



CRC NEWS

COLORADO RIFLE CLUB



September 2020

REMINDER:

Always check the [Event Schedule](#) for Activities Before Going to the Range!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to **Dave Kiser and Dave Slingsby** who volunteered to make target frames on September 29th. We did not have Spring Work Days due to COVID and were completely out of target frames for the East Range and Pistol Range. We really appreciate you guys!
—Wayne Harris

FALL WORK DAYS

The CRC ranges will be closed on October 3rd and 4th for the annual fall workdays. We need member volunteers to help us complete projects to get the ranges ready for winter and to make improvements. The great facility we have is due to volunteers that contribute their time and talents. Coming out for either Saturday or Sunday will satisfy your work bond obligation for the year. There is no need to pre-register. If you are able to help us, come up to the ranch house around 8am to sign in and get a work assignment. Dress for the weather and bring a lunch.

Special precautions, and considerations of other members need to be observed for this activity. We completely cancelled the spring work bond weekend to respect the state rules regarding the pandemic, and to be certain that we erred on the side of caution regarding the health of the members. This fall we are able to hold the work bond weekend, but to do so safely we need to follow some new rules:

1. If you consider yourself a vulnerable individual, please do not attend.
2. If it is possible you may have been exposed to the virus recently, or have any of the common symptoms associated with the disease, please do not attend.
3. If you are unwilling to wear a mask if asked, please do not attend
4. Please wear a mask when indoors at the ranch house, if other volunteers in your work party are uncomfortable working without everyone wearing a mask, or when maintaining a 6 foot distance is not practical.

Work parties will be limited to less than 10 people.

If you have special expertise, such as carpentry, mechanics, welding, etc., make it known when you sign in. Remember to bring your work bond card with you to get it signed at the end of the workday, and get credit for your work bond. Also, if you have common hand tools, drill drivers, wrenches, etc. bring them with you. The club has a minimal number of tools available.

If you have additional questions, contact Dave Paananen at dpaananen@netzero.net or 303-673-0106

NEEDED: 15-GALLON CARBOYS

Help with a project needed:

I have an ongoing project to make some more of the shooting stools we use at CRC (pictured below). I need about 20 of these 15-gallon carboys (pictured right) to make the bases.

Do you know of any source where we can get them for next to nothing?

Contact Dave Paananen dpaananen@netzero.net



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CLUBHOUSE AND CUP UPDATE

I last reported that on June 16, 2020 we had our final virtual Public Hearing with the Adams County Commissioners. On June 18 the Resolution approving the Conditional Use Permit was signed and recorded. I then worked with our Case Manager and we provided Mylar originals of the Right of Way (ROW) Vacation Plat of 112th Avenue and the ROW dedication documents for Rector Leader Road. On August 7, 2020 we were notified that the ROW Vacation document was Signed and Recorded. After 32 years and five different applications for the ROW Vacation I was finally able to have the two miles of 112th Avenue ROW going through the center of our 2560 acre property vacated. This was not an easy feat but perseverance paid off.

The Adams County Building Department at the end of July had requested that we obtain an Overall Approval from the Fire Department for all of the building permits that we had applied for. On August 3, 2020 I reached out to the Strasburg Fire Marshal for such a document. I also talked to the Fire Marshal during our conference call with the architect to work out issues with our Club House on August 6. The Fire Marshal was having a lot of issues with his own County CUP and putting out a lot of Wild Fires so I did not receive his response until August 26, 2020. He indicated that no permits or inspections from the Fire Department will be required for the 28 existing and 1 proposed structures being permitted by the Building Department. This information was resubmitted individually for all of our structures.

The covered firing line for the Silhouette Range was originally thought to be constructed in 1998. Range Director Bill Stark conducted additional research and determined that the Covered Firing Line and concrete slab was actually constructed in 2007. Our Structural Engineer in preparing his "Engineers Evaluation" had determined that the 3 - 2"X12" beam under the roof trusses between columns met less than half of the requirement needed for a 30 PSI snow load. This will require CRC to add a 1 3/4" X 11 7/8" LVL beam to be sistered to each of the 36 beams (18 bays) in the Covered Firing Line. Material cost is some \$3,500 and installation may be more than what Dave Paananen can do with volunteer labor.

