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OUR MEMBERS NEED TO BE SAFE GUN HANDLERS!

Over the winter we have seen evidence of bullet fallout in and around the equipment building. What appears to be a 45 cal. pistol bullet was found by the building. If a pistol bullet was fired from the pistol range, it would have to be fired well above the backstop. Anyone who fired above the backstop had to know that the bullet was going to go somewhere unsafe. A basic shooting safety rule is "Know your backstop." The safety of our ranges and the fallout areas is based on keeping all shots in the backstops. Shooting over a backstop ranks with the worst of careless gun handling. If you're at the range and see any other shooters being unsafe report them to the Club immediately. **THINK SAFETY! BE CONSIDERATE! BE CAREFUL! KEEP ALL SHOTS IN THE BACKSTOP!**

There was an incident on May 14 where a shooter on the East Range was slightly cut by something that appeared to come from another nearby bunker. It's not known whether it was a piece of a bullet, a splinter off a target holder or something else. Safety rules for the east range have been posted and are subject to change if safety considerations require it. Again **KEEP ALL SHOTS IN THE BACKSTOPS AND DO NOT SHOOT INTO THE SIDE BERMS BETWEEN BUNKERS.** When shooting at steel plate targets, be sure that the targets are set so that the bullets will impact **DOWN**, not laterally or up. **REMEMBER - ALL SHOOTING MUST BE TOTALLY INSIDE THE BERM. DO NOT SHOOT FROM OUTSIDE THE BERMS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES!**

NRA RANGE SAFETY INSPECTION RECOMMENDS SERIOUS RANGE MODIFICATIONS

For several seasons members have reported ricochets apparently coming from the schuetzen and pistol ranges in particular. We contracted with the NRA for a safety review by NRA Range Services, and they sent a technical advisor in February to evaluate our ranges. The reviewer pointed out that, among other things, the safety criteria that were in effect when our range was

built are no longer valid and have been re-evaluated by the NRA. Firearms are more powerful now than they were 20 years ago and there are more casual, non-tournament shooters on ranges than ever before. The old range designs were based on competition criteria for experienced, disciplined match shooters who knew exactly what they were doing and did it carefully. Today, that is not always the case with everyday more casual shooters like the majority of our members.

He also observed that we are well positioned to be the principal, if not the only range in the Denver area in the not too distant future. We must begin now to improve our ranges against the growing population pressures. He foresees that we may eventually have to become a "no blue sky" baffled range.

Recommendations for the present included:

- Increasing the height of all backstops to at least 20 vertical feet above targets
- Construction of longitudinal berms at least 15 feet high alongside all ranges
- Removing the 25 and 50 yard targets from the schuetzen range or building separate backstops close behind each
- Lowering the 100-yard targets on the schuetzen range (already partially done).

Your Board of Directors (BoD) recently discussed these and other ideas. Over the summer we will develop some plans and cost estimates with the general idea of organizing a construction project for the fall. If members have any ideas, please contact any of the Board members listed at the top of the newsletter or email crci@comcast.net.

CABELA'S EVENT

Members may recall that in 2010 we hosted a one day event for about 75 Cabela's sales staff and several firearms manufacturer's representatives. It was a good experience for them and great exposure for the club. We are going to do something similar this year on June 23. Watch the website for information about event. They will be using the silhouette range, two or more berms on the east range, and have a session on the highpower range. Volunteers are needed to help with general operations. Please email crci@comcast.net or call Martin Everitt at 303 425-4450 to sign up. Volunteers will get

to see and probably handle the latest in guns and ammo as well as some other equipment. Where else can you fill both your workbond and your Christmas wish list at the same time? What a great club.

NEWSLETTER GOES GREEN

We don't mean environmentally friendly green (although that's true too) we mean budget friendly green. Beginning shortly, the CRC newsletter will be distributed electronically to all members having an email address. At the beginning of the year we asked members to update their email addresses and many have done so. Was this so we could cram your inbox full of emails with giant attachments that you'd have to run through 12 safety programs before they could be opened, you asked? No! We've got a great new website that we're getting a better and better grip on, so let's make the most of it! The plan is to post the newsletter, as well as other urgent or important notices, to the website then send members an email with a link to the page, so you'll know when and what items are posted, and you can simply click to them at your convenience. If you haven't sent us your email address, please send it to crci@comcast.net. Of course members with no email address will continue to get the newsletter by snail mail. This will be a new process for all of us and there will be glitches, for which we apologize in advance. But the money the club will save is technically yours, and the longer you're in front of your computer the less time your kids are, so we think it's a smart step forward.

