

Welcome to East End Rod & Gun Club Milton-Freewater, Oregon

Another year has passed with many changes on the range for East End Rod & Gun Club. We hope that these are welcome changes for our membership. With the new gate comes the ability to offer our membership on the fiscal calendar which means that we give you a full year of membership from the date that you join.

The new gate also means that you no longer have to call in to the club message phone as the gate tracks everyone who goes in and out of the range except on days when it is open for public events. Thanks to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for helping with the funding for this project and thanks to the members who donated their time and energy as well.

Please remember to carry your gate card with you when you are on the range as you may be asked to show it at some time over the year and that is the only way to open the gate.

For those of you who have not heard yet, you will receive a post card in the mail approximately 45 days before your membership renewal is due. This is the only reminder you will receive. Please go to our website, www.eergunclub.com, then click the button **Contact Us/Membership Info** where you can fill and print an application as well as the range rules which need to be signed and included with your dues. If your membership is not paid your assigned number will be programmed out of the system and access will be denied until your dues are paid.

With these changes have come a drastic increase in membership for the last few months of 2011 and at the time of this writing we are at 460 members. This means that the range is more popular and busier than ever so we need to be even more aware of other people on the range as well. We have other plans in the works for next year but they are still under discussion and will depend on funding availability.

Remember the range is for the use of members of the East End Rod & Gun Club and we ask that you do not share your gate card with friends as anyone using your card will be your responsibility. You are welcome to take a guest or two to the range but you are responsible for their actions so please be both careful and aware of their actions. Encourage them to join and help support your club.

Your cooperation in keeping the range clean for all of our members is greatly appreciated. Please remember to take down and haul away your used cardboard targets, pick up your brass when possible and **pack out your trash!**

There are more events and activities than before as well as use by other interest such as 4-H, Hunters Safety and Law Enforcement use, some of which will require at least part of the range closed to member use. Some of these closures are due to the range being rented for training and the fees that we receive are put to range improvements, the first of which is the falling plate target on the pistol range. This target is to be used with handguns, rim-fire's and unjacketed rifle bullets.

Meeting Info

Business meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm in the Milton-Freewater, Legion hall located at 420 NE 8th. Come out and give us your idea's for improvements as well as tell us how we are doing. We are doing this for all of us so we need your input to continue growing and keep the range safe for every one.

Web Site

When you have an opportunity, check out our web site at: www.eergunclub.com You can now tell your friends to go to the website and click on **Contact Us/Membership Info** where they can fill out an application to print off and send in for membership. There will be updated calendar info and more range information as it becomes available. Calendar changes occur at the last minute sometimes so come back often to see what is happening. We hope to have a Google calendar available soon for those of you with Smart Phones.

5-Stand News

5-Stand will be shot on the third Saturday of the month starting on February 18th and the second and fourth Tuesday evening starting on June 12th at 6pm.

The 5-Stand crew would like to let you all know that an anonymous donor has put up \$100 for the first perfect round (25/25) shot by an East End Rod & Gun club member. Anyone interested in making any additional donations to that fund should contact Larry Zalaznik at (509) 525-1129

Cowboy Action

The Cowboy Action shooter's are still shooting on the first Saturday of the month. During the winter months we usually have about 10-12 shooters and we start shooting at 10 am. Once the weather warms up the numbers will climb to 25 to 35 during the spring and summer months and we start shooting at 9 am.

Fort Walla Walla Muzzleloaders

The Fort Walla Walla Muzzleloaders have put in a traditional muzzleloader only range (no jacketed bullets) north of the large container and hold monthly matches on the first Sunday of the Month at 1pm. with safety orientation at 12:30.

22 Silhouette

We have added 22 silhouette on the second Saturday of the month starting at 9 am. We shoot metallic silhouette targets at 20, 40, 60 and 80 yds with open sights and optics with both rifle and handgun.

Come out and participate in these fun activities.

Gate Instructions

Enclosed with your membership you will find a white card that is your proximity access card in and out of the range. The number on the card is assigned to you and will identify the time and date that you use the range. You must always have your card with you and do not lose your card as this is the only way that you will be able to get into the range. These cards will last for many years and you will have the same card and number until the gate is worn out or we put in new controllers.

If for some reason you misplace your card or lose it please contact us immediately and the number will be taken out of the system to keep someone else from accessing the range under your identity. Replacements for lost cards will cost \$15.00.

Now for a little instruction on how the system works. These cards are proximity cards meaning that you only have to hold them in close proximity to the card reader (almost touching). There is no slot to slide the card through. The gate will open and stay open for approximately 20 seconds which will allow anyone that has to get out of their vehicle time to get back in and drive through the gate. Do not park too close to the gate as the safety loops may not allow the gate to open. There is also a card reader on the inside to allow you to leave the range.

We will not be programming numbers every day, as we are all volunteers, so it may be a week to 10 days before your number is put back into the system if it is allowed to lapse.

Remember that this is a power gate and even though there are safety features you must exercise caution. If this gate closes on your car it will reverse and open back up but not before doing some damage to your vehicle.

Thanks again for supporting your East End Rod & Gun Club.