



**Desert Sportsman's Rifle
& Pistol Club
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Saturday November 2 is Work Party day!!!

Joe puts together a list of projects requiring a team effort to accomplish. We start at 6:30 AM with coffee and sweet rolls. Generally finishing by 10 AM and then dive into some hot dogs, beverages and great conversations. Remember when you assist at 2 work parties your next annual dues are reduced. Coffee, pastries, dogs, beverages, camaraderie and reduction of your next annual dues of \$50 for regular members and \$25 for Senior members after you help at 2 work parties.....**DUDE IT'S A PARTY!!!**

November 2, 2019 6:30 AM - Come on out and meet your fellow members.

November 7, 2019 GENERAL MEETING

Join us at the clubhouse at 6:30 PM for reports from the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Chief Instructor and Executive Range Officers.

Without commenting on more specific details, we can confirm that:

1. An Officer of the Club filed a Suspected Criminal Activity Report at the end of July 2019.
2. The suspected loss was reported to the members at the August 2019 General Membership Meeting. The Board is committed to full transparency regarding this matter. There will be no "cover up".
3. Metro's investigation has been completed and the case has been referred to the District Attorney's office with a recommendation that a warrant be issued for the arrest of the Club's former Treasurer, who has been terminated from the Club and appears to have fled the State. We will be able to explicitly name the party and share all details once that has occurred. There will be no "deal" with anyone involved...the Club will prosecute this matter to the full extent of the law.
4. There is no evidence at this time that more than one person was involved in the suspected theft.

We will keep the membership informed as new information develops.

Respectfully,

Howard Bloom

President DSRPC

Arlan Levitan

Vice President DSRPC

NOVEMBER 9, 2019 SWAP MEET



The Club will be selling optics at the Swap Meet that were generously donated by Nikon Optics. These optics will be offered to Club members on a "First come – first served" basis at extreme discounts. These optics should be purchased for member use and not resale.

MEMBER COMMENT: Submitted by Bruce Haley

<https://www.shootingillustrated.com/articles/2018/6/27/7-sins-of-firearm-safety/>

We all want to shoot in a safe, enjoyable atmosphere, whether shooting in a structured class at **Gunsite Academy**, participating in competitive sports, shooting at a public range or plinking with friends. Adherence to safety rules, courtesy towards other shooters and careful gun handling are all keys to a safe, enjoyable experience so consider my list of things to avoid; I call them the Seven Deadly Range Sins.

1. Ignoring essential safety rules and failing to follow instructions.

Some folks seem to think the rules don't apply to them and they can be very dangerous to be around. If they can't be persuaded to amend their behavior, it's probably best to get away from them. I'm not shy about sending people home from my classes if they are a danger to themselves or others. The way I see it, safety is essential and non-negotiable. Here are the essential rules:

- All guns are always loaded. Always.
- Never let the muzzle cover anything you don't wish to destroy.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on the target (and you intend to shoot).
- Be sure of your target – know what you are shooting at and where the bullet will go if it passes through the target.

2. Poor Gun Handling

We've all seen them. People who wave a gun around or can't seem to keep their finger off the trigger when they aren't shooting. The usual excuse when brought to their attention is, "But the gun isn't loaded." Well, maybe it is and maybe it isn't, but the rest of us have no way of knowing that. Gun handling and safety rules apply all the time. Always.

3. Speed Holstering

A sure prescription for shooting yourself, speed holstering is an evil habit. Slamming the gun into the holster, especially if the gun isn't on safe or decocked or if your finger is on the trigger can result in a nasty surprise. Should a piece of clothing or part of the holster contact the trigger as the gun is forcefully holstered, it's quite possible for a round to enter your leg, butt or crotch, depending upon where you carry. Think about that when considering your carry method and always holster slowly, reluctantly and carefully.

4. Turning around with a gun in your hand.

Go to most public ranges, and it won't take long before you'll see someone with a gun in their hands turn away from the firing line and sweep other shooters or bystanders. See Rule 2.

5. Bending over with a gun in your hand.

We seem programmed to reflexively bend over and immediately pick up anything we drop. This can be especially dangerous on a range, as we lose control of the muzzle, cover other people, or worse, put our head in line with other people handling firearms. If you drop something, leave it until the line is declared safe.

6. Handling firearms when the range is cold and people are down range or handling firearms behind the firing line.

When the range goes cold, all firearms should be unloaded and benched or holstered. Stepping back to the line to adjust your sights while others are repairing targets is not only dangerous it is downright discourteous. "But the gun isn't loaded" doesn't cut it. See Rule 1. The same thing applies to handling guns behind the firing line. Don't do it.

7. Not using proper eye and ear protection.

How many times have you seen people shooting who aren't wearing adequate eye and ear protection? While it may take a while to destroy your hearing, you can lose your eyesight in an instant. There's simply no excuse for not protecting both your eyes and your ears and you shouldn't allow anyone shooting with you to go unprotected. Same goes for observers and bystanders; just because they aren't shooting it doesn't mean they don't need protection.

So there you have it. My personal list of deadly range sins. There are others but these are the ones I see most often violated. Remember, safety is everyone's responsibility so take it upon yourself to make sure everyone shooting with you is able to enjoy a safe experience.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS



Max Speed on all DSRPC property is 10 MPH



No Ground Targets allowed at anytime on DSRPC Property.



Please show your drivers license and DSRPC ID at the guard shack.

2nd Amendment Corner

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.



MEMBER COMMENTS

This is a new area for the newsletter. I'll select a few comments that have come in from members to post in the section. Please email those comments to secretary@dsrpc.org.

Tell your fellow members about this newsletter.

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