

## Christmas Party Change

As announced last month this year we will be having our annual Christmas Party at a different location because we had so many people last year. The party will be on Saturday, December 1st at Mountainview Christian Church Family Life Center on NE Cleveland Avenue in Gresham. It is on Cleveland between Stark and Burnside in Gresham. The Party will begin at 7pm. You will need to enter through the South Door (look for signs). We still need volunteers to help set up. To volunteer contact Charlie McAlister at 503/351-8360 or at [mustang7513@comcast.net](mailto:mustang7513@comcast.net).

## Hunter Sight-In

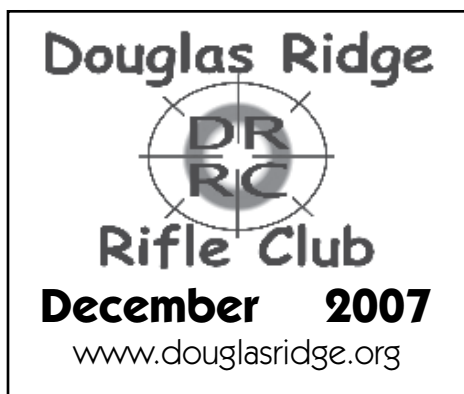
*Michael Jones*

I'd like to thank all of the helpers that made this year's Hunter Sight-In a success. Special thanks to Barbara & John Wildhaber, Lee Wilson, Mark Edwards, Lou Darby and Marty Dotson. We had nearly 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, set-up and operations for next year.



## 2008 Hunting Regulations

The 2008 Oregon Hunting Regulations guide is available at the ODFW web site: <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/>. Click on the "Forms and Applications" link.



## Junior .22 Smallbore

*Desera Frentress*

Hi, I'm Desera Frentress and I am the new junior .22 smallbore coach/director. I want to thank all of the volunteers especially Stan Pate, Roger Woods and John Frentress for helping me with the students on a weekly basis and for being patient and enthusiastic. I have been a shooter for about 14 years and have competed in numerous Oregon and Washington matches, 3 Junior Olympic Shooting Championships, was part of the NCAA rifle team at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, and a member of the ESCO shooting team in the Columbia Willamette Rifle League.

I took over the junior program this past summer. In August four of the most dedicated shooters were invited to an exclusive 3-position training camp in Springfield, at the Emerald Empire Gun Club, Rick Parra, host. This was an honor for our young athletes. Deven Richards, Jerika Wallace, Alex Johnson and Dillan Robertson. They all learned so much and they did excellent. This December I hope to take a team to the 2007 "Winter Wonderland" 3-position & beginner prone match. We have had a good turnout every Monday night. If you know someone between the ages of 9 and 20 who would like to learn to shoot Olympic style .22 smallbore, we are at the range every Monday 4:30 pm to 8 pm (no holidays.) See the DRRC website for pictures and more information.

## Basic Reloading Precautions

1. Modern ammunition uses smokeless powder as the energy source. Smokeless powder is much more powerful than black powder or Pyrodex®. Never substitute smokeless powder for black powder or Pyrodex® and never mix it with either.
2. Follow loading recommendations exactly. Don't substitute components for those listed. Start loading with the minimum powder charge in the loads shown.
3. Never exceed manufacturers' reloading data. Excess pressures caused by excessive loads could severely damage a firearm and cause serious injury or death.
4. Understand what you are doing and why it must be done in a specific way.
5. Stay alert when reloading. Don't reload when distracted, disturbed or tired.
6. Set up a loading procedure and follow it. Don't vary your sequence of operations.
7. Set up your reloading bench where powder and primers will not be exposed to heat, sparks or flame.
8. DO NOT smoke while reloading.
9. ALWAYS wear safety glasses while reloading.
10. Keep everything out of the reach of small children.
11. Keep your reloading bench clean and uncluttered. Label components and reloads for easy identification.
12. Do not eat while handling lead.
13. NEVER try to dislodge a loaded cartridge that has become stuck in the chamber by impacting it with a cleaning rod. Have a competent gunsmith remove the round.



# Hoplophobia

*A modern scourge.*

Hoplophobia, n. Irrational, morbid fear of guns (c. 1980, coined by Col. Jeff Cooper, from the Greek hoplites, weapon; see his book *Principles of Personal Defense*). May cause sweating, faintness, discomfort, rapid pulse, nausea, sleeplessness, nondescript fears, more, at mere thought of guns. Presence of working firearms may cause panic attack. Hoplophobe, hoplophobic.

Hoplophobes are common and should never be involved in setting gun policies. Point out hoplophobic behavior when noticed, it is dangerous, sufferers deserve pity, and should seek treatment. When confronted about their condition, hoplophobes typically go into denial, a common characteristic of the affliction. Sometimes helped by training, or by coaching at a range, a process known to psychiatry as “desensitization,” a useful methodology in treating many phobias.

Hoplophobic behavior is often obvious from self-evident irrational responses to real-life situations, and is frequently seen in the news media and public debate. When a criminal commits a crime using a gun, hoplophobes often seek to disarm, or make lists of, innocent people who didn't do anything, an irrational suggestion.

