



## **CRC News - April 5, 2013**

April 1st was the due date for payment of 2013 dues. The lock on the gate has been changed to the new code. If you wish to remain a member of Colorado Rifle Club, send your payment in now. We will soon be purging the membership list of those who have not renewed for the current year.

Next Saturday and Sunday, April 13 & 14 are the annual spring work days. You can fulfill your work bond obligation and improve the club's facilities. There are many projects on the list besides cleaning up the winter debris. The old barn still stands, target frames to build along with reseeded earthwork on the range construction. Plan to show up either Saturday or Sunday at the ranch house. Bring a lunch and appropriate work clothes. Beverages will be provided. If you have questions, contact Dave Paananen at [dpaananen@netzero.net](mailto:dpaananen@netzero.net).

The range construction is close to completion. The contractor has moved his equipment to the east range to modify and construct some new berms that will provide more shooting opportunities for our members. Included will be filling and grading the low areas for better drainage. The recent snowstorms have left the area filled mud and water preventing the equipment from operating. Meanwhile the Schuetzen range just needs to dry out enough to allow the final grading before the target frames can be re-installed.

CRC has encountered a few problems on the East Range. Some casual shooters have been shooting high power rifles at steel targets, at close range. This is a dangerous practice for several reasons. First, there is a danger to the shooter due to splash back from bullet fragments. Also, bullets ricocheting off the steel targets is a danger to others. The use of high power rifles on steel targets is no longer permitted. A high power rifle is defined as a rifle firing a jacketed bullet from a bottle neck cartridge. Another problem has been ricochets caused by casual shooters not placing their targets close to the backstop. Rounds missing the targets strike the ground and ricochet over the backstop. Also, we have had several issues where casual shooters have taken steel targets from the CRC storage area and shot them with jacketed bullets. Steel targets used by the cowboy shooters are made from softer steel and are suitable only for use with lead bullets. Several of the cowboy targets have already been damaged in this manner. All steel targets stored on the East Range are intended ONLY for use in organized competitions, NOT for casual shooting practice. The rules for shooting on the East Range have been revised, and there are some significant changes.

The new rules for the East Range are as follows:

- 1.) All firing must be done from locations completely enclosed by the side berms. Firing from points outside the berms is not permitted.
- 2.) Eye and ear protection is required when shooting is in progress.
- 3.) Walking or climbing on the berms is not permitted.
- 4.) Shooting while moving is not permitted except under the supervision of a qualified range officer.
- 5.) All targets must be placed as close as possible to the rear backstop, so rounds will impact on the rear backstop. Shooters are encouraged to use the target frames provided.
- 6.) All rounds fired must impact on the rear backstop. Shooting into the side berms is not permitted except under the supervision of a qualified range officer.
- 7.) Firing high power rifles on steel targets is prohibited due to ricochet issues. High power rifles are restricted to paper targets only. High power rifles are those using a bottleneck cartridge firing jacketed bullets.
- 8.) CRC stores steel targets on the East range for use in approved matches ONLY. These steel targets are NOT provided for casual target practice.
- 9.) Bottles, cans, and other objects are not proper targets and are prohibited.
- 10.) Shooters are expected to pick up their spent cases and all other materials and remove it from the property.

**NOTE:** High power rifles may be used on the new steel gong on the 200 yard berm. This is provided for casual shooters. Restrictions against shooting steel targets with high power rifles on all other berms still apply.