

President's Message

Donna Panei

As the year comes to a close, I am reminded of how much effort has been put forth by everyone at our range. Old projects that we had hoped to accomplish have been done. New projects have been suggested and completed. Classes and instructional courses have had wonderful turnouts. Next years' schedule is underway with the hope of adding more events for all to enjoy. All of this has been accomplished with a team spirit and sometimes plenty of coffee. We all should be very proud of the part we played in making these things a reality.

As you and your family, look over the prior year. I hope that you have had time to complete what you wanted to complete, taught what you wanted to teach and felt pride in your accomplishments. If we judge by all that has been completed at DJM then we can look back with no regrets and look forward to a truly enjoyable year to come.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we hope you and yours enjoy the blessings of the holidays and a healthy and prosperous new year. Thanks for all you did.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP

- All the RSOs that helped on Trap Sundays
- All the work party participants
- All the instructors teaching the courses

Safe Range Usage Is Everyone's Business

David Lalli

From time to time I am at the range fixing, constructing, checking and generally mothering over the range. I have been able to construct some great new things at the range and I hope everyone uses them and enjoys them.

Lately though, as I go about the business of keeping the range neat and well cared for, I have been noticing things are sometimes out of place.

Everyone needs to remember to pick up their cast off brass. We have provided buckets for others to dive in and find reloadable cartridges or just scavenge for recycling.

Range users must know which range they are able to shoot on. There is a range for every firearm. Buckshot shooting is especially important and for those that do not know, there is a specially set up range for your 00 buck sighting. A Range Safety Officer can help you in this area.

The trap range has specific regulations as to size of shot. It is posted and should be followed. Don't forget to clean up the clays that got away and toss the boxes in the trash.

Please remember to post your targets within the orange borders. This cuts down on replacing the frames holding the target boards in place.

Thanks again to all those that helped throughout the year. Your interest and dedication made all the difference.

Have a good winter and I'll see you at the range.

DJM Juniors Make Good at NJ State Matches

DJM junior Carol Boyd came home on Liberty on 9/25 to win the junior title at the NJ State Service Rifle Match with a 775/800 with 21Xs.

She has been shooting all season with the NCAA for the Navy Rifle team and is ranked 9th in the Mid Atlantic conference in Air Rifle averaging 581/600 and 11th in three position small bore averaging 569. Carol shot a personal best against John Jay University in air scoring 587/600.

Eugene Huang-Lee, another of DJM alums, came in 3rd at the NJ State Service Rifle Match with a score of 655-10Xs.

Eugene also took time from his busy schedule to instruct the 2011 junior class in Air Rifle.

Congratulations to each and keep shooting.

2011 Open House/ Junior Awards Day

This year's Open House/ Junior Awards was a great success with well over 300 visitors coming and trying the shooting sports.

All ranges had lines of participants, but the Range Safety Officers and NRA Instructors kept things moving and safe at the same time.

The usual calibers were in use. Most novices wanted to try a 9mm because they "heard it was easy to shoot". The Bushmasters had a line just to try "something similar to what the military uses". Even the old standby, the dreaded 12 gauge shotgun proved to be "not as scary" as they thought.

We tried something different with the lunch, which by all accounts left a lot to be desired but, we have a better idea of what to serve next year and we thank you for your indulgence. Do I hear meatballs and hamburgers next year? If anyone wants to cook, let us know where to set up the grill.

Something to put in the back of your mind for next year, if you know a caterer or vendor that we should talk to for that day please get in contact with any of the Board Members so we can negotiate and be ready to serve.

Looking For Sub Chairs

The Executive Board is looking for driven individuals that would like to serve as sub chairs for each department at DJM.

Each part of the Executive Board needs a back up person to share the responsibilities of the Board. You may be good at instructing, we could really use you with the juniors. You may be good at fund raising. The range can always use extra funds for projects and upkeep. You may be good at newsletters or publicity. Getting our range shown in a positive light is a necessity.

Whatever your strong point is, there is a department for you. Think about it and get in touch with a Board Member so we can discuss it.

