



Come to the Party

Nils Bittner

To All DRRC Members and families. It is almost Christmas and time for the DRRC annual Christmas party. The party will be held Saturday December 6th at the Mountain View Christian Church, 1890 N.E. Cleveland Ave, Gresham, from 6 PM to 9 PM. This is a potluck type of party. However the Gun Club is going to furnish roast turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, & gravy, stuffing, rolls and butter. (All eating utensils will also be furnished along with water, coffee, and soft drinks). All the members need to do is bring a main dish, salad, or dessert *and lots of cash money for the raffle*. This year's raffle will feature a 42 inch LG TV, 50th Anniversary Ruger 10/22, 12 Gauge Dickinson Semi-Auto Shotgun, Leupold 20x40x60 Spotting Scope, Laser Cut Metal Wall Art. A ladies gift valued at \$200 to be announced at the party. And two \$100 Cabelas gift cards. All proceeds will benefit the Junior shooting disciplines. In addition to the raffle there will also be over 80 door prizes given away. So everyone mark your calendars and come to the DRRC Christmas Party.

Stay Off the Grass

Wet weather has arrived, and Project Coordinator Ron Carey reminds all members to not drive on the grass. Keep your cars and trucks on the gravel roads. When the ground is soft, we have had vehicles get stuck that either tore up the ground and made a terrible mess, or had to be pulled out by a tractor. Even vehicles that don't get stuck leave ruts that cause problems for the lawn mowers, and have to be repaired. We have plenty of maintenance to do at the Club already, and don't need to add to it.

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A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

Shooters on the Known Distance Range need to park their vehicles at the edge of the trees and carry their gear to the shooting stations on the berms. Shooters at the 100 Yard and Dynamic Ranges need to park on the gravel lots, and not in the grassy areas.

Whenever any vehicles (ATV's, etc.) are being used for target setting or retrieval on the Silhouette Range, the vehicles need to stay off of all of the re-seeded areas. This is critical for regrowth of those areas.

Please keep our property in good shape throughout the fall, winter and spring, by following these rules and staying off the grass.

We Asked, You Answered

Chuck Adams, Chair Long Term Planning

At the end of summer 2014 DRRC members had an opportunity to provide input on club activities. The recent survey was similar to the one completed in 2011. We received 501 replies to the survey, a significantly better response than in 2011. This survey was accomplished with the help of the Long Term Planning committee and Charlie McAlister – DRRC Webmaster.

Here are some results. It is important to note that surveys are only a point in time; results could be significantly different six months from now. By comparison the 2014 and 2011 survey results had very similar answers to the questions.

Membership: The largest number of members who responded to the survey are members of 8 years or less. Members learned of DRRC mostly through friends or by seeing the club sign as they drove by. Others by classes offered here,

discipline events, or the internet. 92% report having read the club By-laws and member handbook. Membership is up about 15% over this same time last year.

Range Usage: There is increased interest in use of the 100-200 yard range with the indoor range a close second. Usage is fairly evenly spread out over the week. Usage reported is almost double what was reported in 2011. Guests - Similar to 2011 – most bring one guest at a time (74%), 92% think the number of guests should be limited and that 4 guests is the maximum. The \$5 fee is reasonable (95%). Heaviest use of the ranges is during the day with no particular day being more popular than another. Least busy days are Tuesday & Thursday.

Participation in the various shooting disciplines is spread similarly to the 2011 survey with the exception that a larger number report no involvement in a discipline.

Classrooms/Instruction: A significant number support the addition of classroom facilities (75%) and 86% support club offered classes and renting ranges to outside organizations for training classes. When classes are offered the survey reveals that members and non-members should pay a fee but non-members should pay a higher fee. This response is significantly higher than in 2011 (242 responses compared to 57 in 2011). Also the 2014 survey shows a similar high percentage that favor classes being free to members but non-members pay a nominal fee.

Thank you for your participation; additional comments will appear in future issues of the club newsletter.

