

November 2005

Douglas Ridge



Rifle Club

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## President's Report

Nils Bittner, President

It is November, Fall is here, and so is the rain. The indoor range ventilation project is coming along nicely. I need to thank all the volunteers who have put in so much of their time to make this happen. All members please be aware that the indoor range will still need to be closed for short periods of time so the project can get finished.

We have had reports of metal splatter coming back and hitting shooters when shooting at metal targets. For your own safety, **DRRC strongly recommends that eye and ear protection be worn at all times when shooting on any of the ranges.**

DRRC is again hosting Turkey Trap Shoots before Thanksgiving and again before Christmas, so dig out those shotguns and check your calendar for the dates and come out and win a turkey. Everybody who enters will win!

I look forward to seeing you all at the November General Meeting. We will be discussing the Christmas party as well as other upcoming events. Good luck to all the elk hunters and safe shooting!

## Attention RSOs

Please send your updated RSO Certification expiration date along with your NRA number to Dan Wylie; email [danwylie9114@comcast.net](mailto:danwylie9114@comcast.net) or call him at 971/506-5840. We need to update our files.

## Sandbags & Leather

Michael Jones, XO

We are losing a lot of sandbags on the various ranges due to holes created by burns from revolvers. A couple of members have contributed leather scraps which we have made available at each range. Please use these on the sandbags if you are shooting a revolver to protect the bags from being burned.

## Recalls

Jay C. Dye

Hodgdon Powder Company, Inc. has determined that a small number of one pound (1 lb.) containers of a small lot of Hodgdon's H4227 smokeless powder canned on March 31, 2005 contains Hodgdon H4198 powder instead of H4227 powder. The lot number is 10328054230. Call 1-800/622-4366.

Alliant Powder Company has determined that a very small number of eight pound (8 lb.) Unique smokeless powder containers may contain Alliant Bullseye smokeless powder. The lot numbers are 850, 859, 861, 868, 872, 876, 890, 898, and 907. Call 1-800-276-9337.

## Book Collection Huge Success

Jim Quinn

As a result of our recent book collection 260 books were delivered to the Veterans' Hospital for the enjoyment of the veterans being treated at the hospital. Currently we have another 150 books to be delivered. Remember, the hospital cannot take hardback books. When hardbacks are donated we sell or trade them for paperbacks. We will continue to collect books through December. **Thank you for your generosity and concern.**

Food donations continue to come in. Currently we have about 200# ready to deliver. All food goes to the Estacada Family Resource Center. Your help is greatly appreciated.

**Thanks again!**

## When using or storing a gun,

*always follow these NRA rules:*

- **Know your target and what is beyond.** Be absolutely sure you have identified your target beyond any doubt. Equally important, be aware of the area beyond your target. This means observing your prospective area of fire before you shoot. Never fire in a direction in which there are people or any other potential for mishap. Think first. Shoot second.
- **Know how to use the gun safely.** Before handling a gun, learn how it operates. Know its basic parts, how to safely open and close the action and remove any ammunition from the gun or magazine. Remember, a gun's mechanical safety device is never foolproof. Nothing can ever replace safe gun handling.
- **Be sure the gun is safe to operate.** Just like other tools, guns need regular maintenance to remain operable. Regular cleaning and proper storage are a part of the gun's general upkeep. If there is any question concerning a gun's ability to function, a knowledgeable gunsmith should look at it.
- **Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.** Only BBs, pellets, cartridges or shells designed for a particular gun can be fired safely in that gun. Most guns have the ammunition type stamped on the barrel. Ammunition can be identified by information printed on the box and sometimes stamped on the cartridge. Do not shoot the gun unless you know you have the proper ammunition.
- **Wear eye and ear protection as appropriate.** Guns are loud and the noise can cause hearing damage. They can also emit debris and hot gas that could cause eye injury. For these reasons, shooting glasses and hearing protectors

should be worn by shooters and spectators.

- **Never use alcohol or over-the-counter, prescription or other drugs before or while shooting.** Alcohol, as well as any other substance likely to impair normal mental or physical bodily functions, must not be used before or while handling or shooting guns.
- **Store guns so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons.** Many factors must be considered when deciding where and how to store guns. A person's particular situation will be a major part of the consideration. Dozens of gun storage devices, as well as locking devices that attach directly to the gun, are available. However, mechanical locking devices, like the mechanical safeties built into guns, can fail and should not be used as a substitute for safe gun handling and the observance of all gun safety rules.
- **Be aware that certain types of guns and many shooting activities require additional safety precautions.**
- **Cleaning**

Regular cleaning is important in order for your gun to operate correctly and safely. Taking proper care of it will also maintain its value and extend its life. Your gun should be cleaned every time that it is used.