THANKS

Thanks to all the members who came out and helped with the spring workdays April 16-17. The weather wasn't the best but you all are! If you missed the workdays don't worry, there's still a lot to do. Contact Workbond Coordinator Dave Paananen at dpaananen@netzero.net for information. And Thanks to Dave for organizing this important start to the season for us! We all appreciate your work.

RANGE ACCOMMODATIONS

If you're looking for someplace to stay near the range this busy shooting season, look no further than just past our front gate – to The Bluffs! The Bluffs is a private hunting facility that until recently had offered rooms and cabins only to those using their guide service. But thanks to the efforts of a crew of The Sand Creek Raiders, CRC members may now also reserve accommodations at The Bluffs. The Rocky Mountain Regional Raid will have their Casino Night and Awards Banquet there, and in working out the arrangements, they went to bat for the entire club and negotiated a special room rate for CRC members who need somewhere to stay during crowded

range events. Remember, THEY ARE NOT A MOTEL and ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED and space is subject to their availability, but they are a beautiful facility and you can't stay closer to the range without being on it! They are still pricey even with our rate, but Steve Fowler reports "The shared areas of the lodge are first class in every way and make it worth every penny." So if you're looking to really relax after a hard day of competition, contact Sue at 303-822-8479, or at sue@huntthebluffs.com.

NEW SHOOTING CHALLENGES:

The completion of the east range has created the opportunity for CRC to host some new to us, but very popular shooting venues. Member Mark Passamaneck, 303-881-4518, markpcolo@gmail.com is conducting IDPA Practical Pistol matches on the second Saturday of each month. Mark is also running what is called a Tactical 3-Gun event on the east range that has some stages on the silhouette range.

Ken Kwait, 303-994-8059, k2kwiat@gmail.com has started a monthly series of long Range Precision Rifle matches on the silhouette range. This is a timed event fired from the prone position at steel targets at distances from 200 meters out to 500 meters. A very challenging course of fire and a very popular event. Check the calendar for dates and click on the link for a description of the match.

For those who prefer the more traditional target type of shooting, but not too traditional, Jim Goodnight, goodnjlg@aol.com, 303-726-7777 is conducting what is called Cowboy Lever Action, or more formally, Lever Action Silhouette matches on the silhouette range. This is a more standard silhouette type match shot with a lever action gun such as the old Winchester 94 at distances ranging out to 200 yards.

COMING EVENTS:

It'll be busy at the range this summer! June started off with a bang – the 15th Annual Rocky Mountain Regional Raid was held June 2-5th. Every year the Sand Creek Raiders host this event that is way more than just a shooting match. New this year, the Casino Night and Awards Banquet was held at the Bluffs Lodge, the private hunting facility right next to the CRC Range.

PISTOL

There will be a Practical Shooting Super Classifier on Saturday, June 11, and on Friday, June 10 Ron Avery will be leading a Practical Pistol shooters clinic. That will run from 9am – 11:30, followed by a walkthrough of the 6 classifiers to be fired Saturday. This is a great opportunity to get new shooters introduced, trained and classified all at once! Contact Mark Passamaneck at markpcolo@gmail.com

June 26 Pistol Silhouette shooters get their shot at an IHMSA Silhouette Pistol Match and July 16th is the Camp Perry Consolation NRA Pistol Match.

SAVAGE ARMS DAY

July 2, the club will host a special Savage Arms Program where CRC members and their guests can shoot a variety of the latest Savage rifles on the Schuetzen range. Savage will furnish the rifles, Nikon the optics and the ammunition will be provided by Hornady, all at no cost to our members. Contact Jim Brummerstedt 303-772-5145 or jr338@q.com.

