

President's Report

Stan Pate

Hello Everyone, It's hard to believe that we are now into April, Spring is finally here. Many of you are starting to enjoy the range again as the weather starts to clear even if it is only for a couple of days at a time.

There is much going on as I'm writing this report to you and much that you won't find in this publication. General Membership meetings are always the best place to keep in touch with the happenings of the gun club. Just in case you didn't hear yet, we won the the only remaining state suit filed against us by our former litigious member, so it appears like that case is finally closed and behind us, our former litigious member has to pay the fees for his appeal on this matter. We still have the two law suits that our former litigious member has filed against the gun club and now it appears like he is going to file another one just for good measure it would appear. DRRC has been served with a 90 day intent to file a claim, we'll keep you informed.

We are still needing folks to show up for the Tuesday work mornings, if you are getting close to the renewal date and you haven't gotten your hours in yet you may want to jump in and get it done. If you find that you can't make the Tuesday mornings then just contact Ron Carey, his number is in the newsletter and he'll be glad to help you in setting up something.

I've been asked to put a short statement in here and it is something that I agree is damaging the known distance course. People are driving their cars on the range and leaving



ruts in the grass, this is causing damage that will have to be fixed at some point. This is extremely damaging to the lawn mowers, as well as to those operating them. Included in this the members who are driving across the grass between the 100/200 yard covered firing area and the Silhouette range, please stop doing this, there are gravel on the roads for a reason, please help us keep our range as beautiful as it is.

As usual I hope to see each and every one of you on the range.

Dues Update

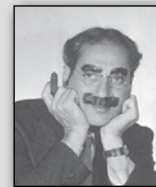
Joe Keller, Secretary

If you have attended our recent Club meetings, you have heard that our lawsuit against the insurance company regarding the coverage of our legal defense has been successful. We are anticipating that a significant portion of our already paid legal expenses will be recovered, as well as a portion of our expenses going forward. Although no monies have been received yet, the Board needs to consider this and look at our budgeting and our dues structure for the coming fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010. Since dues statements are sent to members in May, any dues changes need to be finalized at the April General meeting.

Assuming the anticipated

insurance recovery takes place, there should not be a need to continue the \$100 Defense Fund assessment the Board has proposed and the members have approved for the last two years. But the Board recognizes that our Club needs to address many improvement issues that we have been deferring due to our financial constraints as we defend ourselves. Further, the first uses of money recovered from the insurance company needs to be the replacement the \$100,000 CD that was cashed in, addressing the range improvements needed to reopen our Shotgun disciplines, and budgeting for a Contingency Fund. We do not expect that all our troubles will go away.

Therefore, it is proposed that Senior Member dues be increased from \$100 to \$150. This is a dues increase, but a \$50 decrease from the amount we have been paying the last two years with the Defense Fund. In addition, the Board proposes that Old Time members, those 65 and older with 8 years or more of membership, be increased from \$25 to \$50. Associate members would be increased from \$5 to \$10, and Junior memberships would remain \$5. A new Family membership is proposed, which would include gate access cards for both spouses, and would include all



“Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly and applying the wrong remedies.”
Groucho Marx

minor children. The annual dues for a Family membership are proposed to be \$225.

In conjunction with these proposed dues, the Work Hours Assessment for those not credited with 8 hours of work, which currently applies for the first five years of membership, would be extended to apply to all Senior and Family members every year. The Work Hours requirement will be waived upon attaining Old Time or Life status.

The same dues adjustments would apply to new members. And it is proposed that the current Defense Fund assessment for new members, which is \$100 for a full year and prorated by quarters, be replaced by a \$50 Contingency Fund assessment, that would be a fixed amount for all new members.

Per our bylaws, the Board proposes and the members must approve all dues changes. These figures were presented at the March General Meeting, and they will be presented again at the April General Meeting, where they will be put to a vote. Attend the meeting, so that your opinion can be heard about how best to manage our Club for our long-term benefit. If you cannot attend, share your thoughts with any Board member; our emails and phone numbers are listed in this newsletter and on the web site. But remember, you must be present to have a vote. See you in April.

