

Quarterly Newsletter of the Medford Rifle and Pistol Club

Straight Shots

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 2007 Officers

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MRPC to Offer “BASIC TRAINING 101”

In response to inquiries from the public and our members, the Club will be offering “Basic Training 101” as a way to get people started safely with the use of firearms. It is not a skills class or a concealed carry course or a hunters’ safety class. However it is for the person that is interested in learning to shoot a pistol or rifle or would like to know the basics of firearms before they get a firearm of their own. Classes will take up to 3 or 4 hours to complete, and will be offered on Saturdays and Sundays, either in the afternoons or possibly evenings.

The class will be offered completely free of charge as a public service, but donations will be accepted to cover class material costs. Firearm ownership is not a requirement. Class size will be limited and any interested person must pre-register. Classes will be put together and dates set when about 5 or more have pre-registered.

The “Basic Training 101” class will include training on the following topics::

- Identifying Types of Firearms and their Ammunition,
- Safe Handling and Storage,
- Range and Personal Safety Rules
- How a Firearm Works and what may be the best type for your use,
- Basic Marksmanship Fundamentals, and
- A Question and Answer session will be included.

The class will also include on the indoor range, a live firing session of the club’s guns and/or your own (std. pistol calibers or rimfire rifle only)

You will need to bring Eye and Ear Protection. If you have none, let us know in advance and we will provide it. Class instructors will be from the clubs various shooting sports and are experienced in safety, gun skills and competition, as well as personal defense. The clubhouse has a soft drink machine, restrooms and a meeting room along with the indoor range.

Contact: John Hughes – 541-664-3134 evenings 7 to 9 pm E-mail john@cantelofmedford.com

Schedules and Events

General Club Meeting

Every Third Wednesday of the Month
Next Meeting: July 18th 2007 at 7 pm

Practical Pistol

Every Thursday Night at 8:30 pm
Outdoor at the Sports Park during DST
At Indoor Range during Pacific Std time

Bullseye Rimfire Pistol

Every Monday Night at 7:30 pm
Set-up from 7:00 to 7:30pm
MRPC Indoor Range, Vilas Road

4-H Archery

Every Friday Night 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm
MRPC Indoor Range during the Winter
Outdoor Club Range during the Summer

Fullbore Rifle Practice

Call Jim Rice for Details 664-5393
Every Monday from 4pm to 7pm
White City High Power Range

High Power Rifle Practice

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Every Tuesday from 4pm to 7pm
White City High Power Range

Adult Indoor Small Bore Rifle

Wednesday's, except 3rd Wednesday of the month
7:00pm at MRPC Indoor Range
Suspended until after School Starts

Upcoming Summer Matches and Special Events

<u>Steel Shooting Matches</u>	2 nd Sunday of each Month,	9am. Sports Park Competition Range
<u>USPSA Match</u>	3 rd Sunday of each Month,	9am. Sports Park Competition Range
<u>IDPA Match</u>	4 th Saturday of each Month,	9am. Sports Park Competition Range

RIFLE MATCHES

All Rifle Matches start at 8am at the Sports Park High Power Range

JULY

Call for Jim Rice for details 664-5393

Fullbore Match	July 8	8am
H.P. or Fullbore Match	July 15	8am
Military Rifle Practice	July 21	8am
Military Rifle Match	July 22	8am \$20
Fullbore Match	July 29	8am

AUGUST

High Power Match	August 5	8am
Fullbore Match	August 12	8am
H.P. or Fullbore Match	August 18 & 19	8am

SEPTEMBER

High Power Match	September 16	8am
Fullbore Match	September 30	8am

OCTOBER

1000 Yard Practice	October 7	8am
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Fullbore NRA Registered Match October 12,13,14 with Practice on the 11th 8am

SPECIAL EVENTS

<u>Tactical Treatment of Gunshot Wounds,</u>	August 18 th , 2007 9am to 5pm	\$250 Info. @ (541)951-2834
<u>Fall Gun Show</u>	November, 23rd-24th-25th, 2007	Info. @ (541)-582-0333

MEMBER INFORMATION

WELCOME TO THE MEDFORD RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB.

THIS IS YOUR CLUB KEEP IT SAFE!

Club Rules

Turn on Door Alarm. This alerts you to someone entering the building while your shooting.