The idea of creating an enormously expensive government-run 90-million-name database of legitimate gun owners – which by definition would not include armed criminals – is a prime example of an irrational hoplophobic response to the issue of crime. How the writing of your name in such a list would help stop crime is never even addressed. (See, “The Only Question About Gun Registration”)

An effort is underway nationally to have hoplophobia recognized in the DSM, the official directory of mental ailments. Resistance from elements in the medical profession suggest this may be quite difficult, but that does not reduce the importance of recognizing a widespread, virulent, detrimental mental condition commonly found in the populace. The actual number of undiagnosed hoplophobes is unknown, but believed to be in the tens of millions.

Read Dr. Sarah Thompson's brilliant essay on the medical nature of this affliction, the article that got the ball rolling on serious medical study of a condition affecting millions of Americans. (<http://www.gunlaws.com/Hoplophobia%20Analysis.htm>)

**Hoplophobes are dangerous.** They should not be involved in setting public policy.

**Hoplophobes are victims.** They are sick and need help.

**Hoplophobes deserve sympathy.** It's not their fault they are afflicted.

**Hoplophobes should seek treatment.** Help shoot for a cure.



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## Firearms Storage

**Step One:** Always unload your gun.

**Step Two:** Lock it in a gun storage cabinet or other safe place that is out of children's reach.

**Step Three:** Store your bullets in a separate place.

**Step Four:** If you cannot lock up your gun, use a trigger lock, which will prevent the gun from accidentally firing.

**Step Five:** Hide your keys to the gun cabinet and/or trigger lock in a different spot from where you keep your house keys.

**Step Six:** Make sure your children won't be able to find the keys. Kids are smarter than you think and may find your hiding place if you aren't careful.

**Step Seven:** Keep the gun in a dry place to prevent rust.

**Step Eight:** To prevent rust, remember to oil the barrel, trigger and chambers and store in dry place.

**Step Nine:** Make sure the gun is not balanced precariously on the edge of a shelf where it might be knocked to the ground and damaged.

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# Douglas Ridge Rifle Club

# December 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Calendar Codes</b></p> <p>There seems to be some confusion about some of the “codes” or shorthand used in the Monthly Calendar. Here is a primer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CH/Ind</b> Clubhouse &amp; Indoor Range</li> <li>• <b>100/200</b> 100/200 Yard Range</li> <li>• <b>LR</b> Long Range</li> <li>• <b>SC</b> Sporting Clays Range</li> <li>• <b>PPB SERT</b> Portland Police SERT Team (training)</li> <li>• <b>NOAA LE</b> National Oceanic &amp; Atmospheric Administration Law Enforcement (training)</li> <li>• <b>Arch</b> Archery Range</li> <li>• <b>Silh</b> Silhouette Range</li> <li>• <b>Trap</b> Trap Range</li> <li>• <b>NRA . . .</b> NRA Classes</li> <li>• <b>USFS LE</b> US Forest Service Law Enforcement (training)</li> </ul> <p>That covers most of it. For anything else call a Board Member.</p>						
<p>2 9am-2:30pm Trap</p> <p>9am-3pm Pistol Silhouette</p> <p>8am-4pm NRA Pistol Instructor Class (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>3 4-8pm Jr. Smallbore (Ind)</p>	<p>4 8am-noon Ranges Closed for Maintenance</p>	<p>5 8am-sunset NOAA LE (Silh) 6-9pm Ladies' Night (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>6 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600 yd only 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd only <b>7:00pm-9pm General Meeting (CH)</b></p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b></p>
<p>9 9am-4pm Sporting Clays 9am-3pm Action Pistol (Silh)</p>	<p>10 4-8pm Jr. Smallbore (Ind)</p>	<p>11 8am-noon Ranges Closed for Maintenance</p>	<p>12 8am-5pm PPB SERT (LR) 6-9pm Ladies' Pistol Class (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>13 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd only 1pm-sunset 300-600 yd only</p>	<p>14 6:30-9:30pm CMP (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>15 8am-4pm CMP (100-200) 9am-2pm BlackPowder (Silh)</p>
<p>16 9am-2:30pm Trap – Turkey Shoot &amp; Pottluck 9am-sunset Speed Steel (Silh)</p>	<p>17 4-8pm Jr. Smallbore (Ind)</p>	<p>18 8am-noon Ranges Closed for Maintenance</p>	<p>19 6-9pm Ladies' Night (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>20 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600 yd only 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd only</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 <b>Christmas Day</b></p>	<p>26 8am-noon Ranges Closed for Maintenance 6-9pm Ladies' Pistol Class (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>27 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd only 1pm-sunset 300-600 yd only <b>7-9pm Board Meeting</b></p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 8am-4pm NRA Rifle Instructor Class (CH/Ind)</p>
<p>30 8am-4pm NRA Rifle Instructor Class (CH/Ind)</p>	<p>31</p>					
<p>1 9am-4pm USPSA/PPSC (Silh) 8am-4pm NRA Pistol Instructor Class (CH/Ind) <b>7pm-9pm Christmas Party</b> (see newsletter for location and directions)</p>						

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*Aldous Huxley, novelist (1894-1963)*

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**Future Club Member Meetings**

**2008 General Meetings**  
(Thursdays)

- January 3 at 7 pm
- February 7 at 7 pm
- March 6 at 7 pm

**2008 Board Meetings**  
(Thursdays)


- January 31 at 7 pm
- February 28 at 7 pm
- March 27 at 7 pm

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