Welcome to Our Newest Board Members

A hearty welcome and thanks to Charlie Burns, the new Junior Program Coordinator. Mr. Burns graciously accepted the position at the October meeting of the Executive Board.

Charlie is no stranger to the junior program. He spent most of the 2011 junior program instructing the air rifle portion which continued to run during the other disciplines allowing new shooters to get better and seasoned pros to practice what they have learned.

Another new member of the Board is Gary Coles. Mr. Coles was elected Chief Range Safety Officer at the last RSO meeting.

Mr. Coles is a long time range member and RSO. He took over the position at the October Board meeting. Again, welcome and thanks.

Mr. Coles has already set up a sub chair. He will be joined by Mike Chodnoff, who knew?

If you have any issues that you feel should be addressed by these Board Members, their contact information will be posted on the new schedule of events coming with your range renewals.

RENEWALS ARE COMING

Ken Kortman

This year's range renewals are going out. Please remember to include your NRA verification and the correct amount on your check or money order.

Range Safety Officers must include a copy of their NRA certifications. Those not including this information will not receive their new ID card.

Remember, if you have a family membership and you would like ID cards for other family members, fill out an application for each member and mark in the cost area, "A Card" only. Spouses and children under 21 are eligible for an "A Card" at no additional cost.

Please make sure the application is legible and complete, this will speed up the process.

If you do not receive a renewal please go to the DJM Website, print and mail. If you do not receive your ID card after sending in the renewal please contact me at the address posted on the web.

Remember, 2011 ID cards expire on January 31st of 2012.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER 6, 2011

7PM

Delran Municipal Building

TRAP SHOOTING

DECEMBER 4TH, 11TH AND 18TH

No Trap Christmas Day

RANGE MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE

DECEMBER 31, 2011

New ID's must be displayed by January 31, 2012

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 24TH RANGE OPEN

DECEMBER 25TH RANGE CLOSED

December 31st Range Open January 1st Range Open

DJM says Goodbye to Founding Member William Wood

Mr. William "Bill" Wood, a founding member of Delran Junior Marksman passed away November 13th during a hospital stay to sepsis.

Privately the family said their goodbyes as were Mr. Wood's wishes.

Those wishing to extend their condolences may do so by sending correspondence to the DJM post office box and they will be forwarded.

Mr. Wood was always an advocate for learning regarding the shooting sports being active in the Hunter's Education program and DJM's instructional courses. He was also a long time participant in the junior program.

We will miss Mr. Wood's instruction and smile.



Range Safety Officers Need Love Too

The Range Safety Officer is sometimes the most loved and sometimes the most hated person around.

They're the ones that have to tell you what you are doing is wrong even though you'd like to do it. They're the ones that drive to the range on a snowy day and find out that the gate is blocked and we cannot open. They're the ones that are dressed in three or four layers when the wind is blowing 50 mph.

But they are there for a reason. They are what keep the range safe. They are the examples we hope everyone learns from.

Please respect their position and follow the rules.

RANGE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 24TH AND 25TH

The range will be open on Christmas Eve but not Christmas Day.

JANUARY 1, 2012

The range will be open on both December 31st and January 1st.

RANGE SAFETY OFFICER DISCRETION

If the weather is unsafe on these holiday dates the Range Safety Officers will, at the time of opening, determine if it will open or close.

If the range has no participants within an agreed upon time between the standing Range Safety Officers on these holiday dates the range may be closed.

It is suggested that if you wish to use the range on a holiday date you arrive early so the RSO know there is an interest for that day.

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DJM Turns 50 in 2012

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Delran Junior Marksman, the best kept secret in Delran Township, will turn 50 years old this coming year.

Can you believe it? Yes sir, according to our most senior members, 1962 the range became a reality.

Look at what it has become. A place where every new person that comes has a compliment about. A place that provides the best instruction and the largest junior program in the state. A place where you know you can come and safely shoot and receive a wealth of information.

I'm looking for ways to commemorate the range anniversary. If you have ideas I'd like to get a committee together and work on an event project. Put your thinking caps on and let's get together soon this way if necessary we can get funding in place and ideas on paper.

Happy Anniversary DJM and many more!

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