

# CRC NEWS, NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2014

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS HOLIDAY SEASON TO ALL!

## **FUTURE PLANNING . . .**

With the purchase of the half section to our north for a buffer area, we are now at a point where we need to focus on improving the infrastructure of the range and plan and budget for future improvements.

The directors have formed a group to look at future needs and development of the East Range. When the East Range was constructed, the only activities planned for it beyond casual shooting were the cowboy action competitors. Now we find a half dozen or more action sports that are actively conducting events plus we find that the majority of our new members seem to be headed for the East Range. As a result we feel we must plan and budget for maintenance and improvements such as another toilet, improved drainage, another building and more sunshades. Further out we must raise the backstop for safety, install electricity and a number of other items.

Among other things, we need to improve our roads, build a club house and a number of other things. Looking ahead, we want to have a group or committee to plan future needs, the costs and budgets involved and the timelines. Members that have planning and/or budget experience who would like to participate in the long range planning of the club should contact President Dennis Reul at [denreul@comcast.net](mailto:denreul@comcast.net).

## **AND . . .**

In our new member orientation sessions we emphasize our new shooter clinics, smallbore league and some of our other opportunities for new shooters to learn about our sports. Many of those who are not experienced competitive shooters do not have a good grasp of range procedures and basic safe gun handling or how to get involved in shooting sports. We should have a means to provide sessions or events to address the new shooter and give instruction on some basic gun handling and possibly how to get involved in the some of our competitive events. We know we have many members who are certified instructors in various shooting disciplines and we need to tap them to conduct some instructional events. Again, anyone who would like to be part of these types of activities, please contact Dennis Reul, [denreul@comcast.net](mailto:denreul@comcast.net).

## **OTHER NEWS**

Some 50 cal. BMG bullets have been found on the range. Use of 50 BMG rifles is strictly forbidden because of the damage they can do to targets and backstops and if they happen to get over a backstop they can go for miles and do serious damage when they hit something, like a cow or a person, for example. 50 cal. lead bullets from a black powder rifle are ok, just not the BMG.

# IMPROPER AMMUNITION ON STEEL TARGETS

The Silhouette range in particular is experiencing problems with shooters using **Armor Piercing, Steel core** or **Steel jacketed** ammunition. These ammunitions are putting holes in the club provided gongs.

Please check your ammunition and do not use **Armor Piercing, Steel core** or **Steel jacketed** ammunition on the CRC ranges.

We are seeing hits on the low concrete wall on the front of the HP pit in front of the steel target. This wall is there to prevent hits on the hatch covers and possible bullets getting into the pit. Mark Passamanack will undertake a fix sometime this winter, but shooters should try to avoid low shots when using the steel targets. By the way . . . Mark recently posted a sign with rules for the steel targets, and someone else promptly stole it, maybe for a bar decoration. We hope that member enjoys it, and it will be replaced. Please don't take the new one.

A couple of new bullet holes have been found in the maintenance building. **KEEP THOSE SHOTS IN THE BACKSTOP!!!**

## MORE OTHER NEWS

Construction of the new benches on the 600 yard line of the HP range is underway but delayed by the weather. They will be in place by spring.

The recently purchased land has been leased for farming, as previously reported. The south half has been planted to winter wheat and the north half will be planted to corn next spring. Our share of the 2014 wheat crop has not yet been sold.

Five new practice traps have been purchased for member use in the sporting clays area. They will be placed out on the shotgun field rather than in the shed because improper handling of the old traps has led to damage, which we hope to avoid.

Our road grader, like some of our members, is old, fragile and a little temperamental. The next major breakdown may send it to the scrap yard. But, with a little TLC, it will still do a lot of good work. We need a few **SKILLED** blade men to go over our roads three or four times a year. We know there are some among our members. Please contact Steve Kingcade at [crcssgk@comcast.net](mailto:crcssgk@comcast.net) if you wish to help. Alternatively, if you have the ability to teach any member who wishes to operate the grader, again contact Steve.

We understand that the Arvada Rifle and Pistol Club is still offering a discount to CRC members who join before their indoor range is completed. Pistol and air rifle is running. 50 ft. smallbore is still under construction. Contact Wayne Harris [wvharris@q.com](mailto:wvharris@q.com) for details.

Club membership right now is at 1350 with 250 new members joining this year.

## **COMING DATES**

The 2015 calendar is nearing completion and will be posted on the web site by January 1. At the moment there are 215 events scheduled with a couple of sports yet to report. The Match Directors Workshop is scheduled for January 17 at the offices of Martin/Martin as before. All Match Directors as well as anyone interested in helping run club events should attend. Lunch will be served.

The Annual Meeting and dinner is scheduled for Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at the Sheraton Denver West.

## **2015 DUES**

Dues notices for 2015 will be mailed after the first of the year when the books are closed for the current year. The amount due will include the work bond for those who did not complete their obligation in 2014. Members who will turn 65 in the coming year will become work bond exempt.