

Rifle/Pistol August 2019 Wish List

Volunteers Desperately Needed

The RR&GC Rifle/Pistol discipline is in need of volunteer help on every level. Please review the volunteer needs/opportunities listed below to see where you can contribute to the overall effort.

Day-to-day Operations:

Range Safety Officers: Range Safety Officers (RSOs) are critically important to the safe operation of the ranges. Recently Rifle/Pistol curtailed its hours of operation because there were not enough qualified RSO volunteers who were willing and able to cover the shifts on the schedule. Currently, despite the shorter hours of operation, RSO Scheduler Dan Carter, is still finding it necessary to virtually beg for RSO volunteers to cover some of the weekend shifts. We need members who are willing and able to work as Range Safety Officers to complete the the required training class, and then volunteer to cover shifts which are currently going begging.

- RSO shifts are four hours each
 - generally, an RSO is asked to work two shifts per month unless extenuating circumstances prevent him/her from doing that
- RSO benefits:
 - not charged the daily range fee for shooting at Rifle/Pistol
 - issued keys to the range, and permitted to use the range on days when it is closed for member/public shooting, as well as before and after regular shooting hours on days when the range is open

Range Office Staff: In an effort to allow the RSOs to concentrate on their primary function - managing range safety - Rifle/Pistol has created a position for non-RSO volunteers to work in the range office checking in arriving shooters, selling memberships and targets, and collecting any fees which are due. The position offers a great opportunity for members to interact with non-member shooters, answer questions about RR&GC, and recruit new members for the club.

Some members have heeded this call, and the program has proven to be successful both in improving the management of the ranges and in allowing the RSOs to better oversee range safety. More of these volunteers are needed in order to fully cover the busy weekend shifts.

Range Improvement Projects:

Pistol Range Target Bases: About 30 railroad ties are to be moved from various locations around the club property to the pistol range, where they will be drilled to accept 1" x 2" lath target stands, then moved onto the range and positioned as target stand bases. Volunteer assistance will be needed on both ends of the project to help move the ties, and any help with the drilling will be gratefully accepted.

Action Pistol Range Office Construction Project: A tiny house kit has been donated to the newly opened Action Pistol range for use as a range office.

The kit is currently in the donor's warehouse in Bend, and RR&GC needs to arrange for its transportation to the range. The donor's employees will load the kit onto the transport. The kit is wrapped and banded, and its dimensions are approximately 3' x 4' x 20'. It weighs approximately 3000 pounds. Does anyone have a vehicle or trailer which can handle such a load?

The plan is to erect the tiny house on a concrete pier foundation. Volunteers with experience in setting and leveling such foundations are needed, as are volunteers with construction experience and appropriate tools for the construction of a pre-cut kit structure.

Repositioning the Shack in the Action Pistol Area: Once the tiny house/office is built, the shack which currently sits at the north end of the Action Pistol area will be moved into position alongside the tiny house, and will be used for storage. Here again, equipment to move the structure and skilled volunteers who can set and level a concrete pier foundation for the shack will be needed.

Archery Range Realignment: Denny Morris plans to invigorate the club's archery program. The first steps in the process will be to move

the archery range further away from the rifle firing line and reorient it, and to install new targets. Members who are interested in archery should contact Denny to see how and when they can help him on this project.

Donation Opportunities

RR&GC, like most non-profit organizations, depends heavily on donations in order to operate. While monetary contributions are always welcome, the donation of “stuff” which is needed is also a big boost for the club. The following is a sample of “stuff” for which Rifle/Pistol, Action Pistol and .22 Challenge are currently looking:

- a functional desk for use in the Action Pistol office
- a usable filing cabinet for the Action Pistol office
- hand tools, such as shovels or garden rakes which can be used for suppression of small brush fires
- shot timers
- target stands to hold 24" wide targets
- steel targets (either centerfire rifle/pistol or .22 rimfire)
- 2 x 4s of any length
- 1" x 2" lath in 4', 6' or 8' lengths

If you have unused “stuff” cluttering up your garage or storage shed that you think might be of use at the Rifle/Pistol “square ranges” or at the newly opened Action Pistol range, even it isn’t listed above, please contact Denny Morris (the Rifle/Pistol square ranges) at: denny@bendbroadband.com or Jim Wilson (Action Pistol) at: jfwilson269@msn.com to see if it can be put to good use.