

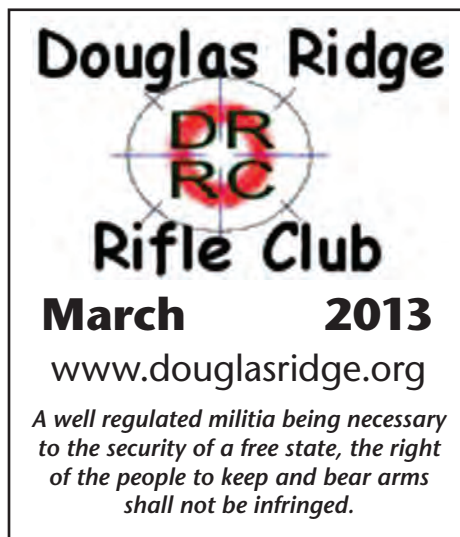
We Are Growing?

Charlie McAlister

With the current political climate gun and ammo sales have increased dramatically and along with that memberships at gun clubs are on the rise as well. We have seen a recent increase in new members at our orientations. As of this writing we have 1,038 members. We have averaged about 12 new senior members at our orientations for the last year or so but that has changed in the last two months. At our January orientation we had 25 pre signed up new members plus 15 walk-ins for a total of 40 new senior members. An additional 17 associate and junior members were also in attendance for a total of 57 new folks at our January orientation. On top of the largest group yet that orientation day was the coldest day yet this winter and the clubhouse heater was not working. Good thing for the large group as body heat was the only heat we had for the first half of the orientation. Then just as the orientation was completed all the power went out in the neighborhood. Even with those pitfalls the orientation went well and everyone left happy.

Then for February orientation we had 27 new senior members and 7 were family memberships. With new members, associates and juniors we were close to the 50 mark for attendance in February and the heat worked and the power stayed on the whole time.

When out shooting if you see a face you don't recognize be sure to introduce yourself and say hi, it just may be one of these new members. Help make them feel welcome at Douglas Ridge Rifle Club.



Interest in Shooting Sports Continues

Joe Keller

Douglas Ridge continues to experience the surge in interest regarding all things shooting. We reported last month about the large group of new members joining the Club in January. At the February orientation, another 27 new members signed up to join the Club. And several spouses signed up as Family Associate members, so they could shoot on their own. It was recently reported that several local Clubs are not accepting new members. We have heard that Tri-County Gun Club is reaching their membership cap, and may not be taking any more new members. If DRRC is the only metro area Club accepting new members, interest in membership could continue to increase. The Board will be monitoring activity at the Club to ensure that our facilities do not become overcrowded.

There are five Ladies Beginner Pistol Classes scheduled for 2013, and the twelve spaces in each of the five classes have already been booked for a few weeks. We continue to receive calls weekly from more ladies

interested in getting into the classes. If anyone wants to help by becoming another instructor, perhaps we could accommodate more of these eager shooters. Contact Executive Officer Mark Edwards or Sheri McAlister, wife of VP Charlie, to find out what becoming an instructor entails. Their phone numbers are in our Club contact list.

Interest is also increasing in several of the Club disciplines. The Adult Small Bore team at DRRC continues to add new members, and is currently up to 23 shooters registered for the team. The USPSA (practical pistol) match in February had 30 shooters participating. The Three Gun matches are also experiencing participation levels near capacity. The December Service Rifle Match had 26 shooters, and the class for new shooters for the next match in March has been full for a few weeks.

So welcome to all the new members. We encourage you to check out the various disciplines and activities of the Club. And we remind all Club members that when you are shooting, please remember that there may be new members on the range. Make them feel welcome.

Hunter Education Classes at DRRC

Douglas Ridge will be hosting Hunter Education Classes at the Club again this year. Larry Warren, who is an Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife instructor and a Club member, will be presenting a conventional Hunter Education Class starting March 4th, including six evening sessions of classroom instruction and a Saturday field day to complete the class requirements. Registration

is on-line at the ODFW web site, www.dfw.state.or.us/education/hunter.

