



MDRC NEWS LETTER January 2015

Dear MDRC Member,

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 with many visible changes, and our plans are for continued improvements to the range, facilities and our shooting venues.

As you have seen, this past year has brought improvements to the IDPA bays and the Action Bay. The Action Bay berm is now higher to shield the 200 yard target frames. Drainage ditches around the parking area and all of the bays have all been improved in an effort to dry several areas that have always been an issue. Better drainage around the Bench House to keep the water out. The installation of a drain culvert at the end of the main building tying the rain spout and parking lot ditch together, making it possible to fill in that part of the ditch. A special thanks to Frank Cochran and Terry Snider for the completion of that project. The roof of the main building has been replaced and we now have a solid bridge downrange.

This past year we increased membership to 180. I am interested to hear from you, if the increase has caused any major problems in your use of the facilities. Especially, any inconvenience this fall when you were sighting your firearms before hunting season.

Membership renewal meetings are scheduled for February 15 and March 8. The March 8th renewal meeting will be held at Archie's Lakehouse. All club members are welcome. Those members who have not renewed by March 31st, will be contacted to learn your intentions, and a \$25.00 late fee will be assessed after April 1st. NRA provides our club's insurance, but we are lacking the NRA membership numbers of several of our club members. Therefore, members must have their current NRA membership card with them before we will be renew your membership for fy2015. Also, those not completing the required work waiver will owe an additional \$80.00.

The Work Waiver Fee will increase to \$100.00 for the fy2016 renewal. Also, there will be 3 scheduled work details. And as in the past, arrangements for other Waivered range work will be accepted when prior arrangements have been made with one of the Directors. Working with the shooting disciplines, projects as they arise give all plenty of opportunities to meet this obligation. To avoid confusion all details must be signed off by one of the Board Director or the Match Director on a form turned in to the Board.

We always discuss range safety and range etiquette in the Newsletter, this one is no different. Use proper 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. **Do Not Use** concrete blocks, barrels or any other range props as targets. 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 go downrange, look for chamber flags in all weapons before starting downrange. If someone else is moving downrange, set your firearms 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

