



CRC NEWS

COLORADO RIFLE CLUB



July 2024

Volunteer Opportunities!

Check the [Events Schedule](#) for volunteer opportunities. Or contact the Match Director of any match you wish to support with your time. Match Directors can submit work bond approvals with match results.

Summer Construction is Underway!

See pages 2 to 6 for details on what is happening to improve the CRC Ranges.

CRC 2024 ANNUAL MEETING

By Wayne Harris, CRC President

The Colorado Rifle Club held its annual meeting on Saturday, June 15, 2024. Our fantastic lunch of burgers, brats, and spicy buffalo brats with beans and potato salad was prepared by our current bookkeeper Debbie, her husband Michael Wagner, and our former bookkeeper Jalinda Gieck. The deserts were homemade and delicious. The weather was warm and sunny, and it was dry at the High Power Range. The East Range however received some half inch of rain the previous night and was very muddy.

Just over 100 people partook in our lunch and 43 people were able to vote in our annual Board of Directors election. The current slate of Wayne Harris (President), Sherri Stuska (Vice President), and Dan Harris (Secretary /Treasurer) were unanimously voted in for another three-year term. The Board then voted to allow each director to hold their current office.

The event was from 11:00 AM until 1:30 PM. From about 11:30 until 12:30 we had an area outage of electrical power. Being on a well and pressure tank system we were also without water and use of the restrooms. We had a very warm building and cold beans, but a good time was had by all.



CRC MEMBERSHIP

By Wayne Harris, CRC President

The CRC currently has 1,991 active members. The BOD had designated a cap of 2,000 members for our Club which we should reach very soon. When the cap is reached, we will remove the Membership Application from the website and people will be able to sign up on a Wait List which will not exceed 200 people. In the past we have seen attrition of 5-10% of our active members. We anticipate this number being less because of our cap.

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CRC 2024 GRADING PROJECTS

Article and photos by Wayne Harris

On May 15, 2024, Wayne Harris (CRC President) met with Guernsey Grading and Excavation Company and Davis Construction for a Construction Kick Off Meeting. On June 1, Guernsey Construction delivered the Road Grader to the Colorado Rifle Club facility. Grading work started on Monday, June 3. The 3.5 Yard 950 End Loader and Skid Steer was delivered on June 5. On Thursday, June 6, they started work with the end loader on filling in gap at the east end of the High Power 1000-yard covered firing line to create a handicap access for vehicles to this firing line.

On Monday, June 10, we closed the Silhouette Range and started grading behind the 100-yard target line. We were able to uncover target holders for 17 firing positions. The 25-yard line and 50-yard target lines were expanded, and new target holders will be placed on positions 1-3.



On June 11, the LDPR Range firing line was expanded and a 5' high berm was placed on the west end next to the Sporting Clays Range. We then proceeded to push up backstops for the targets currently located at 700-yard, 850-yard, and 1150-yard. We also pushed up backstops for the soon-to-be-placed targets at 1600-yard and 1760-yard positions. On the morning of June 12, we completed work in the Bijou Creek bottom by pushing up two 8' high berms for the relocated Static Archery Ranges.



On June 13 a mini excavator was delivered onsite, and we started preparation for the 10' wide subgrade expansion of the concrete firing line on the High Power (HP) 1000-yard line. Several slabs of the existing sidewalk were removed and relocated to the existing HP sheds. Final grading of the subgrade was completed for the 8' wide expansion of the concrete firing line. Subgrade was also graded for the new 4' wide sidewalk from the parking lot to the existing crosswalk.

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CRC 2024 GRADING PROJECTS, CONTINUED



On June 14, we started to fill the driveway in front of the machine shed to the Ranch House. The existing recycled concrete in front of the south doors was pushed back for the filling operations. Filling was completed in the front of the doors by the end of the day.

Every 2-3 years we need to remove soil and sand deposited in the East Range (ER) Bays due to wind and storm water erosion. We did not start work on the ER until after the Steel Challenge Match held on June 15. All work was completed on Monday and then we moved back to the Machine Shed driveway on Tuesday to complete the filling operation. Starting on Wednesday both equipment operators took the rest of the week off and all grading operations were shut down.



