

Down Range



Clatskanie Rifle & Pistol Club
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Special points of interest:

- **WORK PARTIES** June 20th & 28th, July 19th & 25th, August 1st & 9th, 9AM.
- **OPEN HOUSE AUGUST 15TH AT THE NEW BUILDING.**
- Club meetings will be QUARTERLY; ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY IN AUGUST, NOVEMBER AND FEBRUARY. The E-board will meet monthly between regular club meetings. Meetings will be at the new Classroom/Range building at 7:30PM.
- 2009-2010 CRPC Membership cards are on sale NOW at The Gun Shop in Longview and Sporty's in Clatskanie.
- Dues are now \$75/year, with a one-time surcharge of \$5 for the new electronic key card (total of \$80).
- Next Oregon CHL Class is June 20th.
- NRA Basic Pistol for Women July 18th

Basic Pistol Class for Women July 18th

The NRA Basic Pistol Class will be held Saturday, July 18th. 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 & marksmanship.

This class also satisfies the training requirement for an Oregon Concealed Handgun License. Contact Gregg Smith at (360)606-3478 for registration information.

CRPC Annual Meeting Notes

The Clatskanie Rifle & Pistol Club held its annual meeting on Saturday, May 16th at 6:30 PM in the banquet room at Fultano's in Clatskanie. Notes from the meeting are shown below:

- The Executive Committee was unanimously re-elected to serve another year.
- Annual dues were discussed at some length by the membership; a motion from the floor to raise the annual dues to \$75 was made, seconded and approved by the membership.
- Annual dues plus card fee are now \$80 (\$75 for basic membership plus \$5 for the new electronic cardlock).
- The Patron Membership issue was discussed; this was a class of individual (NOT family) life membership introduced three years ago for a fee of \$1000. No one has signed up for the Patron card, and it was voted on and passed to eliminate this type of membership.
- President Jeff Spendlove reported on the progress of our building through the year including work

remaining to satisfy building permit (cost approximation \$12,850); work remaining but not required by permit (cost approximation \$24,150), and logged total volunteer hours in the past year of 3,824.

Rangemaster Gregg Smith reported that there were three active competitive shooting programs this year – Black powder, Small bore League, and Action Pistol.

- The rifle program is inactive at this time, and we are seeking volunteers to run this program.
- There were three club-sponsored educational programs – Hunter Safety, NRA Basic Pistol, and Oregon CHL/ Defensive Pistol.
- A new membership promotional brochure has been published.
- There are two websites for public & member information – www.clatskaniegunclub.com and www.crpcactionpistol.org These sites include newsletters, range/class schedules, match results, photo galleries and a forum.
- There were no reportable accidents/incidents.
- Significant progress has been made on the new building this year, and the old indoor range on

Hall Road has been decommissioned.

- The range driveway has been resurfaced.
- A basic range guide has been published.
- The annual and daily liability releases have been reviewed, reworded, and published.
- SOP's for the outdoor range are now being reviewed and updated. SOP's for the new indoor range/classroom are being written.
- NRA Range Safety Officer standards will be adopted for 2009-2010 for shooting disciplines.
- Members should insure liability releases have been signed by spouses & 18-21-year olds on their membership applications.

Impending CCSD Layoffs May Impact Concealed Handgun License Applicants

With the announcement of 14 layoffs at the Columbia County Sheriff's Dept. (effective August 1st), the issuance and renewal of Concealed Handgun Licenses may be in limbo.

It is advised that any Club members wishing to have an Oregon CHL apply now. State law requires all applicants to show proof of handgun safety training; see the Rangemaster's website (www.crpcactionpistol.org) for more details.

From the President— Jeff Spendlove

I would like to take a moment and thank the members that attended the Annual meeting for their time. Many changes were incorporated at the meeting that will have profound effect on the Club in the future, and it is by the efforts of those attendees that these changes happened.

The Executive Committee and I would also like to thank and congratulate all members (and non-members) for their time, money, and participation in our ongoing projects.

There is still a lot of work to be done on the classroom and indoor range before the winter months set in. I am asking that everyone that can attend the weekend working parties do so. There is something for everyone to do, regardless of skill or ability.

I would call upon the membership to join me June 20th, June 28th, July 19, July 25, August 1st, and August 9th for work parties to work on both the outdoor ranges, grounds, and classroom.

We need to accomplish general cleanup and maintenance of the outdoor rifle range, pistol bays, gate area, and grounds surrounding the building, as well as install rain gutters, prep for concrete pouring, tree cutting, and other construction projects. There is plenty of work to go around, but we are on the backside of the project.

All work parties start at 9:00 am and run for 3 or 4 hours. If you are unable to start at 9, then come up when you can. If you have tools available, please bring them. Weed eaters, shovels, rakes, chainsaws, picks, and axes are always needed.

If you possess a special skill that might be helpful, just let Gregg Smith or myself know; our contact info is on the right side of this page.

The Rangemaster has alternate duty available for those unable to serve weekend duty; most of the time that entails some type of work party.

We really need your help. As always, donations are welcome.

I anticipate that later this year the indoor range may be suitable for use by Club members for .22LR, although there are still some kinks to work out.

The Club will sponsor an OPEN HOUSE on August 15, 2009 to showcase our facilities to members and non-members alike. We plan on having static displays from the various shooting disciplines, as well as knowledgeable members available throughout the event to answer questions.

Many area dignitaries, news reporters, businesses, and supporters will be invited to attend; bring your families and friends as well to this landmark event. Food will be available for a small donation, and plans for entertainment are in the works.