Two Hunter Education Field Days are also scheduled at DRRC. These are classes for the students who used the independent study workbook or the on-line training options. The classes are two nights each, and are scheduled for June 18 & 20, and July 22 & 24. More information about the independent study programs can be found at www.dfw.state.or.us/education/hunter/independent_study.asp. Registration for the Field Days is at the same link as the conventional classes.

A Master Hunter Education class is also scheduled at DRRC on May 14th in the evening. This advanced hunter education program offered by ODFW includes a home study course, a classroom session, which is the DRRC event, as well as demonstration of shooting proficiency and volunteer work to benefit wildlife. More information is at www.dfw.state.or.us/education/hunter/master_hunter.asp, and the registration is also at the link for classes.

Hunter Education classes fill up quickly, and generally are not available later in the year, so don't procrastinate if you have a need for any of these classes.

Get Your Work Hours

Charlie McAlister

It is time for a friendly reminder that time is running short to get in your work hours to avoid the \$150 work hours assessment on your statement for 2013/14. If you joined this membership year, July 2012 or later, you don't have to worry about this as your work hours

requirement does not start until April 21, 2013. But the rest of us senior members who joined before July 2012 need our 8 hours of volunteer work time to avoid the fee. Our annual work day is on Saturday, April 20, and that is the last day you can get in work hours that will count towards the May 2013 billing. Here are a few tips to help you.

Work 8 hours or pay the \$150, the choice is yours.

It is all or nothing. Put in the full 8 hours or pay the \$150. It is not pro-rated.

If you put in more than 8 hours the extra hours do not carry over to the next year (boy do I wish that were the case).

The best way to get work hours now is to come on Tuesdays between 8 AM and Noon and help on our regular work days, show up at 8 AM on our Annual Work Day on Saturday, April 20, or contact Ron Carey (contact info is on our contacts web page) to see if there are special projects you can help with.

If you wait until our April annual work day and then can't make it, there is no way to make up the hours.

Paid associate or paid junior members on your membership may help work and you as the senior member will get credit for their time.

You can check your work hours on line and they are up to date as of slips put in the box about 3 weeks ago. Click here to get instructions on how to check your work hours on line.

I guess that about covers it. If you have any questions please contact me at webmaster@douglasridge.org.

"When all government ... shall be drawn to Washington as the center of all power, it will render powerless the checks provided of one government on another."

