

## DRRC Needs You!

by *Charlie McAlister*

Now is your chance to have some fun and help your club. We have two discipline directors that have done their part and are now stepping down and turning the reins over to someone else. Speed Steel and Action Pistol both need new directors. Both are relatively easy disciplines to run. Yes, there is some work and added responsibility in taking on a discipline, but the nice thing about these is you can be in charge and still shoot in the matches and have fun.

Speed Steel - can be as simple or fancy as you want. Start with easy stages and then let your imagination take you from there. Typically there are 5-6 stages of various stationary and reactive steel targets. The goal is to hit all the steel as fast as you safely can. Fastest wins. Speed steel is where I started and it was fun and a great place to start.

Action Pistol – uses the same stages every match shooting at tombstone targets and falling steel plates. Accuracy and speed are essential here as both play into your final winning score. A great discipline to lean smooth quick drawing from a holster and working within time limits.

So you ask, what are the duties of a discipline director? Discipline directors primary responsibilities are:

- Scheduling the matches and getting them on the calendar. This is done once a year for the entire calendar year.
- Submitting a budget and ordering any supplies needed. This is also done once a year.
- Taking match registrations, collecting fees and submitting match reports and receipts to the treasurer. This is done after each match.
- Running the match which includes set up and tear down (but you always get help from



shooters with this part), running the line (and it is typical that other shooters that are qualified will help with this), ensure match and shooter are safe, submit match scores to webmaster for posting on DRRC website.

- Promote your sport and matches.
- Have Fun!

Now that may sound like a lot of work, but really it isn't. Both of these disciplines have been having matches once a month so the time commitment is not much. Except for the annual needs of scheduling and budgeting most of the work is done and finished the day of the match. If you have not run a discipline before there are plenty of folks that will help get you on the right track and provide plenty of support. Don't let either of the two great disciplines fade away. Step up and support your club and have some fun at the same time. If you have questions or want to help please don't hesitate to call me or any club officer or board member. Our numbers are in this newsletter. So what are you waiting for!

## Ladies Beginner Pistol, The Student's Point of View

*Sheri McAlister, Instructor*

Once again, another Ladies Beginner Pistol class has successfully and safely come to a close with 10 more knowledgeable ladies ready to get on the firing line.

Many times you hear about this class from an instructor or coach's point of view. I thought this time

you should hear what some of the latest graduates have to say.

What part(s) of this class did you feel were the most beneficial?

- "The hands-on."
- "The shooting and instructors training."
- "Positive attitude and encouragement as well as a constant emphasis on safety."
- "Being able to shoot a variety of guns."
- "Being able to practice shooting with multiple pistols and in different ways."

Other comments

*"Thanks for making us comfortable in what was initially a totally new environment. We came to learn and you made it possible."*

*"The instructor and coaches are awesome. It's nice to have a person right beside you to answer any questions I had and to show me the right way of handling the pistol."*

*"Thanks so much to the instructor and wonderful coaches. They all made owning, operating and being involved with guns seem like a very doable proposition. I really appreciated the use of the range."*

Many thanks go out to those who coach during these classes. You are making a difference in the lives of these ladies.

## Working a Table at a Gun Show

*Fred Weaver*

On November 20, 21, & 22nd, Douglas Ridge had a table at the Portland gun show held at the Expo Center. Dan Day called and asked if I could work a couple of hours for the club. I said sure and he asked if I needed work hours and I said not really since being a board member, I get plenty of hours for the club.

The reason that I am writing this short article is to invite everyone to say "YES" when Dan calls for help at one of the shows. He has it set up so that there are at least two people there at any given time and that the short two hours shifts overlap. It is a

fun way to meet other members of the club and it helps out everyone. You get to meet interesting folks and answer questions about the club and to introduce possible new members and shooters to our facilities.

Being called a "Gun Show" seems a misnomer as there is more than just guns there. Items that I saw included books, optics of all sorts, military collectables and of course firearms.

So if someone calls and asks for help, step up and say Yes.

Thank You.

## Health Care Reform Gun Rights Roundup

by *Buckeye Firearms Association, From USCCA Magazine*

Health care reform may not be healthy for gun rights

With the 2010 mid-term elections on the horizon, the gun issue is nowhere to be found ... or is it? Health Care and the nation's economic problems are dominating the news, and are likely to remain front and center in the upcoming campaign season.

However, gun owners need to remain vigilant. The fact is those in power want to take our guns. They always have. And they will come for them when we're preoccupied with other issues.