MRPC Indoor Range is for Valid Members and Their Guest Only. Sign in and deposit your fee in the slot in the front of the Lock-Up door. Current fees are: \$1.00 for paid members and \$2.00 for non-member guest. Guests may use the range with a member twice before they are expected to join. The outdoor range is for overflow parking during events, and at this time Archery use ONLY.

Turn on Only What is Needed for Your Comfort. (Lights, Heat, Ventilation systems).

Observe Signs Inside the Range Regarding Rules.

Clean up after yourself, Pick up brass, sweep floor (if dirty), and turn off lights, heat, and ventilation systems before leaving building. Help keep the range neat and clean.

This range is ONLY safe for standard handgun loads used in target shooting, and for rimfire rifles. Do not use any Center-Fire rifles or shotguns. The Bullet traps are not made for center fire rifle ammo and any use of center fire rifle ammo will void your membership. Magnum Pistols may normally only be used on Positions 13 and 14, however currently these shooting lanes are closed for repair.

Scheduled events have priority over general use. If you arrive when an event or scheduled practice is about the start you may be able to participate after a safety briefing or if you have the proper equipment. As the event Range Officer for information. Very few events are closed to members not entered. Twice a year the range is closed for our Spring and Fall Gun Shows, normally from the Thursday before to the Monday after.

Common Public Range Rules

ALWAYS POINT THE MUZZLE DOWN RANGE LOADED OR UNLOADED

The 180 rule is to be enforced at all times. This means the muzzle of the gun does not go past your shoulders (left side to right side), Head to toe. (ceiling to floor).

KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER, and outside the trigger guard, until ready to fire or the command "Commence Firing" has been given.

KEEP THE ACTION OPEN AND FIREARM UNLOADED UNTIL READY TO USE. On a firing range this means the shooters are in position on the firing line and the range has been cleared for live firing.

If you come to the indoor range and there is a person on the shooting line. You must shoot on that line, or wait until the person is done to shoot on a different shooting line.

KNOW HOW YOUR FIREARM OPERATES.

WEAR EAR AND EYE PROTECTION. Look through the window into the range area before entering, and see if anyone is preparing to fire. If so, put on hearing protection before you go through the range doors! You must provide your own hearing protection and have it with you in the range area, and put it on when anyone is preparing to fire.

BE COURTEOUS. If the range is being used, co-ordinate your non-scheduled use with the people who were there first. If you are using the range when someone else arrives, make sure their hearing protection is on and they are safely back of the firing line before you commence firing. The right to use firearms also requires the duty to be safe and courteous of other shooters.

SCHEDULED EVENTS TAKE PRECEDENCE. If you arrive at a time when a scheduled event or regular practice session is about to commence, ask if you can participate with the other shooters (in most cases, after making sure you know the rules and have required equipment, you will be most welcome). Members will be more than happy to explain the event and invite you to participate. Whenever the range is not being set up for a show or prepared for a scheduled event, it is available to members for informal practice. Each organized group has a director, and establishes the rules to be followed during their scheduled event. Speak with the director about the rules for the scheduled event.

DO NOT MIX ALCOHOL OR DRUGS WITH SHOOTING ACTIVITIES.

Indoor shooting is to shoot down range and at a paper target only. No shooting pop cans, phone books, lights, glass. If you are found shooting at anything other than a paper target, you may have your membership revoked!

Ask a Friend to Join

Membership Application

<i>See Confidentiality policy on Website</i>	<i>Date:</i>
<i>First name:</i>	<i>Last name:</i>
<i>Address:</i>	
<i>City:</i>	
<i>State:</i>	
<i>Zip:</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Home Phone:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Fax:</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Work Phone:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Cell:</i>
<i>E-mail:</i>	
<i>Adult (family) membership \$50</i> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>New (need new FOB and Card)</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Renewal (update lock, send new Card)</i>
<i>Junior membership only \$5</i> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>New</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Renewal</i>
<i>Spouse name:</i>	
<i>Spouse Card Desired?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Yes</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>No</i>	<i>Additional Fobs @ \$8 each:</i> _____ <i>Qty</i>
<i>Other family members who wish to have membership cards:</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Under 18? Name:</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Under 18? Name:</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Under 18? Name:</i>	
<i>For MRPC processing:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Card made</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Card sent</i>
<i>Check no.</i> _____ <i>Amount:</i> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>FOB registered</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>FOB sent</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Recorded</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Membership Updated</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Expires</i> _____
<small>(Print, complete and mail with dues.)</small>	
<small>Home Page</small>	

