



CRC NEWS

COLORADO RIFLE CLUB



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REMINDER:

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

Check out volunteer opportunities on page 7!

HOW TO OPEN THE LOCK

Article by Nick Obee. Photos by Bob McAlice.

A new lock system has been installed to eliminate improper locking using the old chain.



This new system has positions for six locks. For the gate to be locked, all six locks must be locked in their respective positions. If any lock is removed, the gate is unlocked and the sliding mechanism can be moved to the right allowing the gate to be opened. In the picture above, the gate is locked. In the image on the right, it is unlocked and can be opened.



Match Directors remove the lock and keep it with them when holding a match, so it is possible that the CRC lock is missing. The lock will be replaced, and gate locked, when the Match Director leaves the range at the completion of the match.

The CRC combination lock occupies the far right lock position and is engraved as shown at left.

The numbers of the combination need to be lined up in the top line (where the 0's are) on the bottom of the lock to allow the lock to open.



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BULLETS ON STEEL

Article and photos by Bill Stark

The Colorado Rifle Club has gone to considerable expense to provide steel gongs on various ranges for the convenience of the membership and guests. The photos below are evidence of the lack of respect for CRC property shown by some members. Some of the damage is due to members and guests not understanding properties of the ammunition they are shooting and not following established club policy regarding destructive ammunition (that were presented in the last Newsletter).



The general rules that have been in place for many years prohibit the use of steel core and armor piercing ammunition at CRC. One of the problems is that many members and guests do not understand the properties of the ammunition they are shooting at CRC. Many folks are simply purchasing the cheapest, often imported, ammunition that they can find. Some general things to look for include:

- If the bullet has a black tip it is very likely armor piercing (and therefore not allowed).
- If the bullet has a green tip it is likely steel core (and is not to be shot on steel).

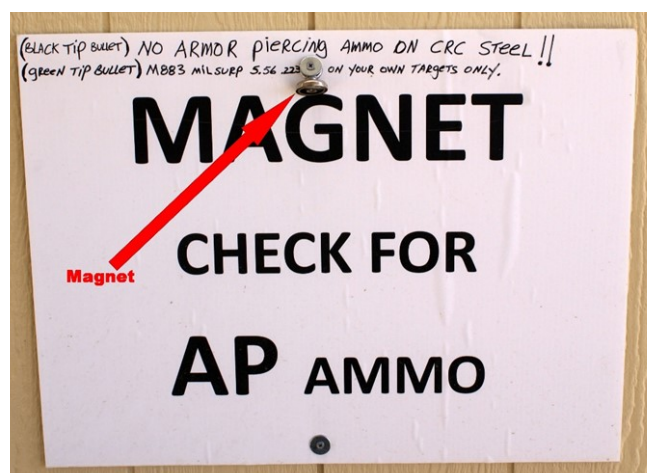
Neither of these ammunitions are permitted for use on CRC provided steel targets. On many of the ranges at CRC a facility has been added for the shooter to test their ammunition for compliance with CRC rules; see sign image below. The purpose of these facilities is for the shooter to test their ammunition prior to shooting any steel that they did not bring to CRC. The test is extremely simple: Hold one of your rounds up to the magnet. If the bullet sticks to the magnet: DO NOT SHOOT THAT AMMUNITION ON CRC PROVIDED STEEL TARGETS.

If you inadvertently shoot CRC-prohibited ammunition and you see that you have penetrated a steel gong: STOP SHOOTING THAT AMMUNITION IMMEDIATELY! Take it home with you when you leave.

Much of the damage as seen in the initial photographs are simply wanton destruction of CRC property. There is no reason to destroy CRC property. It is your money that pays for the targets. The horizontal bars that were severed by bullets are clearly examples of wanton destruction. (Whoever shot these had to expend considerable time and ammunition to cause this level of destruction.)

It is expected that when a member or guest is caught destroying CRC property, that the Board of Directors will take appropriate action against that individual.

