



January 2021 Newsletter



Dear MDRC Member,

Greetings all. I don't know about you, but I am happy that 2020 is behind us. I am also hoping that the "New Normal" will also fade into memory.

Now on to the range. This is a private range, not your private range, you must share it with other club members. Safety is always paramount. There may be other members that you had not noticed arrive. They may be set up at another location not visible to you. Even when by yourself, always abide by all the safety rules as though there are other members present.

This past year a few issues arose that we needed to address and make sure we are all on the same page. Anytime you observe an unsafe act, please contact myself or one of the Directors. We will look into the infraction and take the appropriate actions. This will be done with the approval of all Directors.

All shooting will be from one of the firing lines or canopies. Remember, all firearms are to be left at the shooting bench with a flag showing before you move forward. If you are the only one on the range and do not feel comfortable leaving the firearm unattended, lock it up in your vehicle. They are not to be carried downrange or fired from any position in front of any canopy or shooting position. The only exceptions to this are the Action Bays or a Club Match.

Firearms must never be pointed away from the downrange targets. All sighting / demonstrating hold must be done facing downrange. You may have properly cleared the firearm, but other members at a position away from you do not know that.

Also, when opening your gun case, is the muzzle pointed downrange? Mark your case so even when closed, you know the direction of the muzzle. There is no safe way to pick up and turn the firearm guaranteeing a safe transition.

Hunting on range property. Hunting is not permitted at any time. Period. We discovered a non-member, had been hunting, thinking it was okay because "He has been doing it for years".

Dues: To avoid the crowd of in-person renewal, Richard is sending out an email to everyone explaining the renewal procedure for this year. I am including his email:

Dear Mason Dixon Rifle Club (MDRC, Inc.) member,

I need your help and cooperation, starting with your reading this dues notice carefully. Due to the prevalence of the Chinese virus, we are changing the process for paying dues. We will not be having our usual two dues meetings nor our annual membership dinner.

Annual dues for 2021 remain at \$120.00. Members who have not participated in a scheduled work detail and have not done alternate service to the club, as verified by a club Director, are also subject to a \$100.00 work waiver fee, payable along with the dues.

For the safety of all involved, we will collect dues and fees primarily by mail. After I receive your check or money order for \$120.00 dues plus, if applicable, \$100 work waiver fee, Secretary Dan Hill or I will send you your new 2021 photo ID membership card. Your electronic gate card and your standby physical gate key and restroom key will stay the same. DO NOT send them with your payment.

*Please send your payment **as soon as convenient** to:*

*Richard Kerr, Treasurer
483 Rebecca St.
Morgantown, WV 26505*

I would like to process most of the dues payments by the end of February, but payments are due by March 7, 2021. After March 7, EVERY DUES PAYMENT WILL BE SUBJECT TO A \$25.00 LATE FEE! NO EXCUSES; NO EXCEPTIONS. Any member who has not paid dues by March 30, 2021, will lose his/her membership and can be considered for future membership only upon new application. Every year we have several members who face potential expulsion because they procrastinated and "forgot". Please don't make me track you down for your payment!

Any member who cannot renew by check or M.O. and who wants to pay in cash can make arrangements to meet me for the purpose. Email me at Treasurer@mdrc-inc.com or text me at 304-288-1655 to schedule a meeting. I will get back to you by telephone

We ask that any member who does not wish to renew his/her membership for 2021 notify me in writing, by mail or email, and return gate and bathroom keys and gate card as soon as possible, but certainly by March 7, 2021.

If any of your personal info (address, phone number, preferred email address, make or tag number of your vehicle, etc.) has changed, please send that info with your check and I will deliver it to Dan Hill for a database update.

This is your dues notice. Although this information will be posted on our website, consider this your final notice and take responsibility for paying your dues on time.

Best regards,

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I have had a couple members ask about a card to include the spouse with membership privileges. We have decided to offer this at a reduced rate, \$60 a year. The spouse will be required of have a valid NRA membership

and attend a range briefing. There will be no initiation fee, but the background check is necessary, \$40.00 fee. The spouse will also be required to complete the work detail. The spouse membership will be terminated when primary member does not renew. However, the spouse may, if they chose to do so, upgrade to a full membership.

Another topic is the annual dinner. Because of COVID we will not be having the annual dinner, instead we will have the Shareholders meeting at the range. Social distancing and masks will be enforced. The date and time: March 7th, 4:00 pm Range Club Room

Those of you shooting Clays, I am sure have noticed the marking stakes. We will be putting in a Trap House and shooting lanes when the weather permits. We hope to have it up and running late spring or early summer. We have also added additional Work Details, there is one schedule each month from April through October. For those of you who may be able to help with unscheduled projects that pop up from time to time, please give us your name and PSN. We will appreciate your availability.

The alarm system is still in the works, lights and horns to notify all shooters when someone is about to move downrange. We will post a short video explaining its proper use when it is ready to be put online.

Bench House and Restroom electronic locks are still awaiting parts. They hopefully will be installed this spring. The event calendar will soon be added to the range page. I will try to post Changes, Updates, Cancellations on our Web page in a timely manner.

We all need to work together to make our range a safe and positive experience for all members, their families and guests.

Stay safe,

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