

Down Range



Clatskanie Rifle & Pistol Club
PO Box 511 Clatskanie, Or. 97016

Special points of interest:

- Next meeting is the ANNUAL MEETING and ELECTION OF OFFICERS Sat., May 16th, at Fultano's in Clatskanie; doors open at 5:30PM, meeting starts at 6:30PM. A proxy voting form is included in this newsletter.
- 2009-2010 CRPC Membership cards go on sale April 15th—get yours at Sporty's in Clatskanie. **PLEASE NOTE—NO MEMBERSHIPS WILL BE SOLD AT FULTANOS THE DAY OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.**
- Safety first - Please use eye and ear protection at the range.
- If you wish your newsletter e-mailed please let us know
- Hunter Safety starts May 4th.
- Next Concealed Handgun Permit Classes April 18th, May 9th.
- NRA Basic Pistol for Women July 18th
- Changes coming in Action Pistol program; "double match" days June thru October.

CRPC Annual Meeting May 16; Hunter Safety in May

The Clatskanie Rifle & Pistol Club will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, May 16th at 6:30 PM in the banquet room at Fultano's in Clatskanie. Doors open at 5:30PM.

Election of officers will be held and other club business conducted. Awards will be presented for the various shooting disciplines along with the Memorial Trophy and the Boner Award.

Remember—in order to vote on club business at the Annual (or any) meeting you must be a member in good standing. *Please make sure you have paid you dues prior to the start of the meeting, as membership cards will not be sold or renewed at Fultano's...*

Annual dues plus card fee are now \$55 (\$50 for basic membership plus \$5 for the

new electronic cardlock), so be sure to make out your checks for the correct amount; membership applications/renewals that are received without correct funds will be returned. **The dues may be increased at the Annual meeting—all those renewing prior to any fee changes will be charged the \$50 + \$5 rate.**

If the new membership form is not completed with correct contact information or is illegible the fees and application will be rejected.

Hunter Safety starts May 4th; sign-ups at Sporty's in Clatskanie. This program lasts for five evenings plus a practical session on Saturday, May 9th. For more information please contact Arnold Cork.

Weekend Duty

The CRPC outdoor range has typically been open to the public on Saturdays & Sundays 8AM-4PM (barring construction or a competitive shooting event); this is usually supervised by volunteer range officers selected from the membership on a rotating basis. The typical shift is 4 hours, with four members working to cover the shifts on a weekend.

Due to vandalism and liability the outdoor range will be closed to the public on weekends during a shift if the volunteer range officer does not show up for duty.

While this is regrettable, we must protect our property. Each weekend duty "slot" is a 4-hour period of time—either 8AM-noon or noon-4PM, Saturday or Sunday.

You can check the weekend duty roster on our websites.

Additional info on Page 7.

Oregon Concealed Handgun Classes April 18th, May 9th

Oregon Concealed Handgun License Classes are scheduled for Saturday, April 18th & May 9th from 8AM—3 PM. If you are interested in attending please contact Gregg at (360)606-3478 or email him at rangemaster@charter.net. Fee is \$60 for non-CRPC members, \$40 for members.

This is a hands-on safety class covering concealed carry, Oregon law and includes a live-fire range session. All classes are conducted by NRA-certified instructors.

Basic Pistol Class for Women July 18th

The NRA Basic Pistol Class will be held Saturday, July 19th. Cost for the class is \$60 for CRPC members in good standing, \$80 for non-members. This class is for women only and has more live-fire range time than our standard Concealed Handgun License class. It concentrates on safe gun handling, firearms familiarization and marksmanship.

This class also satisfies the training requirement for an Oregon Concealed Handgun License. Contact Gregg Smith for registration information.

From the President

As the Annual Meeting approaches, I thought that I would use this newsletter to give the members a quick run-down on what has been going on this past year, and to congratulate the entire membership on a very fun, successful, and safe year.

