

December 2005

Douglas Ridge



Rifle Club

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President's Report

Nils Bittner, President

It is hard to believe it is almost December and the end of the year is approaching quickly. The rain is upon us now almost daily and the grounds at DRRC are very soggy. So please keep your vehicles off the grassy areas as we do not want any ruts or people getting stuck.

Attention all members! The Christmas Party is December 8th at 7:00 pm. As usual the club is furnishing the main course of turkey, ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing, rolls and butter, coffee, soft drinks, and all of the eating utensils. Members please bring salads, desserts, relish trays, and my favorite, lots of deviled eggs. We always have lots of requests for recipes for the goodies brought by everyone so include the recipe and your name with your favorite dish you are bringing.

This year we will be raffling off a Henry Golden Boy .22 Rifle. Tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5. **You must be present to win!** There will also be lots of other nice door prizes. All DRRC Members and families please come to the Christmas party and enjoy all the festivities.

As for other club Business the Indoor Range Ventilation Project is coming along nicely and may be completed by the Christmas Party.

I'd like to thank Loren and Tom Fisher for the use of their facilities in the painting of the High Power sign Boards. I also wish to thank Bill Britt, Bruce Shaw, and the Fishers

for their daily commitment to getting these boards primed, painted and moved from the club to the painting area and back to the club. Thanks to all the members who ripped the old boards out and everyone else who helped us get this project completed.

There will be a December General Meeting on December 1, 2005.

"Remember, the Christmas Party is December 8th"

Lisa And I would like to wish all DRRC members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. **Safe Shooting!**

Food Donations Continue

Club members are reminded that food donations are being accepted for Christmas baskets assembled by the Estacada Family Resource Center. Your donations can be dropped off at the club house any time. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Classes Coming Up

Michael Jones

In December there will be the following classes: CMP Dec. 3 & 4 (contact Mavin Booth - see directory); Home Defensive Shotgun Dec. 10, 8 am-7 pm; NRA Pistol Instructor, Dec. 17 & 18, 8 am-5 pm. Contact Michael Jones for information at 503-654-7452 or jonesc@teleport.com.

Christmas Party

We will be changing our schedule a bit for December. We will have a regular General Meeting on Thursday, the 1st at 7 pm. On the following Thursday, the 8th, we will have our annual Christmas Party. We will have lots of food and prizes plus a rifle to raffle off. Last year we had too many deserts and not enough salads so think about what you might want to bring. We hope you all can attend, see the new Indoor Range remodel and have a great time.

Mini Palma

John Weil

The Mini Palma "season" is over. This summer we had 3 matches and the level of interest was good especially considering the matches were held on Monday evenings. The general turnout was ten to twelve participants. The plan for next year (starting in about May) is for one Monday evening and one weekend late afternoon match each month for two matches a month.

For those curious about the whole "Mini-Palma" concept, imagine a combination of bench rest rifle and Palma rifle all fired at 100 yards with 22LR! These truly are FUN matches, with 4 classes for most any taste or pocketbook. The competitors shoot in "match" or "sporter" class, scoped, or iron sights. A wide variety of rifles have turned up to shoot, everything from 10-22's to Anschutz match rifles. The sights and glass on top of the rifles are nearly as varied, from a truly wretched 40 year old Bushnell .22 scope (on the author's rifle) to a threatened Nightforce scope for next season! Anything is welcome as long as it shoots a .22LR cartridge. The targets that are used for this match are "mini-Palma" 800, 900, and 1,000 yard reduced targets, which although challenging, will allow themselves to be cleaned on rare occasion. The combination of smaller targets and the effect of wind on a slow light projectile make for a very interesting match. It is a great place to practice trigger control as a slight twitch on the trigger can make that little 40gr.

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Discipline Directors Needed

Michael Jones, XO

We have need of a new Discipline Director for Trap. Also additional help is needed for Sporting Clays. Any club member that would like to get involved should call a Board member and put your name in.

projectile go well astray.

All in all, a good time was had by all participants, and including a weekend schedule for next year, perhaps we will see many more shooters... even you!

It's Time

Bill Hendrix, ODFW Volunteer Instructor, DRRC RSO, OHA Hoodview Board Member

As the year fast approaches the holidays, and citizens are in the woods enjoying their various hunting trips, it is time to start thinking about next year's adventures.