Classified Ads

MRPC offers members a good deal on **Large Rifle Primers** while the supply lasts...all small rifle, small pistol and large pistol primers have been sold! We have ONLY about 7,000 primers left as of the last meeting! E-mail, call, or write now if you want to get some at this bargain price. **Winchester Large Rifle... \$13.50 per 1000**
Buy official NRA 50-ft. indoor Bullseye Pistol Targets, slow fire or timed/rapid fire targets in packages of 100, for the incredible low price of only **\$12.50 per package!** Printed on stiff target paper, these are the B-2 and B-3 standard NRA targets, used in National Match courses and indoor target shooting.

Available only to club members.

Come to any meeting and ask an officer about either item, or contact Dave Corbin, Treasurer (541-826-5211 Mon-Thurs, 9am-5pm).

Members May Place a Classified or Advertisement in this newsletter
Contact Dave Corbin

President's Message

PUBLIC RANGE PASS CHANGES

I am very proud of the MRPC members. At the April meeting the members made the decision of how the public range passes at the Sports Park were purchased. From the negotiations with RVSSA on the new agreement we had the choice of the club paying either a flat fee of \$3,500 or \$10 per member for RVSSA season public range passes or a discounted rate for individual members to buy their own passes. With the uncertainty of just how many members actually used the pass, they voted (unanimous) for buying their own passes. Some members didn't use the public range, some could have used their Oregon Hunters membership cards if they used the range and some did use it with MRPC cards. In these times of increasing costs to the club, this decision will save the club money it would otherwise have to come up with from raising dues in the future. The RVSSA season passes are available from the Treasurer, Dave Corbin, and at the monthly meetings. An individual yearly pass is \$15 and a family pass \$25. This is about a 40% savings off the normal cost. Our members were thinking about the clubs best choice not just what they could get from the club for themselves.

REMEMBER AS OF JULY 1
YOUR MRPC CARD WILL NOT BE GOOD FOR THE PUBLIC RANGE
AT THE SPORTS PARK.

A big thanks to all involved in the meetings with RVSSA. The new agreement was worked out to everyones satisfaction and these items were also approved at the April meeting. We were represented by myself, Jim Rice, Don Christian and Dave Corbin. RVSSA representatives were Wayne Mackenzie, Steve Feilner and Dave Richards. Thanks to all.

The DEQ hearing is coming along good. Our lawyers in Portland with the help of the Oregon Assn. of Shooting Ranges are gathering the facts and affidavits for the hearing process. They are trying to conduct this by paper instead of in a courtroom to save money. The hearing process should be well under way by this fall. More information on this topic will be available later.

Be sure to keep up on happenings with your club by being at the meetings or at least read the minutes and news on the web site.

See ya at the range and shoot safe.

You're a Gun Nut IF -----

- If you've ever shot out a 1911 barrel.....
- If your computer passwords are gun related...
- If your gun safe is bigger than your refrigerator...
- If the speedometer on your car is in both m.p.h. and fps...
- If you cannot really recall just how many guns you own...
- If you cut out your best groups and carry them in your wallet like photos...
- If You've ever dabbed a little Hoppe's on your neck before going on a date..
- If you bought a gun from a gunshop, only to realize you used to own it years ago...
- Surplus ammunition suppliers call you to see if there was anything you were looking for...
- If you bought checkering tools, checkered all your gunstocks and are now starting on the bedposts...

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POB 235
Medford, OR. 97501

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TO: _____

Military Rifle Match July 22, 2007

Have you an old or new military rifle with open sights in your closet? Do you own an original condition Trapdoor Springfield, 30/40 Kraig, Mauser, M-1 Garand, M1-A1, AK-47, AR-15 that you'd like to shoot at long range?

**This Match is Sponsored by
The Medford Rifle and Pistol Club**

**Will be held at the
Historic "Camp White"
600 yard Range**

**at the Jackson County Sports Park
Come Early, Match Starts at 8am Cost \$20
Call to reserve a spot Jim Rice 664-5393**

**Bring your own ammo.
Food and Drink will be available**

