

# RANGE NEWSLETTER

## JULY NEWSLETTER

It appears I've missed my target date of doing new newsletters on the first of each month. Only the third one too! It's that old adage, "You get what you pay for". Oh, wait, I'm a volunteer!

### **ANOTHER WORK PARTY????**

Ok, many of you might have seen the wood delivery for the range building roof. Apparently, the steel is custom cut AFTER the rafters and framework is done. To that end, a multi-tasking work detail is scheduled for Saturday July 22nd. Current roof needs to be completely stripped off and material brought to Gilford Transfer Station, then rebuilt with new lumber. Since more members will show up than might be needed on the roof, we can do some catch up work we couldn't do at the spring clean-up. The collapsed 25 roof material is still on the ground and needs to go. Rotted wood and steel behind range building also needs to go. Two post holes need to be dug and a new target base attached. Weeds pulled, weed whacking, raking, etc..... If someone knows someone that knows someone and could get a donated power compactor, would like to cover the new 3/4-inch ledge pack at the short berm with the stone dust available to us. This is an experiment to see how it holds up for future range plans. Party starts at 8 AM and due to the complexity of the roof project, we plan on making a day of it. If you can't make 8 AM, come later and relieve someone, or just plain add your expertise to the event. Food and cold drinks provided. Contractor Gary Cartier is in charge of the roof detail and will have final say in crew and number. If you are comfortable on the roof, let him know that day. Bring tools that may be appropriate for any items I listed above.

### **CONTEST WITH A PRIZE!**

The newsletter needs a name, so the Range Committee is sponsoring a contest among the membership to find an appropriate name. The committee will make a selection from all submitted suggestions and will have final say. Should there be multiple of the same name selected, the first submitted will receive prize. Send suggestions to [ragbar26@gmail.com](mailto:ragbar26@gmail.com), or on the club Facebook page. The deadline is Labor Day. Prize is a bulk box of 325 rounds of .22lr. Don't be afraid to be creative!

### **GUN RAFFLE**

If you haven't heard yet, the 2023 gun raffle launched 2 weeks ago. Prizes are a SIG P365 and a Ruger SP101 revolver. These packages are complete with an extra mag/speed-loader, practice and "duty" ammo, and a gift card to purchase a holster. The winner has the first choice, the second ticket drawn gets the remaining gun. Tickets are \$10 and the drawing is Labor Day or when all tickets sold. If you want to buy and possibly sell some tickets, use the ragbar address listed above.

The Daily Sun will start running an ad about the raffle twice a week through mid-August, gratis. Hopefully this should help us sell out early.

### **RANGE CLOSURES**

Obviously, Saturday July 22nd for the work party. Next would be Saturday July 29th for Jenny's Ride, a motorcycle ride raising funds for cancer research. They will be using much of the area, creating closure. Not sure how long the event is, but notices on any updates will be posted at the range gate and on the whiteboard in the range building.

### **RANGE OBSERVATIONS**

Three items might need a refresher: hearing protection. If you are at the outdoor table and a member pulls up, please have the courtesy to cease shooting until the new arrival can get ears on. If you are a new arrival and someone is there, return the favor by having ears handy. Next, brass. At the risk of beating a dead horse, brass pick up could be better. Please take 5 minutes at the end of your shooting session to clean up, even if it's not yours. Lastly, and I have to say it, one of the preeminent rules of firearm safety is "finger outside the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot". I've personally observed this on more than one occasion. While I'm not afraid to speak up, others may not be, or feel they are being rude if they say anything. Safety must be uppermost in our minds at all times.

Thanks, and the Range Committee looks forward to seeing you on the 22nd!