

What a Rip-Off (?)

Joe Keller

I recently returned a phone call to the Club from a man who was looking for a place to shoot, because he has several rifles and he doesn't like to shoot in the woods. When I told him our annual dues are \$150 a year to be a DRRC member, he angrily hung up the phone while he muttered "what a rip-off." That got me to thinking a little bit. I realize new members pay more, as do those who pay the work hours assessment. And Old Time members pay less. But most of us pay the \$150 annual dues amount. Is it a rip-off?

The annual dues works out to be \$12.50 per month. For \$12.50 you can buy about half a box of .30-06 Core-Lokt ammunition. Or you could buy a Federal .22 LR Value Pack, getting 325 rounds. You could buy two lunches at McDonald's, if you didn't supersize them. You could save your monthly \$12.50 for a year and a half, and buy a Ruger 10/22 to shoot those .22 rounds. Or you could save your \$12.50 for a little over three years, and get a Marlin lever action rifle. Save up for four years, and you could buy a used .357 revolver. You could use the \$12.50 to buy some extra gasoline, and drive your pick-up about 50 miles to get to the woods and back for shooting.

The bottom line is that, sure, it looks like a lot of money when we get our dues statements. But when we compare it to other costs we experience, it doesn't look so bad. And what do we get for our \$150 a year? I happen to think our range and our facilities look great, and are in good shape. The first couple hundred members' dues cover the



cost of the maintenance for the Club. The next seventy-five or so members pay for the utilities. The next sixty members pay the property taxes. Then the next one hundred members pay the insurance bills. Unfortunately, more than a hundred members pay the attorney bills. And a similar number of members pay the environmental maintenance bills. Some of us pay the janitor bills, the fuel bills, the accountant bills, the office supply bills, and the costs to produce this newsletter and have a Christmas party. And we haven't even talked about buying new equipment, or building new facilities for all of us to use and enjoy.

"What a rip-off"? What a bargain!

Next time you are talking to a friend about shooting, ask him or her why they aren't taking advantage of the great bargain we offer for membership at Douglas Ridge Rifle Club. Share our story, and bring a new member into the Club.

Junior Olympians

Matt Meininger

This year DRRC was able to sponsor two juniors to go to the Junior Olympics. The matches were held at Colorado Springs, Colorado between April 13th and May 1st.



Left to right: Emily Cock, Austin Cock, Sasha Perez, Spencer Jacobs, Ryan Jacobs

The two juniors that went were brothers Ryan and Spencer Jacobs. Both did very well. Spencer earned a Gold medal in both J3 three position rifle and J3 air rifle, as well as a Silver medal in prone. Ryan placed 39th overall. This was Ryan's first time to the Junior Olympics and it was Spencer's second time. That is quite the achievement for two brothers who have only been shooting small bore for a few years.

In addition to Ryan and Spencer, the greater Portland area sent many more shooters to the Junior Olympics. Tri-County Gun Club sent five juniors. Austin Cock earned a Silver Medal in J2 air rifle and a Bronze medal in J2 prone. Emily Cock earned a Silver medal in women's J3 air rifle and a Bronze in women's J3 rifle. Naomi Lau earned a Bronze medal in Woman's J2 air pistol. Sasha Perez and Brandi Nihart also attended. Vancouver Rifle and Pistol Club sent two juniors, Chrish Cottrell and Gerald Schadler. Gerald earned a Bronze medal in J3 air rifle.

To celebrate the success of the Junior Olympians from the greater Portland area, a cookout was held at DRRC on May 20th. Club member Dan Sweet did a wonderful job preparing much of the meal. After eating, photographer Erin Berzel (www.erinberzel.com) took photos of all

the present Olympians, coaches and family members pro bono. Then after a few words from the club president, the Junior Olympians had an opportunity to share some of the experiences they had at the matches.

Congratulations are due to all the juniors who went to the Olympics this year. They have worked very hard to get there and we are all very proud of them.

DRRC Scout Top Shot

Joe Keller

Scout Troops regularly visit the range for shooting activities and camping. But the Scout visit on Saturday May 19th was a little bit different. The Lewis and Clark District was holding their annual Camporee at McIver State Park. And since the theme was Top Shot based, the Camporee Planning Committee and DRRC Scout Coordinator Arlo Gatchel had approached the Club to see if they could incorporate DRRC into the plans. After working with Executive Officer Mark Edwards to find a suitable date and ironing out detail with the Board, the Scout event was approved. So while the Scouts competed with tomahawks, darts, blow guns, throwing knives, sling shots, etc. at the park, they also made bus trips to DRRC to shoot .22s on the Indoor Range and black powder rifles on the Dynamic Range. Shooting took place in groups, and ran from nine in the morning until about four in the afternoon.

DRRC Scout Coordinator Arlo Gatchel reports: "We had 228 Scout shooters and many first time shooters at either the .22's or black powder. Twenty troops were represented from Lewis and Clark District, which covers to the south; the Clackamas River, to the

north; the Columbia River, to the west ; the Willamette River and to the east 205 freeway. Forty-one patrols with 4-10 boys each came to DRRC in four bus loads. The Scouts had many smiles and a sense of pride when they were able to hit the targets with accurate rifles because of the loan and use of DRRC .22 caliber rifles.