In an era in which many of the gun clubs throughout the state are under fire from the public over a host of ill-perceived threats we have been able to grow our membership, conduct more organized events, and continue to expand our facilities. I congratulate each and every member for his or her time, money, and enthusiasm. I also offer my thanks, both personal and on behalf of the entire Executive Board.

During the preceding year we have been able to complete a lot of work on the new classroom/indoor range, including construction of the exterior walls, "raising the roof", framing and drywall in the classroom, substantial work on the electrical system and sealing/painting the indoor range.

This is not to say that we are near substantial completion; there is still a mountain of work to be performed before the facility can be occupied and used on a regular basis by either the Club or other

civic/private groups.

We anticipate that later this year the indoor range may be opened to Club members for .22LR use; plans include improvement of the backstop to allow some centerfire pistol use. One thing you might consider is making a donation to the Building Fund; with all the cost overruns due to county requirements we are looking for all available sources of funding to complete our projects on (or ahead of) schedule. Please consider writing your membership check for more than the minimum amount, or simply making a donation earmarked for the Building Fund.

All of this is thanks to the membership in one form or another. Again, thank you all.

At this year's Annual Meeting we will elect officers, vote on dues increases, and other important agenda items; please come to the meeting and make your voice heard.

The driveway has been compacted and re-graveled; please drive slowly to make it last! Also, please watch your speed as you near the Range—it keeps the dust down...

Rangemaster notes

It is encouraging to see the progress we've made in the last year—from a basic foundation to a building that now resembles a classroom and indoor range. I look forward to the Open House we're planning this summer to showcase our new facility and thank the membership for the thousands of volunteer hours donated to get us to this milestone. Design changes made necessary by the building code, regulatory problems and a very limited budget have presented challenges to us all in getting this far... and we still have a long way to go. I think back to when I was President, looking out over our current property (which was a logged -off chunk of land) and am amazed at how far we've progressed.

We will soon have a building for meetings & classes and an indoor range (that will eventually accommodate up to centerfire pistol calibers); we also have added new pistol bays and a permanent, freestanding bathroom.

Also, please consider re-electing your current Executive Committee so they can continue the work on our new facilities and programs; a proxy vote form is included below for your convenience.



Clatskanie Rifle & Pistol Club
PO Box 511 Clatskanie, Or.
97016

President: Jeff Spendlove 503-728-2516
jeffandlispendinglove@clatskaniegunclub.com

Vice Pres: Rick Allen 503-728-3598
richardallen@clatskaniegunclub.com

Secretary: Lindah Howard 503-728-3598
lindahoward@clatskaniegunclub.com

Treasurer: Lisa Spendlove 503-728-2516
jeffandlispendinglove@clatskaniegunclub.com

Range Master: Gregg Smith 360-606-3478
greggsmith@clatskaniegunclub.com

VISIT US ON THE WEB
WWW.CLATSKANIEGUNCLUB.COM


RANGEMASTER'S WEBSITE
WWW.CRPCACTIONPISTOL.ORG

If you are coming from out of town to use the range you can always check the Internet to be certain it has not been reserved or is undergoing maintenance.
*The range website is :
www.crpcactionpistol.org*

PROXY VOTE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PROXY FOR MAY 2009 ANNUAL MEETING

I, _____, (print your name), being a member of the Clatskanie Rifle & Pistol Club in good standing, authorize the Executive Committee of the Clatskanie Rifle & Pistol Club to cast my vote as they see fit on all agenda items.

If the box to the right contains my initials, I also vote to retain the current Executive Committee. 

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

This form may be mailed in or hand-delivered to any current club officer prior to the May 16th, 2009 Annual Meeting.
MAIL TO: CRPC, PO BOX 511, CLATSKANIE OREGON 97016; please mail in time to reach the Club prior to the meeting.

Constitution for the Clatskanie Rifle & Pistol Club, Inc

I. Name and Object

This club shall be named THE CLATSKANIE RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB, Inc. The purpose of the Club shall be to promote the safe and ethical use of firearms for hunting, competition, and sport; to promote the proper use of our game and fish resources through education of its' members and the public; to provide a place for the above efforts and to foster good relations among sportspersons and the community at large.

