



NEWSLETTER

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2012 CRC EVENT CALENDAR:

The calendar for the coming year, 2012, is now posted on the web site www.crci.org. Check the calendar when going to the range as it may change without notice. If you don't have web access, contact us and we will send you a printed copy.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The **Match Director's Workshop** will be on January 21 at the offices of Martin/Martin Consulting Engineers, 12499 W. Colfax, Lakewood, through the courtesy of Wayne Harris. We have a number of new Match Directors this year and we need to get everybody on the same page. Any member who wants to get involved in helping to run our matches is welcome. The meeting will start at 9am and lunch is included. There will be a BoD meeting following the MD session. All members are welcome to attend. Please notify Dennis Reul, denreul@comcast.net if you wish to attend so we can plan accordingly.

Mark your calendar for the **Annual Meeting and Dinner** on Saturday, February 18, 2012 at the Sheraton Denver West Hotel on Union Street just west of the Denver Federal Center at 360 Union Boulevard in Lakewood. Hospitality with a cash bar will start at 6:00pm and dinner of your choice of steak or chicken at 7:00pm. The business meeting begins at 8:00pm. This is always a great time, an opportunity to chat with your shooting friends and to meet new club members. And there are the Cowboy Action Shooters out in all of their 19th century finery. The always a good dinner (cost \$25) will be followed by the business meeting that will feature a review of the past year and a presentation and discussion of upcoming projects at the ranges. There will also be the election of three Directors. Make your reservations early so we can make sure of seating. Contact Bill Stark bill_stark@comcast.net or 303-771-4593. We will be looking for Director Nominees shortly so anyone interested, again should call Bill Stark, and watch the web site for news.

BILL STARK IS THE NEW SECRETARY – TREASURER:

In September Bill Stark replaced Martin Everitt as the CRC Sec. Tr. With that the official club addresses changes to: 8505 E. Hunters Hill Drive, Centennial, CO 80112-1916. Bill's phone number is 303 771-4593. Bill brings new energy and new ideas to the job and has already suggested some changes in club operating procedures. We are moving close to 800 members and we have added several new sports in 2011. As we get bigger, it is getting more and more important that we operate in a more businesslike way simply so that we can keep track of what is going on at our property. Bill has a background in accounting and business management and his expertise will be important and helpful.

TO CRC MEMBERS:

I have been privileged to serve as your Secretary - Treasurer for about eight years since 2000 when I succeeded Lowell Higgins who had the job for 42 years. I certainly never replaced Lowell in any sense of the word, but I did try to keep our records straight. In that time we have more than doubled in size, added several new sports and a new range. It has been an exciting time for shooting in general and especially for CRC and I have been associated with some great friends on the Board of Directors especially President Dennis Reul. It has been a pleasure to get acquainted with many members as you came into the club and attended the orientation sessions.

(To CRC members, cont.)

But, I have been a pretty casual manager and as the club has grown and I have gotten older, it has become obvious that the job needs a lot more time and energy than I have given to it. Therefore, after the last annual meeting I asked to be relieved and Bill stepped forward. Mid-summer is a fairly quiet time for the S-T and so we made the transition then. Members have always given me a lot of help, encouragement and co-operation. Bill's style will be different from mine but I am sure that you all will extend the same encouragement and co-operation to him that you have to me.

Sincerely,

Martin Everitt

LES DILLMAN ILLNESS:

We regret to report that black powder match director Les Dillman suffered a severe stroke earlier this summer. At last report which was a few weeks ago, he was doing rehabilitation and apparently making good progress. He can use the phone and friends are welcome to call him at 303 378-7838.

Eron Ahmer, 303 999-8961, eronahmer@mail.riflemag.com has taken over as the Long Range Black Powder match director, as it looks like Les will be out of action for some time.

NEW MERCHANDISE MANAGER WANTED:

Last spring Steve Kingcade resigned as manager of the CRC merchandise. We advertised for a new manager and had a few responses. Due to the impending change in the S-T position, the Merchandise Manager went on the back burner. Anyone interested in maintaining a supply of club related merchandise and selling club T-shirts, etc., please call Bill Stark at 303 771-4593.

OIL EXPLORATION LEASE:

The BoD recently signed a lease with Mason Dixon Energy to explore for oil and gas on our property. We have had a couple of these leases in the past and nothing has come of them. This one is for exploration in the Niobrara formation which is apparently a very hot play right now, but we are near the edge of the potential field. If they do drill and we get a producing well, it could be really good for CRC, but they may never drill. The lease is for five years and the payment already received will go a long way toward paying for the range improvement described later.

RANGE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS:

We have had a ricochet problem for the last several years and have some bullet holes in the house and barn to prove it. We have been very lucky that no one has been hurt. When the pistol, smallbore and Schuetzen ranges were built, they followed NRA design criteria for separation and safety angles. However, in the 20 years since then, guns have gotten more powerful and the NRA has modified the criteria. In part, the criteria were based on experienced competitive shooters who are generally disciplined and very careful shooters. Some of our members do not fit that standard.

