

Colorado Rifle Club Newsletter

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Jerry Davidson

Long time CRC member Jerry Davidson passed away May 13 from lymphoma. He was cremated and wanted no services. He was modest and didn't tell most of us about his cancer.

Jerry was a Marine from the Korean War era (he did not have to fight that one), but that reveals his age. He was a longtime highpower shooter who believed in the model 70 Winchester in .30-06, and shot at Camp Perry in the days of marine style canvas shooting coats with minimal padding. He shot matches at Buffalo Creek until about 1990, and then when the Colorado Rifle Club moved to Byers, took on the highpower range development and then ran matches for about 16 years, including some renowned long range championships in the 90's attended by most of the US Palma team. In addition his highpower clinics schooled more than a few of the masters in this area that you know today through their baby steps to learn the ins and outs of the sport. He was a CRC Director for many years and did a lot of construction and maintenance work on the property.

Jerry was a mining engineer and worked for commercial companies and the federal government in mine safety. Also he personified the "Norwegian bachelor farmer" on the "Prairie Home Companion" radio show. That is, a hardworking Norwegian North Dakotan who would marry eventually only after he got the homestead ready for a bride (my artistic license). Jerry believed in careful planning, and if he hadn't passed too early, he might have achieved that goal. He had some good genes; his mother lived about a hundred years.

Jerry was not recoil-shy. We remember one time after a match he had just bought a 5-shot Smith and Wesson .357 and had some full power self-defense ammo to shoot. It seemed not to faze him; he offered me a try--no thanks! Also I watched him shoot a light weight mod 70 in 375 H&H; he said, "it doesn't kick too much." Yeah, right.

He has left the range, and will be missed.
(Thanks to Jim Monserud)

John Zobens, Charles Semmer

CRC has also learned that members John Zobens and Charles Semmer passed away recently. We regret that we do not have any further details.

Linnebur Land Purchase

The purchase of 320 acres of land to serve as a buffer zone behind the East Range, which was described in the last Newsletter, was closed on June 24. We can now breathe a little easier but we still need to get more land to the north of our ranges for safety and to prevent development too close to us for comfort. This does not in any way lessen the importance of keeping ALL shots within the backstop for whatever range you are using.

The land at present includes 160 acres of wheat of which we will share half the harvest with the previous owner. We have made arrangements with an area wheat farmer to prepare the land for next year's wheat planting which must be done this fall. Long term we will evaluate whether to put the ground in CRP if the program becomes available again or can we get a better return by crop sharing or leasing the land.

Steel Targets

CRC has purchased steel targets for use by members on the High Power range and the East Range 200 yard berm. Their use is restricted to the following conditions:

High Power: The legs, axles and targets must be removed from the High Power range unless they are actually being used. They will be stored in the Pit. The two stands are located in front of the lane numbers for 20 and 21.

East Range: The legs, axles and targets will be left up unless other approved targets are being used on the berm.

The uprights may only be set in the steel tubes that have been set in the ground on the backstop berm. The strike plates on the uprights face towards the shooter. Impact velocity on the CRC targets must be under 3000fps and the slug weight must not exceed 300 grains. ONLY bullets constructed of copper and/or lead may be used! There is a 10" and a 18" gong and they may be used on the same, or different axles. Cotter pins need to be used on the axle at the uprights and midspan to keep the targets from walking. You may hang your own targets on the axles provided they are of AR500 steel. If you see a target or axle that is damaged, remove it from use and take the target to the shop.

While the targets and axles will not last forever, judicious use will allow them to last for quite a while. The club realizes that stuff placed downrange will get shot. However, while these targets and stands allow great flexibility to be used to hang member targets, the CRC owned targets are easily removed to allow the greatest utilization of the range facilities. If members take care of them, they will remain. If they are abused, they will not be replaced.

If you have a question or have removed a damaged target or axle, please send an email to markpcolo@gmail.com.
(Thanks to Mark Pasamaneck)

Arvada Rifle and Pistol Club

For members that are unaware, our friends at the Arvada Rifle and Pistol Club (ARPC) have moved into a new 36,000 sq. ft. facility at 5930 McIntyre St in Golden. The facility includes an indoor 25 meter pistol and small bore rifle range, three indoor air gun ranges and an indoor 50 foot pistol/small bore range (currently under construction). For a limited time (until the 50 foot pistol range is completed), ARPC is offering a 50% initiation fee discount for CRC members. For those interested in taking advantage of this extraordinary opportunity, please see the Arvada Rifle and Pistol Club website at <http://www.arpcinc.com/>