

## President's Corner

Bill Slonecker

President Tom Hatch is on medical leave until Feb. 1st so I have been asked to fill in as President until then. Tom will not be available to take calls or answer email, so in the meantime please direct those to me.

Last December the Club instituted a new inventory system to track our firearms and ammunition inventory. The software is called Lightspeed and will be a useful time saver using handheld scanners that make entering the inventory easier and simpler than the old method. This gives us a versatile reporting system to know when and how much ammunition to order for the many disciplines that sell club ammunition, as well as firearm record keeping for insurance and auditing purposes. President Hatch set a goal to have this system up and running by the end of 2017 and thanks to the efforts of our Members, that goal was reached.

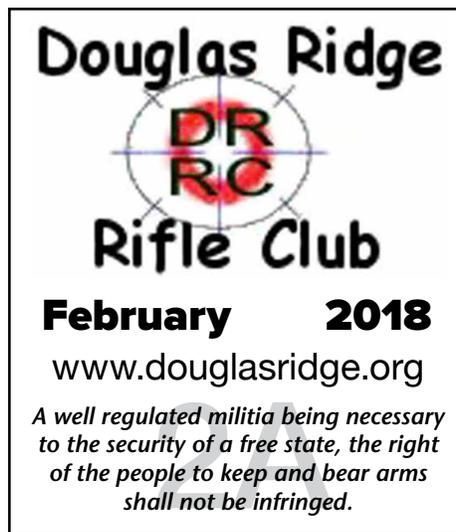
Another year's end goal was a project to upgrade our computer network and update our software. Two new desktop PC's and a laptop were purchased along with new software and backed up to a cloud based system. The new system will be sufficient for years and will allow better and more reliable remote access, something I frequently use to check the Membership database from home when answering membership questions. We now have an official IT team responsible for our computer network, surveillance system and password management. This project, like Lightspeed, was all done by Members volunteering their time.

Thanks to you all for volunteering your time and keeping this the great Club that it is.

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*"No taxes can be devised which are not more or less inconvenient and unpleasant."* **George Washington Farewell Address — 1796**



## Club Calendar

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I have received a few questions recently about how to use the online Club Calendar. It is good to check it before coming to the range to make sure the range you intend to use is open. There is also a hard copy posted at the gate and on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse next to the Office door.

Clicking on the website's Club Calendar link brings up the current month and today's date is highlighted. To advance to the next month, click on the arrow to the right of the month shown. Clicking on the activity or event shown for a given day brings up who to contact, cost, and other useful information.

There is a search box on the page's upper left. Clicking on it brings up a search box. Typing in 3 gun brings up all the scheduled matches for the year. Use your browser's left arrow to go back to the monthly calendar.

Another way to search is to click on the dropdown box below the date labeled Select Category. You can easily find classes and training, meetings and matches by selecting one or more boxes and clicking on the Go box to the right of the dropdown.

Another useful feature is the Go To Date. Clicking on it brings up a monthly calendar. Click on the date of your next day off, for instance, and all the activities for that day are

listed either by the month, week or day, depending on the box you have selected to the right of the Go button.

If you need additional information you can click on the Help button, which has directions on using the main navigation buttons and additional controls.

## Safety Corner

Mike Holder, Chief RSO

I'm running late to wish everyone a good new year, but I sincerely hope you all have a fantastic and safe 2018. Thanks to all of you, we have had a great 2017 as far as reported injuries and incidents on the ranges. Kudos to you all!

As you should know, back in December of 2015 we have started doing Long Range Orientations to enhance safety, range usability, and member's responsibility while using the range. To date, we have trained over 300 individuals who can shoot distances longer than 200 yards with very few problems. It only takes a couple hours on Tuesday mornings, and we certainly encourage you to take advantage. Cost is free, and free coffee to learn how, and how not, to use the long distance ranges, or as Carl calls it, the KD (Known Distance) range.

We still have a few individuals that wish to drive on the grass in the soggy conditions. Those actions cause ruts in the range and make it very hard on mowing the grass. Access is only allowed at the access points of 300 and 600 access roads. Please don't drive from the Silhouette road to the 300 yard berm. Keep in mind if you get stuck, you're going to have to call a wrecker to get you out. Douglas Ridge Rifle Club will not accept the responsibility to pull you out and cause damage to your vehicle.

Also, noticing through the gate program that there are some that are using the KD range who have not gone through the Orientation process. You must be carded in order

to use this facility on Thursdays. Those not carded and approved are a safety issue, and a use issue. If you are caught, you will be asked to leave, your name and number referred to the Board of Directors for possible sanctions to you.

## Shotgun Trap

*Don Olaver*

Winter Trap at DRRRC is going strong! I'm amazed that each week we have new shooters showing up to see what we are doing now. Come out and try the shotgun sports on Wednesday from 11 AM until 2 PM. We have the guns, ammo, clays, and protection for your eyes and ears all for \$11. If you have your own gun great! We provide instruction and competition Free. If you're looking for volunteer hours we can use your help.

Going to the range and shooting stationary paper targets is good training for shooting stationary paper. It does actually help with your sight picture and trigger control, but in most dynamic situations the targets have a strong tendency to move. One great way to practice the fast hand-eye coordination needed to hit moving targets is with clay bird shooting. Trap and skeet shooting, two of the most popular types of clay bird shooting, are a good place to get started in this sport.

