



MDRC December 2019 News Letter

Dear MDRC Member,

Range safety is always a major concern, and safety is up to all of you. I have read all year about accidents occurring at other ranges. Most caused by not following safety rules. I am sure that all of you know this is at the top of every comment any of our Directors make when addressing safety issues with you: flagging firearms before moving downrange paramount. Knowing when you open your rifle case on the firing line that the muzzle is already pointed downrange. Not uncasing all of your firearms when on the line, you can only shoot on at a time so why do you need to have several laying out.

As another year comes to a close, I want to reflect on what we have accomplished this past year. Through the efforts of many of you, giving your time to help us with projects, general maintenance and time dedicated to the shooting venues, we have had a very successful season. Thank you.

This was the first year for bringing portable facilities (Porta-Johns) onto the range. Placing one downrange for the IDPA matches and a second one by the Action Bays made it more convenient when Nature called. We will look into repeating this next year.

We installed drainage ditches on the rimfire side of the range, drying up a lot of swampy land. Both across in front of the 100 yard berm, but also runoff between the 50 and 100 yard fields. Parking for IDPA should not be as soggy next spring.

Painting and trimming are a continuing beautifying effort, I think we have done a fair job keeping the range clean and shiny.

Although it was late in the year we got crusher run in the five Action Bays and the connecting roadway. This will make movement in these bays easier under foot and also aid in the collection of spent brass. I know the course gravel had me stumbling a few times. We are leaving steel set up in the Action bays for your use year-round. Let me know when the 2x4s need replacing, we are trying to leave a few extra for replacement as needed.

A couple of the other projects did not get completed this year, the availability of the equipment delayed these projects, Hopefully, this spring will see them completed.

Now that the gate has been in use for a whole season, what do you think? Was it a worthwhile investment? For those who may not remember, MECCA/EMS have access to a card at the range should a medical emergency arise. We never had this luxury in the past and hope that it will never be needed.

What does the future hold for the Club, we have several projects in mind that many of you will enjoy.

In closing, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all. Yes, I am not politically correct in my views. I am Old School and set in my ways. That goes for the shooting sports as well!

Stay safe,

Bob Cheslock, President MDRC