

RANGE IMPROVEMENTS AT THE SOUTH FORK RIFLE CLUB

When members go to the range, they will see the improvements that have been made this fall. The range from the benches to the 100 yard berm has been filled in and leveled. The berms at 100, 300 and 500 yards have been reinforced and increased to stop bullets from going beyond the berms. The roadway to the berms has been graded and the stones that were laying on the roadway have been cleaned off to make it easier for members walking to the target stands. The 200 yard berm has had the area in front of it cleaned up and the fill used on the bench to 100 yard berm has been filled. About 500 tons of fill has been moved to do this project. The left side of the range has been trimmed to make the targets better seen from the benches on the left side of the firing line.

The range was closed for a couple of weeks while this project was being done. There is some additional work that will be done next spring. We are getting some topsoil and will plant grass on the left side of the range where the fill has been put. It would be greatly appreciated if members, when going downrange to the targets, if you see any loose stone, please throw over the edge on the left side.

Another thing members will notice is that we have secured another shed to use for our outside equipment and range boards. To get the shed into the position it is in, the fence on the left side of the gate had to be taken down and the shed moved in at that place. We noticed that there was a path worn in around the fence at that left side meaning that non members have been accessing the range by going around the fence there. The fence was put back up and extended somewhat, and some obstacles have been placed there to discourage this. If any member sees this or anyone on the range that didn't come in through the gate, please ask to see a membership card. Any member can do this. Only members in good standing should be using the range.

In addition to this work, the mower that has been used has had a couple of break downs this summer. That being the case it was decided that we should look into getting a replacement. We purchased a Kubota GS2020 Garden tractor with a 48 inch mower deck. We are going to see what we can fix on the old mower so we have a back up.

After all this work and money spent on the project and necessary equipment/buildings, we now see the need to raise the dues. The officers decided that we raise the dues to \$40.00 for renewals and \$45.00 for new members. The cost of maintaining the grounds and club, paying Oil, Gas, Electric and taxes have made this necessary. There are a couple of projects that need to be done next year and the increase in the dues will help these ongoing and future projects.

South Fork Rifle Club Officers