II. Membership

The membership shall consist of such sportspersons as may care to associate themselves together for the purposes set forth in Article I. Membership in the National Rifle Association, while encouraged, shall not be a prerequisite to membership in the club.

III. Officers

The officers of this club shall consist of the President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, and Range Master. These officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting, which shall be held as determined by the membership of the Club and allowed in the Bylaws. Officers shall serve for one year. The officers, acting as a group, shall be known as the Executive Committee.

IV. Duties of Officers

- i. President – it shall be the duty of the President to call meetings of the membership of the club, preside at all regular business meetings, and have general control of and to supervise the affairs of the club.
- ii. Vice-president – in the absence of the President, the Vice-president shall assume and exercise all the duties of that official.
- iii. Secretary – shall keep minutes of all club meetings, handle any correspondence for the club and act as club historian.
- iv. Treasurer – shall collect all dues and other moneys due from the members or other sources; shall keep all funds belonging to the club and be responsible for same and, upon approval, shall pay any debts the club shall incur and maintain an accurate accounting of all monies received and expended providing reports as required.
- v. Range Master – shall have charge of the shooting facilities, care of the grounds, maintenance of buildings, and of the conduct of practice and tournament shooting.

V. Meetings

- i. Meetings shall be held:
 - a. As the members may elect at the annual meeting.
 - b. Upon call of the president.
 - c. At the call of any three members; when such call is presented in writing to the officers at least two weeks prior to the date requested for the meeting.
 - ii. Regular meetings shall be held on the first Thursday of every month, or as the membership shall decide per Section V, paragraph i.
-

Bylaws of the Clatskanie Rifle & Pistol Club, Inc.

I. Purpose - It shall be the purpose of this club to maintain a shooting range open to the public without fee, and to promote instruction of the public in the safe and ethical use of firearms for hunting, sports, and personal and public defense.

II. Membership Fees – the membership fee of the club may be changed at the annual meeting as the membership may determine. There shall be no initiation fee. Upon acceptance of the membership fee, a member will be considered to be in good standing for the remainder of the club year.

III. Quorum – for the purpose of conducting club business at regularly scheduled meetings, a quorum shall consist of at least 3 club officers and 5 % of the current membership of the club. Such a quorum must include either the President or Vice-President.

IV. Amendments – the constitution and bylaws of this Club may be amended, altered, or repealed in whole or in part by a majority vote of the membership at any duly organized meeting of the club where at least fifty percent of the members are present, provided written notice of such change(s) have been given (or sent by mail) to all members at least ten days prior to the date of the meeting. Voting by mail and proxy voting shall be allowed.

V. Appointments – the Executive Committee shall appoint appropriate personnel from the membership to oversee the various shooting disciplines, or various committees or other groups as required. Such appointee(s) shall serve at the pleasure of the Executive Committee. It shall be the duty of such appointee(s) to keep all necessary records, hold such matches or tournaments as are needed or wanted, collect fees that are generated by such events, disburse monies as may be necessary to pay incurred debts for such events, and to turn over to the club Treasurer any excess monies and provide the Treasurer an accurate accounting of said funds.

VI. Committees – the Executive Committee shall appoint such committees as deemed necessary from time to time. Such committees shall be drawn from the club membership whenever possible. Committees shall be responsible for a specific purpose and shall report their progress to the Executive Committee or the Club membership on a regular basis.

VII. Disposition of Property a. Club assets, including real property, may be sold, rented, leased, exchanged or otherwise disposed of in the regular course of Club activities. Assets of \$1,000.00 or less in value shall not require the approval of the membership. Assets in excess of \$1,000.00 shall require an affirmative vote of the membership at any duly organized Club meeting.

b. Upon dissolution or liquidation of the Club, all assets, including real property, remaining after paying or providing for all of its debts and obligations shall be distributed to another non profit club, organization, fund, or foundation.