The outstanding help from the DRRC RSOs was greatly appreciated from the scouts and many adults. There was a lot of coaching and one-on-one teaching from the RSOs at the indoor range. Many adults came up to me and commented how positive the interaction was between the RSOs and the boys. This was a great way to introduce some of the scouts to shooting firearms in a safe and correct way. I think many seeds were planted for future safe use of firearms. Many boys will remember this first time because of the actions of the RSOs. The RSOs did a great job. Many adults commented positively about the club in general and were very grateful for use of the Indoor and Dynamic Ranges.

Chief RSO Michael Jones recruited sixteen RSOs to help at the event, making sure everyone was safe and seeing that the Scout event did not interfere with membership shooting on the other ranges. Several NRA trained Scout Leaders called the lines and loaded the black powder rifles for the Scouts. Other Scout Leaders gave safety instructions to the Scouts waiting for their turns to shoot. The District Camporee staff even prepared lunch for all the DRRC volunteers.

Special thanks from the Scouts is given to Junior Smallbore Director Matt Meininger for also being present all day at the event

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In Remembrance

Richard Larson passed away in May from congestive heart failure. He was a 20 year member of the club.

General Meetings

2012: 07/05, 08/02, 09/06, 10/04

Board Meetings

2012: 07/26, 08/30, 09/27, 10/25

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July 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 am - 3:00 pm <i>Handgun Silhouette (Silh)</i> 10:00 am - 1:30 pm Trap at Sandy Gun Club	2 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm <i>Hunters Education(Ch/Ind)</i>	3 8:00 am - 12:00 pm All Ranges closed for maintenance	4 Independence Day	5 8:00 am - 5:00 pm <i>Long Range Day 8am-1pm</i> <i>800-1000yd 1pm-Sunset 300-600yd</i> 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm General Meeting (CH/Ind)	6	7 8:00 am - 9:00 am <i>Northern red (Ch/Ind)</i> 8:00 am - 5:00 pm <i>Nothern Red (DR)</i> 9:00 am - 4:00 pm <i>USPSA (Silh)</i>
8 Newsletter Submissions Due 8:00 am - 5:00 pm <i>Nothern Red (DR)</i> 4:30 pm - 8:00 pm <i>JR smallbore (Silh)</i>	9 8:00 am - 6:00 pm <i>Nothern Red (DR)</i>	10 8:00 am - 12:00 pm All Ranges closed for maintenance 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm Black Powder Cartridge (300-800yd)	11 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm <i>Lady's Handgun Class (Silh)</i>	12 8:00 am - 5:00 pm <i>Long Range Day 8am-1pm</i> <i>300-600yd 1pm-Sunset 800-1000yd</i>	13	14 9:00 am - 12:00 pm New Member Orientation (Ch/Ind) 9:00 am - 8:00 pm <i>HiPowerOre. State Open Championship (200/300yd)</i>
15 9:00 am - 6:00 pm <i>.HiPower State NTIT Practice 600yd+ Leg Match (600yd)</i> 10:00 am - 1:30 pm Trap at Sandy Gun Club 4:30 pm - 8:00 pm <i>JR smallbore (Ch/Ind)</i>	16 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Long Range Planning Meeting (Ch/Ind)	17 8:00 am - 12:00 pm All Ranges closed for maintenance 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm <i>Hunters Education Class (Ch/Ind)</i>	18 8:00 am - 9:00 am <i>L.E. PPB Sert (Ch/Ind)</i> 8:00 am - 5:00 pm <i>L.E. PPB Sert (LR)</i>	19 8:00 am - 5:00 pm <i>Long Range Day 8am-1pm</i> <i>800-1000yd 1pm-Sunset 300-600yd</i> 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm <i>Hunters Education Class (Ch/Ind)</i>	20	21 9:00 am - 2:00 pm <i>Black Powder Muzzle Loader(Silh)</i>
22 4:30 pm - 8:00 pm <i>JR smallbore (Silh)</i>	23	24 8:00 am - 12:00 pm All Ranges closed for maintenance	25 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm <i>Lady's Handgun Class (Silh)</i>	26 8:00 am - 5:00 pm <i>Long Range Day 8am-1pm</i> <i>300-600yd 1pm-Sunset 800-1000yd</i> 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Board Meeting (Ch/Ind)	27	28
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to help and to ensure the .22 rifles were accurately sighted and operating properly.

Overall it was a very well-run event, with great cooperation between Douglas Ridge and the Scout Camporee Committee.

Vietnam MOH



Sp4c. Dahl distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving as a machine gunner on a gun truck

near An Khe, Binh Dinh Province. The gun truck in which Sp4c. Dahl was riding was sent with 2 other gun trucks to assist in the defense of a convoy that had been ambushed by an enemy force. The gun trucks entered the battle zone and engaged the attacking enemy troops with a heavy volume of machine gun fire, causing a large number of casualties. After a brief period of intense fighting the attack subsided. As the gun trucks were preparing to return to their normal escort duties, an enemy hand grenade was thrown into the truck in which Sp4c. Dahl was riding. Instantly realizing the great danger, Sp4c. Dahl called a warning to his companions and threw himself directly onto the grenade. Through his indomitable courage, complete disregard for his safety, and profound

concern for his fellow soldiers, Sp4c. Dahl saved the lives of the other members of the truck crew while sacrificing his own. Sp4c. Dahl's conspicuous gallantry, extraordinary heroism, and intrepidity at the cost of his life, above and beyond the call of duty, are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on himself, his unit and the U.S. Army.



Larry Dahl was born in Oregon City in 1949. A marker commemorating his heroism is located near the parking lot of the Museum of the Oregon Territory in Oregon City.