

September 2005

Douglas Ridge



Rifle Club

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President's Report

Nils Bittner, President

I am back from my short vacation and fishing trip, just in time to write my newsletter article. I want to thank our Vice President for his leadership in running the club while I was away. We have received news from the ODFW that our grant is in the processing stage and should receive it shortly. With the grant money and volunteer labor from club members, we will be installing a new indoor range ventilation system and sound insulation so people can visit or take a class in the club house while folks are shooting in the indoor range. We have also been experiencing some damage to the indoor target frames. The cost to keep repairing the indoor range target area is quite expensive so please, all DRRC members do your best to shoot at the targets and nothing else.

I need to thank Larry Warren and all the volunteers who helped put on the 4th annual DRRC Youth Day. This event is becoming larger each year and we also need to thank all of the vendors who donated money and merchandise.

We are getting geared up for our annual Hunter Sight-In and we still need more volunteers to assist. You can call Dan Day at 503/695-2679 or Jim Henderson at 503/888-9719 and they can let you know what the schedule is and where you can volunteer your services to this event.

Good luck to all hunters. Safe Shooting

Classes Coming Up

Michael Jones

Upcoming NRA classes:

- **FIRST Steps Shotgun**
October 1, \$50
- **Range Safety Officer**
October 8 & 9,
\$35 members/\$45 non-members

To get more information or pre-register for an upcoming class contact Michael Jones at jonesc@teleport.com, or 503-654-7452.

Hunter Site-In

Michael Jones

Hunter Sight-In is coming up! We need volunteers to work as RSOs, ticket takers, gun checkers, boresighters, and coaches. This year's dates are September 10th & 11th, 17th & 18th, 24th & 25th, and October 15th & 16th. No experience is necessary. Come on out, meet fellow club members, have some fun, and get your work hours in. For more information contact Dan Day at 503-695-2679 or Jim Henderson at 503-888-9719.

Donations Needed

Jim Quinn, Publicity Director

Club members are invited to participate in an effort to collect books for the Veterans Hospital and the Veterans Home. We are looking for westerns and other similar adventure stories. Veterans in the hospital often arrive with no reading materials or the funds to purchase such. Don't be afraid to ask your friends and neighbors to help out. Books can be dropped off at the club house. A container is located on a glass case near the door to the indoor range. Thanks for your help.

*"Beware the greedy hand of government, thrusting itself into every corner and crevice of industry."
—Thomas Paine*

BigBore Handgun Silhouette

Ben Goldspink, BigBore Handgun

I recently had the opportunity to discuss Silhouette shooting with a number of club members, and I can say after that discussion, Silhouette shooting at DRRC is a very misunderstood shooting sport. It is really a pretty simple game, the participant shoots at metal targets at varying distances, if the target falls over, it counts as a hit; if it doesn't, it is a miss. Many of the people who stop by to check it out see a bunch of guys laying down in what looks like an awkward position, however the shooting positions range from standing to prone to Creedmoor (that awkward position). This is one of the best things about Silhouette, that if you have some physical limitation there is a shooting position to accommodate the individual; the main idea is to shoot without artificial support. Distances for targets start out at 50M and go out to 200M in 50M increments for BigBore, the targets are life size chickens, pigs, turkeys and rams. You may be thinking "a handgun at 200M—impossible," not so, in fact Silhouette has been at DRRC for over 15 years and the first perfect revolver score (ever) was shot with a Ruger Super Blackhawk with iron sights, not a high-end firearm by any sense.

Silhouette is a family friendly activity and the shooters are always happy to welcome someone new. Shooters have been known to give up a turn, supply a gun and ammo for someone willing to try it out.

Our next match is Sunday, September 4th Sign-up starts a little before 9 AM. Round count is 45 per entry; so there isn't a lot of waiting to shoot, so three entries or more is common. We usually finish about 3 PM. If this is a first time for you, bring extra ammo, we like to make sure you are hitting something before shooting for score; it's more fun if the targets fall. For more info contact me at drrcsilhouette@xprrt.net.

The Second Amendment

NRA/ILA Fact Sheets

The Second Amendment guarantees: "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

This guarantees a citizen's right to keep and bear arms for personal defense. The revolutionary experience caused our forebears to address a second concern — the ability of Americans to maintain a citizen militia. The Founding Fathers trusted an armed citizenry as the best safeguard against the possibility of a tyrannical government.

James Madison, author of the Second Amendment, wrote that Americans had "the advantage of being armed," that was lacking in other nations, where "the governments are afraid to trust the people with arms." Patrick Henry proclaimed the "great object is that every man be armed... Everyone who is able may have a gun." The Second Amendment was then, as it is today, about freedom and the means to protect it.

