



MDRC January 2016 News Letter

Dear MDRC Member,

I again hope the holiday season was good for you and your family. We have had another great year at MDRC, adding another shooting venue to our events list. Steel Challenge. We are continuing to work on range improvements, namely the new Action Pistol Bays. If the weather co-operates and we can get the blocks and gravel we will have them open this summer.

The membership renewal meetings are scheduled differently this year, Saturday, March 5th and Sunday, March 13th. The 1st renewal meeting (March 5th) will be at the range weather permitting. The 2nd renewal meeting will be the following weekend, Sunday, March 13th at The Lakehouse. Club dues remain at \$120.00 and those who have not completed the work requirement will be assessed an additional Work Waiver Fee of \$100.00. Current members that have not renewed by March 31st will be assessed a late fee of \$25.00. Also, we will be accepting new members in April and vacant positions may be filled by applicants. We still have a few members that have not given us their NRA membership number, as in the past NRA provides our club's insurance and requires ALL members belong to the NRA.

This coming year we will have 4 Work Detail days, they are: Saturday, April 30th, Saturday, June 25th, Sunday, August 28th and Saturday, October 22nd. You can also meet your work requirements by helping with the shooting venues – Range Safety Officer, setup and takedown, etc. Make sure the Range Master has recorded your assistance.

As always we discuss range safety and range etiquette in the Newsletter. Use of proper targets. **Do Not Use:** concrete blocks, barrels or any other range props as targets.

Know where your bullets are impacting downrange and assure that they are hitting the back stop and not the skimming the surface of the range fields or striking the concrete barriers.

When uncasing your firearm on the firing line, lay the cased firearm down with the muzzle pointing downrange. If needed, mark the muzzle end of your case. It should never be pointed in any direction other than downrange.

When others are present show them the same courtesy and respect that you expect. Acknowledge them, communicate with them. We have a diverse membership, many interesting people belong to our club. Make sure to contact everyone to alert them before you start downrange, look for visible chamber flags in all weapons before starting downrange. If someone else is moving downrange, set your firearm down, have the chamber flag clearly visible in your weapon(s). **Do Not Pick Up or Handle Any Firearm** while there is someone downrange. If you are alone at the range, be aware of anyone arriving and make sure they are aware of your presence. **Always Pick Up Your Brass and police the area** when you finish, this is your range, let's keep it clean.

If you see an unsafe act or violation of our Club Rules, call any of the Board Members, our phone numbers are listed at the club and on our Website.

I am also interested in learning if you, the club member (or a family member) would be interested in a firearms safety class or classes to improve your skill with either the rifle or pistol. Email me if you are interested. If there is enough interest, we will see what we can put together.

May you have all the range time you desire and a never ending supply of ammunition
Happy New Year!

Stay safe,
Bob Cheslock, President MDRC