

Quarterly Newsletter of the Medford Rifle and Pistol Club

Straight Shots

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2007 Officers

President--John Hughes **Vice-President--Stu Wilke**
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Presidents Message

PROGRESS ON DEQ CLAIM

A meeting was held recently in Portland with the DEQ, our lawyers, and Oregon Assn. of Shooting Ranges. The meeting was to work on range polices and how they affect the claim with MRPC. This was a very productive meeting and a settlement may be in the works. All parties are going forward with talks to resolve the claim and satisfy everyone involved. Hopefully soon we can go on with enjoying our sport and continue to improve our club.

JUNIOR RIFLE PROGRAM

Recent interest through the Boy Scouts and by our club member Marc Bokish has revived the Junior Rifle Program. Marc has volunteered to head the program and was voted into the Junior Director position at the last meeting. Look for information on the web site soon or come to the next meeting for news. Thanks Marc for stepping up for this needed program.

BASIC TRAINING CLASS

By the time you read this the first class for Basic Training 101 will have been concluded. There seemed to be a lot of inquiries but not as many takers at first. It will take a little time for the word to get around and I will try to have a class every month or two as needed. If you know someone who might be interested in learning about firearms have them check out the class in the web site under "events" and give me a call for the next class.

TOYS FOR TOTS IDPA MATCH

In cooperation with the local Toys For Tots the November IDPA match will donate the entry fees (toys in original packages) to Toys For Tots just in time for the Christmas season. If you haven't been to an IDPA match, this would be a great time to try it and help out a great cause. Just bring a new toy in its original package for your entry fee. The match is Sat. Nov. 24, 9:00 signup, Sports Park Competition and Training Range. If you haven't shot an IDPA match before be there early (8:30) for a safety clinic. For more information check out the club web site "events".

After years of nagging, the wife was finally going deer hunting with her husband. "I'll drop you off here at the stand and go park the jeep. Don't leave or do anything til I get back." instructed her husband. He moved the jeep several hundred yards from the stand and was preparing to walk back when he heard a shot. Walking briskly, he could hear a heated argument between his wife and a man. "It's my deer, I shot it!" he heard his wife shouting. The man's voice kept insisting "Lady, that's not your deer!" The husband began walking faster and the argument got louder and more heated. As he approached, the weary voice of the man was heard to say in defeat "OK lady, it's YOUR deer. Just let me get the saddle off."

Membership Expiration-----Don't Get Caught

Everyone should check their membership card for the expiration date, so they won't be "locked out" when the membership period expires and the fob "quits working"! There have been a lot of calls from people who said their fob just "quit working" and sure enough, when they checked the expiration date on their card, it was a month or two ago!

No Change in Membership Fee

Membership in the MRPC is still just \$50 for a year, which gives you 24/7 access to the club for a little less than 14 cents a day, or about \$4.17 per month. That's less than a cheap tipper would leave on the table in just a couple of meals out, far less than cable TV costs every couple of days, all for a dry safe place to practice year around, out of the wind and rain. You can drop in at night, when all else is closed, which is something we may take for granted here, but try it anywhere else! Most gun clubs have strict hours, much higher fees, and you can't go in alone.

Staying Healthy When Your Retired

Working people frequently ask retired people what they do to make their days interesting. Well, for example, the other day I went down town and into a shop. I was only there for about 5 minutes and when I came out there was a cop writing out a parking ticket.

I said to him, "Come on, man, how about giving a retired person a break"? He ignored me and continued writing the ticket. I called him a "Nazi." He glared at me and wrote another ticket for having worn tires.

So I called him a "doughnut eating Gestapo." He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first. Then he wrote a third ticket. This went on for about 20 minutes. The more I abused him, the more tickets he wrote.

Personally, I didn't care. I came downtown on the bus, and the car that he was putting the tickets on had a bumper sticker that said "Hillary in '08." I try to have a little fun each day now that I'm retired.

It's important to my health.

Discounts Available for Jackson County Sports Park—It's a Deal

Your membership in MRPC gets you a substantial discount on the annual range pass at the Jackson County Sports Park public ranges in White City. Instead of \$25 for an individual, you only pay \$15 (if purchased through MRPC). Instead of \$45 for a family, you only pay \$25. Send money to Dave Corbin, care of the MRPC post office box, or come to the MRPC monthly meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the Month at 7pm, to get your discount pass.

Committee Formed to Study Outdoor Range Use

There seems to be the impression around the club that the outdoor range on Vilas Road is closed. Nothing is further from the truth. The range has always been available for scheduled use under control of a Range Officer or Safety Officer. A committee has been formed to work on new events for the range. If you have thoughts about the use of this range, please contact one of the committee members: Jim Rice, Ted Brown and Rodger Mannix

Your E-Mail Address is Needed

MRPC spends a lot of time and money mailing newsletters and other announcements to members. We realize that not everyone has internet access, but if you do have computer access and still received this newsletter through the mail (*or only posted at the club*), please send a quick e-mail to Dave Corbin at dave@corbins.com

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 or scheduled club events

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 (357 thru 44 cal) may only be used on Positions 13 and 14.

Scheduled events have priority over general use. If you arrive when an event or scheduled practice is about to start you may be able to participate after a safety briefing or if you have the proper equipment. Ask 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 ear and eye protection before you go through the range doors! You must provide your own ear and eye protection and have it with you in the range area. Be sure to 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 <u>Confidentiality</u> 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 <input type="checkbox"/></i>	<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 <input type="checkbox"/></i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>New</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Renewal</i>
<i>Spouse name:</i>	
<i>Spouse Card Desired? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</i>	<i>Additional Fobs @ \$8 each: _____ 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. _____ 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

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 @ dave@corbins.com

Schedules and Events

General Club Meeting

Every Third Wednesday of the Month
Next Meetings: October 17th, November 21st
and December 19th at 7 pm

Practical Pistol Practice

Every Thursday Night 5pm to 8:30 pm
At MRPC Range during Dec-Jan-Feb
Outdoor at the Sports Park during DST

Bullseye Rimfire Pistol Practice

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

4-H Archery

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

Fullbore Rifle Practice

Contact Don Shefcheck for Details
srwyor@qwest.net or 541-855-7522
Sunday's as shown below
White City High Power Range

High Power Rifle Practice

Contact Ted Brown for Details 899-8109
Concluded for 2007

Adult Indoor Small Bore Rifle Practice

Wednesday's, except 3rd Wednesday of the month
7:00pm at MRPC Indoor Range

Upcoming 4th Quarter Matches and Special Events

<u>IDPA Match</u>	4 th Saturday of each Month, 9am.	Sports Park Competition Range Indoor @ MRPC Dec-Jan-Feb
<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

RIFLE MATCHES

**All Rifle Matches start at 8am at the Sports Park High Power Range
Contact for Don Shefcheck for details**

OCTOBER 2007

Fullbore Practice October 7 0900 to 1700 hrs
MRPC Fall FullBore Invitational October 26th, 27th, 28th 0800 to 1700 hrs

NOVEMBER 2007

FullBore Practice November 4th, 11th, 18th 0900 to 1700 hrs

DECEMBER 2007

FullBore Practice December 2nd, 9th, 16th, 30th 0900 to 1700 hours

SPECIAL EVENTS

**IDPA "Toy's for Tots" Fundraiser Sat. Nov. 24, 9:00 signup, Sports Park Competition
Fall Gun Show November, 23rd-24th-25th, 2007 Info. @ (541-582-0333)**

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FALL GUN SHOW
November 23rd, 24th, & 25th
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