

Wish It Was Different... Get Involved

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How many times have you complained, whined, or grumbled about how things are or are not; whether it is decisions of our leadership, the attack on your Second Amendment rights, or issues regarding your child's school or the gun club you belong to. I know I have done it. If you are not happy with it then get involved and try to make it better.

Not happy with our leadership? Then get out and vote and remove them from office and elect someone better. When voter turn-out is 60%, I hear officials speak on how great a turnout we had. Excuse me, why is it not a 100% turnout? Every citizen has the right and obligation to be informed and get out and vote. Protect your freedom or one day you won't get to vote.

Fearful that one day you won't be able to own a gun and they will come knocking on your door to take away the ones you have, then write your congressmen and senators letting them know how you feel and then vote accordingly. Dang, back to that voting thing again. Make sure you are a member of the NRA and encourage your friends to join. Yes the NRA has become a primarily political organization and they are not perfect and can't please every member but in the big picture they are working to protect your right to own and bear arms. Protect that right, give a little more than just a membership fee to those who in the end are trying to protect your right to protect yourself.

So you shake your head when you hear what they are teaching your child in school. Don't like it that they no longer say the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of each day. Don't like it because they only teach one side of issues and it is not your side. Get involved, go talk to the principal, go to school board meetings and let them know what you think and how you feel. The



squeaky wheel gets the oil is not just a saying, it is quite often how it is.

Maybe you don't like some things I have done as VP of Douglas Ridge Rifle Club or decisions the board has made. Well then, call me, call board members, come to meetings, be heard... VOTE. Or maybe you like what I have done, you can tell me that too (smile).

I have been on the DRRC board for over seven years now and whether popular or not I can say I believe the board has always acted in a manner they felt was in the best interest of the club. It is getting close to the time where we must elect some new officers. Maybe it is time for you to get involved and run for office. As with most volunteer groups once a person says, "I will run for office", it's "nominations closed all I favor say aye" and faster than you can blink an eye you're the man or woman in that position. Perhaps it is time for a little competition where more than one person runs for each position, wants to do a good job and tries to sell themselves for the job.

And finally, before I get off of this soapbox, if you kinda sorta don't like this article... come on, you know what I am going to say... write your own and submit it to our editor as he is always looking for good stuff for the newsletter. Be involved, be heard and happy shooting.

Want To Be An RSO?

An NRA Range Safety Officer class has been scheduled for March 5 & 6. The cost for the class is \$40 for

DRRC Members. Pre-registration is required.

If you would like more information contact Michael Jones, CRSO at jonesc@teleport.com or at 503/314-6820.

You Might Be A Gun Nut If...

- You cannot really recall just how many guns you own.
- Surplus ammunition suppliers call you to see if there was anything you were looking for.
- You bought a gun only to find when you got home you already have one just like it.
- You save brass and have a case tumbler, but don't reload.
- You ever stripped the paint off of your car and then blued it.
- You've ever bought ammo for a caliber you didn't shoot thinking that someday you might own a gun in that caliber.
- Your computer passwords are gun related.
- Your five-year-old can detail strip and fully reassemble an M1 Garand.
- Your local gunsmith calls you for obsolete parts.
- You home-school and use ballistic tables for math lessons.
- Your gun safe is bigger than your refrigerator.
- The speedometer on your car is in both m.p.h. and fps.
- You call Midway and they recognize your voice.
- You understand Smith and Wesson's model numbers...



Don't let this happen to Douglas Ridge. Follow the Range Rules. (The new Handbook is available online: www.douglasridge.org/drcc_handbook.pdf)

- You ever bought two different brands of the same bullet just to see which one “shot better.”
- You cut out your best groups and carry them in your wallet like photos.
- You’ve ever gone to a gun show three times in one month, and were excited every time.
- You feel that a golf course is a willful and deliberate misuse of a perfectly good rifle range.
- Your brass tumbler used to be a small cement mixer.
- You identify the gun on the cover of Dillon’s Blue Press before you notice the girl.
- You make \$30/hr at work and spent 35 minutes on your knees at the range looking for that last piece of .40 brass.
- The FBI asks you to identify firearms they can’t.
- Ammo manufacturers had to layoff workers when you went to Europe for a month’s vacation.
- You driver’s license says “must wear night vision goggles.”
- You get misty eyed every time you sell a gun.
- You guess windage and range every time you look at a road sign...
- You went out to the range this weekend to shoot up ammo, just so you’d have some brass to reload.
- Someone asks about the president and you think they’re talking about Charlton Heston.
- You have run out of gas in your car, but have never run out of ammo before.
- You know the serial numbers of your guns, but still get your kids’ names mixed up.
- You know why 30-06 is pronounced “thirty ought six.”
- You buy all of your clothes at Wal-Mart but own some of the most expensive holsters known to man.
- You walk up on a conversation about horses and as soon as you hear “Colt”, you are immediately interested.
- You look at Shotgun News the way teenage boys look at Playboy.
- The National Guard Armory

