

Shotgun Curtain Project Status

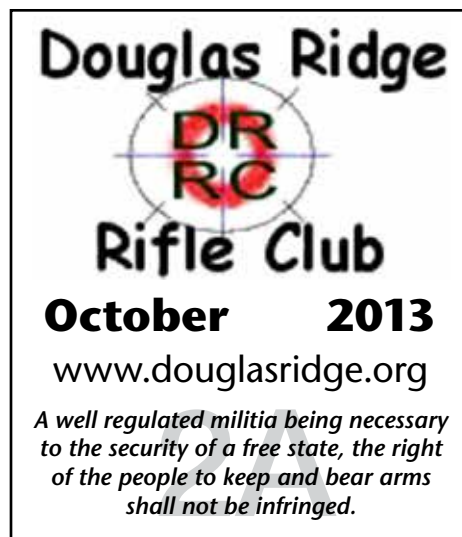
Joe Keller

At the September General Meeting, President Hal Halverson reported on the status of the shotgun curtain. Some significant progress has been made.

The Oregon Department of State Lands finalized the delineation of wetlands on the Silhouette Range and Known Distance Range, which amounts to 0.39 acres. After weighing the alternatives, the Club determined that it would be more cost effective to purchase offset wetlands from a local wetland bank than to develop new wetlands on our property. A payment of \$78,000 has been made for the offset wetlands.

The Club's environmental consulting firm, URS, has prepared a comprehensive plan for the mitigation of the identified wetlands and the installation of the shotgun curtain. This report has been submitted to the Department of State Lands, the Department of Environmental Quality, and the Army Corps of Engineers. When these agencies have approved our plan, construction will begin on the shotgun curtain. The other factor in construction timing is the weather, as heavy equipment must be used when the grounds are not too soft from rain.

The shotgun curtain material has already been purchased, with the assistance of a \$21,000 grant from the ODFW. All the curtain material will be delivered by the end of September. Test holes for the curtain supports were completed this summer. The Board determined that the shotgun curtain will be built



in two stages. Stage one will cover the area opposite of the trap houses, getting the Trap discipline back in operation as soon as possible. The 5 Stand may be able to be relocated to the Trap area. The Sporting Clays may be shortened to the covered area, until the phase two part of the curtain can be completed as finances allow.

Step Up

Charlie McAlister

We need your help. We are not having much luck finding a club secretary or cook for our Christmas party. We have sent out prior requests for members to help. You like this club? Well it is time for some folks to step up and take their turn helping out. Remember we are a non profit all volunteer club and without volunteers we are sunk. It is always the few doing the work so the many can enjoy the club. It is time for some of the many to relieve some of the few.

Secretary - We need someone to fill out the term for the remainder of this fiscal year (Through July 2014) as club secretary. Call our president Hal Halverson and tell him your are ready to take this on to help

the club. You can reach Hal at 503/667-4360 or by email at halofit@aol.com.

Christmas Party Cook - We are also in need of a cook to head up the food preparation for our Christmas Party on Saturday, December 7. Call Nils Bittner at 503/407-6571 or by email at bittnerlights@comcast.net to take on this task. Remember, no cook no food, no food no Christmas Party.

Thanks and rise to the occasion!

.22 Steel Match

Have you considered trying competitive shooting but been holding back due to cost or uncertainty? DRRC is pleased to announce a .22 Steel Match on Sat Oct 12th from 9a-2p. We will be using the Ruger Rimfire Challenge rules which are geared to novice competitors. There is no move and shoot, reloads or holster drawing. We will set up 8 strings (4 pistol and 4 rifle). Each string will have 5-7 static steel targets that you will engage 5 times. This event is open to the public and is for all ages and experience levels. You may shoot any firearm chambered in .22lr. Cost is \$1 per string and we will be providing a hot dog lunch. There will be awards, prizes and a raffle. If you have any questions, would like to help or donate a prize please contact Ben Edman at 503/319-9359 or ben.edman@comcast.net

Chief Range Safety Officer

At the General Membership Meeting on September 5th, Mike Holder was introduced as the new Chief Range Safety Officer (CRSO) for DRRC. Per the Club

bylaws, Mike was appointed by the Board. Mike has been a Club member since 2007. He is an NRA training instructor, and holds NRA CRSO credentials. He assumes responsibility for safe firearm handling and shooting on the Range. Mike's contact information is crso@douglasridge.org or 503/970-6347. Please contact Mike with your safety issues and questions.