Club Treasurer Position

Christine Walters

My term as Treasurer at DRRC ends June 30th, 2015. After three years in the position, it will be time for another member to step up and fulfill those duties. In order to give you an idea of what is involved in being our Treasurer, I have detailed the duties of the position below. Next Spring when we are looking for candidates to run for the open positions, this information will give you an idea of what it entails:

Primary duties include:

- Use QuickBooks accounting system for all financial transactions. (It's user friendly!)
- Attend Board meetings and General Membership meetings monthly &

- give Treasurer's report.
- Issue payments by check or on-line & take the mail to the post office.
- Prepare deposits & take to the bank.
- Transfer funds as needed between club accounts.
- Document and file financial records.
- Ensure bank statements are reconciled monthly.
- Open guest envelopes periodically, record the information, deposit the funds.
- Work with the accountant annually for filing of the Club's taxes.
- Provide the Board and membership an annual financial report.
- Get a Budget Committee together annually. Gather budget requests and financial data for the committee. Notify the Board, discipline directors, and membership of new budget.
- Get an Audit Committee together annually to review financial records.
- Send invoices as needed for range rentals.

There may be a few items not covered here, but this pretty much sums it up. It is not that hard, but there is a need for accuracy, organization, and a commitment of your time. Historically, coming to the Club once a week works best. It normally takes about two hours a week; sometimes less, sometimes more (like during renewal time). An understanding of bookkeeping would be very helpful; an accounting background even better. You'll get all the support and training you need, both before and after you take over the position.

Range Safety 101

Charlie McAlister

It looks like it is time again for some range safety reminders.

Point 1: I recently observed shooters sweeping each other with firearms. Some unload and some loaded. It is never okay to sweep anyone with your firearm, loaded or not. I also saw shooters carrying their loaded firearm with them when going to inspect their targets in the indoor range. They swung the muzzle of a loaded firearm around sweeping who ever happened to be in the range at the time. That is a BIG no-no. Please remember the following:

- All muzzles must be kept pointed in a safe direction at all times. That means down range or unloaded actions open and muzzle pointed up when moving between firing line and benches.

- When a line is cold (even if you are the only one there), all firearms must be unloaded and actions open. Using empty chamber flags is a good idea.
- DO NOT carry your firearm with you to inspect or change your target.
- All firearms should be unloaded until on the firing line and ready to shoot.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until you have your firearm on target.

Point 2: Control your firearm when shooting. That means all rounds must impact in the appropriate target area with all rounds going into the appropriate impact area. We cannot have rounds leaving our range.

If you are shooting rapid fire and all your rounds are not on target then you are shooting too fast...SLOW IT DOWN.

We need to keep our club safe for everyone and these basic rules as well as all rules listed in our members handbook we go a long way to ensure safety. If you observe any unsafe behavior please politely let the person know and give friendly reminders of safe procedures. If they refuse to comply, get their name or member number and call our Chief Range Safety Officer or any club officer. I know I want to be safe when using our ranges and I bet you do as well.

Reloader Safety Corner

Mike Holder

By now many of you have heard of the firearms malfunctions during Hunter Sight-In caused by reloads. Those problems have hopefully been addressed by asking the customers to reveal the data used when "making up" their pet loads.

Fortunately, no significant injury occurred during Hunter Sight-In, but the possibility of severe to fatal is always there.

I thought it was about time to bring to life an article on reloading, specifically safety. I do a ton of classes and seminars on reloading to various groups, and my parting words of wisdom are; "Follow published data". The different companies producing various components have gone to a great deal of trouble and expense in testing and publishing data that is safe, so why not take advantage?

We have seen guns come apart from a "buddy's" reloads, and guns "lock up" because the owner bought the ammunition at a gun show. Word of

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2014: 01/08/2015, 02/05, 03/05

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2014: 01/22/2015, 02/26, 03/26