Concealed Carry

Paul Meier

Over the years I have helped a lot of people get their concealed carry license. I've always impressed upon them the importance of practice. Most of

you don't practice and those that do only practice shooting. The reason you carry is to protect your life and to see another day. The first thing you need to do is to improve your awareness. Are you as aware of your surrounding environment as you should be? Next, learn the difference between shooting and fighting. Set up a routine where you practice fighting and then practice like your life depended on it...

Oregon Feral Swine

ODFW website

Oregon has low numbers of feral swine in Oregon at present (between 500-1,500 pigs in 14 Oregon counties). Most observations are on private land but there have been a few seen on public land.

ODFW in partnership with the Oregon Invasive Species Council is committed to ERADICATING feral swine from the state because of the damage they do to wildlife, habitat and crops. Feral swine are not native to Oregon; they are an invasive species.

Hunters may be able to help in that eradication effort. But remember Oregon has low numbers of feral swine and most are probably on private land, so they are difficult to hunt. But if you do see one (while hunting another animal for example), and have landowner's permission, you should take the animal. You will be doing wildlife and habitat a favor.

Local ODFW districts have limited knowledge of huntable populations of feral swine due to the elusive nature of these animals; the fact that most exist primarily on private property; and that the animals are mostly nocturnal.

Hunters looking for swine

will see obvious signs in suitable areas such as in drainages - with water or springs e.g. rootings, wallows and rubs in these areas.



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Douglas Ridge Rifle Club

April 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> 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; margin-bottom: 10px;"> Calendar Codes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trap Trap Range • SC Sporting Clays Range • LE Law Enforcement (training) • NRA . . . NRA Classes • TSB Tactical Shotgun Bay </div>		<p>1 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600yd 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd</p> <p>5pm DRRC Jr SG Practice (At Sandy)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7pm-9pm General Meeting</p>	2	<p>3 9am-4pm USPSA/IPSC (Silh)</p>		
<p>4 9am-3pm Pistol Silhouette (Silh)</p> <p>4:30pm-8pm Jr Smallbore (CH/Ind)</p> <p>10a-2p DRRC Jr Shotgun (At Sandy)</p>	5	<p>6 8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance</p> <p>6pm-9pm Ladies Beginner Pistol (CH/Ind)</p>	7	<p>8 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd 1pm-sunset 300-600yd</p> <p>5pm DRRC Jr SG Practice (At Sandy)</p> <p>Newsletter Submissions Due</p>	9	<p>10 9am-2pm Black Powder (Silh)</p> <p>8a-5p NRAPistol Instr (CH/Ind)</p>		
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<p>18 1p-3:30p New Member Orientation (Ind/CH)</p> <p>4:30pm-8pm Jr Smallbore (CH/Ind)</p> <p>10a-2p DRRC Jr Shotgun (At Sandy)</p>	19	<p>20 8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance</p> <p>6pm-9pm Ladies Beginner Pistol (CH/Ind)</p>	21	<p>21 6-9pm Ladies' Night (CH/Ind)</p>	22	<p>22 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd 1pm-sunset 300-600yd</p> <p>5pm DRRC Jr SG Practice (At Sandy)</p>	23	<p>24 7:30a-9a HiPower (CH) 9a-5pm Hi Power Fields Memorial 800agg 2/4/600Yd 3p-5p HiPower (CH)</p>
<p>25 7:30a-9a HiPower (CH) 9a-5p Hh Power Fields Memorial 800agg (200- 600Yd) 3p-5p HiPower (CH)</p> <p>5pm-8pm Jr Smallbore (CH/Ind)</p>	26	<p>27 8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance</p> <p>6pm-9pm Ladies Beginner Pistol (CH/Ind)</p>	28	<p>28 6-9pm Ladies' Night (CH/Ind)</p>	29	<p>29 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600yd 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd</p> <p>5pm DRRC Jr SG Practice (At Sandy)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7pm-9pm Board Meeting</p>	30	

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2010: 4/29, 5/27, 6/24, 7/29, 8/26, 9/30, 10/28, 11/18, 12/30. 2011: 1/27

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