CHANGE IN NEW & RENEWAL MEMBERSHIPS

Dues are payable only at regular club meetings (*not* the Annual meeting), Sporty's or through the mail at Clatskanie Rifle & Pistol Club, PO Box 511, Clatskanie, OR 97016. You can also download an application at www.clatskaniegunclub.com. (NOTE: Membership dues will not be accepted at Fultano's before, during or after the annual meeting.)

Annual dues will be discussed and voted on at the Annual meeting. Our current dues are \$50/year.

In addition to the annual dues,

a \$5 surcharge will be added to each membership to help defray the cost of the new HID cardlock cards. This system is planned to be in operation by June 2009. The surcharge is a one-time fee, unless the card is lost or damaged.

You must apply using a completed 2009-2010 membership application and liability release.

Payments sent without new forms, along with applications that are illegible, incomplete or without proper payment amounts will be returned.

One of the agenda items for the Annual meeting involves the scheduling of our regular meetings. Please show up on May 16th and voice your opinion!

May will be an exception—there will be no monthly meeting, as our Annual meeting will be held Saturday, May 16th.

Description of Offices and Associated Duties:

President

Description: It shall be the duty of the President to call meetings of the membership of the Club, preside at all regular business meetings, and have general control of and to supervise the affairs of the Club.

Duties: Preside at all meetings (this includes the planning, administration, and setting of the agendas at regular and e-committee meetings), represent the Club in all manners to a variety of governmental and civic organizations (Clatskanie Chamber of Commerce, Clatskanie PUD, Columbia County, City of Clatskanie, Oregon Shooting Sports Foundation, Oregon Association of Shooting Ranges, NRA, etc), Grant Writing, fiduciary responsibility for all Club monies and activities, and act as the Registered Agent of the Incorporation.

Usually requires 80 to 120 hours per month.

Vice-President

Description: It shall be the duty of the Vice President, in the absence of the President, to shall assume and exercise all the duties of that official.

Duties: Traditional Chair of the Building and Range Construction Committee, assist the Range Master in the performance of his or her duties, oversee new construction projects (including coordination between building contractors, governmental agencies, and the Club), assists the President in the performance of his or her duties.

Usually requires 80 to 120 hours per month (significantly more during construction periods).

Secretary

Description: The Secretary shall keep minutes of all Club meetings, handle any correspondence for the Club and act as Club historian.

Duties: Responsible for the timely response to all Club correspondence (picking up mail from the Post Office, dissemination of correspondence to the correct officer or individual), upkeep and management of the Club computer databases and manipulation of all membership information, responsible for issuing of membership cards, and all Club mailings (including newsletters, range rosters, and other correspondence), attendance at all regular and Executive Meetings, the taking of notes and minutes and their transcription into the Club Archives, acts as the Clubs' historian and records-keeper (maintains photographic and written records and memorabilia) and assists the President and Treasurer in the performance of their duties.

Usually requires 60 to 80 hours per month (significantly more during year-end).

Treasurer

Description: The Treasurer shall collect all dues and other monies due from the members or other sources. He or she shall keep all funds belonging to the Club and be responsible for same. Upon approval, he or she shall pay any debts the Club shall incur and shall maintain an accurate accounting of all monies received and expended and provide reports as required.

Duties: Responsible for the collection of all monies, disbursement of all monies, contractual negotiations of purchased items or services, timely paying of all debts, management of the Club's banking accounts, generation of reports, charts, and/or graphs as requested by the President of Executive Committee, responsible for the management of Club records and files, maintains proper accounts in regard to insurance, property issues, and contractual agreements. Carries out the duties of the Secretary in his/her absence.

Usually requires 60 to 80 hours per month (significantly more during year-end happenings).

Range Master

Description: The Range Master shall have charge of the shooting facilities, care of the grounds, maintenance of buildings, and of the conduct of practice and tournament shooting.

