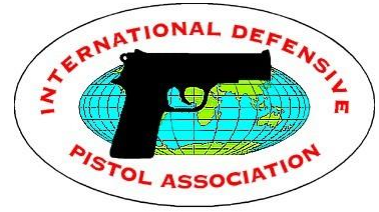




## MDRC Newsletter January 2017



Dear MDRC Members,

I hope that you all had a great holiday season and now are looking forward to the New Year. We have had another successful year at MDRC, and our plans are for continued improvements to the range, facilities and our shooting venues.

We do not have any major projects planned for this year, but we are looking to enhance existing areas. Two areas: Sporting Clays will see some of our aging equipment replaced and we are looking at electronic scoring capabilities for both IDPA and Steel matches.

Attached is a note from Richard Kerr. He is attempting to streamline the renewal process. Take time to fully read the entire note. This will apply to all future renewals.

Again, this year we will have 4 Work Days schedules (list dates). As in the past you can get your required time helping at any/all of the venues. Also, there are other projects throughout the year that can be arranged through one of the Directors. Make sure you schedule your time through one of us and assure we document work your time.

New to the range? Do you know where the muzzle is pointing before you open that case. Mark the outside of the case to indicate the muzzle direction. This simple thing will keep you from sweeping the firing line as you uncase your firearm. How many rifles can you shoot at once? If you bring more than one rifle out, uncase them as you use them, then re-case them as you finish shooting them or use a Chamber Flag. Any firearm not immediately in use should be cased, flagged or secured in your vehicle. As always flag all uncased rifles on the firing line before moving downrange. If it is family outing, flag all rifles before anyone steps in front of the firing line, your family may trust you but for their safety, the safety of others and **more importantly, range rules dictate that every rifle must be flagged before anyone steps in front of the firing line. And remember, no handling of any firearm while someone is downrange.**

We still are finding evidence where shots are skimming the ground midrange (some within 25 yards of the firing lines). When setting up a target, close or midrange, only use those target bases and uprights that will place the target high enough to insure the bullet will impact the 100 yard berm, not the ground. And make sure that none of the stationary target frames are in the bullet's path.

Police your brass and any targets you bring to the range. There is a brass bucket in the Bench House and a trash can.

As always, the January Newsletter also brings notice of the club's annual dinner. Attached you will find the reservation form to reserve your space(s) at the annual dinner.

Stay safe,  
Bob Cheslock, President MDRC

## 2017 DUES NOTICE

Dear Mason Dixon Rifle Club (MDRC, Inc.) member,

I need your serious attention and your help. Please take time NOW to mark 2 dates on your 2017 calendar and set reminders so that you will not overlook them.

On Saturday, March 4, 2017, from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM, we will be receiving annual dues payments and exchanging new 2017 gate keys for the 2016 gate keys. This meeting will be held at the club house at the range and at the close of that meeting the locks on the gate and the shoot house will be changed. In the case of extremely bad weather, check our website or Facebook page to look for possible cancellation.

On Sunday, March 12, 2017, from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM, our second and final dues payment and key exchange meeting will be held at Archie's Lake House Restaurant at Sunset Beach. It will be followed at 5:00 PM by our annual member and family dinner. Dinner will be followed by the annual MDRC, Inc. Stockholders' meeting.

Also, please bring your NRA card. We have several members who do not have an NRA number on record. You will not be issued a membership card and gate key until we have a valid NRA number for you.

We have to collect dues and exchange keys with 200 members, a task that is impossible to do efficiently unless virtually all of the members attend one of the dues meetings. In the very exceptional cases in which it is impossible for a member to attend either meeting, dues and gate keys can be sent to the Treasurer at the address below before March 12 and new keys will be sent sometime in March. I ask that this option be used only when absolutely necessary, since each such transaction takes much more of my time than does payment at the meetings.

We ask that any member who does not wish to renew his/her membership in 2017 notify me in writing and return gate and bathroom keys as soon as possible, but certainly by March 12, 2017. Any dues not paid by March 12 are delinquent and are subject to a \$25.00 late payment fee. Any member who has not paid dues by March 30, 2017, will lose his/her membership and can be considered for future membership only upon new application and payment of application fee, initiation fee, and dues.

Annual dues for 2017 remain at \$120.00. Members who have not participated in a scheduled work detail and have not done alternate service to the club, as verified by a club Director, are also subject to a \$100.00 work waiver fee, payable along with the dues.

This is your dues notice. Although this information will be posted on our website, consider this your FINAL NOTICE and take responsibility for paying your dues on time.

Best regards,

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