

President's Report

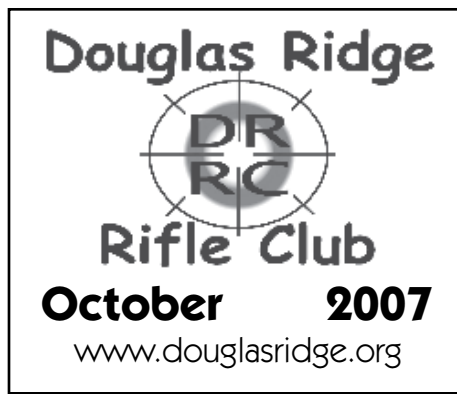
Stan Pate

Greetings everyone. October is the start of the holiday season and the start of the fall season. For the gun club this means that many of the disciplines either slow down or stop for the winter months. Many disciplines like shotgun still of course carry on with monthly or bi-monthly matches, I understand that the black powder folks stay active all year long also. If you are looking for something new to try, then this may be your opportunity to pick something off of our monthly schedule.

For those of you that don't attend the monthly general membership meetings there has been many things that have the potential of affecting the club. At the beginning of September our range was visited by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for an inspection of our club property. We are not sure of the outcome of this visit, and won't be until they file their report, but we are confident that the results will be very favorable to our club. It was noted by the inspectors that our Environmental Stewardship Program was a very positive step by a gun club to keep facilities in compliance with environmental standards. This visit was a result of a correspondence from an attorney named Dobson who represents a former member who was expelled from DRRC membership.

We are currently involved in defending ourselves from lawsuits brought against our club by a former member. Currently as of the date of this writing this former member has cost the club over \$49,000 in legal fees and this amount will likely continue to rise as he persists in his legal actions against us. I encourage all members of the club to come to general meetings to keep apprised of how this situation progresses.

The club sponsored a group of junior small bore shooters to a small-bore shooting camp held here in Oregon. DRRC has a very well attended junior small bore program that we should be very proud of, and our helping our youth to learn safe firearms handling and accurate shooting skills will ensure



our sports will survive into the future. The camp was a weekend affair and you should expect a report from our new Discipline Director on how the camp went for our juniors.

The international matches that were held here at DRRC was enjoyed so much by the teams that attended that some are planning on attending again next year. Many of the gentlemen that attended are planning on bringing their wives or girlfriends with them this next time for the sight-seeing while the match is going on. This week at the Spirit of America Matches I talked with the South African team and they would like to attend our match if they are able and arrangements could be worked out for the trip. Other national teams are either being contacted or we are in conversation with currently.

I'd like to personally thank all of the members who did all of the work on the upper pits. The impact area, the new number boards, and the alignment of the target frames looks very professional and attractive. This involved a small number of volunteers that spent many

Classes Coming Up

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December 1 & 2 \$70

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December 29 & 30 \$70

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hours doing the work for all of us that will use the range to enjoy. It is the work of these and other members that keeps our range improving every year.

We have a very good start on the safety berm located between the silhouette range and the covered 100/200 yard firing range. There will be more dirt brought in as more comes available for us. This berm already is making going down-range safer for the shooters while firing is happening on the adjacent range, and once completed will enhance the shooting experience at our range.

As always I hope to see you at the range or at a general meeting. Good shooting and stay safe.

Scouts Had A Good Time

Mavis D. Kent

*Venturing Ride Event Director
BSA Cascade Pacific Council*

I wanted to take an opportunity to express my personal thanks, and thanks on behalf of the Cascade Pacific Council Venturing Cabinet, and all of the youth who attended and adults who assisted in the planning and execution of Venturing Ride this year, to you and the members of the Douglas Ridge Rifle Club for hosting this year's Venturing Ride and making it a great success.

We had a strong turnout for this event and everyone had a good time. Thanks go to the Club for allowing the Venturing Cabinet to utilize the Club facilities and providing the rifles and ammunition and other shooting amenities. Thanks go especially to the members of the Club who took their personal time to come and work with our Venturing youth and their parents and advisors in the several shooting events during the day. I know of several youth who tried something new that day and came away with a different perspective on shooting sports! This is the kind of learning experience that is

Board Meeting Change

Beginning in September the monthly Board Meetings will be on the last Thursday of each month at 7 pm.

at the heart of the Venturing Program, and I know it is a goal of the Club and its members in introducing youth to shooting sports.

I hope you will share this message of appreciation with your Board. Unfortunately, I cannot be there to deliver this in person but I can say definitely that the event was a success and a lot of fun as a result of the Club's generosity in hosting this event. Thank you all and we hope that we can work with you again in the future.

Upland Game Birds

ODFW website/ www.dfw.state.or.us

Upland game bird populations are naturally cyclical, and to reflect that, seasons are set under a five-year framework. So hunters won't see many changes this year, though Blue Mountain turkey hunters will enjoy more tags.

In terms of production, though this was not a record year, hunters should find plenty of opportunities. Westside upland game bird production was good this year, according to Upland Game Bird Program Coordinator Dave Budeau, while eastside production was more varied

Hungarian (Gray) partridge: For all of eastern Oregon, Hun populations appear to be slightly higher this year than last, but below the recent five-year average. Morrow and Umatilla counties are reliable places to find birds.

