

ARPC Saddle Butte Press April 2016 Edition

Gun & Sportsman Show Thank You

A BIG THANK YOU to all of our volunteers...we can't imagine doing these shows without your assistance!!! Our March shows are always a huge success and this year was no exception. We had 5135 people through the door; 982 attendees in the first hour. The 441 vendor tables were chock full of assorted gun and sportsman related materials.

Our volunteers did a splendid job watching the doors, walking floor security, taking money, stamping hands, checking firearms in and out, counting attendees, assisting with the vendor applications and payments and checking volunteers in and out. You're the BEST! With much gratitude to you all, Carol Fitzmorris, Office Manager



ARPC President's Corner Range Updates

A lot of Club members have been asking questions about our ongoing projects, so I would like to take this opportunity to address some of the issues and concerns being raised, and how your Board goes about prioritizing and allocating resources to the various projects.

First of all, let me address the Long Range Shooting Facility Project (LRSFP) that is planned for the East Side property we acquired. I would like everyone to please understand that this Project is a **process**, not an **event**". Our best estimate at this time is that this will be at least a 1 million dollar project. The initial start of material movement is at least 3 years away. It involves moving massive amounts of material to form berms, both terminal and side/safety types, and to create new shooting bays along the East side of the butte. We have examined all types of shooting structures, with a highly defined focus on containing the sounds which will be generated at the various firing lines. We also experienced a significant high water demonstration for the area this winter, causing us to rethink how we can handle all the water which ends up there without adversely affecting our facilities. All of these issues need to be resolved and agreed on, then we need to have them put into an engineered plan for Linn County, for the new Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application. Many of you may recall that we went through much of this process in 2014, and when it became apparent that things were not going as we had planned, or as we been led to believe they would progress, we withdrew the application. It was also known by that time we did not have the funds available to even start the project within the prescribed time period. Since then, the current Board has set forth on a plan to fund this project with specific monies set aside as we attain them. This fund currently has over \$300K in it. The funds are earmarked for use on the Long Range Project only, barring extraordinary circumstances (lawsuits, natural disasters, etc.)

With that being said, we do not want to just “sit on our hands” and wait to have money to start the LRSFP.

We also have new property on the West side, to the south of the Main Range (MR). We have started utilizing this by adding the new Maintenance Shop. We have projects that have been on the Strategic Action Plan list for many years, awaiting funding. We now have the means to complete some of these Projects, many of which do not need a new CUP application. They include finishing (adding height and covering with loose material) to the Main Range berm North (between MR and the Shotgun Range-now being called Berm #2)) and installing a new safety berm on the South side of the MR (Berm #3). This would allow activity on all property to the south of the MR firing line, impossible now without a cease fire being called, as it is downrange. We are also exploring ideas to create a better sound control configuration of the MR impact areas. Sound Mitigation was one of the critical stumbling blocks to the withdrawn CUP, so we're working hard on that in every aspect. Many of these projects require CAD/engineering work, and lots of thought as to how best to accomplish with a minimum of range disruption or closure time.

We will be coming out with a new Member Survey in the next few months. We want to keep in step with what you, the membership, want in the way of improving our Club in a continuous manner. The highest ranking items and suggestions from the survey make it to the screening process for the Strategic Plan, and get a priority assigned on merit, affordability, safety implications, etc. Safety concerns automatically get “preferential treatment”, as they should. Just because we have the large projects being worked on, does not mean we stop doing all the things we can to make this a better Club for everyone.

Marc Rocque, ARPC Club President



Saddle Butte Machine Gun Shoot Volunteers Needed

The Saddle Butte Machine Gun Shoot is seeking volunteers for this year's event. The shoot is on the 3rd weekend in May (May 21st and 22nd). Volunteers are needed for setup on Friday the 20th (12pm- finished) and tear down on Monday the 23rd (8 am- finished). 8996 Of course volunteers will be needed during the event as well for the following: Gate/ Parking Balloons / Targets Selling Tee shirts Range Officers Please contact Allen Eriksen to volunteer. He can be reached by email at Eriksenor@aol.com or by phone at (541)967-4005

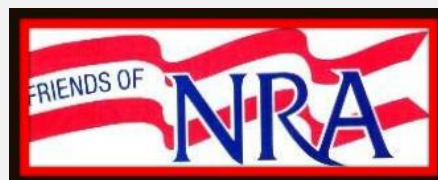
(weekends only). This is a great way to get your work bond hours in. **Volunteers need to be current ARPC club members. Please respond with your Name, Day(s) available, Phone number and if you are or have any experience as a Range Officer.**

Early Bird Gun Drawing

The members of ARPC are a big family with one common core, we all like to shoot. In addition, we want to see more juniors, our future, shooting at the range. Why don't more members support the largest fund raising program for junior shooting programs and shooting ranges in the State of Oregon? The Mid-Valley Friends of NRA Banquet supported

by ARPC has moved to a new location at the Linn County Fair and Expo Center, Saturday, April 23rd. There will be one gun for every 10 people at the banquet this year. Guns will be given away through live auction, silent auction, bucket raffles and games. Sign up to go to the banquet before April 8th and automatically get entered into an 'Early Bird' drawing for a gun. This event raises money for shooting programs throughout Oregon. 6532 In February of 2016, FNRA gave out \$382,000 in grants to 4-H, Scouts, Veterans, gun clubs and more. Supporting this fund raising event can bring grants for our long range directly back to Albany Rifle and Pistol Club. If you haven't attended one of our FNRA banquets then make this a first. It is a lot of fun, great food from Bomack's BBQ and it supports a great cause. Contact Mike McCarter or the club office for tickets or additional information on the 2016 Mid-Valley Friends of NRA Banquet.

[Follow this link to get your tickets to this great event!](#)





Spotlight on Shooting Sports - Junior Blackpowder Rifle Shooters Wanted

ARPC is starting a junior Blackpowder rifle group. It is open to all (member or non-member) juniors 17 years of age and under. Rifles, ammunition and equipment to shoot this sport are provided by the club or juniors can bring their own. 20163 Carl Engstrom is leading this group and will have a kickoff meeting on April 3rd, 11am in Bay 12 on the East Range. Contact Carl Engstrom at 541-990-1747 or cjr@peak.org for further information.

The Indoor Range is Open

Most of the construction is finished on the Indoor Range and it is OPEN for shooting. Remember, the Indoor Range is open to members for special events, range officers and members who have gone through the 'Indoor Range Safety Class'. Information and scheduled dates for the 'Indoor Range Safety Class' can be found on the ARPC.info website.



David Horstman, Jim Donohue, Judson M Hemperley, Jr, Kasey J Begley, Byron G Baule, Blair S Dye, Brandon M Wehrend, Greg J Erthal, James Doolin, David Rhea, Gerald R Rouleau, Tony L Storey, Carter M McFarland, Kerry A Heath, Loren D Miller, Ty B Raschein, Adam J Goldman, David C Lavier, Ernest Staford, Larry Gosnell, Roger A Klein, William Bent, Leslie Scott, Justin Dillon, Garrett Burner, Matthew Sheets

Classified Section

WANTED: I would like to purchase around 200 CCI number 34 primers. They are large rifle mil-spec primers for use in rifles such as the M1A and M1. Contact dogman200@comcast.net or call 541-979-3866

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About Us

Albany Rifle and Pistol Club is centrally located in Linn County, Oregon and consists of six ranges. We are a membership club, however we feature a wide variety of shooting disciplines and educational classes that are open to the public. Contact us to schedule a range tour. You'll like what you see.

Office and Pro Shop Hours, Monday through Saturday, 10AM-5PM

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