As of this date we have received 13 of our requested 29 building permits. Of these submittals, five permits are still awaiting their first review. All but one of the Coast to Coast sun shades/carports have been approved. We are making progress.

We have been working with our Club House's General Contractor, James Davis from Buyers, on obtaining a preliminary construction cost estimate. With a lot of assistance from CRC member Dan Harris and our architect, they prepared a design narrative in order to assist our GC in determining the preliminary construction cost. I have found out through this process that commercial construct is a lot more expensive and complicated then residential construction. For example all drywall is 5/8" thick rather than the 1/2" required in residential. All electrical wiring must be placed in conduit rather than just using romax. In Commercial structures all duct work must have an inch of insulation and fixtures such as door knobs are three times the cost. Bathroom fixtures are also more robust and cost double of a residential facility. Our preliminary construction cost estimate is some three quarters of a million dollars which was not helped by the fact that in the last six months lumber prices have doubled and concrete prices have risen over 50%. We will probably work on permitting and cost savings the remainder of this year with construction starting in spring of 2021.

Respectfully submitted, Wayne Harris

TOYS FOR TOTS FUN MATCH

Toys For Tots fun match on Nov 22: 60 shots rifle (plus sighters) and 20 rounds pistol. Any safe rifle or pistol (including revolvers) are allowed.

Entry fee is 1 (or more) toy, "new in box," for the USMC Toys for Tots Program. USMC will not distribute "realistic looking weapons". Besides toys for younger children, there is a need for pre-teens. For example: sports equipment (balls, mitts), skateboards, purses, make-up kits, etc. For other Jars reading this, make-up kits does not mean camo face make ups.

To participate or donate contact Pete Jend epjend317@gmail.com



WE MOVED A LITTLE DIRT ON THE SILHOUETTE RANGE TODAY

This event started innocently enough Friday September 12th about noon. I asked the job foreman of the soil restoration crew if we could have any leftover dirt for berm maintenance. I was only asking for a couple of truckloads dropped for us to spread later on work bond days.

Over the last twenty years the weather has wreaked havoc on the berms exposing the concrete rail supports at the Silhouette Range. The exposed concrete has been hit with hundreds of bullets over the last few years knocking off big chunks. We were in danger of major rail repair without getting the concrete covered again.

It just so happened that ALL of the monster pile of blended quality remediation soil was surplus and to be returned to the Keenesburg yard. My timing was perfect for them as they would have spent a fortune in fuel and labor to haul it back.

The foreman got permission to just donate the dirt to CRC. I showed the foreman where I wanted the dirt dropped and he told me straight up it would better for us and them to just do the berm repair themselves. They had the time, materials, and machinery to make short work of the job. The only time slot they had was the next morning during our match. I gave the OK on Friday afternoon.

I canceled our Saturday morning match, and my shooters and work bond labor all grabbed shovels and pitched in where needed. Everyone was thrilled to get the berms and rails repaired. All five major target berms have been restored to like when new in 1999.

Here is the unbelievable part: ALL materials, labor, fuel, and machine time was DONATED to CRC...free of charge!!! The time spent by three operators and 10 CRC members was 5 hours start to finish. We did shoot one silhouette match on the new berms this afternoon.

I am still stunned by this generous offer from this contractor based in Prospect Valley right up the road from CRC. We would have spent thousands of dollars to get this work done by a contractor. It was way out of our capability to do the proper quality work they did today.