Everyone in the Club owes a debt of gratitude to Michael Jones, who served as CRSO for many years. Michael developed most of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) that we use to operate the Range. He initiated the purchase of the automated external defibrillator (AED). He trained dozens of RSOs for the Club, and did many other things to ensure that we have a safe and enjoyable place to shoot. His impact at the Club will be felt for many years to come.

Membership Statistics

Joe Keller

A few membership renewals are still trickling in, but the membership renewal process is basically complete for 2013-14. I thought I would provide an update of our membership statistics. As of September 17th, we have 1,128 members. This is an increase of 207 members or 22.5% over last year at the same time. Six members resigned and did not renew, for various reasons. Currently there are ninety-five Annual members who have not yet renewed, including about a dozen whose mail was returned to sender. Six Oldtime members and one Life member have also not renewed their membership.

We will accept membership renewals from Club members

clear up through the billing process in May 2014 for next year's renewals. Simply send in the amount due, and we can reactivate the gate card.

Applications for new membership have surged in 2013. In 2012, the number of new members averaged fifteen per month, with a monthly high of twenty-five. Starting in January when forty-one members joined, the new members averaged thirty-five per month through July. August and September have seen a return to "normal" levels of new members, with fifteen and eleven respectively. We shall see if applications settle into that level, or continue to exceed previous figures.

For those members who have been around for a few years, we remember when membership was decreasing from year to year. It is encouraging to see membership growing, and new members getting involved, keeping our Club energized and strong. Current members are our best recruiters, so let any lapsed members or prospective members know that we are welcoming them to our Club.

Anyone who has questions about membership can send an email to info@douglasridge.org, or call the Club at 503/637-3131 and leave a message.

A Recipe for Success

Ben Edman, Rifle Instructor

Expand your knowledge, practice & compete. Each of these has intrinsic value and not one is more important than another; put them together and something amazing happens – synergy!

There are many places you can expand your knowledge: YouTube is a tremendous resource to the modern gun enthusiast. Many reputable

"There is a rank due to the United States, among nations, which will be withheld, if not absolutely lost, by the reputation of weakness."

George Washington (1793)

