

RANGE NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the 2nd edition of the Range newsletter!

SPRING CLEAN UP

We had our first work detail on Saturday May 13th. Very successful with 11 members in attendance for 4 hours of range clean up and improvement. 21.5 tons of 3/4 inch ledge pack and 6 tons stone dust delivered earlier for our needs. Thanks to Ralph Scribner and his John Deere, extra sand was added to the pistol and 25 yard berm for safety. He also dug down 8 inches at the pistol berm and backfilled with 3/4 inch ledge pack and members hand tamped. That should end the mud issue, at least there.

Ralph also started moving back dirt to get water to drain to the actual drain on the left side. The collapsed 25 yard roof was removed and is awaiting disposal. Target stands at pistol, 50 and 100 yards rebuilt/repaired. The ground forward of the range building prepped and stone dust spread in anticipation of pavers being placed in the near future.

Unfortunately, we ran out of time and there are just too many things that remain to be done. To that end, we would like to have brief 2 hour or so work details at least monthly to try and catch up. Much ground work and removal of unneeded material still needs to be done. This will be scheduled at odd days and times to avoid disruption of shooters on the range. A list will be published within a few days on our Facebook page and on the Firearms Range page on the website.

RANGE BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENT

Material has been ordered and once delivered on site, a work detail will be scheduled for removal of the flat roof and rebuilding with a new pitched steel roof. Gary Cartier, a retired contractor, will be in charge. Gilford Home Center is selling us not only at cost or below, they donated \$500 to the project! We will have enough funds left over to replace the roof over the 25 yard berm. Thank you to GHC and Gary, who arranged it.

NEW TARGET BAYS

We have 2 new members with access to heavy equipment, so much so they may be leaving a Case D550 on the property and manpower to operate it. We are going over a list of priorities regarding many aspects of the range, but number 1 is making the new bays operational. You may notice that on the archery range, the main target has been moved 180 degrees so there is no compromise on safety between the two disciplines. Thank you Kevin Avery from the Archery Committee.

IMPROMPTU FIREARMS SAFETY CLASS

Recently, we were approached by several non-gun owning citizens that had concerns and questions about guns and their use. We held a safety and information class and even let them shoot under strict safety conditions. Two now wish to purchase firearms. They told their friends and another class is being formed.

CLUB SPONSORED NOVICE HANDGUN CLASSES

We are close enough to the operation of a new bay it's time to start formulating a list of members wishing to attend our first ever novice handgun class! Subjects covered will be firearms safety, learning how to "run the gun", basic tactics, trigger control, sighting and other topics. Guns, holsters, mag carriers, hearing and eye protection will be supplied. At least 100 rounds of 9MM will be needed, which will be available at \$18 per box of 50. Cost of the class itself will be \$125. Because of high interest and class size limited to 4 students, please email me at ragbar26@gmail.com and state your preference of who you would like to attend with, i.e., all male, all female, elderly only, couples only, you get the idea. We want you to be comfortable. I will be in touch.

THANK YOU FROM THE RANGE COMMITTEE!