

## July 2024 Newsletter

Greetings all. There was no June newsletter, was hoping to have information about the Trap House having been completed and a scheduled first match. Didn't happen.

We are moving forward though. The front doors have been ordered, the pad for the thrower will soon be completed and a different thrower will be installed. Initially the thrower purchased would only throw singles. The one to be installed is used, but will throw doubles. More of a challenge. So the bottom line is the Trap House will not be completed and ready for use this month. Hoping to see the first bird fly in August.

It is hard to believe that we are already midway through this summer. Also, the temperatures have been extremely high for the month of June. Guess we will have more heat both this and next month. Hydrate, when at the range during the mid-day be sure to drink plenty of water. Sorry, no alcohol.

The crews mowing are doing a great job keeping the grounds trimmed up, thank you Stan and those you have assigned to the mowing.

Another bit of news, we have found someone to take the Secretary position. We met with her and reviewed the duties of Secretary. Linda Shaffer has accepted the position and has hit the ground running. Because of her computer skills, knowledge of the range and long time involvement, I'm sure she will do a great job.

Another item, we only have four more scheduled work days. Turnout has not been great so far. Many are getting their work time on the scheduled events. Those who do not get their time in will have the additional \$200.00 added to next year's renewal. Can't make it on the weekend for one of the scheduled Work Details, contact me or any of the Directors. There are always things to do.

**Now for a short Commercial.** At the yearly price of membership set at \$120.00 if you give us 8 hours of work yearly. Even if you choose not to meet the work requirement \$320.00 yearly is not unreasonable. The annual fee for most indoor ranges is more than that.

You have more options than at an indoor range: pistol, rifle and shotgun. During the winter months there are always decent days warm enough to enjoy the range. Tracking gate usage shows it still get used regularly,

The Action Bays can be set up to shoot pistol or pistol caliber carbine on our steel. Several of the bay have falling plates, hanging steel and a dueling tree. Or if you want to shoot something hotter, you can set up paper targets to practice transitions. Sorry, no .223 or larger on our steel in the Action Bays

The .22 rimfire canopy is good out to 100 yards. You can use Standard velocity .22 long rifle on the Small-Bore Metallic Silhouette targets hanging there. Or getting a stand from the Bench House, you can shoot your favorite .22 at any range in between.

Hunting season is around the corner. Shoot from the Bench House. AC and overhead heaters make it more comfortable any time of the year. Plus, a 50-yard target frame for sighting in, then you can post a target at either 100 yards or 200 yards to test your skill.

Then to the other side of the main building you have the Shotgun canopy. There is a mechanical thrower in both the Rest Room and the Bench House for your use. Just bring your own Clays. Maybe not this year but next year for sure we will be offering Trap matches. And the regulated use of this thrower.

As always use the facility keeping in mind the Four Basic Safety Rules.

1. Treat every gun as though it were loaded
2. Keep your firearm pointed in a safe direction
3. Never Point Your Gun at Anything You Don't Intend to Shoot
4. Always Keep Your Finger Off the Trigger Until You're Ready to Shoot

Stay safe,

Bob Cheslock, President MDRC