

Rifle & Pistol Range News

August, 2008

We will have a busy month during September with the Hunters Competition on September 7 (moved from Labor Day weekend). Then, big game sight-in days will be on September 20, 21, & 28 8 am to 5 pm and on the 27th 12:30 pm to 5 pm following the Hunter Education Field Day. We will have four RSOs on each of these shifts: two will watch the shooters, one will do registration, and one will staple new targets to target holders. We hope that there will be less waiting as these days usually have very heavy use. The cost per rifle to sight in for non-members is \$6 and for members \$2 (we will be providing each person one of the yellow and red targets for each rifle they sight in - by doing this we can cut down on the amount of time each shooter takes in setting up and taking down targets). We will be opening the range for 20 minutes and closing it for 10 minutes. I would highly recommend that RSOs use other days to sight in their rifles so the range can be utilized by regular members and non-members these days. We will have instruction sheets for those working the sight-in days.

Those of you working shifts the next couple of weeks will be the first to get to use the new RSO vests!! They are in and the lettering is finished. Bryan Piper did an outstanding job in finding suitable vests - we were looking for vests which would hold up for the long run (being washed and dried), would not have plastic stripes on them which deteriorate looking terrible, did not cost \$100 dollars as some do, and did not have zippers on the wrong side (sorry Penny!). Bryan located the vests, ordered them, repeatedly followed up and arranged to have them embroidered (this also required frequent follow-up). All of this took hours of his time and he received a business discount, which he passed onto the club. The Ochoco Chapter, OHA, paid for the vests. Bryan also did the same for the hats and decals for the club to sell (there should be more available soon and a limited number of the hunter orange hats for sale which have the club logo and "RSO" on them - for sale to currently active RSOs only).

As I typed the last paragraph I am reminded of the many people who put in so many hours in behalf of the rifle and pistol ranges and who frequently do not get publicly recognized for their efforts. I will list at least most of them below with my apologies to those who I missed since I am relying on my memory. The list is alphabetical:

Dale Adams - Dale has served 17 times as RSO so far this year.

John Cameron - in addition to being on the Board of Directors, John has served 13 times as RSO, is one of my go to people if I need a shift filled, and frequently dumps our trash cans in the dumpsters near the clubhouse.

Chris Chandler - has served as RSO 12 times.

Penny & Curt Phelps - in addition to their regular RSO shifts they are offering pistol orientation classes for women.

Gary DeKorte - Gary is our liaison with the Redmond PD and provides qualification certification for the federal concealed carry permit (HR218). He also conducts regular Oregon concealed carry classes. He is officially an RSO so he can bring Redmond PD officers to our range to shoot their qualification.

Brian Ferry - Brian astounds me. He is the Vice President, Hunter Education for our club, being on the Board of Directors. He has served 16 shifts as RSO. He has helped with the two youth competitions. He has provided hours of his time getting maps for the Re-Location Workgroup. All this in addition to all the Hunter Education classes he provides. Brian also walks our fence line every month to look for needed repairs.

Bill Friedlander - in addition to his shifts as RSO he has worked on the club NRA drive. This is very time consuming making phone calls, leaving messages, calling the same number several times when no one answers. There is also record keeping and collecting email addresses so the club newsletter can be sent out less expensively.

Gerry Glave - Gerry is the club secretary and is on the Board of Directors. He has served 21 RSO shifts so far this year!! He serves on Hunter Education Field Days and has worked both the youth competitions. He also maintains the club website and keeps me straight, most of the time, on RSO scheduling since they are on our website. Gerry has also become NRA certified as an RSO and has helped teach most of the current RSOs. Gerry also serves on the Re-Location Workgroup.

Mike Hartley - has served 17 RSO shifts so far this year.

George Hinz - George is another of my go to people whenever someone cannot make their shift. He does this in addition to the shifts for which he signs up.

Bill Layton - though not officially used as a club RSO, Bill was the only RSO certified by the NRA for a long time and took part in teaching almost all of the current RSOs including me. He also serves on the club Board of Directors and teaches Hunter Education classes and Field Days.

Charles Lemley - has served 10 RSO shifts.

Denny Morris - has served 13 RSO shifts, has worked Hunter Education Field Days, and has helped with the pistol range design (the pistol range should be partially built this Fall when Bill Pledger is available for welding, but, see his name).

Jim Oeder - Jim keeps the reader board at the club entrance up to date, he does much of the maintenance and painting at the R&P range, and takes care of a lot of the trash in addition to his RSO work.

Bob Oldham - has served 11 shifts as an RSO this year and worked with Bill Friedlander on the NRA drive spending hours and hours on the phone getting information and encouraging members to sign up as NRA members if they are not already such.

Bill Pledger - despite his slow recovery from knee surgery and hours of physical therapy he has found time to put in literally hundreds of hours on behalf of the club. He rebuilt a trailer for the portable clay pigeon throwers. Bill, Gerry Glave, and Don Frick have spent untold hours building and repairing target holders. These same three members also made the concrete and steel shooting benches using Bill's equipment and truck (not just any truck can pick these up and set them down!).

Steve Rychetsky - has served 13 shifts as RSO, has worked at both youth competitions, and has served on Hunter Education Field Days.

Gary Soules - not officially used as an RSO but has been part of teaching almost all the current RSOs. He recently became an NRA Certified RSO.

Tom York - has served 15 shifts as an RSO and has worked at Hunter Education Field Days.

I think another group which needs to be mentioned are the members of Ochoco Chapter, OHA, in Prineville. Many of these members have helped fill RSO shifts despite seldom using the range. They have taken on a very positive relationship with RR&GC.

I could not end this without mentioning that our club president Fred Grimes, our club treasurer Carl Cacho, and the club VP Skeet Jerry Gage have also been very supportive of our efforts in making the rifle and pistol ranges something to brag about.

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