In the near future, after the distribution of this information to the general membership, the gongs on the Silhouette range will be replaced if there is evidence of reduced destruction.



CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND CLUB HOUSE UPDATE

Article by Wayne Harris

On July 29, 2019 we presented our application for the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to the Adams County Planning Staff. The hard copy was some half-an-inch thick and we also provided a thumb drive with all of the information as a PDF. Included was a check for a total of \$1,250 for review fees.

I had requested an exemption from preparing a "Traffic Impact Study" as per the three previous submittals (IE 1988, 1995, and 2005). We were denied the exemption request for this addendum submittal. We contracted with CivTrans Engineering to prepare the report that needed to be stamped by a Traffic Engineer. The draft report was reviewed by the Club House Committee and submitted to the Planning Department on Friday, August 30. The Submittal was then deemed acceptable and was forwarded to Staff and Stakeholders for review on Tuesday, September 3. There is a maximum 35 days allowed for the reviews and then a report will be prepared with their comments. We will then respond to their questions and, if they are acceptable to staff, we can be scheduled for a Public Meeting at a Planning Commission meeting.

During the review of our submittal by County Staff it was determined that we needed to prepare a "Administrative Relief from Landscaping Requirements" application. In the Adams County Development Regulations, Chapter 4 entitled "Design Requirements and Performance Standards" contains 299 pages of requirements. They are written for a Urban development and not a Rural prairie development. Some requirements are for a 6' high wood fence around any shooting facility and a tree planted every 80 LF' along our property line. Every RV space is to have a two trees and two bushes. With our past amendments we had asked for an exemption and it was granted. Now we have a separate, formal submittal process. Our application was reviewed by our case manager on two occasions and was formally submitted on September 4. This hard copy of the submittal was only 3/8"-thick and included an electronic copy and a check for \$600.

After a lot of prompting and offering of a ride we were able to have our Case Manager visit the CRC facility. He attended our two-hour orientation meeting and was impressed with our history and the fact all ranges are set up to run independent of each other. We had been indicating we generally have a hundred cars visit on a weekend and a max of two hundred cars for big matches. We had forgotten to check the calendar and this was a big weekend. At 9:00 AM we noted some 14 RV trailers parked at the East Range and some 40 vehicles. The Silhouette range had 6-8 trailers and some 30 -35 cars. The High Power range had some 40 vehicles and the line was almost full, indicating the other two thirds of the shooters were either in the pits or scoring. The Marines were on the Schuetzen range and we had some 50 people show up for orientation. About 14 RVs were parked on the Smallbore camp grounds. Our Case Manager was very impressed but maybe not so much about our indicating we normally have smaller shooter turnouts.

We also took the Case Manager down 112th Ave west of Rector Leader Road. The County Engineering Department had indicated it was a maintained road but the two foot high grass in the center of the road lead to some questioning. The County had requested additional Right of Way (ROW) be granted and to move our fences back to the new ROW line. This should help our request for a variance on dedicating more ROW. The tour went better than expected and our Case Manager now has a much better idea of what the CRC facility involves.

The Committee had shortlisted and then interviewed two architects. We are currently negotiating with Bret Johnson Architecture. Bret is a two-person firm with an office in South Denver. His team will also include a civil engineer (site plan submittal), an electrical engineer, a mechanical engineer, and a septic system designer. CRC will be contracting with a club member for a site topographic survey and with a geotechnical engineer for percolation tests and foundation design.

We are still on target for the CUP approvals in January, building plan submittals in February, and construction of the Club House next summer. We have a lot of moving parts and any one can slow down the process.



Photo courtesy of Sherri Stuska

WHAT YOUR CRC RANGE KEY OPENS

Compiled by Sherri Stuska with thanks to Range Directors

Your key does not open everything! Here is what it does open.