Duties: All repair and maintenance of Club property and facilities (mowing the lawns, replacing target backer-boards, repair of damaged or vandalized facilities or equipment), responsible for the Clubs' safety programs (including the Certified Range Officer Program and the posting and publishing of updated, changed, or new safety rules), Chair of the various shooting committees (action pistol, competitive rifle), responsible for the availability of Club-furnished equipment for all shooting disciplines, and its' repair and maintenance. Responsible for monthly Range Roster and the maintenance of the Range Roster Log, and the conduct of volunteer weekend "Duty Officers". Oversees and supervised the competitive shooting disciplines and ensures the Club Policies concerning the conduct of the activities are followed. Responsible for assigning and supervising Club work parties and range details. Works closely with other organizations to coordinate shooting schedules. Assists the President, and Vice-President in the performance of their duties.

Usually requires 80 to 120 hours per month (significantly more during the summer months and during periods of construction).

CRPC ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Saturday, May 16, 2009

Fultano's Pizza in Clatskanie

Doors Open at 5:30, Annual Meeting Begins at 6:30

As a volunteer organization, the CR&PC depends on the charitable contribution of time from its members. The Annual Meeting is the perfect time for all members to evaluate their personal commitment to the Club and decide whether or not they can afford to donate some time.

For those of you unfamiliar with the Club, here is a little background: The Clatskanie Rifle & Pistol Club was founded and incorporated as a nonprofit corporation of the State of Oregon in 1948. The Club has been affiliated with the NRA continuously since its' founding. The purpose of the Club is to provide a safe place for the public to practice and compete with firearms, without charge.

The Club has taught Hunter Education classes since it became mandatory in 1960, and has fielded a Small-bore rifle team in the Columbia-Willamette League every year since its incorporation. There is an active Black Powder Shooting group that holds matches in the summer months, Action Pistol matches began in 1983 and continue to be held on the first Sunday of every month, and there is a Competitive Rifle group that holds a variety of matches each year.

Although the Club has had, at times, as few as ten members, it has expanded its membership to more than 200 since it began development of its range complex on Conyers Creek Road in 1993 and this membership is expected to increase as more facilities and opportunities are afforded by the Club.

As a member there are several things that you can do to help the Club in its endeavors. The most significant is being active and voting. **PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING.** The Club wants your participation, and interaction with your fellow members.

In this newsletter you will find the Clubs' Constitution, Bylaws, and a description of the offices that will be filled by election at the annual meeting. The descriptions are lengthy but they should be read and understood, especially by anyone wishing to donate their time by becoming a Club Officer. While the constitutional descriptions sound good, the actual duties of the office remove some of the glamour. These are definitely not designed to discourage anyone from volunteering to hold one of these offices, it is simply a realistic look at what is really required and expected. Please, if you have the time and the desire, have someone nominate you for the office of your choice. All nominations are welcomed and encouraged.

The Club, as a whole, realizes that most members simply do not have the free time necessary to hold an office. There are, however, many non-elected positions that require far less commitment and are as important as the elected offices. Some of these positions are members of the shooting committees, building committees, work parties, and other specialized committees that may be formed from time to time. If you cannot donate the time to hold and elected office, perhaps you have some time you could donate for a shooting discipline.

If neither of these are options for you, please don't fret. Show up to a monthly meeting or two, attend your range duty, or come out and support the Club by becoming an active competitor at the rifle or pistol matches. It is a shooting club, come on out and shoot.

All of these support the Club.

Thank you,

Jeff Spendlove, President

Cardlock System Being Installed; New Membership Applications

In the near future we'll be changing the way you get into the range; an electronic cardlock system will be installed and activated.

Manufactured by Hughes Global, the system uses a sensor card that is about the size of a standard credit card. When the card is placed within about 5" of an access reader it will unlock the gate or door associated with that reader, provided the card has been programmed into the system. The first cardlock reader to be installed will be on the main gate, followed by readers on the classroom and indoor range (when those facilities are opened to the membership).

