



MDRC Newsletter

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All,

TAX TIME. Have you filed your taxes yet?

April is half over, we have the Steel Challenge coming up this weekend, April 20. Smallbore Metallic Silhouette Match this Sunday, April 21. The Work Detail Day is the last Saturday, April 27th.

Recently while at the range one of the members was seen toting a portable stand over to the Action Bay. I took a break and showed him the brackets attached to the back side of the railroad ties. He didn't know about them. They are spaced, 3 across. They can be used with two furring strips to set up targets without the need to carry stands over. They are also spaced so they can be used for the IDPA Classifier. Each Action Bay has them.

As a reminder, one of the Safety Rules is: Be aware of your target and what is beyond. This applies to shooting on the range as well as while hunting. Just to remind everyone the posts downrange are not to be used to post targets on (be aware of your target).

Horizontal 2x4's between two posts have furring strips attached. The furring strips are there for posting targets between them. If setting up a portable target frame mid-range, make sure your target is not aligned with one of the posts further downrange (and what is beyond). I have seen this in the past and when I pointed it out to the shooter, he stated he had not noticed this and quickly correctly it.

Other misuse of range props is not permitted. The two barricades in the Action Bays have been used to post targets, mainly over existing ports. Unfortunately, not all shots go through the void behind the target. Imagine, you use one of these barricades and go to rest your hand against it. The splinters in the wood are now sticking out and can become lodged in your hand. Has this ever happened to you? Yes, the person doing this left the target in place on the barricade. I Got a picture of this and after removing the target of the holes around the opening showing the shots that missed the void.

Those of you who partake in YouTube, check out Alex_Zedra. She has posted several videos of "fails". She appears to be a competent shooter and has done a farce of stupid things while shooting. She has a collection of firearms and was used as a character in the video game "Call of Duty". Unfortunately, I have personally seen all of these "fails" over the years, even recall telling one shooter that he had won the "Barney Fife Award".

Have fun, stay Safe

Bob, President MDRC