



MDRC APRIL 2015 NEWS LETTER

Another shooting season is underway at the club. We will have several new members joining us, be sure to help them along if you see something unsafe or not following club rules.

We will be adding a Steel Match to our schedule this year. We will have an introductory match in May; then, the next two matches will be held on the 3rd Saturday of June and July. Times will be posted on our Web Site. This will be open to either rimfire (NSSF Rules) or centerfire weapons. Anyone interested in helping SO or Score these matches, contact me.

As the season begins, I would like to stress safety. Be aware of those around you, what they are doing and how they are doing it. Use chamber flags whenever going downrange or tabling a firearm for an extended time; muzzles are ALWAYS pointed downrange even when uncasing or casing the firearm. Do not carry your rifle downrange as you go downrange to check the targets. DO NOT post targets on the wooden frames in a manner that has the wood uprights are behind the target's center or use the target frames as your target. Attach a piece of cardboard to the uprights and post your targets on it.

Another thing we are starting to see more frequently is the Bump Fire Stocks. If you have such a stock on your rifle, please shoot on the left side of the roadway (Pistol/Smallbore Canopy). The same goes for those with Class III firearms. The 100 yard backstop on the Pistol/Smallbore side of the range does not have any wooden target frames. Bump Firing or full auto can lead to spraying the High Power Target frames downrange.

We had new steel cut for the reduced silhouette and have moved it from the 100 yard line of the High Power Range to the 50 yard line of the Pistol/Small Bore Bay. It was not designed for 30 caliber or larger rifles.

The IDPA Bays Canopy has several bullet holes through the roof. A few of these appear to have come from the High Power benches or the Bench House. This is clearly intentional Destruction of Property. Shots from the High Power benches and Bench House should be kept to the right side of the roadway. Also when posting targets on the 50 yard frame, look downrange beyond the frame before firing. Last summer the bridge was struck several times by someone sighting in on a target on the 50 yard frame. It had an impressive group on the left wall of the bridge.

When shooting at targets using the target stands, we realize the wind can be strong enough to blow them over. If you carry a rock downrange to weight the base down, remove the rock when you finish. Frank and Marvin will appreciate it when they are mowing.

We have three Range Work Days scheduled this year, all are listed on our Web Sight. For those without access to a computer, they are: May 9th, July 18th and September 26th. I hope to see you come out and help us with the maintenance and beautification of the facilities. Clean up, painting, weed clearing (weed eaters) and other such jobs are the usual tasks.

This is your range, do your part to keep it clean. Remove trash when you find it. There is a garbage can in the Bench House. Police your brass when finished

Stay Safe,
Bob Cheslock, President MDRC Inc.