

**East End Rod & Gun Club**  
**Milton Freewater, OR**  
**December 2009/January 2010**

Another year has gone by and its time to renew your membership in the East End Rod & Gun Club. We'd like to thank everyone who joined or renewed in 2009; we ended the year with over 325 members, a significant increase over last year.

We have submitted a Friends of the NRA Grant request and look forward to hearing their decision in early 2010. Another grant request for Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife funds for further range improvements is under way. Please e-mail any range improvement suggestions you have to [WebMaster@EERGunClub.com](mailto:WebMaster@EERGunClub.com)

Please remember that your Club Officers are all volunteers!

**Gun Club Meetings**

Meetings are held the **second** Wednesday of every month (note the NEW day) at 7:00 and are held at the American Legion in Milton Freewater. Please use the **main entrance** of the building (yes, upstairs which is handicap accessible!). If there is something else you'd like to see at YOUR East End Rod & Gun Club we invite you to join us at our monthly meetings. Attendance at the meetings is still only has about 12-15 members - less than 20% of the membership is charting the direction of the club. Those people need your help to facilitate further range growth.

**Web Site**

Our Gun Club web site address is: [www.eergunclub.com](http://www.eergunclub.com). Please add us to your list of favorites and refer to our web site for updates throughout the year, including the calendar of events! The membership application and NRA renewal form are also available on the web site on the Contacts & Files page. There is also an e-mail link for range use and you are welcome to simply drop us a note indicating what day and time you will be utilizing the range rather than calling the club number - (509) 876-1965 (this is a message only phone).

**2010 Club Dues / NRA Renewals & New NRA Members**

Club dues for 2010 will be \$50.00. A renewal form has been enclosed along with 2 copies of the Range Rules (one for you to sign and return, the other for you to keep); don't forget to include your e-mail address so that we can keep our list up-to-date for better communication with the members. All membership renewals will only be completed by mail.

We now have a membership e-mail address, [Membership@EERGunClub.com](mailto:Membership@EERGunClub.com), for any membership information requests. Please note that your Membership application, fees and signed copy of the range rules needs to be sent to PO Box 251, Milton-Freewater, OR 97862.

The combination to the gate will be changed in early March; you will receive a mailing with your 2010 membership card and the new combination prior to that (as long as you pay your dues prior to that!). Please remember this range is for the use of members of the East End Rod & Gun Club and we ask that you not share the gate combination with someone who is not a member of the club. Encourage your friends to join because it is through our club dues that we pay for the annual lease, maintenance and continued range growth.

NRA memberships are available through the club for \$25.00. That is a \$10.00 savings from the normal NRA rate. NRA membership renewals and new NRA members are able to join at the rate of \$25.00. If you have any friends who are not members of the NRA, encourage them to join. The NRA renewal/new member form has been included on the membership form. For further NRA renewal info, please contact: [Membership@EERGunClub.com](mailto:Membership@EERGunClub.com) or call the club number - (509) 876-1965, leave a message and someone will return your call.

## Range Use

We continue to ask that if you are going use the range at a time when there is not a regularly scheduled shoot that you **MUST** call (or e-mail us at [WebMistress@EERGunClub.com](mailto:WebMistress@EERGunClub.com)) **first**. The contact number for range use is 509-876-1965; this is a cell phone and a local call. Please leave your name, the date and approximate time you plan to be at the range. Consolidating the calls to one location will allow us to better track the amount of use we have at the range. If you are calling for information rather than range use; please leave your name & number and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

There is equipment in the "dog" houses spread out on the range, DON'T use those to hang targets off of. Also, please do not place targets on the Safety Berm (the long one by the rifle benches)!

It is very important for everyone to remember to clean up after yourselves when you are using the range. Range garbage continues to be a problem. Use the existing target stands to affix your targets and if you bring out plastic bottles or something like that, please clean up the mess and take it home with you. We appreciate your "packing it out," if you pack it in.

Enclosed you will find a calendar of scheduled events for 2010, please refer to that before you go out to the range (an updated version is on our web page at [www.EERGunClub.com/calendar.html](http://www.EERGunClub.com/calendar.html)). If you are at the range when one of these events is taking place, contact the person in charge to see if arrangements can be made for you to shoot. Scheduled events do take precedence but most of the time something can be arranged so you can utilize the range also.

Know the Range Rules and honor them! Any member found in violation of these rules will have their membership rescinded without benefit of a refund.

