# **CRC NEWS**

### COLORADO RIFLE CLUB



April 2015



Need to access the internet while at the range? Park near the farmhouse and connect to the CRC WI-FI. No password.

## CHIPS FROM THE BOARD (OF DIRECTORS)

The CRC Board of Directors (BoD) met on March 31 at the office of Martin/Martin Engineering. We are grateful to M/M for making the meeting room available. All Directors and three guests were present.

President Dennis Reul reported that we had 1371 members as of January 1, however it is expected that about 100+ will be dropped for non payment of 2015 dues. Our normal attrition is around 10% annually.

The installation of the 600 yard benches is proceeding with 10 or 11 in place and 4 or 5 to be finished. A 600 yd. bench rest match was held March 28 with a good turnout and we will host the bench rest NBRSA Long Range Championships at 600 and 1000 yards June 7 - 12. This will be a good opportunity for members to fulfill their work bonds as well as seeing some unique rifles. Contact Nate Miller as listed on the <u>CRC Calendar</u>.

The BoD authorized the purchase of a second trash trailer, primarily for use on the East Range.

Rob Rathburn is preparing a training program for members who are unfamiliar with shooting on organized ranges. This will start where our present orientation ends and go more deeply into range ethics, safety and general shooting conduct in a busy area.

It is seems that we have taken in some members who may have never fired any sort of firearm before and do not know much about it, and others who are not familiar with competitive shooting or even with shooting on an organized range. This can, and has, produced some safety issues. A few seem to have been intimidated by the rules presented in the orientation and never returned. Some clubs are making this sort of training mandatory for all members, new and old. We are not sure that will help in our case. The current plan is for the club to offer a few sessions this summer and refine the course material before deciding how to proceed. The Adams County Landfill has said that spent shot shells are hazardous waste and will not be accepted. We are looking for a solution to dispose of shot shells. Ideas are welcome.

Steve Kingcade has nearly completed installation of five practice traps near the south parking area of the Sporting Clays range. Members may use these any time but must bring their own clay targets.

The BoD authorized funds for starting construction of a 3D walking field archery range as proposed by member Dana Scott. This will be located in the area of the current fixed archery targets west of the sporting clays. Steve Kingcade will provide support for the project. They will call for volunteers to assist in setting up the course. They hope for some donated materials such as pallets and hay bales to establish the target areas. <u>Contact</u> <u>Steve</u> if you wish to be part of the project.

A contractor has been retained to perform some maintenance on the berms on the east range. Blowing sand and dirt has accumulated at the base of the berms that compromises the safety and integrity of the berms. This project should be completed by the end of the month. Construction of some safety areas will also be done.

The weekend of April 11th & 12th is set aside for work days to perform spring maintenance on the ranges. All ranges will be closed to both tournaments and casual shooting to provide a completely safe environment throughout the ranges including behind the backstops. Projects will include painting, fence repair, target frame construction, and general clean-up of the area among other things. Plan to attend Saturday or Sunday and help make CRC a better and safer place to shoot.

Submitted by Marty Everitt

## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 5 High Power Rifle Silhouette - Silhouette Range

#### **DON'T MISS THIS!**

April 11-12 Spring Work Days - All Ranges

April 18 .22 Benchrest Club Match - Schuetzen Range

Steel Challenge - East Range Berms 1-9

#### April 19

Sporting Clays 80 Shot High Power -High Power Range

#### April 25

Smallbore Prone League Warm-up and Free Clinic - Smallbore Range

Marine Corp League -Schuetzen Range

IDPA Pistol - East Range Berms 1-7

Long Range Precision Rifle - Silhouette Range

600 Yard Benchrest -High Power Range

April 26 Cowboy Action - East Range Berms 1-7, 200

1000 Yd. Benchrest -High Power Range

IMHSA Bigbore -Silhouette Range

April 30—May 3 Armed Forces Memorial Match - High Power Range

Always check the <u>Event Schedule</u> for activities before going to the range!



## CRC BOARD MEMBER CAL COOPER MAKES COVER OF SHOOTING SPORTS USA





Cal Cooper holding the state championship trophy.

He's the one in the blue coat.

Cal Cooper won the Colorado State Smallbore Prone Championship, held August 16 and 17, 2014, with a 3192-214X. The photo was taken by club member Jennifer Obee.

The results of the match were published in the April 2015 issue of *Shooting Sports USA*.

Also listed were

- Joe Farmer, 3186-241X
- David Higgins, 3185-245X
- Jennifer Obee, 3181-203X

While each state has a different course of fire for this championship, Cal's score is the highest listed for any state.

Also mentioned are Colorado winners of the Conventional High Power Rifle state championship:

- Emil Kovan, 445-20X
- Donald W. Forington, 441-14X