- Many of the sheds and storage areas contain materials and supplies for various matches and range maintenance only. Your member key opens the North Members' Shed at the Pistol Range. It also opens the two Smallbore Sheds that adjoin the Connex where you will find targets and target stands as well as tools and a riding mower for range maintenance.
- The Smallbore Stat Office is also open to members, where you will find a 'for sale' board, waivers, membership applications, and ECI (empty chamber indicators).
- Both the Smallbore Stat Office and the East Range Scoring Building have First Aid and Trauma kits, as well as land line phones.
- The High Power Pits are open to all members. In the pits there are always a supply of practice targets, target marking supplies, and wind flags that are available to the members. The inside garages at either end of the pits house only competition targets and supplies for use for high power tournaments. They contain nothing that could be of use to casual shooters.

PLEASE PACK OUT YOUR TRASH

Article by Bill Stark & Bob McAlice

Members are again reminded to take your trash home with you. If this is unacceptable for you, we have two yellow dumpsters located conveniently at the east range complex and on the road across from the pistol range.

Pack out your trash! We are seeing ranges and shooting lanes with discarded food wrappers and beverage cans on the ground. Please do not use the restroom trash cans for general trash collection.

Collect your brass and shells! Many of the lanes on the east range are littered with empty shot shell hulls. Lately we have been seeing piles of empty shot shell hulls on the silhouette range firing line. Members are forbidden to fire shot guns on the silhouette range and there are signs in place stating the same.



These are trash items that must be picked up and disposed of properly. They are an eyesore and show disrespect to our world-class facility. **Do your part, obey the rules, and help keep CRC clean.**



Road signs are not appropriate targets.

FALL WORK DAYS OCTOBER 12 – 13 ALL RANGES CLOSED

Article by Dave Paananen

The fall work days and range cleanup are Saturday and Sunday, October 12-13. This is the last opportunity to get in your work bond & help get our range ready for the winter.

The club was built by volunteers and is maintained by volunteers. By participating in work days you become part of the members who created our facility and keep it available as a first class shooting venue. There will be projects to be done both days.

All ranges are closed during the work days for safety of the members. Bring a lunch, and dress for the weather. If you have common hand tools like drill drivers, wrenches, etc. bring them along. There is no need to pre-register. Come to the range early either morning and report to the ranch house for instruction.

If you need more information contact Dave Paananen dpaananen@netzero.net.

SMALLBORE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Article and photos provided by Jennifer Obee.

The Rocky Mountain Smallbore Prone Regional was shot at CRC on June 1-2, 2019. The winners, pictured left to right, were Dennis Casey (3rd place), Adrian Harris (winner), Jennifer Obee (1st Expert), and Peter Ruel (2nd place).



The Colorado State Smallbore Prone Championship was shot at CRC on August 17-18, 2019.

The winner of the state championship was Adrian Harris with a 3188-225x (out of a possible 3200-320x). He is pictured, right, receiving the trophy from last year's winner, Ryan Waxler.



The top Colorado-resident shooters during the Iron Sight Dewer match are submitted as the state team. The 2019 team are Dennis Casey, Adrian Harris, Ryan Waxler, and Jennifer Obee. The team shot a very respectable combined score of 1597-102x (out of a possible 1600-160x).

THE MID-SUMMER CLASSIC PISTOL MATCH WAS HELD SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

Article and photos by Doug Maxwell

We had 18 shooters on the line for this tournament, which is the most we have ever had at one time. We have hosted more shooters, but in two-day matches.

Notable shooters on the line included match winner Keith Sanderson who shot a score of 2628-110x out of 2700-270x possible. Keith is a past national champion in bullseye pistol. He was brought up to this match by Nick Mower, who I believe is an Olympian (along with Keith) and has shot pistol with us before.