CRC 2024 GRADING PROJECTS, CONTINUED

On Monday, June 17, Davis Construction's subcontractor moved onsite and started forming for the concrete work on the HP covered firing line. The firing line extension was 195' X 8' X 5" and the 4' sidewalk was 96' X 5" thick. All forming was completed, and the steel rebar was tied on Tuesday June 18. Pouring was started at 7:00 AM Wednesday morning and was completed before noon. By the end of the day the forms were stripped and removed. The cost for raw concrete mix is now just over \$200 per cubic yard and the complete concrete cost for this project was some \$32,000.

On Monday, June 23, one operator returned and started to backfill the HP sidewalk and firing line. They had to haul in more soil from the borrow pit located east of the side berm, but all grading was completed by 5:00 PM that day.

On Tuesday the second operator returned. The borrow pit utilized for the HP range was graded and covered with the previously stripped topsoil.

The two operators then utilized the skid steer to place gravel under the Smallbore and Schuetzen picnic covers. The grading and gravel placement was also completed for all 28 RV pads. By end of day all the grading was completed except for the widening of the roadway from the LDPR Range to the main north-south roadway. On Wednesday, June 26, the roadway grading was completed, and all the equipment was removed from the CRC facility.



CRC 2024 GRAVEL AND ROAD BASE PROJECT

Article and photos by Wayne Harris

As noted above, the road grader work started on June 3 with the stripping of the grass at the 10 RV spots on the East Range. The electrical pedestals had been installed several years ago but no grading had been conducted for the pads. The pads were graded with a 2% cross slope with a 12" to 18" swale centered at each pedestal. Most of the week was spent shaping the 130' x 300' RV Pad. The contractor next reshaped the existing four RV pads by the East Range sunshade. Next the contractor moved over to the Smallbore RV pads and cut out the grass and soil that was left between the 14 existing pads. The grass areas were hard to mow and was habitat for mice and snakes.

Then on June 9, we received between 1/3" and 1/2" of rain. This allowed the contractor to easily grade our existing gravel roads without ripping the gravel washboard. The timing was perfect and the existing gravel roads look great.

On June 6 & 7, we received some 30 semi-trailer loads (just over 900 tons) of Class 6 Road Base. We started out with 5-7 loads being delivered at 8:30 AM and then 4-6 loads delivered at 12:30 and the final loads being delivered at about 4:30. We were never sure how many trucks would arrive as there would be breakdowns and truck drivers just quitting for the day. One truck left the quarry on three o'clock on Friday and did not arrive until 9:00 AM on Monday.



For more excitement on Thursday, we had one truck driver turn over his side dump trailer as he was unloading his 30-ton load of road base. No one was hurt and the only major damage was to the receiver hitch on the tractor. The equipment operators from Guernsey Excavating were able to empty the trailer and set it upright. A different tractor from Fort Morgan was sent out to pull back the empty trailer. We also had a gravel truck argue with one of our electrical pedestals. The box lost but was only slightly bent. Scott Schumer has big presses and straightened the electrical box for us.

We were also able to grade and gravel a new parking lot for the 1000-yard High Power (HP) Range. We also graded under the HP picnic cover area and placed 4" of the class 6 road base. The 950 end loader also filled in some of the roadway on the East side of the HP firing lines and near the pits. It is amazing how much more soil you can move with a 3.5 CY bucket vs the 0.25 CY bucket of our Case farm tractor.

On Friday, June 14, and Monday, June 17, we had five semi-trucks make three trips per day for a total of 30 loads and 858-tons of road base. We had delivered a total of 60 trucks loads of road base with a total tonnage of 1,754.32 tons. Cost of road base will be \$54,290.27. Of the \$30 per ton cost of road base delivered to CRC, some 60% is for Freight and 40% will be for material. It is about an hour and a half trip each way from the Quarry to CRC.

