



## June 2015 MDRC NEWS LETTER

Have you noticed the improvements to the facilities? The new cover has been installed on the Pistol/Small bore canopy; soffit, fascia, gutters and downspouts installed on the restroom and steel sheeting added to the shotgun canopy.

If you see Phil Tucker or Bob Hoag, thank them for organizing the sticks in the bench house. Guys this was a great idea. Thanks

This year we added a new venue. We have added a Steel Match to the clubs list of shooting activities that we offer. The first match was a success and we currently have two more scheduled, June and July.

We try to keep the matches limited to the first and third weekend of each month. The first weekend is reserved for IDPA and Sporting Clays. The third weekend for Smallbore, Steel Challenge and Black Powder. As always, the range is closed to all other activities 2 hours prior to the starting time of each match except for IDPA, setup time for it requires 3 hours. As always, the range is open for all members at the conclusion of the match.

Set-up and Match times are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, set-up for IDPA starts at 7am, but the match doesn't officially start until 10am.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, set-up for Sporting Clays, setup starts at 1pm, match starting at 3pm.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, set-up for Steel Challenge starts at 8am, match starting at 10am.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, set-up for Black Powder starts at 11am, match starting at 1pm.

Those of you with computers can check our Web Site for the dates of each event. We will also post a schedule at the range. Check us out at "mdrc-inc.com" We can also be found on Facebook "Mason Dixon Rifle Club".

We have two more Work Detail days, July 18<sup>th</sup> and September 26<sup>th</sup>. Both start at 10:00am. We are having a Steel Match on July 18, but it will be held downrange in the IDPA bays. Work that day will be painting of the entry gate and touch up of the pistol and hi-power canopies, weed trimming on the bank behind our trailers

Other news this year, The Morgantown Utility Board, MUB reached an agreement with us to install a transfer pumping station and transfer line across our property. This will be in the wooded area to the right of the Shotgun Canopy. Their work will in no way interrupt or interfere with range activities. Work will most likely start in July or August.

### Range Safety.

Recently, events at the range bring this up. I observed an individual shooting at the Hi-power bench at a target set up 25 yards downrange. The target was posted high enough so the rounds did not skim the ground as we request; however, the target's bulls-eye was in line with one of the 100 yard target posts. Rounds were hitting the post of that target frame.

Second, I observed someone in the Action Bay shooting at a steel target set up mid bay. Not a problem right? In this case the target post height was such that shooting at this target from a kneeling position, misses were hitting high, on the concrete blocks on top of the berm. Bits of concrete were showering the adjoining bay.

Both cases, Firearms Safety Rule: **Be Aware of Your Target and What is Beyond.**

Gun handling: How many of you when you come to the range, open your bag or gun case and the firearm is pointed up-range? Orient yourself, the bag or case so that the firearm is points downrange as you open/remove it for use.

Firearms Safety Rule: **Never point a firearm at anything you are not willing to destroy.**

Stay Safe

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