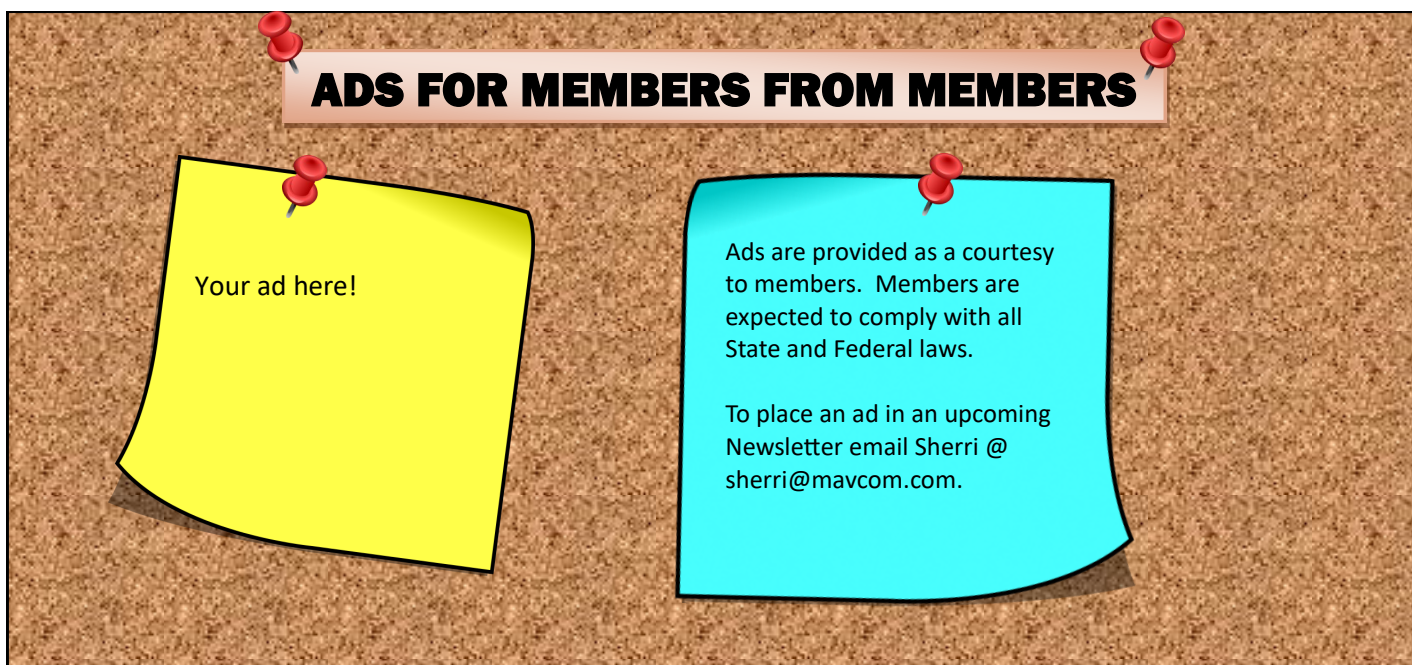
Steve Locatelli, a Grand Senior (age 77) who shot a very rare 100-2x slow fire at 50 yards. This is a major feat, we have only had one or two other shooters do this at the CRC pistol range in competition.

A THANK YOU FROM LONNIE KUHN'S

I would like to thank the following club members who stepped up for the call for help to get the range in ready for the State Long Range matches and the Rocky Mountain Palma/SantaFe long range matches:

- Ron Gorski,
- Tom Hassing,
- Al Lewis, and
- those members who mowed the range that I wasn't given names for.

Without their help the matches could not of been held.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The last day to complete work bond is October 31.

Date	Task	Contact	Volunteers needed
Sept 11	Setup for USPSA State Match	Price McDonald - 303.817.6419	4
Sept 14	ARA .22 rimfire Club Match	Tony Wolf – 303.596.4258	1
Sept 15	Pistol – CRC Bullseye Championship	Wayne Harris - 303.431.4009	1
Sept 20-22	Rocky Mountain BPTRA Championship - High Power Range	Robert Garibay - 303.994.2138	4
Sept 21	Cowboy Action Setup	Bill Hall - 303.366.8827	5
Oct 26	Cowboy Action Setup	Bill Hall - 303.366.8827	5