This will enable us to better control access to the range facilities and preserve the value of your membership. *Another benefit is that membership cards will now be valid for twelve months from the time they are approved instead of the balance of the club year;* in the past there has been no "pro-rating" - a member joining in January pays the same as one joining

in May, but only received 4 months of access instead of 12.

The controllers log the membership card, time and date of access. The control unit can log thousands of events and grant different levels of access based on time and date. Cards will be sent to all members in good standing as soon as installation and testing of the system is complete. Once the system is up and running pre-activated cards will be included in all membership packets.

Persons who have not previously been a members of CRPC will have a card that is activated for only a few months, as all new (non-renewal) members will need to attend a facility familiarization covering details of our organization, procedures and weekend duty. Once the new member briefing is complete the card will be enabled for the full 12-month access.

Until the system is in place paper membership cards with a gate combination will be issued. The weekend duty range box will retain the manual lock and its current combi-

nation.

It's important that members fill out their annual membership form legibly and with accurate contact information, as the cardlock controller associates each card with a membership. Membership applications that cannot be read, or have inaccurate address or phone number data will be declined and the cards will be deactivated until the problem is corrected.

The new membership packets have been assembled and you'll notice a format change—the new packets now contain the application, annual liability release and range guide, along with a copy of the Club Constitution & Bylaws. The larger format makes it easier for you to enter (and hopefully for the Club to read) your information. If you have a spouse (or children in your household that are between 18 and 21 years of age) please enter this information in the appropriate place on the application/liability release pages.

Pistol Program Changes

In late March the Action Pistol Committee met and voted on program changes for the upcoming Club year. These changes include modifying the match schedule and competitive rules. The new match schedule changes the competitive year from May-April to a new schedule running from May-November and includes "double-match" days:

May will be a regular match. June through October will be "double-match" days with a quicker morning match starting at 9AM (this could change) and a higher round-count afternoon match. Each match will have a separate scorecard & fee. The Night Match will still be held in November.

There are plans to have a potluck or some kind of food available for the shooters between the morning and afternoon matches; the hope is that we will generate higher attendance at these events in the (allegedly) better-weather months. You will now have the opportunity to shoot matches for either the trophy race or as a "fun match"; this allows you to shoot stages without concern for procedural penalties, within the limits of safety.

The Action Pistol program is our most active, well-attended shooting program. Committee members for the 2009-2010 year are:

Steve Crane
Ben Stroup
Jay Jones
Barry Woolstenhulme
Frank Walsh

This committee is responsible for the content and administration of the program and reports to the Rangemaster.

WEEKEND DUTY AND ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

As our club grows and we bring new facilities online the role played by the weekend duty officer becomes more important. Weekend duty is assigned in 4-hour shifts (Saturday or Sunday morning or afternoon).

No special training is necessary at this time to serve weekend duty—a club member presiding over the range is usually enough to deter shooters from lapses of good behavior.

Review the range & safety rules at the beginning of your shift and ensure shooters comply with them, especially as they clear the line to change targets. The weekend duty officer

should open the gate, get the weekend duty book out of the lockbox (the combination is on the back of your membership card), sign the daily log form and have non-members read and sign the log/liability release. The duty box also contains ear plugs and a first aid kit.

At the end of your shift please advise the next weekend duty person of any problems or concerns.

If your relief does not arrive and a club member is not present that will assume the responsibility of duty officer please clear the firing line and lock the gate.

In the event of an emergency or problem, please notify 911

and the Rangemaster, as necessary.

Some people cannot serve weekend duty due to work or preplanned obligations; this is understandable. There are other things a member can do for the club that have value such as mowing, weedeating or other maintenance on the range. This can be accomplished during the week or (in the summer) after the range closes.

Please contact the Rangemaster if you would like to discuss this alternative service to your club.

*Clatskanie Rifle & Pistol Club
PO Box 511 Clatskanie, Or. 97016*

