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Douglas Ridge



Rifle Club

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President's Report

By Nils Bittner

Well, at the time of this letter it is raining Cats and Dogs and DRRC has standing water just about every where you look.

A big reminder! **Do not drive** anywhere on the range that does not have an established roadway. Also, if the roadway has standing water, **stay clear**. We have had some folks get stuck driving where they shouldn't. Please use good judgment or prepare to pay for the tow truck.

How would you like to make \$100? You can by attending a General Meeting. Starting with the March General Meeting we will draw a name from the membership roster; if you are present at the meeting and your name is drawn; you win \$100 cash. We will also give away a door prize at the upcoming General Meetings. Members **must be** present to win. Door prize winner at the January meeting was Al Lisoski (Hard Shell Pistol Case).

I would like to thank Kent Uhl for stepping forward and taking over as the director of our Rifle Benchrest discipline, and thanks to Jay Dye for being the Benchrest director for many years. Many thanks to all current and past discipline directors for all their hard work, it takes a solid commitment and many hours of your time to keep a discipline running. Thanks alot.

We had Kenn Condon of the ODFW complete the final inspections and sign off on our new indoor range ventilation and sound

insulating project, and we should soon receive the rest of our grant money. Thanks again to everyone who participated in the project. It was a great success. Safe Shooting!

IPSC Pistol Match

Paul Meier

Sat. Nov. 5, 2005 • In IPSC we shoot rain or shine and today was rain, big time. We had 9 hearty shooters show up for the match which consisted of 5 stages and 93 rds minimum. These IPSC matches at DRRC are not sanctioned as yet so I've opted to use them as training matches. We follow all USPSA rules as best we can for putting the stages on the silhouette range. All safety rules are followed where we deviate is in stage design rules. This time of year we have rain, we started off the first two stages with no rain, a nice day. Then the sky parted and down it came and regardless of how hard or well we shoot, or cursed, it continued to rain. This time of year I design rain stages. When the rains come we put plastic bags over the targets to keep them dry and make it so we can patch the bullet holes with tape. I also design the stages with minimal movement thru the stage. This cuts down on foot slip and trip problems and also wet hands for handling the gun. Four of the 5 stages today the shooter was able to solve and shoot the stage from a shooting box with minimal movement. This allowed us to cover the shooter and most of the time the RO (range officer) with an umbrella to protect us from the rain.

When we finished, the crew all helped out tearing down the stages and putting all the props and targets and sticks away. Everyone left with a smile on their face, had a good time and discovered that you can shoot in the rain and survive. Ralph Mowatt joined us Sat., sorry Ralph, hope this doesn't diminish your standing in the shotgun world! Ralph shot well, didn't get to wet, had some pistol issues but had a good time.

If you shoot a pistol well from the

draw and can follow some strict safety rules you can probably shoot our match. Just talk to John Weil or myself before you come out so you arrive with everything that you'll need. Typically our match takes about 100 rds minimum, so bring 150-200 rds as extra rds will be fired. You may end up with a re-shoot or afterwards we may do some training. Most shooters use a semi-auto which needs to be 9 mm or larger and 4 mags with mag pouches for your belt and holster. This match, the stages ranged from 16-24 rds. and 32 rds would be the max. Times varied from just over 9 sec to well over a minute and the 9 sec run may not have happened on the 16 rd stage. Each stage presents a shooters challenge that has to be overcome.

We will train you if you come with the equipment and an open mind and ready to learn.

January 7th 2006 • We had 9 brave shooters show up. Even though it rained a little we had a good time. The shooters had the option to quit after the first 3 stages (because of rain) but most wanted to stay and shoot. So we did. We set up a canopy over the shooter box and only got wet when we went out to score and tape the targets. Scores can be found on the web site.

The next match will be held on Feb. 4th.

Pin Shoot at DRRC

George Schneider

How do you combine the fun of a Turkey Shoot with the competitive spirit of IPSC? The answer is Bowling Pins! Depending on who I talk to, they've either been done before or not at DRRC, but the consensus is that it's been a while, so I'd like to make my initial offering to my new shooting club by putting on a Pin Shoot.

It'll be on March 11. That's a Saturday, and we'll be on the Silhouette Range from 9am to finishing the shoot. There will be 5 Classes: Rimfire Iron Sight; Rimfire Any Sight, Centerfire Revolver Any Sight; Centerfire Pistol Iron Sight

and Centerfire Pistol Any Sight. For those not yet acquainted with Bowling Pin shoots, leave those doubts at home and come on down! Bring any handgun you even think you might want to enter. Bring at least 100 rds any target-load ammo, ball or lead, per gun.

The shooting is done at pins lined up on tables at 25 feet. It's a race. First you shoot to establish your time for pairings, and then pairs shoot off against each other, elimination-style until one champion emerges.

Gun smoke, adrenalin and just plain fun. Does it get any better than this?

Any questions, call George Schneider at 503-667-1095, and watch for the flyer to come out soon.

Highpower Rifle

Bill Britt, DRRC High power

The DRRC Highpower Program begins in early spring and ends in late fall each year. Shooting matches consist of either "over the course" (OTC) or "long range" matches (LR). Matches are open to club members and the general public.