CCW TRAINING

July 9, CRC member Kelley Sands of Badger Tactical Firearms Training is offering to qualify CRC members and non-members for Colorado Concealed Carry Permits. The cost is \$50.00 for members and \$100.00 for non-members. This is a quite a deal if you have checked the price of CCW classes. Kelley does a lot more than the legal minimal requirement of just explaining the Colorado Revised Statutes concerning firearms. He will also tactically train his students to be combat ready and confident in self protection. All proceeds from this class go to Colorado Rifle Club. Check our web site www.crci.org for more information and RSVP to Kelley Sands at 720 570-6803, to reserve your spot in this class.

HUNTER EDUCATION

Our goal of continuing to train and educate new shooters is right on track too. Steve Kingcade will be teaching Hunter Education Classes June 11, August 20 and October 15, And we've begun hosting the Appleseed Project introduction to shooting programs – with future dates scheduled for July 16-17; September 17-18, October 15-16, and November 5-6.

Zoot Shooting

CRC will be the scene of the crime as the American ZootShooters Association (AZSA) hosts the AZSA World Championships this September. Match start date is Saturday the 11th, and shooters should pipe up now if they want a one or two day spree. To get down to brass tacks on dis here ting, contact Steve “G Man” Fowler at gmanfowler@gmail.com or see their website www.zootshooters.com – it's the cats meow. (Sorry – can't help myself – I love this lingo.) And as an editors personal note, I'd love to thank The Hustler and G-Man (aka Jason Huss and Steve Fowler) for bringing NPR National Public Radio out to the range to do a piece on Zoot Shooting for their Morning Edition program. If you missed it, there's a link to the story on the CRC website. In a hyperactive media world, how and where a shooting sport is introduced to the public *does* matter. I thought we'd reached the pinnacle of “Positive portrayals of

Shooting Sports” media outlets when we made the *Wall Street Journal*, but NPR – that's the ultimate score media-wise and I think it's awesome. Thanks guys for making sure Zoot shooting gets introduced to the world in the right way, for shining positive light on the CRC range, and thanks to all the shooters who came out and demonstrated for the segment. To get back to more current slang – way to represent!

FATHER'S DAY

Don't forget Father's Day is June 19. Give the Dad in your life a perfect gift – a day at the range. There's a special Father's Day Sporting Clays shoot June 19 if you want something organized, or just hit the range with dad and let him show you how it's done. Fun for everybody, cheaper than a baseball game and way more therapeutic than golf, nothing says “Thanks for Everything Dad” like a day of shooting. Or for that tangible memory, we suggest a CRC t-shirt, sweatshirt or coffee mug. A far cooler fashion statement than a tie, and it supports CRC.

OTHER AREA MATCHES

CMP Rimfire Sporting Match

If all the wind lately has made you nostalgic for indoor shooting than head out to the Boulder Rifle Club June 29th for the CMP Rimfire Sporting Match. The match runs from 5 to 9pm and is for regular shooters using their favorite .22's (that weigh no more than 7.5 pounds including scope). And don't worry about dragging out a lot of equipment – other than your sling and glove – no coats or other shooting clothes allowed! It's all about quick shooting. The target is big enough to not discourage kids or new shooters, but challenging enough for experts too – and here's the gauntlet throw down to all you hot shots out there – no one – *nationwide* – has ever cleaned it! Entry is just \$10. So if you're looking for a fun way to spend a Saturday night or to introduce a friend to some fun shooting, call Curt Lehman 720-494-0101 or cdlehman@iname.com to sign up. Space is limited so sign up today and see if your quick time position skills are in order.

FIRECRACKER 4800

It's almost July, which smallbore shooters know means it's time for the Firecracker 4800! The match will be held June 23 – 26, at the Whittington Center in Raton New Mexico and is well known as the match where the scores are high and the prize table is unbeatable! You can shoot all four days or just two, and at just 2 ½ hours south of Colorado Springs it's closer than you think. There is camping and competitor housing at the Whittington Center, and two motels in the area provide shooters with special reduced room rates. Advance reservations for the match are required – but advance entry fee is not – so sign up today, or for more information, contact Lones Wigger at phone 719-930-9889 or 719-866-4886 Lones.Wigger@usashooting.org.