In *United States v. Miller*, 307 U.S. 174 (1939), the Supreme Court refused to take judicial notice that a short-barreled shotgun was useful for militia purposes. Nowhere did the court hold that an individual does not have a right to keep and bear arms. In *United States v. Gomez*, 81 F.3d 846, 850 n. 7 (9th Cir. 1996), Judge Kozinski opined that "The Second Amendment embodies the right to defend oneself and one's home against physical attack." In *United States v. Hutzell*, 217 F.3d 966, 969 (8th Cir. 2000), the court held that "...an individual's right to bear arms is constitutionally protected, see *United States v. Miller*..." In *United States v. Emerson*, 270 F.3d 203 (5th Cir. 2001), the court examined *United States v. Miller* and held: "We reject the collective rights and sophisticated collective rights models for interpreting the Second Amendment. We hold, consistent with *Miller*, that it protects the right of individuals... to privately possess and bear their own firearms..."

The U. S. Supreme Court has recently recognized the Second Amendment as an important individual right. *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, 505 U.S. 833 (1992); *United States v. Verdugo-Urquidez*, 494 U.S. 259 (1991).

On December 17, 2004, the U.S. Department of Justice published an exhaustive Second Amendment memorandum. It concludes without reservation that "the Second Amendment secures a personal right of individuals, not a collective right that may only be invoked by a State or a quasi-collective right restricted to those persons who serve in organized militia units." www.usdoj.gov/olc/2004opinions.htm

The Founding Fathers distrusted a government that wouldn't trust its people. To fulfill the promise of the Declaration of Independence, the authors of the U.S. Constitution and its Bill of Rights made it clear that individual rights were paramount. The Bill of Rights, wrote Madison, was "calculated to secure the personal rights of the people."

Some claim that banning only certain firearms does not constitute an infringement of Second Amendment rights. That measured ploy is not new. George Mason exposed it at Virginia's constitutional convention in 1788: "[W]hen the resolution of enslaving America was formed in Great Britain, the British Parliament was advised by an artful man... to disarm the people; that it was the best and most effectual way to enslave them; but that they should not do it openly, but weaken them, and let them sink gradually."

Our founders risked their lives to create a free nation, and they guaranteed freedom as the birthright of American citizens through the Bill of Rights. The Second Amendment remains the first right among equals, because it is the one we turn to when all else fails.

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DRRC September 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd only 1pm-sunset 300-600 yd only 7-9pm General Meeting (CH)	2	3
4 9am-5pm Big Bore Pistol (Silh) 9:30-2:30 Trap	5 Labor Day	6 8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance	7 Noon-5pm 5-Stand 6pm-Sunset Ladies Night (Silh) SERT Training 8am-12pm (Long Range) 12pm-5pm (100/200 yd)	8 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600 yd only 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd only	9	10 9am-4pm Hunter Sight-In 100/200 yard 9am-2pm Blackpowder (Silh)
11 9am-4pm Hunter Sight-In 100/200 yard 9am-5pm NSCA Patriot Day Sporting Clays/5-Stand 9am - 4pm Action Pistol (Silh)	12 9am-5pm Police Training (Silh) 7-9pm Board Meeting (CH)	13 8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance	14 9am-5pm Police Training (Silh) Noon-5pm 5-Stand 6pm-Sunset Ladies Night (Silh) 5pm - Sunset Omark Trap Shoot	15 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd only 1pm-sunset 300-600 yd only	16 9am-5pm Police Training (Silh)	17 9am-4pm Hunter Sight-In 100/200 yard 9am-3pm Smallbore Pistol - (Silh) 4pm-Sunset 3-Gun set-up (Silh)
18 9am-4pm Hunter Sight-In 100/200 yard 9:30-2:30 Trap 9am-5pm 3-Gun (silh)	19 5:30pm-8pm Jr. Smallbore (Ind)	20 8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance	21 Noon-5pm 5-Stand 6pm-Sunset Ladies Night (Silh)	22 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600 yd only 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd only	23	24 9am-4pm Hunter Sight-In 100/200 yard 9am-5pm Speed Steel - (Silh)
25 9am-4pm Hunter Sight-In 100/200 yard 9:30am-2pm Sporting Clays & 5-Stand	26 5:30pm-8pm Jr. Smallbore (Ind)	27 8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance	28 Noon-5pm 5-Stand 6pm-Sunset Ladies Night (Silh) 5pm - Sunset Omark Trap Shoot	29 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd only 1pm-sunset 300-600 yd only	30	

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