All told we received twenty truckloads of premium quality dirt. We even have a spare pile of eight loads of quality soil at our disposal

Signed,
a very tired Bob McAlice



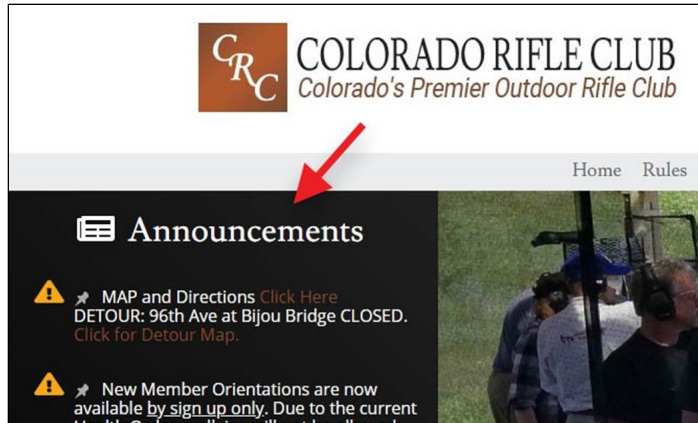
NEW WEBSITE

The new, redesigned, re-envisioned CRCl.org website has launched!

If you haven't yet, be sure to check it out! The website has many new features, and is now fully mobile responsive and will adapt to all sizes of display types including smart phones, tablets.

Important club announcements are still at the top left of the home page as shown in the image below: Remember to always check the website announcements as well as the Event Schedule before going to the range.

Sherri Stuska



COLORADO HIGH POWER RIFLE LONG RANGE CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2020 Colorado State High Power Rifle Long Range Championships were held August 29-30 at Colorado Rifle Club (CRC) near Byers, CO. CRC is Colorado's premier outdoor shooting facility, and the only 1000 yard range in Colorado accessible to the public. Situated on the High Plains of Colorado, CRC is renowned for difficult wind conditions. Wind gusts of up to 25 mph were recorded on day two of the match.

Thirty-three competitors from 6 states vied for the honor of Colorado State High Power Rifle champion in four categories: Palma Rifle, Any Rifle, F-Open, and FTR. Several National Team members attended resulting in a very competitive field.

A huge thank you to all of our volunteers, without whom it would be impossible to run a match, especially, our fantastic Stat Officer Maureen Hassing.

More photos are on Shutterfly at the following link: <https://link.shutterfly.com/mT5keuxjE9>

Dennis M. Casey



Congratulations to all competitors, especially the following 2020 Colorado State Long Range Champions, pictured left to right:
 Adrian Harris - Palma Rifle (prior winner in 2017)
 Dave Nirode - Any Rifle (prior winner in 2017, 2018)
 Emil Kovan - F-Open (prior winner in 2014, 2015, 2019)
 Dean Wheeler - FTR

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

This has been a busy year for CRC. About 300 new members have attended Orientation so far in 2020, and the club has about 1,800 members now.

Sherri Stuska

COLORADO SMALLBORE PRONE RIFLE CHAMPIONHIP



The 2020 Colorado State Smallbore Prone Rifle Champion is Adrian Harris, pictured left with the trophy.

The 2020 Colorado State Smallbore Prone Rifle Junior Champion is Jacob Oberle, pictured right.



USNRT RAFFLE

The United States National Rifle team is having a fundraising raffle for a quad ATV. Tickets are \$100 and only 150 will be sold. The USNRT consists of about 130 members that are selected through a tryout process. Once on the team, you are eligible to tryout for various other teams that represent the USA in world class level Long Range rifle competition. The primary focus is the Palma team match which is shot every 4 years along with the individual World Championships. The next Palma Team match will be fired in South Africa in 2023 and the tryout process to make the Palma team is underway. CRC has 3 members that are on the USNRT. Charles Clark, Adrian Harris, and Eron Ahmer. Adrian was a member of the 2019 team that represented the USA in New Zealand. Charles is trying out to be a wind coach and Adrian and Eron are trying out to be Shooter's for the next Palma team.

