



MDRC December 2017 News Letter

Dear MDRC Member,

I hope this newsletter finds all of you in good health and enjoying our Second Amendment freedoms. This has been another successful year for MDRC.

This has been one of those years that have been quite different for me at the range. This spring the Board lost its Secretary, Pat resigned because of other projects taking him away from his duties. Then later this summer Don, a long time member passed away leaving another vacancy, that of Club Vice President. We filled the Secretary position, thank you Dan for taking on the responsibilities and we have selected two new Board members from the current stockholders. Welcome aboard Terry and Stanley.

This year, health issues my mother is experiencing, has limited my participation at the range for the whole year. I want to give a special thanks to those who stepped forward keeping the range operating smoothly.

We still don't have the fill dirt in place in Bay 5 of the Action Bays. Bear with us. We are searching for equipment (a used 4wd backhoe) to purchase for the range. We have projects every year and having a machine of our own would be more economical than renting a machine and operator.

The Board has decided to look into the cost of installing an electronic gate and camera system at our range. I am seeking assistance from the club members to choose this system. Also, anyone with knowledge about various systems or able to undertake this project, please contact Director Richard Kerr at: rskerr1@comcast.net

A new range in Morgantown, **Defense in Depth** has opened in Morgantown and two of our Board members are employed there. Stop by and check out the state of art facilities, and all they have to offer. I hear they have quite an inventory.

This year our shooting venues have been successful, drawing every increasing numbers to the range. I hope to see this trend continue in 2018. We offer a safe shooting platform for those interested in any of these skills. We have some new props and equipment and hope to add more in the coming year.

As always range safety is paramount. Any time you go to the range, think safety. Not just for yourself, but those other shooters using the range. Some as newer shooters come into this sport, may not have the experience or understanding of the dangers. Help them along. Keep muzzle pointed downrange, even when uncasing and re-casing your rifle. When you open that case is the muzzle pointed downrange or to the rear? Lay the rifle case down so when you open it the rifle or pistol is already pointing downrange.

Always use a chamber flag when not actively engaged in shooting; whether others are present or not. Anytime a person moves downrange; ALL uncased firearms should be lying on a bench and have a chamber flag visible before that person starts downrange. No one on the firing line should handle or touch any firearm while someone is downrange. RANGE RULE

On the negative side, we have had some people who have shot the plate rack with center fire rifle cartridges. Pistols of either rim fire or standard pistol center fire cartridges are acceptable. Pistol Caliber Carabines are also acceptable, but under no circumstances are center fire rifle calibers .556 and above to be used on the plate rack or 50 yard steel.

We still are having furrows plowed on the Hi Power range. Remember to place your mid-range targets high enough that the bullets strike the downrange berm and not the ground in between. Use the long sticks in the target stands with the plastic tubes. DO NOT use the IDPA style stands

Also, it appears that someone has set up and launched clay birds into the side of the Bench house. The only time clay birds are to be used on the Hi Power range is during a scheduled Sporting Clays match. The Shotgun range is to the right of the main building.

Information about events next year, the club dinner and the renewal meeting will be coming in the January Newsletter.

Have a Merry Christmas.

Stay Safe,
Bob Cheslock, President MDRC