Chukar: Statewide averages are down from last year. In general, northeast Oregon and Columbia Basin areas saw improvements in the number of chukars over last year. However, chukars in Lake, Harney, and Malheur counties experienced poor production. Hunters will likely have to work harder to find birds in these popular chukar hunting destinations.

California quail: Surveys in western Oregon suggest increased production over last year. California quail populations in eastern Oregon may be down slightly from last year, but in most areas, hunters probably won't find much difference from last year. Bobwhite quail, which look similar to California quail but are not native to the state, may

now be taken during California quail season.

Mt. quail: About 75 percent of the statewide harvest occurs in the southwest part of the state. Production in this region appeared good with populations up over last year. The Umpqua and Rogue districts will be hunters' best bet for Mt. quail. Limited areas of eastern Oregon are open for mt. quail hunting. Hunters are reminded to check regulations for open areas where reduced bag limits are in place.

Pheasant: Statewide populations appear to be up slightly over last year. Hunters can expect to find a few more birds in areas of the Columbia Basin. Hunters in the popular north Malheur County area should encounter numbers of birds comparable to last year.

Blue grouse: Statewide, populations remain below average. However, blue grouse appeared to have experienced better production this year and hunters should expect to find a few more birds than last year.

Ruffed grouse: Populations of ruffed grouse have also been below average in recent years, but these birds also experienced improved production in 2007, especially on the west side of the state. East side hunters should expect to encounter numbers of birds similar to last year.

Sage-grouse: Surveys indicate that sage-grouse numbers are down. Extremely dry conditions have likely contributed to poor production. Biologists observed about one-half the typical number chicks on the surveys. Permit number were reduced for sage-grouse controlled hunt because of below-average production in core areas and fires in sage grouse habitat.

Turkeys: Turkey numbers appear to have improved slightly over last year. Best numbers of birds can be found in northeast and southwest Oregon where there are fall hunting opportunities. Blue Mountain turkey tags were increased from 300 to 400 this year. The spring season is statewide. Though most turkey hunters are already using smaller shot, a new regulation reduces the maximum limit of shot from BB to #2 for safety reasons because the smaller

shot does not travel as far.

Mourning doves: Numbers of doves appear down slightly from last year, but are above the recent five-year average. In Oregon, weather often dictates the success of the season for these early migrants. Eurasian collared doves, which look similar to mourning doves but are not native to the state, may now be taken as mourning doves.

Wing collection: ODFW needs your help. ODFW would like to extend the wing collection effort to include blue and ruffed grouse and mountain quail harvested in western Oregon. The data collected during these efforts helps biologists accurately determine upland bird populations.

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October 2007

Douglas Ridge Rifle Club

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 4-8pm Jr. Smallbore (Ind)	2 8am-noon Ranges Closed for Maintenance	3 8am-5pm PPB SERT (LR) 6-9pm Ladies' Pistol Class (CH/Ind)	4 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd only 1pm-sunset 300-600 yd only (No General Meeting)	5	6 9am-4pm USPSA/IFSC (Silh)
7 9am-2:30pm Trap 9am-3pm Pistol Silhouette	8 Newsletter Deadline	9 8am-noon Ranges Closed for Maintenance	10 6-9pm Ladies' Night (CH/Ind)	11 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600 yd only 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd only	12	13 9am-4pm Hunter Sight-in (100/200) 9am-2pm Scouts (#1 Trap)
14 9am-4pm Hunter Sight-in (100/200) 9am-4pm Sporting Clays 9am-3pm Action Pistol (Silh)	15 4-8pm Jr. Smallbore (Ind)	16 8am-noon Ranges Closed for Maintenance	17 6-9pm Ladies' Pistol Class (CH/Ind)	18 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd only 1pm-sunset 300-600 yd only	19	20 9am-2pm BlackPowder (Silh) 8am-4pm NRA PPITH Class (CH/Ind)
21 9am-2:30pm Trap 9am-sunset Speed Steel (Silh) 8am-4pm NRA PPITH Class (CH/Ind)	22 4-8pm Jr. Smallbore (Ind)	23 8am-noon Ranges Closed for Maintenance	24 6-9pm Ladies' Night (CH/Ind)	25 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600 yd only 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd only 7-9pm Board Meeting	26	27 High Power 8am-5:30pm (CH) 9am-5:30pm (200-600)
28 High Power 8am-5:30pm (CH) 9am-5:30pm (800-1000)	29 4-8pm Jr. Smallbore (Ind) 8am-5pm Leupold Training (Silh)	30 8am-noon Ranges Closed for Maintenance 8am-5pm Leupold Training (Silh)	31 8am-5pm Leupold Training (Silh) 8am-5pm PPB SERT (100/200) 6-9pm Ladies' Pistol Class (CH/Ind)			

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Future Club Member Meetings

General Meetings
(Thursdays)

No October meeting
November 1 at 7 pm
December 6 (Xmas Party) at 7 pm

Board Meetings
(Thursdays)



October 25 at 7 pm
November 29 at 7 pm
December 27 at 7 pm



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