



CRC NEWS

COLORADO RIFLE CLUB



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New format!
We have updated our newsletter format to increase readability.
Please send any feedback to Dennis Reul at denreul@comcast.net

90th ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

HISTORICAL NOTE: In December 1925 four or five men met in a downtown Denver office to organize the Colorado Rifle Club. Corporation papers were filed soon after and we were underway. At some point, the By-Laws were amended that the Annual Meeting was to be held in February. (After the recent meeting, one might question that choice). At a later time a dinner preceded the meeting and was originally held at the Oxford Hotel in Lower downtown Denver. After the Oxford was re-modeled and could not host us, we met at a number of hotels and restaurants mostly on the west side of the city.

90th ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER: About 47 members, family, and guests, of an expected 85-90, braved the snow storm and cold to get to the Sheraton Denver West Hotel. It might be noted that our eldest member, Connie Grims, was the first to arrive having driven himself from Golden. Steve Kingcade made it in from Bennett and Barney Higgins got there from Glenwood Springs (but before the snow started). Dinner was delayed a half hour to allow any latecomers to be included. We hope everyone got home without incident.

Following dinner, an abbreviated annual meeting was held. Pres. Dennis Reul reported the following:

- We now have 1370 members of which some 250 joined in 2014.

- The 320 acre purchase of the Linnebur land parcel to our north was completed in mid-year and the land was leased to Progressive Farms of Byers who will grow wheat and corn on a three year cycle while carrying out a long term soil improvement project. This will give us greater flexibility and less involvement than placing the land in the Conservation Reservation Program (CRP) as we have done with earlier purchases.
- Steel targets are available on the HP range, with several rules attached, as has been reported earlier.
- 15 concrete benches are being erected on the 600 yard firing line to complement our 1000 yard bench rest competitions and attract the BR shooters who have lost their range near Pueblo. Work has been delayed by the weather.
- Rob Rathburn is working on a proposed new member firearms safety plan which will can enhance our present orientation and can introduce novice shooters to range discipline and safety procedures. He has shown his first draft to the Directors and some old hand members for comments.
- We have had a weed control project underway for a couple of years to control legally noxious weeds and others.

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President Dennis Reul presenting at New Member Orientation, March 8, 2014

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 14

Spring Fun High Power Rifle/Pistol Club Match - High Power Range

Lever Rifle Silhouette - Silhouette Range

USPSA Pistol - East Range Berms 1-7

March 15

Sporting Clays

March 21

Rimfire Challenge - East Range Berms - 1-9

March 22

Cowboy Action - East Range Berms 1-7, 200

IMHSA Bigbore - Silhouette Range

March 28

IDPA Pistol - East Range Berms 1-7

Long Range Precision Rifle - Silhouette Range

600 Yard Benchrest - High Power Range

[30 Shot Garand Match - Schuetzen Range](#)

March 29

1000 Yd. Benchrest - High Power Range

DON'T MISS THIS!

April 11-12

Spring Work Days - All Ranges

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

90th ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES, CONTINUED

Dave Paananen needs members to tell him where these weed patches are so that he can direct the spray efforts, which happen two to four times a year.

- CRC is in very sound financial condition. We have total assets of \$2.3 million and outstanding debt of \$460,000 in land purchase mortgages.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Pres. Reul presented a plaque of appreciation to Les Smith in recognition of his many hours of work on range maintenance projects in the past two years. He also remarked on Connie Grims' conquest of the storm to attend. Connie also won a raffle prize. MR Ssnake of Golden won the raffle for a year's membership.

LONG RANGE PLANNING: There are plans in place to set up a long range planning committee to establish priorities and time frames for future projects and budgets. There was a call to find some members with long range planning experience to work with president Reul and director Wayne Harris to develop a long range capital improvement and maintenance budget. We will go forward with this budget project as the year progresses. This will also require input from members to express their ideas and wishes for improvements to the ranges. Please direct any input to crci@comcast.net.

DIRECTOR'S ELECTION: Directors whose terms expired were Dave Paananen, Cal Cooper, and Wayne Harris. They all had agreed to serve again. There were no nominations from the floor. Harris was basking in the sunshine in Phoenix at a pistol tournament but Paananen and Cooper each presented a short statement of their qualifications and vision for the direction of the club following which they all were reelected by acclamation for a three year term. Later, at the Directors' meeting following the Annual Meeting, the present officers; Pres. Dennis Reul, V.P. Cal Cooper, and Secretary/Treasurer

Al Ashton, were retained in place.

MATCH DIRECTORS REPORT: Steve Kingcade reported that he has set up five practice traps near the sporting clays south parking area in a permanent arrangement so that members will not have to get the traps out of the shed and haul them to the site. Hopefully, this will reduce damage and maintenance to the traps. As before, members will need to bring their own clay birds for practice sessions.

MEMBER'S QUESTIONS: A member asked if he could bring his own wood bench to use on the small bore range if space was not available on the Schuetzen range. Yes. He probably should put it on one end or the other of the firing line rather than out in the middle. Keep all shots in the backstop. If it is left on CRC property, it is at his risk. We would like to see if this does work to the advantage for members use.

FIELD ARCHERY WALK-THROUGH RANGE: This could be a desirable feature in the area where the present fixed archery targets are located. Some members have proposed such a plan in the past, but nothing concrete has been presented. A new volunteer effort is welcome.

1200 YD STEEL TARGET: Preliminary study indicates that it might be possible along the east side of the silhouette range. More survey is necessary to determine the earthwork quantities and cost. Most likely we would have to apply to the County for an update to our special use permit.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED shortly after 9 PM and all members went out to brave the storm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Al Ashton.

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