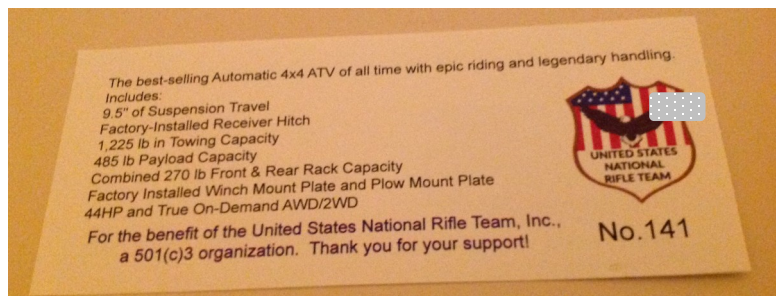
In the past, the NRA has provided significant funding to field these teams. That is no longer the case, so the biggest challenge going forward is fundraising. If you are able to and would like to support the team, you can purchase tickets by sending a check made out to USNRT, Inc. to.....

John Field
38 Rood Hill Rd.
Sandisfield, MA 01255

Or you can use Venmo @John-Field-32

Once paid you will receive a picture of your ticket. The drawing for the winner will be held during the Palma Team tryout which will take place at the Ben Avery range in Phoenix in October.

Thanks from the USNRT! The USNRT, Inc. is a 501(C)3 organization, so donations are tax deductible charitable contributions



ADS FOR MEMBERS FROM MEMBERS

FREE: BHA cardboard ammo boxes, plastic trays, styro trays. All for .223, holds 50.

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Midway competition range bag (blk) "like new." Reinforced stitching - Heavy Duty zippers. Removable carry strap with shoulder pad
17" x 10" x 10" Main compartment. \$50.00

New AR 9mm upper - Tiger Rock Inc. California. 16 " barrel 1:10 twist - black nitride. Complete upper assembly w/ forward assist & dust cover. Muzzle brake for 1/2"/36 pitch-5 ports. 12 in. handguard M-Lok (FMLUS-12D). Bolt carrier 9mm nitride & standard charging handle
\$450.00

For Sale also

The Arvada Rifle and Pistol Club has initiated a program to sell **Swaged and Jacketed pistol caliber bullets** made by Zero Bullets to the ARPC and CRC membership. The program is starting now and will end October 31, 2020. Please check the [ARPC website for instructions](#) and a fillable Order Form. We may have this information placed on the CRC website so check the home page "announcement" for future updates.
Wayne Harris <wwharris@q.com>

Ads are provided as a courtesy to members. Members are expected to comply with all State and Federal laws. To place an ad in an upcoming newsletter email Sherri @ sherri@mavcom.com

FOR SALE

AR-15 COMPLETE A-2 UPPERS

CMP-EIC NATIONAL MATCH

Upper #1 – DPMS National Match Upper – 20" Heavy Barrel, 1-in-8" twist, free-float handguard, green color. As new-in-box, but I do not have the box, I received this new, but indirectly, and have never fired a round through the upper. I cannot guarantee accuracy, but expect that it will hold 10 shots inside the 12" 10-Ring of a 600 yard High Power rifle target at 600 yards with good ammo and good technique. Weight of upper alone is 6 lb-8 oz. Asking \$500 OBO

Upper #2 – No Name National Match Upper – 20" Heavy-ish Barrel, Twist - ? (probably 1-in-8") free-float handguard, black color. Used. This upper was on a rifle that a friend bought from Neal Johnson's Gunsmithing Inc. in the late 1990s. Story was the rifle had been built by an AMU armorer of good reputation for a retiring Army shooter, who later sold it through Neal Johnson's. I bought it from my friend when he needed some money. Inspection with a bore scope shows some copper in the bore, but no real wear or "alligator skin" in the leade area. I have never shot this upper. Weight is 5 lb- 11 oz. Asking \$400 OBO



I have no real use for these uppers with carry handles and iron sights. Hope they can find a good home. Note that no background check is needed for a transfer as these are not firearms.

Contact me by Voice or Text: Doug Maxwell:
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