Whittington Regional Smallbore Prone Regional

The Whittington Center in Raton New Mexico is also hosting a regional prone match the weekend before the Firecracker 4800. This is a great chance to shoot a standard 2 day match in Raton if you've never been there before, and remember, this range gets great scores, so if your personal goal is to go up a classification this year then this match is a must shoot. And as an added bonus feature, after fees and awards, all the match proceeds go to the Whittington Center Smallbore Range Fund, insuring that you and future generations have another great place to shoot. For more information or to sign up, contact Virginia McLemore at 575-835-3823 or ginger@gis.nmt.edu.

WANTED

Merchandise Manager

Do you want to help the club and spread the word about our great shooting facility? We have the perfect opportunity for you. The Club needs a Merchandise Manager, to keep track of our promo item inventory, work with Match Directors to make sure they have supplies for awards and sale at matches, and work with the BoD to design and select new club merchandise and other related duties. You don't need to be a master salesman, just someone who likes things that promote shooting and help the club! If you're interested or would like to learn more contact Martin Everitt at 303 425-4450, crci@comcast.net.

SCRAP LEAD

Club member needs a large amount of scrap lead wheel weights to build shot for his unit's replica Civil War muzzle-loading Parrott Rifle. Also, additional crewmembers are always needed for both live-fire competitions and firing salutes at ceremonies. Please e-mail Bill at milehighredleg@gmail.com.

CANS

We need a supply of cans to hold spare toilet paper rolls. Two pound or larger coffee cans work well. We need plastic, so they don't rust, and with lids that seal well. If you've got any to donate you can leave them in the stat office on the smallbore range at the club. Thanks!

86th ANNUAL CRC MEETING

Once again this year the meeting was held at the Sheraton Denver West hotel and it was a great success. The meeting was preceded by an excellent dinner enjoyed by about 75 members and guests. The Ultrasonix Quartet performed and was a hit. The Meeting opened with a special tribute to the several CRC members who've passed away recently, including beloved club matriarch, Alice Higgins.

We accomplished a lot in 2010 and have a lot to look forward to this year, and some of the highlights include:

Completion of the East Range – which opens the way for a lot of new shooting opportunities.

The Armed Forces Memorial Match will once again be held at CRC this year, April 28-May 1.

Re-Election of Board Members Bill Stark, Martin Everitt and President Dennis Reul.

The CRC Foundation is now up and functioning and can accept tax-exempt contributions for youth training activities, scholarships, etc. It probably will be some time before it is fully operational as there are a number of technical details to be fulfilled. Eventually CRC will become exempt from almost all taxes, which will be an advantage. It may also position us to be able to gain access to State and Federal surplus property at low or greatly reduced costs. Now all we need are contributions! If any members are experienced fundraisers for charitable organizations, we can use your expertise.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the opening of the Byers range property. Wow! For some perspective as to how we've grown, in 1991 we had just 14 scheduled matches. This year we have over 140!

The Arvada Rifle & Pistol Club will be losing its location at the corner of 56th and Wadsworth as the light rail expands (Moment of silence please for this wonderful old landmark where many of us learned to shoot – we love you, you beat up old lead trap building you!) But we have the opportunity to explore working with AR&P to build/find a new indoor range and the BoD will definitely take member input on this.

Secretary/Treasurer Martin Everitt gave the clubs financial report for 2010 and – proof that the economy is recovering, the club is doing well and our investment portfolios are recovering too.

Condolences

We are saddened to learn of the passing on January 1, of Henry W. Morgan, member number 85, who was our second most senior member having his father's Charter Certificate passed to him in December 1945. Mr. Morgan has not been active in the club in recent years but retained his membership and supported our activities. As a connection to the "old days" he will be missed.

We regret to report the passing, on January 9 of member 1484, Bill R. Eddleman. We have no details.

Member Ib Hansen was killed May 22 in the crash of an airplane that he apparently built himself. Mr. Hansen was in immigrant from Sweden who was devoted to American ideals and to gun rights.

Our thoughts and prayers to those family and friends who've lost loved ones.