

Volunteer of the Month

Dan Freeman



Dan is the lucky winner of volunteer of the month for September. You can find him working as a range safety officer on the pistol side whenever he is working at the RRRMC. He has been volunteering here at the range since we opened in 2009.

Dan has been shooting for 68 years. His favorite firearms are the Smith and Wesson 1911 .45 ACP and his Savage Weather Warrior 30-06.

I asked Dan, like all volunteers what he likes to do outside the range and he stated he “casts bullets and reload ammo so I can get back out to the range!”

Thanks Dan for all you do for this place!

Ladies Night Changes

Due to all the events happening at the R3MC in September we have chosen to start lady's night in October. We will still have it on the 2nd Friday of the month, with a few changes. Instead of having 2 sessions we will have 1 longer session. The session will start at 6:30p and end at 8:00p. This way it will give you ladies more time to enjoy shooting the guns on the range. The price has not changed, and you will now be given 100 rounds of .22 ammo vs. the 50 we had previous years. We are also looking at purchasing 3-4 different guns to give you all more options to look at. Payments will now be accepted through PayPal and will still be non-refundable.

Another change is that we have decided to drop Advanced Ladies Night. We found that we did not have enough interest in this event. If you were an advanced shooter, you can certainly work with Terri to see if there is a night open that you can rent the range and get more hands-on training from one of our certified instructors.

First Time Licensed Youth Hunters at the Range

We are inviting the young people who have their first youth licenses to come and practice at the rifle range, free of charge. They may shoot for 1 hour when they come. This is a community service by RRRMC to promote safe hunting practices. This began Monday, 8/27.

Craig Bihrlle, ND Game and Fish has offered to have emails sent to most of the licensed youth deer hunters in the Cass County area letting them know about the opportunity we are offering. He will also ask Doug Leier to mention it periodically on some of his radio programs.

We responded with our appreciation and the open hours from now until November 9 for the rifle range. Craig indicated that they would probably have the word out by Wednesday or Thursday. This is a wonderful opportunity for the RRRMC. Please welcome these youngsters and parents as they come to learn to be safe shooters under our direction.

Message from the Board

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We would like to thank all the members for attending the recent State of the Range Meeting. It was great to see all of you and receive the positive comments on how to make the RRRMC better and grow services and memberships. For the members that have stepped up to assist, by running new programs and assisting the existing ones, it is greatly appreciated.

September Gun Show



Hey Dad, You should take us to the Gun Show!



Here's your gun Show!



Not that gun show. The one at the RRRMC on Sept. 7th and 8th.

Western Day at the Range

On Sunday, September 16, we will be having our Western Day event. The event will run from 12pm to 5pm. We will offer tours of both ranges, seminars, gun displays, a replica of a Gatling Gun to shoot, food, some re-enactments of a jail break, shootout and bank robbery, and the pistol range will be open for regular shooting. We will also have a float in the West Fest Parade on Saturday, September 15, at noon.

We are still hoping for volunteers to help us with the parade and our event on Sunday. We need riders for the float dressed in western gear. We would like 2-4. There will be a chuck wagon on the trailer and we want westerners to "make some noise" for our event on Sunday. Gary Larson will be in the back of the pickup that is pulling the float with the Gatling Gun. We also need 4 – 6 people to walk in the parade handing out candy (it cannot be thrown from the float) and flyers for our event on Sunday.

We have openings for help with the following: parking – 2 people, pictures – 2 people, and general things like greeting people, directing people to places, like the seminars and helping to watch the gun displays outside. I think 3 people would be enough to do that. We can run 2 shifts that day for each job, 12 to 3pm and 3pm to 6pm. The last shift would also help to clean up. We hope this will be a day when many new people will stop to see our range

and hear what we are all about. The more help we have, the more encouraging we can be. We also will need a few people to help set up on Sunday morning. If you will help with any of these things, please contact Terry at the range or Carol at 306-3031. Thank you to those who have already committed to be at Western Day!

More from the Board of Directors

The new hours for winter 2018 are set. We are trying to expand the available hours in the evening in the pistol range to be open for the working public.

You should also note that Saturday and Sunday will be different this year by changing to 9:00 am opening and 5:00 pm closing in both ranges.

These changes are due to advice we received from our marketing consultants to make our hours more consistent, and something received from the two surveys we have done with the customer base. The Sunday hours change was recommended to us from several members.

Winter Schedule Sep. 4 to May 27 2018		
Day of Week	Pistol Range Hours	Rifle Range Hours
Monday	10:00 am – 8:00 pm	2:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Tuesday	10:00 am – 8:00 pm	2:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am – 4:00 pm	2:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Thursday	10:00 am – 8:00 pm	2:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Friday	12:00 am – 6:00 pm	12:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	9:00 am – 5:00 pm

On September 7th and 8th the RRRMC gun show will be held. Please plan on attending and bring friends. The committee working on this event has done an excellent job. Let's help them make it a success.

On September 16th we will have a Western Day event. On the 15th, we will have a float in the West Fargo West Fest parade to advertise the event. On Sunday the 16th bring your friends to try out the Gatling gun see a shoot out and have a great family day. Food will be for sale so bring your appetites!

We are looking for members who will help with some very important jobs at the RRRMC. We all know that volunteering is a very personal consideration for everyone. As we move into the second decade of the Marksmanship Center, we can see that we need assistance in three very important areas.

- Solicitations for corporate and personal donations are always needed to continue our operation. As we move into the future, we know that there will be equipment needs, building repairs and other major projects that cannot be done with membership dollars.
- Grant writing can be a valuable way to obtain funds for specific projects. Along with sponsor support for some needs, we can cover others with grants.

- To keep our funds coming in for our general upkeep, supplies and events, we need to retain our current members and add new ones. Our members are our volunteers, which is our workforce. It is commendable that we have been able to conduct our business with volunteers.

We have put several programs into use this year to discover what our needs are, and what they will be in the future. It is quite clear that unless we begin some necessary and ongoing work with the above three areas, we will struggle to be a viable public range. We are a non-profit entity, and we need to establish a way to make the areas of solicitation, grant writing and member retention a common practice to continue to exist. We need to start now.

We are asking you to have some conversation with yourselves and offer to help in one of these areas. You are the owners of our range, and the people with the desire to pave a clear road to the continuation of a healthy and prosperous RRRMC.

Please notify the RRRMC office or a member of the Board of Directors of your decision to help.

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