- has your phone number on “call block” because you keep making bids on their WWII artillery piece sitting out front.
- You carry a backup gun in case the backup for your backup fails.
- You have your own VIP parking spot at gun shows.
- You have been banned from a movie theater because you always stand up in the middle of the movie and tell everyone you can’t fire 30 rounds from a revolver without reloading.
- You have more firearms than friends.
- You have insurance covering your guns, but not you.
- You slide your paddle holster on to check your mail.
- You find yourself rapidly disassembling/re-assembling your handgun...in the dark...on the toilet.
- You drive to work with a \$1,500 Kimber in a \$500 pick-up.
- You have ever read an article in the crime section of the newspaper and read “the suspect had over 200 rounds of ammunition”, then assumed it was a misprint as who in his right mind would get down to only 200 rounds???
- Your girlfriend/wife is jealous of the time you spend with your guns.
- You’re already thinking about your next gun while your filling out the paperwork on the one you’re buying.
- The guys at the local gun shop send you a Christmas card.
- You own guns you haven’t shot.
- You have a room in your house dedicated to guns.
- The sound of full auto gun fire makes you feel all warm and fuzzy.
- Your will specifies your favorite firearm(s) to be buried with you.
- You wonder why you must renew your CCW license every year, but your marriage license won’t expire.
- Someone asks how many guns you have, and the answer begins

- with “about.”
- You named a dog after a gun.
- You’re only dating/marrying a girl so you can shoot her gun collection.
- The wallpaper on your desktop is firearm related.
- You carry pictures of your guns in your wallet.
- Your favorites in the computer only have one folder, “guns.”

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:00 am - 12:00 pm All Ranges closed for maintenance	2 <i>6:00 pm - 9:00 pm</i> <i>Ladies' Night (CH/Ind)</i>	3 Long Range Day 8am-1pm 800-1000yd 1pm-Sunset 300-600yd 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm General Meeting	4 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm Adult Smallbore (CH/Ind)	5 <i>9:00 am - 4:00 pm</i> <i>USPSA/IPSC (Silh)</i>
6 9:30a-1p Trap, 1p-3p Jr Shotgun @ Sandy Gun Club <i>9:00 am - 3:00 pm</i> <i>Handgun Silhouette (Silh)</i> <i>4:30 pm - 8:00 pm Jr</i> <i>Smallbore (CH/Ind)</i>	7 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Ladies Beginner Pistol (CH/Ind)	8 <i>12pm-Sunset</i> <i>Black Powder Cartridge (200-1000yd)</i> Newsletter Submissions Due 8:00 am - 12:00 pm All Ranges closed for maintenance <i>6:00 pm - 9:00 pm</i> <i>Hunters Ed (CH/Ind)</i>	9	10 Long Range Day 8am-1pm 300-600yd 1pm-Sunset 800-1000yd <i>6:00 pm - 9:00 pm</i> <i>Hunters Ed (CH/Ind)</i>	11	12
13 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm New Member Orientation (CH/Ind) <i>4:30 pm - 8:00 pm Jr</i> <i>Smallbore (CH/Ind)</i>	14 Valentine's Day 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Ladies Beginner Pistol (CH/Ind)	15 8:00 am - 12:00 pm All Ranges closed for maintenance <i>6:00 pm - 9:00 pm</i> <i>Hunters Ed (CH/Ind)</i>	16 8:00 am - 5:00 pm LE: PPB SERT (LR) <i>6:00 pm - 9:00 pm</i> <i>Ladies' Night (CH/Ind)</i>	17 Long Range Day 8am-1pm 800-1000yd 1pm-Sunset 300-600yd <i>6:00 pm - 9:00 pm</i> <i>Hunters Ed (CH/Ind)</i>	18 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm Adult Smallbore (CH/Ind)	19 <i>9:00 am - 2:00 pm</i> <i>Black Powder (Silh)</i>
20 9:30a-1p Trap, 1p-3p Jr Shotgun @ Sandy Gun Club	21 Presidents' Day 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Ladies Beginner Pistol (CH/Ind)	22 8:00 am - 12:00 pm All Ranges closed for maintenance <i>6:00 pm - 9:00 pm</i> <i>Hunters Ed (CH/Ind)</i>	23 <i>6:00 pm - 9:00 pm</i> <i>Hunters Ed (CH/Ind)</i>	24 Long Range Day 8am-1pm 300-600yd 1pm-Sunset 800-1000yd 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Board Meeting	25 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm Adult Smallbore (CH/Ind)	26 <i>7:30 am - 5:00 pm</i> <i>HiPower Reduced 800</i> <i>Agg (CH, 9am 100Yd)</i> <i>8:00 am - 1:00 pm</i> <i>Hunters Ed (CH/Ind)</i>
27 <i>9:00 am - 5:00 pm</i> <i>3 Gun (Silh)</i> <i>4:30 pm - 8:00 pm Jr</i> <i>Smallbore (CH/Ind)</i>	28 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Ladies Beginner Pistol (CH/Ind)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> 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>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> 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>		

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