



## MDRC December 2016 Newsletter

Dear MDRC Member,

We finished the year on a positive note. The new bays are nearly completed and are being used. The rest of the Range is in reasonably good shape. The matches we offer have all been quite successful.

The election of our new president will most likely keep our shooting sports safe for at least 4 years. Although, a bill before the New Jersey legislation will greatly restrict shooting ranges and nationally, the EPA is going after both indoor and outdoor ranges. We need to start planning for stricter regulation.

Many of you have asked about membership applications for friends. Last year in March, we had more than 40 applications. We only had about 15 openings at the conclusion of the membership renewal period. The Board voted to and increase membership to 200, taking all of those applicants into the club. We will not be doing that again. Therefore, we pulled the application from our Web Page, we possibly will be posting it for a short time in March 2017, once we see how many openings will come available. Or we may come up with an entirely new selection method. Tell your friends to check frequently.

You may be seeing clay birds on the hi-power range. The Sporting Clays program has grown and is using the field for another station. We are limiting the shooting of clay birds on this range to matches only. **Clay birds are not to be shot on the Hi Power range at any other time.**

Next year we will be concentrating on improving the shotgun/sporting clays range. We hope to make improvements to enhance your experience. Remember when shooting Clays that the Botanical Gardens borders our property to the right. Safe zone on the right side is the brush/wood line. Remember this Safety rule "Be aware of your target and what is beyond". Late shots passing to the right may put lead shot close to the property line. WE must continue to be a good neighbor. We will try to address this safety issue in our plans.

The new bays are getting plenty of use, the plate rack in Bay 1 can be safely used with all pistols and pistol caliber carbines. The plates are showing their age, metal fatigue has caused some of them to break. If this happens, send me a text or email to speed up the repair. These bays permit shots as long as 32 yards without interfering with the other bays. We hope to have the dirt and stone moved out of Bay 5 by early spring and the lower portion graded and gravel in place. All shots are to be linear, no using the concrete block walls as a backstop. These 5 bays are each over 40' wide allowing targets to be spaced at a distance from each other. Also, remember if shooting from a prone or kneeling position in the bay, to keep the targets low so the berm will stop the bullets after they pass through the cardboard/paper target. We don't want rounds passing over the berm. Again "Be aware of your target and what is beyond."

Next spring black powder matches will be moving to the Pistol Canopy (left side of the road). They will have a variety of targets including silhouette targets at ranges out to 200 yards.

Small bore has also taken a new direction, gearing toward a more appealing shooting course for all members. No need for the expensive match rifles, all .22 long rifle rimfires are welcome. They will most likely hold these matches in the afternoon immediately following the Steel Matches.

As in the past, the January Newsletter will have the match schedules attached, they are not Cast in Stone. The Web page will have the most up to date schedules and list any changes that we may need to make. It will also have the renewal meeting dates and locations listed. We always try to have the first renewal meeting at the range if the weather permits. If you cannot make either of these meetings, contact Richard Kerr to make other arrangements to pay your dues.

In closing I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Stay safe,  
Bob Cheslock, President M.D.R.C. Inc.