Thomas Jefferson

General Meetings

2013: 04/04, 05/02, 06/06, 07/04

Board Meetings

2013: 04/25, 05/30, 06/27, 07/25

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March 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Service Rifle (Ch/Ind)	2 8:00 am - 9:00 am Service Rifle (Ch/Ind) 9:00 am - 4:00 pm O S A (Ch/Ind) 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Service Rifle (100/200) 9:00 am - 4:00 pm USPSA (Silh/TSB)
3 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Handgun Silhouette (Silh) 10:00 am - 1:30 pm Trap At Sandy Gun Club	4 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Hunters Education Classes (Ch/Ind)	5 8:00 am - 12:00 pm All ranges Closed For maintenance 4:30 pm - 8:00 pm JR smallbore (Ch/Ind)	6 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Hunters Education Classes (Ch/Ind)	7 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Long Range Day 8am-1pm (300/600yd) 1pm-5pm (800/1000yd) 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm General Meeting	8 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm Adult smallbore (Ch/Ind)	9 8:00 am - 12:00 pm RSO Refresher Class (Ch/Ind)
10 Daylight Saving Begins	11 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Hunters Education Classes (Ch/Ind)	12 8:00 am - 12:00 pm All ranges Closed For maintenance 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm Black Powder Cartridge (300-800yd) 4:30 pm - 8:00 pm JR smallbore (Ch/Ind)	13 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Ladies Night (Ch/Ind)	14 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Long Range Day 8am-1pm (300/600yd) 1pm-5pm (800/1000yd) 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Hunters Education Classes (Ch/Ind)	15	16 8:00 am - 9:00 am Set Up time For Orientation(Ch/Ind) 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Black Powder Muzzle Loader(Silh/TSB) 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Orientation (CH/Ind) 3:30 pm - 8:00 pm Cascade Firearms Training (Ch/Ind)
17 St. Patrick's Day 10:00 am - 1:30 pm Trap At Sandy Gun Club	18 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Long range Planning (Ch/Ind)	19 8:00 am - 12:00 pm All ranges Closed For maintenance 4:30 pm - 8:00 pm JR smallbore (Ch/Ind)	20 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Hunters Education Classes (Ch/Ind)	21 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Long Range Day 8am-1pm (300/600yd) 1pm-5pm (800/1000yd) 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Hunters Education Classes (Ch/Ind)	22 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm Adult smallbore (Ch/Ind)	23 8:00 am - 9:00 am H i power (Ch/Ind) 9:00 am - 5:00 pm H i Power (200/1000yd) 800agg
24 Palm Sunday 8:00 am - 9:00 am H i power (Ch/Ind) 9:00 am - 5:00 pm H i Power (200/1000yd) 800agg	25	26 8:00 am - 12:00 pm All ranges Closed For maintenance 4:30 pm - 8:00 pm JR smallbore (Ch/Ind)	27 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Ladies Night (Ch/Ind)	28 Maundy Thursday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Long Range Day 8am-1pm (300/600yd) 1pm-5pm (800/1000yd) 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Board Meeting	29 Good Friday	30 8:00 am - 1:00 pm Hunters Education Classes (Ch/Ind)
31 Easter Sunday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm 3Gun (Silh /TSB) 10:00 am - 1:30 pm Trap At Sandy Gun Club						

Calendar Codes

- CH/Ind Clubhouse & Indoor Range
- Arch Archery Range
- 100/200 100/200 Yard Range
- Silh Silhouette Range
- LR Long Range

Calendar Codes

- Trap Trap Range
- TH Trap House
- SC Sporting Clays Range
- LE Law Enforcement (training)
- NRA . . . NRA Classes
- TSB Tactical Shotgun Bay

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Rapid Fire and Range Cleanliness 101

Charlie McAlister

Here we are with another of our Class 101 series. Today I want to talk a little about just “How Fast Can I Fire” and “Do I Really Have To Pick Up After Myself”. Before we go further, please remember that this is your club as much as it is mine and we all have a responsibility to take care of it. So here we go.

So just how fast can I shoot at DRRC? (aka Rapid Fire)

There has been some controversy over the years about rapid fire and should we allow it. I believe we should allow rapid fire and as of now there is no rule against it. But that said, we all have to make sure we shoot rapid fire safely and without damaging club property

and just recently that did not happen. What I teach in our new member orientation is that you may not fire faster than you can safely keep all rounds on target. Since targets come in many sizes I clarify it further with one of the larger silhouette type targets. Whether it is a silhouette target or a zombie target. Typically the bigger ones out there are 23"x45". So regardless of the distance you are shooting from, or the type of semi-auto firearm you are using, if you cannot keep all rounds *on target* you are shooting *too fast*. We don't want rapid fire shooters tearing up our target frames or sending rounds off range so please, keep all your rounds “*On Target*”.

Do I really have to pick up after myself!

Unless you bring your wife,

mother, or a maid to pick up after you, you really do need to clean up your mess before you leave a range. Just recently we found a area on the 100 yard range with brass, empty ammo boxes and trash left all over the shooting area. Fortunately a member came into the range shortly after they left (I just wish we had gotten a name or member number) and cleaned up the mess. Thank you to that member, you know who you are. We have a really nice club in a park like setting. Our club is not a pig pen and we don't want it to head that way. So please pick up after yourself. If you see someone leaving a mess please say something to them or get their name and let me know and I will say something.