



## December 2015 MDRC NEWS LETTER

As the 2015 season comes to a close, I want to thank all of you for another successful year at MDRC.

The 2015 competition season at MDRC has come to an end. The match participation is growing among not only the club members, but also non-members. I hope this continues into next year.

As in the past we are always looking for club member who are interested in becoming involved in our shooting matches. If you would like to become involved with any of our events next year let us know, by phone or email. We have something that should be of interest to everyone.

Fall is one of the busier times at the range, when club members are tuning up their firearms, getting ready for the hunting season. I hope you didn't experience any delays or issues while at the range or the facilities. I'd be interested in hearing of your experiences when visiting the range.

Our big project this year has been the Action Bay expansion. Improvements to the Action Bays have come to a standstill. The ground has been too soft for the heavy equipment. We need to get gravel into the area and blocks for the dividing walls. The block company has not been able to supply the blocks we requested. We have been using the lower grade, "B" blocks because of their reduced cost, about a 50% savings. The first wall will be set in place as soon as they are available. Then the remaining walls as the blocks become available. We have limited funds and are trying to get the best value.

Hopefully next year we will have these bays operational. When completed we will be able to use them for Wednesday evening IDPA Practice, no longer needing to restrict range use on Wednesday evenings. I will post this on our web site and at the range. We could also possibly have some steel set up on Friday evenings for those wanting to practice for Steel matches, this would be in conjunction with 22 MDJRC and rim fire practice.

Speaking of steel, this year we have set steel plates at the 100 and 200 yard line for high power and moved the reduced silhouette to the 50 yard small bore line for everyone's enjoyment. Let me know if you think we need more of these plates. I prefer seeing these plates rather than coming to the range and finding car parts hanging from our target frames.

We are still finding rocks laying mid-range on the hi-power range. I understand the need to weight the target frames down to keep them from blowing over. Just remember to remove them after you finish. Also use the frames with the plastic tubes to raise the targets higher to prevent the projectiles from striking the ground midrange instead of being stopped in the berms.

We have seen another tragic shooting and again the cry for more gun legislation from our government. Whenever you have the chance to speak with those non-shooting friends, remind them that there are far more responsible firearms owners than there are violent shooters committing these crimes. We must explain the importance that our forefathers placed when they wrote the United States Constitution and those first 10 Amendments, including the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. Pull up the government's reports on gun violence, and use the facts from these

reports to support our stance. These are more accurate than those reported on some other sites. When reading those reports, take notice where the gun violence is most prevalent; then look at the laws/restrictions these locations already have in place.

The January 2016 Newsletter will be sent to you mid January; it will contain the 2016 Club schedule of all shooting event dates we will be holding next year. These will also be posted at the range. It will also have the membership renewal dates and information about the annual dinner. If you have not received this information by February 1, 2016, contact Pat Bowen or myself. Also, check our web site **[www.mdrc-inc.com](http://www.mdrc-inc.com)** for information.

I wish all of you a Merry Christmas.

Stay safe,  
Bob Cheslock, President MDRC