

## CRC June 2013 NEWSLETTER

**CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:** Construction on the Schuetzen range has been completed. The range is now open for everyday use by the membership. Target stands been set in place for both 100 and 200 yard targets. There are also target mounts at 25 yards and 50 yards on points 3 and 4 at each range.

There is still some work to be done that will include seeding the earthwork. And more importantly, we will formulate an expanded set of safety rules for the range. These will include a safety flag when changing targets at 200 yards because there is a blind spot from the firing line to a portion of the 200 yard targets. There will have to be extreme caution and vigilance when firing commences after target changes..

All firing must be done so that all shots impact into the backstops. There can be no targets set on the 25 yard and 50 yard berms that do not impact into the backstop. Use only the target stands at points 3 and 4 when shooting at 25 or 50 yards and fire only from benches 3 and 4 for those distances. From a safety stand point, it is extremely important that all shots impact into a backstop and ricochets are eliminated.

The East range is also completed except for final blading to smooth and compact the earthwork. The additions to the East Range include a new berm that is 100 yards in depth. This is at the east end and extends to the south beyond the existing berms. It must be noted that the exposed side of this berm is not a backstop to shoot into toward the east. A freestanding 200yard backstop has been constructed beyond the established berms. This is for special stage events and will have a steel gong for casual shooting.

**JUNIOR CLUB:** Colorado Rifle Club has long had a NRA chartered junior club, the *Colorado Rifle Club Sharpshooters*, bur nobody to run it. We now have a member, Katy Vincent, who is also the coordinator for the Arapahoe County 4-H Shooting Sports. She and her husband John, who also is a certified 4-H coordinator, will integrate the 4-H program into a CRC junior club. This will give us the opportunity to introduce our youth to shooting sports and teach safe firearm handling. If you have sons or daughters who would like to participate, contact Katy at [katydidklv@hotmail.com](mailto:katydidklv@hotmail.com).

**NEW MEMBERS:** We are experiencing a large influx of new members, many of which are migrating from a recently closed club, Wildlife Hunters Association of Colorado. Adams County closed the WHAC range when nearby houses purportedly experienced bullets landing close by. This emphasizes the importance of range safety and keeping all shots in the backstops so that no bullets leave our property.

**NEW BOOKKEEPER:** Donna Kingcade, our bookkeeper for the last three years is retiring at the end of this month. Joanna Olsen of J & J Communications, Inc. will be handling our checking accounts and membership database. Correspondence and member updates should be sent to CRC, 620 North Lewis Street, Castle Rock, CO 80104. Joanna can be contacted at [joannaolsen@outdrs.net](mailto:joannaolsen@outdrs.net). We thank Donna for the work she did keeping track or our accounts.

**HELP WANTED:** For CRC members wishing to complete their work bond requirement or to simply help out, there will be several opportunities on the East Range. The Sand Creek Raiders will be hosting their annual match, the Regional Raid. Help is needed for setup on Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, and also for teardown, on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. The Zoot shooters will conduct their annual match that will require help for setup on Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, and then for teardown, on Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to assist or want more information, contact Steve Fowler, at [batfowler@gmail.com](mailto:batfowler@gmail.com) or 303-745-2529.