



# CRC NEWS

COLORADO RIFLE CLUB



April 25, 2015



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## SPECIAL TRAINING FOR NEWER SHOOTERS

**MAY 9, 2015; 9 A.M.**

As our membership in CRC increases, we are moving further away from our core of experienced bulls-eye target shooters. Many of our members are more or less casual shooters with little interest in the more disciplined, more formal, old line bulls-eye sports. It's pretty obvious that a few of our members have never fired a gun or maybe have fired only a few times and do not know much about what they are doing. This can, and has, caused some safety problems, not through any deliberate action but simply through unfamiliarity with shooting in general and the special conditions involved in firing on a busy range among a number of other folks. We have apparently had a few new members who were so bewildered or intimidated by the rules laid out in our new member orientation program that they never came back.

We want to reach out to those folks and show them that range shooting can be fun, if different from field shooting. And, this is the only way you can shoot whenever you want. The mountains are too far away and there are too many other people running around the woods for any kind of safe shooting. The unsupervised ranges available in some areas are very dangerous places.

You have all been through our basic new member orientation which assumes that new members have some level of range experience and concentrates on safety and familiarization with the CRC property. As noted above, this is not enough and other clubs are finding the same situation, some going so far as to make further training mandatory for all entering members. Right now this program is experimental and voluntary for CRC, and your experience will help the Board of Directors decide on how to proceed.

Rob Rathburn has put together a program which will begin where our present orientation ends and will apply to all three firearms commonly used at CRC: rifles, handguns, and shotguns. About half of the time will be in the classroom and the other half on live firing on the Schuetzen range.

Topics will include:

Classroom

- The Four Firearms Safety Rules
- Definition of terms and safe gun handling; will include bolt and semi-automatic actions; pistols include revolvers and semi-auto types
- Sights - metallic and telescopic
- Loading / unloading, malfunctions
- General range procedures and etiquette
- Introduction to position, sight picture, trigger control

Range

- SAFE GUN HANDLING from car to firing line and while on the line
- Firing from the bench rest with your guns and ammo
- Concentrating on sight picture and trigger control
- Range commands, differences for different sports
- Individual help as needed

Logistics:

What to bring:

- Your choice of guns with 25 rounds (or more) for each. For this purpose .22 rim fire rifles and pistols are preferred because of the noise and recoil.
- EYE AND EAR PROTECTION
- Lunch and water
- Sandbags or other materials for resting your rifles

Time: May 9, 2015 Saturday.

Sign up at the Stat. Building on the small-bore range 8:30 to 9 A. M.  
Class starts at 9.

Young shooters (age 12 or older) welcome.

**Please notify Rob Rathburn ([rob.rathburn@q.com](mailto:rob.rathburn@q.com)) with your number of participants to help him prepare.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 25**

[Smallbore Prone League Warm-up and Free Clinic - Smallbore Range](#)

Marine Corp League - Schuetzen Range

Long Range Precision Rifle - Silhouette Range

600 Yard Benchrest - High Power Range

**April 26**

Cowboy Action - East Range Berms 1-7, 200

1000 Yd. Benchrest - High Power Range

**May 2**

[Highpower Any-Any/F-Class 600yd Fun Match - Highpower Range](#)

IDPA Range Officer Course - Smallbore Stat Building

Sporting Clays

USPSA Multigun - East Range Berms 7-13

IMHSA Smallbore - Silhouette Range

**May 3**

3X1000 High Power Match - High Power Range

High Power Rifle Silhouette - Silhouette Range

[30 Shot Garand Match - Schuetzen Range](#)

**May 9**

Firearms Safety For New & Non Competitive Members - Smallbore Stat Building & Schuetzen Range

Always check the [Event Schedule](#) for activities before going to the range!

## RANGE GATE DISCIPLINE

We are experiencing repeated instances of the range main gate being left open on weekdays.

The gate is generally left open on weekends when there is a scheduled event. In this case, the Match Director leaves the gate open for the competitors and either takes the lock or locks it on the chain so that the gate does not get locked behind him. At the end of the day, he closes and locks the gate.

**On week days, when only a small number of casual shooters enter the range, the gate should be closed and locked.** We don't want non-members seeing the gate open and entering and possibly shooting at a range. They don't know our safety protocols, have not signed a liability release waiver and invariably get locked inside when the gate finally is closed and locked.

Please observe the proper procedures when entering the range.

## ARCHERY RANGE



We are progressing with the construction of a 3-D walk-through archery range that will be located in the Bijou Creek area west of the sporting clays.

CRC member Dana Scott, with the help of a few other members, has designed and laid out the course. Lifelike foam targets have been ordered and will be put in place shortly.

This will not be a large comprehensive course, but will offer an interesting challenge for the archer. We will have room to expand it at a later time if the interest warrants.

Those interested helping Dana can contact him at [danas1231@comcast.net](mailto:danas1231@comcast.net).

## LONG RANGE FUN MATCHES

A group of highpower competitors have put together a last minute program of highpower fun matches on the weekend of May 2nd & May 3rd as a substitute for the Armed Forces Memorial Match that was cancelled that weekend.

**On Saturday, May 2nd, there will be a 600yd Any-Any/F-Class match and on Sunday, May 3rd, a 3x1000yd match.**

Both of these are set up for fun and all are welcome to compete. For more information, contact

- Jack at [jackmonturi@hotmail.com](mailto:jackmonturi@hotmail.com) for the 600yd and
- Adrian at [adrian.harris@mac.com](mailto:adrian.harris@mac.com) for the 1000yd event

## RECENT MATCH RESULTS

.22LR Rimfire Steel Dogs  
[February 8, 2015 Match](#)

Cowboy Action Sand Creek Raiders  
[March 2015 Monthly Match](#)  
[March Side Matches](#)

IHMSA Pistol Silhouette  
[March 22, 2015](#)

USPSA Pistol  
[February 14, 2015](#)  
[March 14, 2015](#)

Steel Challenge  
[January 17, 2015](#)

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