** Cleaning: Regular cleaning is important in order for your gun to operate correctly and safely. Taking proper care of it will also maintain its value and extend its life. Your gun should be cleaned every time that it is used.

A gun brought out of prolonged storage should also be cleaned before shooting. Accumulated moisture and dirt, or solidified grease and oil, can prevent the gun from operating properly.

Before cleaning your gun, make absolutely sure that it is unloaded. The gun's action should be open during the cleaning process. Also, be sure that no ammunition is present in the cleaning area.



"The mania for giving the Government power to meddle with the private affairs of cities or citizens is likely to cause endless trouble, through the rivalry of schools and creeds that are anxious to obtain official recognition, and there is great danger that our people will lose our independence of thought and action which is the cause of much of our greatness, and sink into the helplessness of the Frenchman or German who expects his government to feed him when hungry, clothe him when naked, to prescribe when his child may be born and when he may die, and, in time, to regulate every act of humanity from the cradle to the tomb, including the manner in which he may seek future admission to paradise."

– Mark Twain

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Douglas Ridge Rifle Club April 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9am-2:30pm <i>Trap</i> 9am-3pm <i>Pistol Silhouette</i>	2 4-8pm <i>Jr. Smallbore (Ind)</i>	3 8am-noon Ranges Closed for Maintenance	4 8am-5pm PPB SERT (LR)	5 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd only 1pm-sunset 300-600 yd only 7:30pm-9pm General Meeting (CH)	6 4pm-6pm CHS Archery (Arch)	7 9am-4pm <i>USPSA/PPSC</i> (Silh) 9am-1:30pm <i>Benchrest</i> (100/200)
8 EASTER Newsletter Deadline	9 7-9pm Board Meeting	10 8am-noon Ranges Closed for Maintenance 6pm-10pm <i>First Aid Class</i> (CH)	11 6-9pm <i>Ladies' Pistol Class</i> (CH/Ind)	12 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600 yd only 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd only	13	14 <i>John Fields</i> <i>High Power Match</i> 8am-5:30pm (CH) 9am-5:30pm (200-600) 9am-2pm <i>Boy Scouts</i> (Ind)
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22 9am-2pm <i>Sporting Clays</i> 9am-3pm <i>Action Pistol (Silh)</i> 8am-4pm <i>NRA Personal</i> <i>Protection Class (CH/Ind)</i>	23 4-8pm <i>Jr. Smallbore (Ind)</i>	24 8am-noon Ranges Closed for Maintenance	25 8am-5pm <i>NOAA LE (Silh)</i> 6-9pm <i>Ladies' Pistol Class</i> (CH/Ind)	26 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600 yd only 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd only	27	28 8am-5pm WORK DAY (All Ranges Closed)
29 9am-2:30pm <i>Trap</i> 9am-sunset <i>Speed Steel</i> (Silh)	30 4-8pm <i>Jr. Smallbore (Ind)</i>					

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NW Sportsman's Show Update

Carl Hayes

On behalf of Dennis Tharp, NRA Marketing Rep. Western Region and myself, I want to express my sincere thanks to the volunteers who helped out at the NRA booth this year at the NW Sportsman's Show. The target for this years show was 375 NRA membership applications. Through everyone's efforts we once again met and exceeded our target by turning in 376 membership applications. Thanks again for your effort ... see you at the NW Sportsman's Show in 2008.

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