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm RSO Quarterly Meeting (Ch/Ind)	2 8:00 am - 12:00 pm All Ranges Closed For Maintenance 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm JR Small Bore (CH/Ind)	3 8:00 am - 5:00 pm NOAA Qualification (Silh/TSB) 9:00 am - 11:00 am NOAA Qualification Lunch (CH/Ind) 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Ladies Night (CH/Ind)	4 8:00 am - 9:00 pm Long Range Day 8am 1pm 300yd/600yd) 1pm sunset 800yd/1000) 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm General Meeting (CH/Ind)	5	6 9:00 am - 4:00 pm USPSA (Silh/TSB/DR) 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Christmas Party
7 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Handgun Silhouette (Silh) 10:00 am - 1:30 pm Trap At Sandy Gun Club 11:00 am - 12:00 pm Orientation Setup (CH/Ind) 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm Orientation (CH/Ind)	8 Newsletter articles due	9 8:00 am - 12:00 pm All Ranges Closed For Maintenance 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Black Powder Cartridge (300yd-800yd) 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm JR Small Bore (CH/Ind)	10	11 8:00 am - 9:00 pm Long Range Day 8am 1pm 800yd/1000yd) 1pm sunset 300yd/600)	12 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm Service Rifle Training Class (Ch/Ind)	13 8:00 am - 9:00 am Service Rifle Match Check In (Ch/Ind) 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Black Powder Muzzle Loader (Silh/TSB) 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Service Rifle Match (100/200yd) 500agg
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28 9:00 am - 5:00 pm 3 Gun (Silh/TSB/DR)	29	30 8:00 am - 12:00 pm All Ranges Closed For Maintenance 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm JR Small Bore (CH/Ind)	31 New Year's Eve 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Ladies Night (CH/Ind)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> 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; display: inline-block; margin-left: 20px;"> Calendar Codes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trap Trap Range • TH Trap House • SC Sporting Clays Range • LE Law Enforcement (training) • NRA . . . NRA Classes • TSB Tactical Shotgun Bay </div>		

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wisdom here is if you don't have the time or equipment to do your own, buy factory ammunition. At the minimum, insist on knowing what is in the case. As for "Gun Show" purchases, I'd run so fast the other way I'd leave a vapor trail! Stay away from them. I'm not talking about the remanufactured ammo out there; they do a pretty good job. But if it isn't marked with data, leave it. There was a gentleman that saved some money buying this type of ammo, until his gun came apart.

As I stated earlier, use published data. We've seen guns damaged by not enough powder and placing the bullets against the lands. The case capacity wasn't utilized correctly, and the powder was lower than the flash hole. Upon ignition, the flame traveled over the top and caused an immediate pressure spike which sent a very fine firearm and scope to the scrap pile. The shooter was only slightly damaged, thankfully.

Use care with your progressive presses as well. If you have a press malfunction in the middle of a session, start all over. I know of one that didn't quite do what he was supposed to do, and got a touch more powder in a case than he wanted.

Fortunately, no damage to him or firearm, but he did feel the difference.

If someone gives you reloaded ammunition and you have no data, separate the components, throw the powder away and start all over. Weigh the bullets, check the cases for cracks, impending head separation, and if all is well, put your powder choice in and seat the bullets accordingly.

Keep a load data log! It is vital that you absolutely know what you are using, and those that develop loads for many different calibers (like myself) and are up in age (forgetful, like me) need this data to repeat the load they've developed. Also with this data log you can track load performance, and you're not reinventing the wheel. Also, if you show up to sight in your rifle during Hunter Sight-In, you'll be ahead of the game.

Your safety and the safety of those around you is important. I understand that ammunition is at a premium these days, and reloading is the best way to get a tight group. I'm often asked during HSI to sight in a customer's rifle. I won't do it with their undocumented reloads as I like my fingers and eyes.

There are those that say; "Those darn books are too low, I know what I'm doing better than an engineer with all the equipment." All I can say is good luck with that and let me know if you're on the range. I'll go home.

Side notes; we have noticed some various makes of 9mm brass that have a step on the inside. Not a huge problem unless you are loading for maximum. The problem is reduced case capacity. I suggest if you see a step in those cases, back off the powder a little. Also, big bore rifles; they have a tendency, especially the .300 Winchester Magnums to be just fine, but the primers don't stay when seated. The cause is they've been loaded too many times. I limit my .300 Win Mags to three reloads, period. Then I smash them up so I don't use them. I've also seen .338 Win Mag cases have head separation issues after just three reloads. Not a good thing to have when the Elk of a lifetime jumps up!

I'm just sayin', be cautious. You accept the responsibility for your actions.