You will want to start with a suitable shotgun in at least 20 gauge but preferably 12 gauge. It can be a pump action, semi-auto or double-barreled, with a 26-inch or longer barrel(s) and a fairly open choke. I prefer #8-size shot for both trap and skeet shooting. In trap shooting, the clay birds—bright orange discs about the size of your palm—are launched away from the shooter from a small block house at the center of the field. There are five positions in an arc from one side of the house to the other, and the shooter takes five shots from each position for a total of 25 shots. The shooter does not know in which direction each bird

will be launched, and there is a good degree of unpredictability.

## Wolves in Wasco County

*ODFW web*

THE DALLES, Ore.—At least two wolves are using an area in southern Wasco County, marking the first time multiple wolves have been confirmed in the northern portion of Oregon's Cascade Mountains since they began returning to Oregon in the 2000s.

The wolves were documented on the White River Wildlife Area and Mt Hood National Forest and have also been observed on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation.

Several wolves are known to have dispersed through Wasco County in the past few years. A single wolf was documented in the White River Unit in December 2013. In May 2015, a wolf from the Imnaha pack travelled through the area as he dispersed to Klamath County. Later in 2015, a single wolf was documented in Wasco County.

Wolves in Wasco County and anywhere west of Hwy 395-78-95 are protected by the federal Endangered Species Act, so U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the lead management agency.

Additional information about Oregon's wolf population will be available in March, after ODFW completes its annual winter surveys and minimum population count.

## Oregon Conservation

*ODFW web*

Oregon's rich and varied landscape supports an amazing diversity of wildlife. Our state is home to about 600 vertebrate species of nongame wildlife animals that are not fished, trapped or hunted. In fact, 88 % of our wildlife are nongame species including freshwater fishes, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals.

ODFW's Conservation Program

## General Meetings

2018: 01/04, 02/01, 03/01, 04/05, 05/03

## Board Meetings

2018: 01/25, 02/22, 03/22, 04/26, 05/24

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# February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				Long Range Day 8a-1p (800/1000) 1p-Sunset (200/600) 7:00pm - 9:00pm General Meeting (CH/Ind)	2:00pm - 5:30pm USPSA Set Up (Silh/TSBDR) 4:00pm - 10:00pm Adult Small Bore (CH/Ind)	10:00am - 6:00pm USPSA (Silh/TSBDR) 11:00am - 3:00pm Trap (Trap)
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9:00am - 5:00pm 3 Gun (Silh/TSB/DR)	5:00pm - 6:00pm Ladies Ladies Beginner Pistol Setup (CH/Ind) 6:00pm - 9:00pm Ladies Ladies Beginner Pistol Class (CH/Ind)	8:00am - 12:00pm All Ranges Closed For Maintenance 4:00pm - 8:00pm JR Small Bore (CH/Ind)	11:00am - 2:00pm Winter Trap (Trap)	Long Range Day 8a-1p (200/600) 1p-Sunset (800/1000) Newsletter articles due 6:00pm - 6:30pm The Well Armed Women setup (Ch/Ind) 6:30pm - 8:30pm The Well Armed Women meeting (Ch/Ind)	4:00pm - 10:00pm Adult Small Bore (CH/Ind)	8:00am - 3:30pm .22 Rimfire Challenge (Silh/DR) 8:00am - 6:00pm 540Tactical DH1/DH2 (TSB) 9:00am - 2:00pm Archery Shoot (Arch)
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
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## Rifle Club

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### Affiliations:



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is chartered with serving this large nongame population through management and conservation programs. The program also seeks to inform, to educate and to enhance recreational opportunities involving wildlife.

Conserving the diversity of wildlife species and their habitats is not only critical to the continued health of lands and waters within and beyond the state's borders, it also enriches the lives of Oregonians who enjoy wildlife in their backyards or in travels around the state. In addition, many tourists come to Oregon to enjoy its fish and wildlife resources and contribute significantly to the state's economy.

### ***Nongame Wildlife Programs Need Funding***

Although the Wildlife Division is charged with the conservation of nongame species, there is not a stable state funding source for this

responsibility. In fact, although nongame species account for 88% of total wildlife, nongame programs receive only a small fraction of the Wildlife Division's budget.

To address this problem, the Oregon Legislature established the Nongame Wildlife Fund in 1979, allowing Oregonians to make tax-deductible contributions on their state income tax returns. Citizens also can donate directly to the program by sending a check to the ODFW Nongame Wildlife Fund.

In addition to helping re-establish nesting bald eagles in Oregon and returning the American peregrine falcon from the brink of extinction, the Nongame Wildlife Fund has been used for critical habitat restorations, inventories, conservation programs for sensitive species and educational materials. Recent efforts have helped ensure that, Willamette Valley grassland birds and white-headed

woodpeckers will retain their vital places in Oregon's rich and diverse ecosystem.

These and Oregon's other projects are dependent on tax checkoff program donations. You can help to prevent our sensitive nongame species from becoming threatened or endangered, reducing the need for possible regulation. Oregon's nongame species include about 37 threatened and endangered species and 121 sensitive species. Conserving those species and their habitats now will be less expensive in the long run and benefit all Oregonians.

So, please, check the box on your state income tax form to support the Nongame Wildlife Fund. If you are not receiving a refund, you can still support this fund with a donation to the Fund by mail.

Oregon's wildlife need you. Thank you for your consideration.