Most importantly, when you are at the range, respect the other shooters who may be out there at the same time. Please be sure to check the calendar BEFORE heading out as there are often special groups requesting access or one of the groups using the range. Please don't set up targets etc that would limit the use of the range by your fellow shooters. The range is for everyone's use and as our membership grows your chance of being the only person at the range is diminishing.

And finally, be sure and lock the gate when you leave, no matter what state you find it in when you arrive. The gate **MUST** be locked upon leaving the range. The gate is precaution against vandalism to our equipment and to protect the belongings of the tenants in the house.

## Hunter Safety Course & Oregon Concealed Weapons permit training

For information on the Hunter Safety Course please contact Andy Millar at: 938-4485. We all need to help get more kids involved in shooting sports!

If you are interested in the Oregon and/or Utah Concealed Weapon permit class, contact one of the officers or come to the meetings. We are trying to schedule another class sometime in early 2010 - stay tuned for more information!

## Women on Target™

We are considering Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> for our 2010 Women on Target™ -- A day set aside for Women to visit the range and get initial instructions on various firearms. In 2009, we held 2 Women on Target™ day and had 40 attendees! We have NRA sponsorship for advertising and an NRA Certified Range Officer to help us with this event. If you are interested in working this event, please contact Verl at [Verl.Pressnal@EERGunClub.com](mailto:Verl.Pressnal@EERGunClub.com) to sign up for the instructor training he's preparing prior to the event. Encourage any lady you know to attend this event!

## Our Shooting Disciplines

Following is a brief description of the organized shooting disciplines at the East End Rod & Gun Club. If you are interested in organizing an event or shooting discipline in addition to these, we invite you to attend one of the meetings with a proposal. There have been several people interested in pistol competition but at this time no one has stepped up to organize it.

### Am-Vets

The AmVets (American Veterans Association) members became active members of the East End Rod & Gun club in 2000, for the opportunity to target shoot as a group. Our Veterans group is currently not assigned a range use day. Our goal is to make the range available to all veterans, their families, supporters and East End Rod & Gun club members for the opportunity to shoot and talk about firearms and reloading.

For more information about joining the AmVet club and about AmVet range use contact:

Mel Harnett 509-525-5865

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### 5-Stand/Sporting Clays

Come out and enjoy the only "5 Stand" game in SE Washington or NE Oregon. Whether you are a NSCA Master Class shooter or a "blood and feathers" bird hunter, the course will be both a challenge and a means of improving your shooting percentages.

If you have never seen the 5-Stand game: there are seven automatic traps placed on the shooting course that present targets in a way to mimic game shots; upland and waterfowl. There are bouncing rabbits, springing teal, landing mallards, rising huns and arcing targets. You will see standard size clay birds along with the specialty targets such as rabbits, battues and midis. There is nothing boring in the target presentations. Get that old shotgun out of the closet, get some shells and come out for some fun.

We shoot the second Saturday of the month at 9:00 AM. The fee for a round of 5 Stand is currently \$5.00 (subject to change) for 25 birds. We will also have a summer evening shoot when daylight is adequate, normally June 1st to September 1st evenings at 6:00PM. Check the shoot calendar on the web at: [www.eergunclub.com](http://www.eergunclub.com) for the latest details.

If you need further information, contact Larry Zalaznik at 509-525-1129 or Ron Fastrup at 520-2162.

### Dry Gulch Desperados (Cowboy Action)

The Dry Gulch Desperados continue to grow. Our monthly shooters still average just above 30 shooters. Construction continues on the Cowboy Action range. We hope to build an additional building which will also provide more covered shooting for the rest of the membership outside of Cowboy events.

Our annual shoot, Underwear Day, was once again a great success. Labor Day weekend provides much more cooperative weather!

We shoot the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month, April - September sign up is at 8:30 and shooting starts at 9:00, October - March sign up is at 9:30 and shooting starts at 10:00. We invite anyone who's interested to come out and join us. The cost to shoot is \$10.00 and \$5.00 for juniors, winter months October - March are half price (and no charge for Juniors!). For more information contact Gary or Debbie Clark at 509-301-2418 or Ed & LeAnn Kemmerer at 509-382-8926. For winter shoots information October - March, please contact 'Pinto Annie' aka LeAnn Kemmerer at 509-520-2789.

Thank you and happy shooting in 2010!