A gun brought out of prolonged storage should also be cleaned before shooting. Accumulated moisture and dirt, or solidified grease and oil, can prevent the gun from operating properly.

Before cleaning your gun, **make absolutely sure that it is unloaded.** The gun's action should be open during the cleaning process. Also, be sure that no ammunition is present in the cleaning area.



## UN Drafts New Gun Treaty

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FreeMarketNews.com  
by staff reports (NRA.org)

The United Nations is trying to ban guns again. The latest "small-arms treaty" seeks to abolish the right of any citizens to own virtually any kind of firearm. In the United States, such an effort would strike at the heart of the Constitution's Second Amendment. Recently appointed U.S. diplomat John Bolton has already stated his view on this activity, as quoted by NRA Executive Wayne LaPierre in *The American Rifleman*, "The United States will not join consensus on a final document that contains measures contrary to our constitutional right to keep and bear arms."

LaPierre references a document circulated by the International Action Network on Small Arms entitled "Ownership" which spells out what the organization has determined to be "minimal" goals toward this end. Among other things they recommended – with LaPierre's translation in parentheses:

- Prohibit civilian ownership of certain weapons (read: handguns and semiautomatics).
- Prevent the buildup of private

arsenals (read: ban gun collecting).

- License all legal users. Register all small arms. Implement safe storage requirements (read: U.N.-imposed site inspections of your home with power to take your guns).
- Limit the carrying of guns (read: the end of Right to Carry).
- Restrict ammunition sales to license holders only.

Since it is unlikely that the United Nations will be dissuaded from pursuing these changes anytime soon, LaPierre sets out the job at hand. He concludes, "For us the task is daunting, and the fight is enormous. The world gun-ban crowd is deadly serious. As NRA members, this is our fight. And it is a do-or-die battle for freedom" -DS

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# DRRC November 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance	2 6pm-9pm Ladies Night (Ind)	3 Long Range Day 8am-1pm 300-600 yd only 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd only  7-9pm <b>GENERAL MEETING (CH)</b>	4 Noon-3pm Instructor Clinic (Silh)	5 9am-4pm USPSA/IFSC - (Silh)
6 9am-5pm Big Bore Pistol (Silh)  9:30-2:30 Trap	7  <b>7pm-9pm Board Meeting (CH)</b>	8 8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance	9 6pm-9pm Ladies Night (Ind)	10 Long Range Day 8am-1pm 800-1000 yd only 1pm-sunset 300-600 yd only	11 Veterans' Day	12 9am-2pm Blackpowder (Silh)  8am-7pm Women's Handgun Class (CH/Ind)
9 9am-2pm Sporting Clays  9am - 3pm Action Pistol (Silh)	14 5:30pm-8pm Jr. Smallbore (Ind)	15 8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance	16 6pm-9pm Ladies Night (Ind)  SERT Training 8am-noon (Silh) Noon-sunset (LR)	17 Long Range Day 8am-1pm 300-600 yd only 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd only	18	19 9am-5pm RTBAV Class (CH/Ind)  9am-3pm Smallbore Pistol - (Silh)  4pm-sunset 3-Gun set-up (Silh)
20 9am-5pm RTBAV Class (CH/Ind)  9am-sunset 3-Gun (Silh)  9:30am-2:30pm Trap Turkey Shoot & Potluck	21 5:30pm-8pm Jr. Smallbore (Ind)	22 8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance  6pm-9pm Ladies Night (Ind)	23	24 THANKSGIVING  Long Range Day 8am-1pm 800-1000 yd only 1pm-sunset 300-600 yd only	25	26 High Power Match 8am-8am (CH) 8am-4:30pm (200-600)  9:30am-6pm Handgun Class (CH/Ind)
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—Abraham Lincoln

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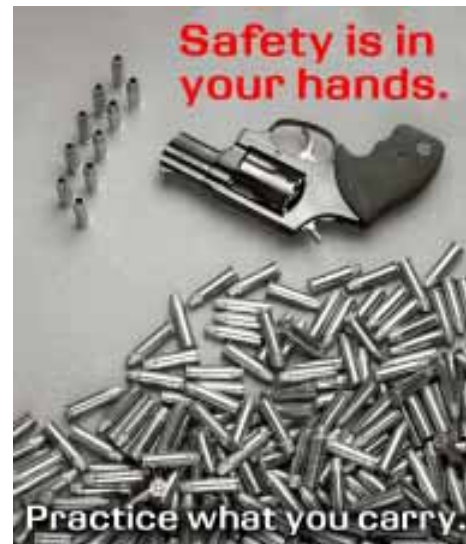
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