Shooters competing in OTC matches fire at distances of 200, 300 and 600 yards. A typical course of fire is 88 shots. The course of fire is broken down into stages. The first two stages are fired at 200 yards. During the first two stages the shooter fires 20 single shots, from the standing offhand position, as well as two rapid fire ten-shot strings from a supported sitting position. The third stage of fire is two ten-shot strings of rapid-fire prone (lying down) at 300 yards. The final stage is fired at a distance of 600 yards. Twenty shots are fired slow-fire from this position. The shooter has two sighter shots for each stage of fire. In OTC matches shooters compete with either a service rifle (M1 Garand, M14/M1A, or AR15), or a match rifle. OTC shooting is done with metallic sights.

Long range matches are fired at distances of 800, 900 and 1,000 yards from the prone position only. Common course of fire is 15 shots at

each distance. LR matches are fired with both metallic sights and telescope sights. Bolt action rifles are the most common in these matches.

Long range matches also offer a special F-class rifle category. F-class rifles are fired from the prone position and can use any type of support: sand bags, bi-pod, etc. Scoped hunting rifles are generally found in F-class along with other types of scoped commercial long range rifles.

If this type of shooting might interest you, I would suggest that you observe a match to get the feel for how it is run and what exactly goes on. Talk to people and get to know them. Introduce your self as a new shooter and ask to explain anything that's not clear to you. Check the club calendar for matches starting in March.

Passing of a Friend

DRRC member Robert Wesley "Bob" Vogel, 58, died November 10



after suffering a heart attack while on vacation. He was participating in the CMP Western Games at Camp Pendleton,

California with his close friends, Al & Myra Lader.

He was born on November 28, 1946 in Astoria, Oregon. His parents were Alfred C and Kathryn E. Vogel. He was raised in Salem and Portland, where he attended Cleveland High School. He enlisted in the U. S. Army in 1964 serving three years at Fort Knox and Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and with the HQ Company, 12th Engineering Battalion in Germany as Chief Tank Mechanic. He never married.

He worked at Pacifico, Inc., a Gresham motorcycle parts manufacturing company, from 1973 to 1989 as a vacuum former operator, swing shift manager, maintenance supervisor, and CNC Machinist. He moved to Gresham in 1997 and retired in 1998, continuing to stay

active by helping his friends with their projects.

At DRRC he participated in CMP and Mini Palma Matches and spent time on the 100 yard range shooting his many rifles and trying out his hand loading experiments.

He enjoyed target shooting, riding motorcycles, racing radio-controlled cars, studying astronomy, and serving on a crew that produced fireworks displays.

He was a member of the Douglas Ridge Rifle Club, Oregon Arms Collectors, Washington Arms Collectors, Order of Moose, OMSI, and ROAR, the U.S.-Canadian sanctioning body for radio-controlled cars.

Contributions may be made to the Oregon Food Bank, OMSI, or a charity of your choice.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6pm-9pm Special Jr. Smallbore (Ind)	2 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600 yd only 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd 7-9pm General Meeting (CH)	3	4 9am-4pm USPSA/IPSC - (Silh)
5 9:30-2:30pm Trap 9am-3pm BB & SB Pistol Silhouette (Silh)	6 7-9pm Board Meeting (CH)	7 8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance 6pm-9pm Hunter Ed (CH/Ind)	8	9 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd only 1pm-sunset 300-600 yd only 6pm-9pm Hunter Ed (CH/Ind)	10	11 8am-5pm NRA Personal Protection Class (CH/Ind)
12 9:30am-2pm Sporting Clays 9am-4pm Action Pistol (Silh) 8am-5pm NRA Personal Protection Class (CH/Ind)	13 5:00pm-8pm Jr. Smallbore (Ind)	14 8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance 6pm-9pm Hunter Ed (CH/Ind)	15	16 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600 yd only 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd 6pm-9pm Hunter Ed (CH/Ind)	17	18 9am-2pm Blackpowder (Silh)
19 9:30-2:30pm Trap	20 Presidents Day 5:00pm-8pm Jr. Smallbore (Ind)	21 8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance 6pm-9pm Hunter Ed (CH/Ind)	22 8am-5pm SERT Training (200-1000 yd)	23 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd only 1pm-sunset 300-600 yd only 6pm-9pm Hunter Ed (CH/Ind)	24	25 8am-1:30pm Hunter Ed (CH/Ind)
26 9:30am-2pm Sporting Clays 9am-sunset Speed Steel (Silh)	27 5:00pm-8pm Jr. Smallbore (Ind)	28 8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance				

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How do you get your Newsletter?

Charlie McAlister (DRRC Secretary)

A while back I made a pitch to encourage DRRC members get their newsletter via our website. We have approximately 230 (23%) members getting their newsletter via our website. This goes a long way in reducing the cost of publishing and mailing our newsletter, which is only going up in cost.

Once a month after I post the newsletter to our website, you get an email letting you know it is ready. It is a high quality PDF file that you can read online or print it. Acrobat Reader is available free via the link on our website newsletter page.

What do you say, can we double that number for the March newsletter? Put me to work, send me your email address. Send your request to webmaster@douglasridge.org.

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