



February 2024 DRC Newsletter

All,

It is now mid-February, so far it has been a mild winter. As the range becomes more popular and frequently used, we need to keep in mind Range Safety.

You will be sharing the range with others. Remember muzzle discipline. Keep the firearm pointing downrange at all times. That includes when uncasing it at the firing point. Do you know where the cased gun is pointing before you open the case? Or do you open the case to find it pointing toward the parking lot? Do you close the case to turn it around or just pull it from the case and swing it around? Mark the closed case so you know where the muzzle is pointing, lay it on the bench with that end of the case pointing downrange. A very simple way of insuring firearms safety.

When you move downrange to set up targets or retrieve them, flag the chamber so others at the firing line know the firearms is unloaded and safe. Make everyone aware of your intentions to go downrange and do not start moving downrange until everyone has laid their firearm down. If you have been informed that someone is going downrange, your firearm is to remain tabled, untouched until that person has returned and announced it is now safe to continue firing. Safety first.

If something or someone should appear downrange immediately call a "Cease Fire" to all shooters, people have been known to wonder into the range from the woods. Also, dirt bikers pop up from time to time. Keep vigilant to the surroundings.

The Trap House is waiting on our member to lay the blocks, once the temperature stays above freezing and he has the time off we will again get that project moving forward.

The 2 renewal meetings are just around the corner Sunday, March 3rd and Saturday, March 9th. Both are at the range. Times are in the January Newsletter and have been emailed to current members.

The Restroom has remained open again this winter and I am happy to report it has been frequently used with no problems. Much warmer than the Port a John. I hope to continue keeping the Restroom open in future years. We are still waiting on the battery backup for the Bench House door, it seems that what we need is out of stock from several of the suppliers. Electronics are great when working.

I will try to put out a short newsletter each month this year to keep everyone updated on what is happening at the range. Your feedback will be appreciated.

Stay safe,

Bob Cheslock, President MDRC-Inc