After much study and a site visit by a NRA Range Safety Team consultant who made many recommendations for safety enhancements, the BoD has determined to make the improvements which we hope can be built next spring before the main shooting season gets going. Wayne Harris and Cal Cooper are developing the plans now and will go to Adams County for permits by the start of the new year. We plan the following:

- On the pistol range raise the backstop and side berms to 20 ft above the target line. We may also build an overhead baffle.
- On the Schuetzen range, eliminate all but the eastern ten targets at 200 yards. Raise the 100 yard backstop for the western 20 targets and the east half of the 200 yard backstop to 20 feet and build longitudinal berms on both sides.
- On the east range, extend the most eastern cell to a depth of 100 yards.

- Improve the interior roads to eliminate mud holes, etc.

All of this will cost about \$80,000, but with the oil lease payment mentioned earlier, we appear to be able to handle it without a dues increase. The work will mostly be done on week days by a contractor, but it will close the affected ranges at various times. Be sure to keep in touch with the web site for closure information.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE:

Thanks to member Dale Michaelson who has just finished a new memorial plaque, displayed in the Stat. Building, to commorate members who have passed away. There have been about 60 that we know of since the Byers range opened in 1991.

ORIENTATION HELP:

For many years Dennis Reul and Martin Everitt have been conducting the new member orientation sessions about once a month. In addition Denny has done a lot of special sessions for new members who can't make the regular scheduled sessions. Al Ashton has volunteered to head the new member activities, but with the number of applicants we are receiving, we could use more help. Anyone interested in meeting new members and introducing them to our ranges and facilities, should contact Denny at 303 238-5696 or Marty at 303 425-4450.

RANGE ETIQUET:

We have had a number of violations of simple range courtesy and behavior including:

- Shotgun shells on the silhouette range. Shotgun shooting on the silhouette range is not allowed and there are at least four signs to that effect on the range.
- Firing of 50 cal BMG rifles. These are forbidden at all times because those bullets can easily go off our property and if one happens to do some damage, the club will be in much trouble.
- Use of bottles, cans and various junk as targets and placement of targets at the top of backstops. Use regular targets on the target frames. Placing targets high practically guarantees ricochets, and using bottles, etc., is simply rude and discourteous. Keep all shots well into the backstops and do not under any circumstances, ever fire over a backstop.
- Targets left in the highpower carriers in the pits. Always remove your targets from the carriers and place on the platform. Targets left in the carriers are exposed to the elements and the cardboard backing is destroyed by the rain and moisture that is blown under the hatch covers.
- Secure the hatch covers on the highpower pits. The covers must be secured with the pins to insure that the covers will not be blown off in the winds that we experience. We have lost covers in the past that have blown off in high winds and wound up down range in pieces.
- Never go in front of the firing line when firing is in progress. It may seem safe to go forward and set up a chronograph or change a target when separated by distance from other shooters on the line, but never step in front of the line when the line is "hot." A stray bullet from a ricochet or back splatter or an accidental discharge puts anyone beyond the line in danger.

ELECTRONIC AGE:

CRC has entered the age of computers, actually quite some time ago. Our membership information including dues, work bond status along with member skills and other data and the mailing lists have been maintained on a very sophisticated Microsoft Access Database system. This system was designed and coded by long time member, Bruce Benninghoff and implemented some fifteen years ago. Bruce has since migrated to forestry consulting and Apple computers and no longer works with Access. As a result, as the system ages and our requirements change, we need an experienced Microsoft Access programmer to maintain and keep the system functioning. Anyone who may have the skills to work with this should contact Dennis Reul 303-238-5696 denreul@comcast.net

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We migrated from our original web page to an upgraded web site using a new web host about a year ago. We now have the capability to communicate with the membership by e-mail. This saves the club several hundred dollars on each newsletter or general mailing. And it allows us to keep our members better informed on club news and events and in a timelier manner. We have many e-mail addresses already in the database but we know our records are not complete. If you have not supplied us with your current address, please send it to crcbkpr@comcast.net. We know not all have e-mail and some cannot receive it due to company policies or other reasons. If you do not wish to receive electronic messages from us, let us know and we will remove your name for the e-mail list. We will still mail you a hard copy of any club news.

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DISCOVERY CHANNEL “AMERICAN GUNS”

The Discovery Channel and Gurney Productions who film the TV show “American Guns” are currently searching for “customers” of the Gunsmoke gun shop in Wheat Ridge who could possibly be part of the filming. These would be gun enthusiasts who are in the market for a one-of-a-kind, specialized firearm. They are also looking for gun collectors, enthusiasts, buyers, sellers, and traders. Candidates must be US citizens, over the age of 18, and live within approximately 150 miles of Denver. Interested candidates who would like more information, or want to apply for the chance to be featured on the series, please email Bobby Silva at bobby@metalfloresmedia.com for more information, or log onto www.facebook.com/metalfloresmedia.