General Meetings

2013: 10/03, 11/07, 12/05, 01/02

Board Meetings

2013: 10/31, 11/28, 12/26, 01/30

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October 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> Calendar Codes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trap Trap Range • TH Trap House • SC Sporting Clays Range • LE Law Enforcement (training) • NRA . . . NRA Classes • TSB Tactical Shotgun Bay </div>		1 8:00 am - 12:00 pm All ranges Closed For maintenance <i>4:30 pm - 8:00 pm</i> <i>JR Small Bore (Ch/Ind)</i>	2	3 8:00 am - 6:15 pm Long Range Day 8am-1pm (300/600yd) 1pm-6:15pm (800/1000yd) 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm General Meeting (CH/Ind)	4	5 <i>9:00 am - 4:00 pm</i> <i>USPSA (Silh/TSB)</i>
6 <i>8:00 am - 6:00 pm</i> <i>NRA Personal Protection In The Home (Ch/Ind)</i> <i>9:00 am - 3:00 pm</i> <i>Handgun Silhouette (Silh)</i> 10:00 am - 1:30 pm Trap At Sandy Gun Club	7 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Ladies Begnner Pistol Class Setup (CH/Ind) <i>6:00 pm - 9:00 pm</i> <i>Ladies Beginner Pistol (Ch/Ind)</i>	8 8:00 am - 12:00 pm All ranges Closed For maintenance 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm Black Powder Cartridge (300-800yd) <i>4:30 pm - 8:00 pm</i> <i>JR Small Bore (Ch/Ind)</i>	9 <i>6:00 pm - 9:00 pm</i> <i>Ladies Night (Ch/Ind)</i>	10 8:00 am - 6:15 pm Long Range Day 8am-1pm (800/1000yd) 1pm-6:15pm (300/600yd)	11 <i>4:00 pm - 10:00 pm</i> <i>Adult smallbore (Ch/Ind)</i>	12 <i>8:00 am - 4:00 pm</i> <i>22 Steel Match .22 Rimfire (Silh)</i> <i>9:00 am - 3:30 pm</i> <i>Hunters Sight In (100yd)</i>
13 <i>9:00 am - 3:30 pm</i> <i>Hunters Sight In (100yd)</i> 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Set Up time For Orientation(CH/Ind) 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm New Member Orientation (CH/Ind)	14 Columbus Day 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Ladies Begnner Pistol Class Setup (CH/Ind) <i>6:00 pm - 9:00 pm</i> <i>Ladies Beginner Pistol (Ch/Ind)</i>	15 8:00 am - 12:00 pm All ranges Closed For maintenance <i>4:30 pm - 8:00 pm</i> <i>JR Small Bore (Ch/Ind)</i>	16	17 <i>8:00 am - 6:15 pm</i> <i>Long Range 8am to 1pm (300/600yd)</i> <i>1pm to 6:15pm (800/1000)</i>	18 <i>7:00 pm - 12:00 am</i> <i>Boy Scouts Camping Area</i>	19 <i>7:00 am - 11:59 pm</i> <i>Boy Scouts Camping Area</i> <i>8:00 am - 8:00 pm</i> <i>NRA Range Safety Officer Class (Ch/Ind)</i> <i>9:00 am - 2:00 pm</i> <i>Black Powder Muzzle Loader(Shil/TSB)</i>
20 <i>1:00 am - 11:00 am</i> <i>Boy Scouts Camping Area</i> <i>8:00 am - 9:00 am</i> <i>H i power (Ch/Ind)</i> <i>9:00 am - 5:00 pm</i> <i>H i Power (1000yd) 800agg</i> 10:00 am - 1:30 pm Trap At Sandy Gun Club <i>4:00 pm - 6:00 pm</i> <i>H i power (Ch/Ind)</i>	21 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Ladies Begnner Pistol Class Setup (CH/Ind) <i>6:00 pm - 9:00 pm</i> <i>Ladies Beginner Pistol (Ch/Ind)</i> 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Long range Planning (Trap House)	22 8:00 am - 12:00 pm All ranges Closed For maintenance <i>4:30 pm - 8:00 pm</i> <i>JR Small Bore (Ch/Ind)</i>	23 <i>6:00 pm - 9:00 pm</i> <i>Ladies Night (Ch/Ind)</i>	24 8:00 am - 6:15 pm Long Range Day 8am-1pm (800/1000yd) 1pm-6:15pm (300/600yd)	25 <i>4:00 pm - 10:00 pm</i> <i>Adult smallbore (Ch/Ind)</i>	26 <i>8:00 am - 7:00 pm</i> <i>Personal Protection Outside The Home Level One (Ch/Ind)</i>
27 <i>8:00 am - 6:00 pm</i> <i>NRA Personal Protection Outside The Home Level II (Ch/Ind)</i> <i>9:00 am - 5:00 pm</i> <i>3Gun (Silh /TSB)</i>	28 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Ladies Begnner Pistol Class Setup (CH/Ind) <i>6:00 pm - 9:00 pm</i> <i>Ladies Beginner Pistol (Ch/Ind)</i>	29 8:00 am - 12:00 pm All ranges Closed For maintenance <i>4:30 pm - 8:00 pm</i> <i>JR Small Bore (Ch/Ind)</i>	30	31 8:00 am - 6:15 pm Long Range Day 8am-1pm (300/600yd) 1pm-6:15pm (800/1000yd) 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Board Meeting (CH/Ind)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Calendar Codes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CH/Ind Clubhouse & Indoor Range • Arch Archery Range • 100/200 100/200 Yard Range • Silh Silhouette Range • LR Long Range </div>	

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instructors produce DVD's. Some of them can even be streamed from sources like Netflix and Amazon Prime. Midway's online catalog listed 1,241 options under Books, Videos and Software. Arguably the best way to expand your knowledge is to take a class. The live interaction with an instructor who can tailor your education to you is immeasurable. A teachable attitude is the most important thing to bring to any class.

Ever heard the term 'practice makes perfect'? That's only half right; perfect practice makes perfect. Once you have knowledge, put it to work. Shooting is a perishable skill. Muscle memory fades almost as fast as your actual memory. Dry practice is invaluable, doesn't cost a dime and can be done from

the comfort of your own home. Set your ammunition aside and do some trigger control drills or magazine changing drills while watching the game.

Dry practice is great, but now get out to the range and confirm what you've learned and practiced. You belong to one of the premier clubs in the NW with key card access to a range open 7 days a week. Very rarely are there no opportunities to put lead down range. On those rare occasions come down and expand your knowledge by watching (or pick up a weed eater and get some work hours in).

Finally, compete. Competition puts it all together. How good a shooter are you? How do you know? Competition adds a stress element that is difficult to get otherwise. Competition also gives

you motivation. How often have you had that inclination to go to the range but found something else to do instead? Having a match to participate in will keep you motivated to expand your knowledge and practice.

The definition of synergy is when the sum of the whole is greater than the individual components. Knowledge, practice and competition are all worthy of our efforts – put them together to become successful.

