



MDRC July 2016 Newsletter



Dear MDRC Member,

Greetings, we are already into July. Where has this year gone? The Action Bays are not completed yet, weather and a series of unexpected events has brought the work to a halt. Hopefully, we will be able to get back on them and get them completed. The current plan is to start moving dirt and laying the back wall the week of July 11th. When completed we can begin working on the rest of the project. I am anxiously awaiting the completion of these bays.

The club's matches are going well. Participation in IDPA remains strong, Steel is slowly growing and Sporting Clays has shown the greatest increase in participation. I hope this trend continues. Black Powder and Smallbore both have a dedicated group of followers and remain steady. You need to come to the range to watch these events and hopefully they will interest you enough to try them out.

The Board voted to increase the club membership to 200. We will be adding 20 new members this month. There are no plans to increase beyond this number. The membership application has been removed from our Web Site. We will wait until spring of 2017 to seek new members to fill any vacated positions.

I just learned of an unfortunate death at a range in Florida. The father, shooting at High Noon Gun Range in Sarasota, Florida had an ejected piece of (hot) brass bounce off a wall and go down the back of his shirt. The father reached back with the hand holding the gun, accidentally discharging the gun. The bullet ricocheted off the ceiling striking his son in the neck. Accidents happen so fast. We must always be safety conscious while at the range and always aware of the unforgiving nature of the bullet once it leaves the barrel.

Safety rules are there for everyone to follow:

NRA Gun Safety Rules

1. **Always** keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
2. **Always** keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
3. **Always** keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.

There are others that I have followed since I started shooting 60 years ago. The club also has additional rules to keep you and are other members safe while at the range. They are posted around the range, review them - follow them – obey them.

Have you noticed the new steel at the 100 yard line? One of the new members donated 2 plates to the club, thank you Ernie.

Two of the work details have passed and there are two more scheduled; Sunday, August 28th and Saturday, October 22nd. Both start at 10:00am. Once the Action Bays are completed there will be a few things we can do to enhance their use. Railroad ties at the foot of the berms, signage on the walls marking distances, etc. We can work on them at the August Work detail.

Stay safe,

Bob Cheslock, President MDRC