



CRC NEWS

COLORADO RIFLE CLUB



September 7, 2015

Do you do your part to make your range safe and fun for everyone? This article includes many volunteer opportunities!

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NEWS FROM THE SUMMER— HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CLUB!

New Membership

We have received about 132 new members in 2015 compared with 170 at this time a year ago. The pace of new members seems to be slowing for unknown reasons. We now have about 1200 members. We are having some trouble in getting volunteers for various works. Remember, this is your club and if it is going to work, it needs participation by all members. The alternative is to hire help and that would result in large dues increases. We do need more member participation in the operation of the club and are looking for members willing to put in time commitments to various functions.

Rob Rathburn ran an advanced orientation for new shooters in early June. Of seven who had signed up, two people appeared which was disappointing. However, those folks appeared glad that they had come. We have safety concerns with inexperienced shooters on the ranges. Other area clubs are having the same problem and several have resorted to tough measures, such as compulsory training for all new members. The Board of Directors is still looking for solutions to the problem.

Archery Range

The archery range construction was wiped out by the flood on Bijou creek this spring. Member Scott Dana, assisted by Steve Kingcade and several helpers, have laid out a new course. Most materials are on hand except that they need about a dozen pallets which seem to be in short supply for some reason. The pallets will support and anchor the 3D targets. No estimate is available for completion of the project. This is a good work bond project for archery folks. Call Steve Kingcade at 303 644-3523.

Sporting Traps

Practice traps for the sporting clays field are in place next to the south half of the parking area, and available for use by members at any time except during scheduled clays events. There are five traps and six firing points so that by combining trap position and firing position one can simulate any sporting clay situation except an incoming target. Members must be careful with the traps! If struck full-on by the trap arm, serious injury could result including possible broken bones. Traps must always be cocked in the counter-clockwise direction and must be released at the end of shooting. Steve is investing creating a video on the safe operation of the traps with the help of a new member who does video production. Remember, you must bring your own targets when using the practice traps. They are available at most sporting goods stores.

East Range

Maintenance and drainage work on the east range this spring was successful. The ditch is occasionally muddy due to the flat slope and two or three wooden bridges across it would be desirable. Wayne Harris is trying to organize a survey crew to map the range contours for planning future work.

Weeds

The weed situation has gotten a bit out of hand due to the extreme rain earlier this year. Our weed contractor has been concentrating on goat head burrs. He still needs reports on locations to be treated. We have made arrangements for a mitigation program for the mullein weed which has become quite prevalent on parts of the ranges.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 10-13

[Colorado State USPSA
Pistol Championship - East
Range Berms 1-11](#)

Sept 12

Lever Rifle Silhouette -
Silhouette Range

[.22 ARA Benchrest CRC
Club Tournament -
Schuetzen Range](#)

Sept 12-13

100 Shot Regional High
Power Championship - High
Power Range

Sept 13

[47th Annual Junior and
Oddball Smallbore Prone -
Smallbore Range](#)

Smallbore Rifle Silhouette -
Silhouette Range

[Steel Dogs Rimfire - East
Range Berm 200](#)

Sept 19

[Vintage Sniper Team
Match - High Power Range](#)

Marine Corp League -
Schuetzen Range

Steel Challenge - East
Range Berms 1-9

Sept 19-20

[Project Appleseed -
Silhouette Range](#)

Sept 20

Sporting Clays

[CRC Bullseye Pistol
Championship](#)

Sept 26

[600yd Any Any High Power
Prone & F Class - High
Power Range](#)

IDPA Pistol - East Range
Berms 1-7

Long Range Precision Rifle
- Silhouette Range

Sept 27

[Smallbore Prone League
Fun Shoot & Picnic -
Smallbore Range](#)

[Colorado State Palma/F-
Class Championship - High
Power Range](#)

Cowboy Action - East
Range Berms 1-7, 200

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

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News from the Summer, continued...

First Aid Equipment

In a recent orientation, a new member called attention to our lack of first aid kits and deliberators placed around the property. We need to work on closer coordination with the Byers VFD as well as the sheriff and ambulance service. We need to know how and when to call for a helicopter. Must we wait for a first responder to arrive and call it or are there some indicators that will permit us to do so without waiting a half hour or longer for the first responder to arrive?

There are various kinds of first aid kits especially general kits and trauma kits. Deliberators require frequent battery charges and cannot be left in unheated buildings over the winter because the cold degrades the batteries rapidly. They are not difficult to use but one needs to be able to recognize the situation where they will be helpful. Periodic maintenance of all kits is necessary because of normal usage as well as pilferage and deterioration of the products.

We plan to place general first aid kits and fire extinguishers on each range and elsewhere around the property. Trauma kits and possibly a deliberator could be located in the house and Match Directors would take one or both to their event and return them to the house at the end of the day. Some basic training of the Match Directors probably will be needed.

We need a member, hopefully in the medical supply business, to advise on purchase and location of kits and to inspect them monthly, replacing supplies as needed. We also need a member to advise on the purchase and placement of fire extinguishers and attend to periodic recharge and other maintenance. CRC will, of course, pay for all purchases and the member would receive work bond credit for his efforts which do not appear to be very difficult.

Electricity at the East Range

We are proceeding with the application to the power company for electrical service by meeting with IREA on site to help determine power company installation costs. CRC will then distribute power to 14 new RV electrical pedestals at the East Range and power to a pedestal at the South-East corner of the large sun shade. Extension of electrical power to the silhouette range is not included in the project at this time.

Hay Harvest

The CRP managers have advised us that we must harvest hay on 61.5 acres of the area between the silhouette and high power ranges. The hay remains our property but must be removed from the land by September 30, 2015. Do we have a farmer member interested in doing the job?

Arvada Range

There is a large recreational and environmental development in planning by Jefferson County and the City of Arvada in NW Arvada. Significantly, the plan includes several acres for a public 200 yard rifle range. Both the City and County governments seem strongly committed to the range and this is good news for all shooters.

RECENT MATCH RESULTS

[08-08-15 CRC ARA .22 Rimfire Benchrest Colorado State
Tournament Results](#)

[2015 .22LR Rimfire Steel Dogs Results: August 9, 2015 Match](#)

[Colorado State Smallbore Prone Championship](#)

Colorado state champion Adrian Harris, pictured right with the trophy

[65th Annual Redfield Metric Smallbore Prone](#)