We will need volunteers to staff this event...standby for further information as it becomes available...

Jeff Spendlove, President

From the Rangemaster— Gregg Smith

As our President mentioned in his column, we have a number of work parties scheduled between now and our Open House August 15th; please make time to come and help. Jeff has a master task list of essential items— some must be performed in a particular order (punch list items for the building), while others (range cleanup/ maintenance) can be done at any time in the schedule. Jeff will coordinate the work flow on the building.

One of the changes starting this club year is a new standard for the Range Safety Officers (RSOs) working sanctioned & sponsored competitive events.

This does not affect Weekend Duty personnel. Effective September 1, 2009, all RSOs should be NRA-certified. Current RSOs who are also NRA instructors should be moving towards compliance now; contact me for details.

If you are not an NRA-certified instructor and would like to become a Range Safety Officer you will need to take the RSO class.

The class is taught in the Portland & Seattle areas 1-2 times each year, plus we may have the ability to administer this training locally in the fall. Additional training (specific to particular shooting disciplines) will also be necessary. All RSOs should also have current First Aid/CPR cards; if you need this training please contact me.

I would like to congratulate club member Grace Huieregtsse on her recent accomplishment; Grace completed NRA Instructor training and is now a Certified Instructor in Pistol and Home Firearms Safety. She will be working with our staff to teach classes in the coming months. Please join me in welcoming her to our club.



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RANGEMASTER'S WEBSITE
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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.crpactionpistol.org

First Double Match Day for Action Pistol a Success

The Action Pistol group held its first "double match" on Sunday, June 6th. The morning and afternoon matches were a success, with a BBQ revitalizing shooters at midday. Grillmaster (and newest Action Pistol Committee member) Sam Patrick presided over the feast to the enjoyment of all concerned. The next double match starts with setup at 8AM July 5th; contact Ben Stroup at (360) 425-5327 or email him at benstroup@msn.com if you would like to help with (and shoot in) this event.

Cardlock System Update

CRPC's facilities will go to card lock some time in the next (estimated) thirty days. Here's the rough schedule for rolling out this change:

Mechanical work completed on main gate—June 23.
 Electrical work completed for main gate—June 24th.
 Electronic cards issued to members—June 25th.
 System testing—June 24-29.
 Cards activated—June 30.

Until the card lock system is fully operational the chain and combination lock will still be functional on the range gate; use the combination on the back of your paper membership card to gain entrance to the range.

The cards will be sent out to all members at least 7 days prior to the system going "live"; there may be delays in commissioning the system (remember, this is a *volunteer* organization).

Once the system is running there are some things you'll need to know—*read the instructions that are included*

with your new key card!

The new system will log the date and time of entry into the gate, along with the card number and member's name. It's also important to remember **NOT TO LOAN OUT YOUR CARD!** *Each membership card will be printed with the member's name;* range officers may ask you to show your card; they may also ask for an additional piece of ID to see if they match. Loaning out your card may be grounds for having your electronic card being confiscated or turned "off", denying access to the range. You must report a lost or stolen card immediately; there will be a fee for replacing lost/stolen cards.

Remember, even with the new card lock system you are required to have any guests you bring to the range read and sign the liability release in the Logbook inside the Duty Box at the end of the shooting shack.

As always, members are responsible for any guests, and all persons are subject to the rules and conditions of use for our facilities.

Advice for New CRPC Members—Limited cards

If this is your first year as a CRPC member (or you haven't been a member in a while) your new electronic card will only be enabled for 60 days.

All new members must attend a Range & Safety Orientation; once this is completed your card will be enabled for the remainder of the 12-month period of your initial membership.

The Range & Safety Orientation will cover our facilities, basic Range rules, Weekend Duty and emergency procedures

Dates & times for the orientation will be included with your new card.

If you do not attend one of the orientation briefings your card will not open the gate after 60 days from initial programming, but the "clock" is still running on your Annual membership.



Please slow down as you approach the properties near the range. Be a good neighbor!

Clatskanie Police Now Use CRPC Range

The Clatskanie City Council has approved a proposal CRPC has made to allow the Clatskanie Police Department to use the CRPC Outdoor Range facilities for essential training and certification of law enforcement officers. Under the agreement, The Clatskanie Police Department officers will have exclusive use of the range facilities four days each year; the range will be closed to all shooters during these non-weekend, non-holiday times.

The days and times of closures will be posted in advance on the website (www.crpcactionpistol.org), at *Sporty's* and *The Gun Shop*, plus signs will be placed on the main gate of the range.

The use of CRPC facilities by Clatskanie PD enables our local officers to perform required training activities and still be within quick response distance, as opposed to travelling to St. Helens (or other range facilities).

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 (*and family members who have not signed the Annual Release*) 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, weed eating or other maintenance on the range. This can be accomplished during the week or (in the summer) after the range closes. As always, donations are welcome. Please contact the Rangemaster if you would like to discuss this alternative service to your club.

WORK PARTIES

WORK PARTIES ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

- **JUNE 20**
- **JUNE 28**
- **JULY 19**
- **JULY 25**
- **AUGUST 1**
- **AUGUST 9**

Work parties start at 9AM and last for 3-4 hours, During these days & hours the range may be closed to shooters (depending on the nature of the work) to insure the safety of our volunteers. CALL JEFF SPENDLOVE OR GREGG SMITH FOR MORE INFO; contact info is on Page 2 of the newsletter.