The State of Oregon Hunter Education Program instructs young people and adults about firearm care & safety, wildlife identification, conservation, survival skills, map and compass use, and proper care of game animals. Students as young as 8 years old learn from the volunteer instructors who gladly share their outdoor knowledge and wisdom with hunters. Oregon requires young hunters, who turn 12 by the time of a big game hunt, to have a Hunter Education Certificate in their possession to hunt anywhere except on land owned by their parents or legal guardians.

Each year, numerous Oregon hunters also hunt out-of-state and in Canada. Most of these destinations require Hunter Education Certificates for any hunter, of any age, either before applying to hunt or before purchasing the licenses and tags for their trip.

The Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW) relies on volunteer instructors to accomplish these education courses. Each volunteer instructor sets their own class schedule and conducts their courses according to State standards. Most courses are typically multiple classes taking place over a few weeks in the evening. Instructors are not paid or compensated in any way for their hard work and efforts. They do it

because they want to see others enjoy the benefits of the outdoors. Instructors are just like you; they are people who love to camp, hunt, fish, and also like to spend their free time in the woods. They want to be outdoors in the summer and early fall, looking for that pristine new campsite, or scouting out the locations of game for their own hunts.

That said, you need to start thinking now about getting your young hunter into these classes so they will be ready for the hunt next year. Almost all instructors have their courses in the winter and spring (before turkey hunting starts in April). Summer classes are often fragmented by vacations, team sports or other activities that interrupt the continuity of the courses. Schools rooms are also harder to schedule for the summer sessions so many instructors do not schedule courses then. For a list of courses by county check the postings on the ODFW website at, www.dfw.state.or.us. Click on the "Outdoor Education" heading, click on "Hunter Education Class Listing" and follow the directions for each instructor's class. You may also contact ODFW at 503 947-6018 for a list of scheduled classes. If you can't find one that fits your schedule, check the website frequently as instructors post their courses monthly.

Each year, many Oregon hunters cannot go out of state or take their young hunter on that first deer or elk trip because they failed to plan accordingly. If you don't start early enough, you may not be able to find a class to attend. Most classes fill up quickly; and most instructors are through teaching their classes by summer. Your youngster will be pretty upset if you failed to enroll them, and you will be embarrassed when you can't find a class for your student, or if you've made arrangements to take that lifetime hunt and can't find a course to attend. **Plan early!** The instructors want to be in the field like you do so

they won't be having courses in the fall. The Hunter Education Program always has a need for more volunteer instructors. If you are age 21 or older, never had a criminal conviction or wildlife law conviction, and want to pass along our hunting heritage to the next generation, contact ODFW at 503.947.6018, or contact any instructor for additional information.

For those hunters who took a course but can't find your card, you can obtain a duplicate copy by calling, faxing, or mailing your request to ODFW, Hunter Education, 3406 Cherry St. NE Salem, OR. 97303, 503 947-6018 or fax 503 947-6009. They should have records back to the mid 1960's.

If you've got that trip of a lifetime, or if you've got a young hunter about

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DRRC December 2005

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 1 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600 yd only 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd only General Meeting 7-9pm (CH) | 2 | |
| 4 9am-5pm Big Box Pistol (Silh) 9:30-2:30 Trap 8am-sunset CMP Match (100-200yd) | 5 7:00pm- 9:00pm Board Meeting (CH) | 6 8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance 6pm-9pm Ladies Night (Ind) | 7 Indoor Range Closed All Day | 8 Christmas Party Clubhouse 7pm-9pm Long Range open only to 500 yards | 9 8am-noon Indoor Range closed | 10 Def. Shotgun Class 8am-2pm (CH/Ind) 1pm-4:30pm (Silh) |
| 11 9am-2pm Sporting Clays 9am - 3pm Action Pistol (Silh) | 12 5:30pm-8pm Jr. Smallbore (Ind) | 13 8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance | 14 6pm-9pm Ladies Night (Ind) | 15 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd only 1pm-sunset 300-600 yd only | 16 | 17 8am-5pm NRA Instructor Class (CH/Ind) 9am-3pm Smallbore Pistol (Silh) |
| 18 9:30-2:30 Trap Turkey Shoot & Pottluck 8am-5pm NRA Instructor Class (CH/Ind) 9am-2pm Blackpowder (Silh) | 19 5:30pm-8pm Jr. Smallbore (Ind) | 20 8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance | 21 6pm-9pm Ladies Night (Ind) | 22 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600 yd only 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd only | 23 | 24 |
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**Please bring salads, desserts or
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