One tactic to watch for is the Trojan horse, a type of attack that hides anti-gun provisions in a seemingly harmless bill. Health Care reform is of particular interest since once the government is paying medical bills, they can use the medical-related costs from any activity as an excuse for regulation.

Ken Hanson recently showed how this could work in an in-depth article called Will Health Care Reform Regulate Guns? We have successfully fought off direct attacks on our gun rights in recent years - it's the indirect attack that should concern us.

Gun Rights Roundup is a joint venture of Buckeye Firearms Association and USCCA. We will keep fighting until every American

enjoys their natural right to carry and self-defense.

## CATO Institute, Policy Analysis: Fighting Back: Crime, Self-Defense, and the Right to Carry a Handgun

by *Jeffrey Snyder*

Ten years ago this month, a controversial "concealed-carry" law went into effect in the state of Florida. In a sharp break from the conventional wisdom of the time, that law allowed adult citizens to carry concealed firearms in public. Many people feared the law would quickly lead to disaster: blood would literally be running in the streets. Now, 10 years later, it is safe to say that those dire predictions were completely unfounded. Indeed, the debate today over concealed-carry laws centers on the extent to which such laws can actually reduce the crime rate.

To the shock and dismay of gun control proponents, concealed-carry reform has proven to be wildly popular among state lawmakers. Since Florida launched its experiment with concealed-carry in October 1987, 23 states have enacted similar laws, with positive results.

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Prior to 1987, almost every state in America either prohibited the carrying of concealed handguns or permitted concealed-carry under a licensing system that granted government officials broad discretionary power over the decision to grant a permit. The key feature of the new concealed-carry laws is that the government must grant the permit as soon as any citizen can satisfy objective licensing criteria.

Concealed-carry reform reaffirms the basic idea that citizens have the

right to defend themselves against criminal attack. And since criminals can strike almost anywhere at any time, the last thing government ought to be doing is stripping citizens of the most effective means of defending themselves. Carrying a handgun in public may not be for everyone, but it is a right that government ought to respect.



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# Douglas Ridge Rifle Club

# January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Calendar Codes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CH/Ind Clubhouse &amp; Indoor Range</li> <li>• Arch Archery Range</li> <li>• 100/200 100/200 Yard Range</li> <li>• Silh Silhouette Range</li> <li>• LR Long Range</li> </ul>	<b>Calendar Codes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trap Trap Range</li> <li>• SC Sporting Clays Range</li> <li>• LE Law Enforcement (training)</li> <li>• NRA . . . NRA Classes</li> <li>• TSB Tactical Shotgun Bay</li> </ul>				1 New Year's Day	2 9am-4pm USPSA/PSC (Silh)
3 9am-3pm Pistol Silhouette (Silh)	4 8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance <b>7pm-9pm Board Meeting</b>	5 8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance <b>7pm-9pm Board Meeting</b>	6 6-9pm Ladies' Night (CH/Ind)	7 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600yd 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd <b>7pm-9pm General Meeting</b>	8 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600yd 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd <b>7pm-9pm General Meeting</b>	9 8am-5pm CCP Handgun Basics (CH/Ind)
10 8am-3pm Action Pistol (Silh)	11 8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance	12 8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance	13 8am-5pm LE: PPB SERT (Silh & 100/200) <b>6-9pm Ladies' Night (CH/Ind)</b>	14 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd 1pm-sunset 300-600yd	15 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd 1pm-sunset 300-600yd	16 9am-11am New Member Orientation (Ind/CH)
17 9am-5pm High Power Reduced 800 Agg (100yd)	18 8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance	19 8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance	20 8am-5pm LE: PPB SERT (Silh & 100/200) <b>6-9pm Ladies' Night (CH/Ind)</b>	21 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600yd 1pm-sunset 600-1000 yd	22 6pm-9pm Ladies Beginner Pistol (CH/Ind)	23 8am-5pm Handgun-1 (CH/Ind)
24 9am-5pm High Power Reduced 800 Agg (100yd)	25 8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance	26 8am-noon All Ranges closed for maintenance	27 6-9pm Ladies' Night (CH/Ind)	28 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd 1pm-sunset 300-600yd <b>7pm-9pm Board Meeting</b>	29 6pm-9pm Ladies Beginner Pistol (CH/Ind)	30 3pm-Sunset 3-Gun Setup (Silh)
31 9am-5pm 3-Gun (Silh)						

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