CRC 2022-2024 RV DUMP STATION PROJECT

Article and photos by Wayne Harris

We signed a contract in 2022 for completion of the Clubhouse's On-Site Wastewater Treatment Septic System (OWTS) and for the installation of the 5,000-gallon RV Dump Station. The tanks and underground work for both projects were completed in the fall of 2022 and the OWTS was completed in May of 2023. Wayne Harris spent many hours after the final OWTS inspection with the design engineer, contractor, and the county inspector to try to finalize the RV Dump Station project. An extension had to be requested from Adams County to complete the project. Unfortunately, the communication and work by the contractor was minimal to say the least.

Wayne finally ordered the required non-potable hydrant and drain cap last winter. A proposal was obtained from James Davis' subcontractor to backfill the water lines, prepare/compact the subgrade for the 5' X 29' X 5" concrete pad, form and pour said pad, and to construct a 24" diameter concrete base five feet deep for the new hydrant.

The concrete pad was formed and poured on May 31, 2024. Wayne installed the hydrant tower, and gravel was placed from the main roadway and along the west side of the drain pad. We still need to add several signs and a couple of bollards by the pad and around the buried tanks. The alarm indicating the tanks are 80% full was powered by a single 9-volt flashlight battery which is probably good for only a few hours of notification. Les Smith has installed a solar panel with a 12-volt battery complete with LED Flashing lights. In case anyone hears the alarm or sees the flashing lights please send a notification email to Bookkeeper@crci.org.

The System is almost complete and is operational with running water. In fact, Wayne Harris has officially utilized the facility twice as he stayed at CRC most of June and camped out at the RV Pads.



ADS FOR MEMBERS FROM MEMBERS

For sale

Pelican 1750 Protector Long Case. Great protection for travel Polyurethane wheels, o-ring seal, lockable, fold-down handles, very tough. Includes 3 foam inserts cut for my rifles. These may or may fit your needs. Uncut foam inserts are readily available .Current retail \$345, sell for \$150. Contact CRC member Cal Cooper at ccooper794@gmail.com or text 303-815-4562.



For Sale

2008 Four Winds 28BGS Travel Trailer—[\\$5000 or best offer](#)—Contact: jenna.obee@gmail.com



[Check this website for details](#) (it says Dutchman but it is the same trailer)

Sleeps four comfortably, plus two-fold out beds. Full kitchen and bath. Haul with a hitch and electric brakes. The tires may need to be replaced before transport. It has hail and wind damage on the outside but otherwise it's in pretty good shape. The trailer is currently at the CRC range near the farm house. It must be removed from CRC property upon sale.



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For Sale

Leupold 36X, 40mm objective bell, A.O., with target turrets, 1" Tube, gloss, fine crosshair with 1/8 minute dot. \$725, cash only. Call Steve: 720-7376519, or email to: stvnlyd92@yahoo.com

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For Sale Everything on this page

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NECO Concentricity Gauge - \$110
 RCBS Hand Case Neck Turner - \$40
 L.E. Wilson Inc. Case Trimmer - \$100
 (with 223, 308 & 7mm case holders)
 Little Crow WFT neck trimmer - \$50
 Hornady A-Max 30 cal 178g - \$25
 (63 bullets)
 Berger Long Range BT Target 30 cal 175g - \$30
 (75 bullets)
 Sierra 30 TMK cal 175g - \$35
 (100 bullets)
 Wilson case trimmer (7mm, 223, 308) - \$135
 (new \$200+)

Magneto Speed chronograph

Cost \$380 new.
 Asking \$190 obo.



Ken Light BC1000 annealer – Best reasonable offer



Annealer with three extra trays and two torches, custom hose for connecting two torches at once.

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1968 Anschutz Match 54 Model 1411 for sale. \$1000



Pentecoste 223 & BullsEye camera system

Asking \$1600 with a
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 Low rounds through the
 barrel. Shoots ¼ moa at
 100 yards.
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 Adjustable cheek and
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