

# Oregon Association of Shooting Ranges

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Salem, OR

James Reed (ODF&W)

James is the point of contact for the Pittmon-Roberts fund. He states that there is about \$80,000 available each year. Applications are due by April 15 each year.

ODF&W wants to add the locations of state shooting ranges to the hunting maps they print. They also are looking into providing pellet gun trailers to be used in hunter safety training.

Stan Pate (OSSA president and OASR vice president)

A new director is needed for the air rifle program at the state fair. James Reed volunteered to take this job. Local clubs usually took one or more days to operate the program. There is always room for individuals to help out. Anyone wanting to help should contact James Reed at ODF&W.

Stan stated that an agreement had been reached between the Douglas Ridge Rifle Club, the complainant and the insurance company to settle the lawsuit against the club. The club will receive over \$1,000,000 from the insurance company. He said that the club intends to pay back the \$20,000 that the OASR had given to it to pay legal fees. He also said that it was a close run battle as at one time the DRCC was within 30 days of going bankrupt. The club apparently had changed insurance companies sometime during the ordeal. The company they had quit was responsible at the time it started though so they ended up paying. Stan says "keep your old insurance policies". **Most policies now do not cover environmental lawsuits!**

DRRC has installed a new type of material on their indoor range backstops that seems to work very well and reduces the amount of lead dust substantially. They also are installing shot curtains on their shotgun ranges with a new material. Check it out on the website of Hope Global—it is called "Pellet-XX".

George Pitts (OASR president)

The OASR will pursue legislation that will allow firearms training facilities on land zoned agricultural. Currently, they are only allowed on land zoned for forestry.

A small shooting club in southern Oregon belongs to the membership individually. A nearby casino has made plans that include the club's property with-out notifying the club. The apparent plan is to get casino employees or tribal members to join the club and then vote to sell the property to the casino. The club came to the OASR for advice. The only advice was to freeze the membership. **How is your club owned???**

Oregon was the first state to get a workable state range association going. Other states are interested in how it works and are asking for help. The National Association of Shooting Ranges (NASR) is funding representatives of the OASR to go to meetings in Washington and Wisconsin in January and March respectively for this purpose. Our organization now represents between 12,000 and 13,000 members of the various clubs in Oregon. This gives us more political clout than we would have individually.

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