

Clean-up April & May

On April 16th, we had our first clean-up day for 2011. We had 17 people in attendance and generated a total of 35 ½ hours of worked time. Just to give an idea of work accomplished at the Indoor Range, 7 buckets of lead was mined from the backstop, sorted 3 buckets of shells, attached to wall a new broom & shovel holder, vacuumed the entire floor, policed trash surrounding the building, dug a new trench for propane gas line for code, leveled the Port-O-Let facility, and build new sifters for sorting shells for future clean-ups. Two buckets of lead went home with club members for smelting & recasting as new bullets. David Norman, Chairman.

May 21st, 25 Club members attended, work hours recorded as 77 hours. Recycling of 3 more buckets of lead and 2 of cartridges will be done later. Bill Conger pre-cut new archery pillow target frames for members to assemble. The plan to paint them at our next clean up June 9th, weather permitting. Workers re-enforced the archery trail of water overflow from the spring thaw of Noel's creek. Three more covers were placed on existing square archery targets. Shot-up PVC pipe holders removed and replaced with new to steady the target frames at the 25 Yard Pistol range. All four ranges were walked for trash detail. Lee McBride, Day Leader, oversaw all the projects and even helped others to straighten our leaning directory informational board.

Bill Anderson will be our Day Leader for the June 9th, Thursday Clean-up at Common Point Outdoor Range. Our sign-in table help assigned for the day will be Wayne Long and Chris Palmer. Board Member on duty will be Bill Conger.

Receive your Clean-up Credit 5 Days Remain @ Outdoor Range

June 9th, Thursday 10:00 to 1:00pm
June 26th, Sunday 10:00 to 1:00pm
July 17th, Sunday 10:00 to 1:00pm
August 18th, Thursday 10:00 to 1:00pm
September 17th, Saturday 10:00 to 1:00pm

Indoor Range End of Year Clean-up

October 22nd, Saturday 10:00 to 1:00
Patrick Krefft, Day Leader

Paper Targets versus Club Signs

The Club's Board is sorry if there has been a communication failure as to what equipment or supplies that each member should bring to the range. When we find 25 yard pistol range Yardage markers shot up, the question arises as to why the property damage. Red flags have been placed beside those markers stating: **STOP & THINK!**

Members need to supply their own:

* Paper Targets (apply to target frames or plywood.)

* Staplers or tape (used to attach paper target to frames or plywood.)

* Masking or duck tape (cover your target holes & keep using same paper target)

* Steel reset & round up targets (Use at upper pistol range only off to side of plywood)

REMEMBER:

25 Yard Pistol range uses only target stands provided in shed. .22 rifle and pistol range, firing done from firing line only.

Rifle range is back to a dirt berm. Use target holders and change out plywood when necessary. Extra plywood is supplied.

Upper pistol/trap can be used as tactical or competition practice area. Change out 4X8 plywood when necessary and direct fire always down range to dirt berm backstop.

Archery range targets are all covered. Remove covers before starting and then replace when done.

If you have questions as how to use the archery or any of the firing ranges, please contact, Randy Buchanan, 2nd VP, 970-577-9287 or Sharyn Gartner, Pres. 970-586-2426.

RANGE ETIQUETTE

Share the range with fellow members, otherwise if a distance from backstop is a safety concern, you are limited to a 30 minute time frame of use then allow next waiting member to step up & use the range.

Estes Park Gun & Archery Club

2011 June Newsletter

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Membership Chairman	Bob Mitchiner 303-746-0965 membership@epgunarchery.com
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Board meetings are scheduled for the second Monday of each month, 7:00pm at Re/Max Mtn Brokers conference room, 1200 Graves Ave., Estes Park. Members are welcome to attend and if you have comments for our agenda, notify Sharyn a week before by phone, 970-586-2426 or by email president@epgunarchery.com.

Officer & Director Search

Board members are currently calling members to locate candidates for next years election. The president position and one director will definitely need to be filled. David Norman had to resign due to a job promotion & health concerns. Currently the First Vice President position needs to be filled for the remaining year.

It is very helpful for anyone considering a position to start now and attend board meetings, review this years minutes as they are posted on the web and frequent the Indoor & Outdoor ranges to know the set-up and any needed improvements you might find. Just remember that any member can look at the club's records, ask questions & suggest improvements whether you want to be on the board or not. Your interest is welcomed.

Since we are getting closer to using our Trap Range, members that have worked as Trap RO's are welcome to help set up a group to organize and arrange training to other members for Trap Days.

"FIRST SHOTS"

National Shooting Sports Foundation

On May 28th, the Club's Indoor Range hosted novice & beginner shooters to a safety and gun handling clinic. Jeff Van Bogaert, event coordinator with NSSF, received 5 Crickett single shot .22 rifles for children ages 5 to 10 to shoot. These youth rifles will be added to the Club's inventory and used at other youth focused clinics. The NSSF also sent 6, .22 loaner Ruger handguns that travel to other Clubs for their "First Shot" events. We thank David Bruce for the FFL receipt handling of these firearms.

It takes quite a few volunteers to have one-on-one help at the firing line. Those that helped: Pete Dawson, Bob McCormick, Eric Calkins, Justin Calkins, Jayne Zmijewsky, Penny Van Bogaert, Jim Carlton and Jeff, instructor and Sharyn Gartner, registration desk.

Our next free "FIRST SHOTS" clinic will be at the Outdoor Range, July 9th. Call Jeff at 402-9502 or email firstshots@epgunarchery.com.

to pre-register. This is open to youth & adults and a sign will be posted on the Range gate.

Thursday, June 9th Clean up

Members, since the sun has been out this last week, you will need to bring weed eaters, mowers and fuel. The Club does have one mower on hand and ready to use. Wear your painting clothes for painting the pillow archery target frames and the second coat for 25yd pistol range shed.

Bring your shovels, rakes and battery drills as there will be a place to use them. Trees need to be trimmed at Rifle range and saws may be needed for other projects like cutting pvc pipe, and sizing timber.

Your clean-up chairman, has a variety of projects to be done, so no matter the weather, your hands will not be idle. Clean up day starts at 10:00am to 1:00pm and don't forget your gloves & hat and maybe a snack.

Steve Shyrock, chairman, plans to have a special work day at the Indoor Range for those who can not make it to any of the scheduled dates. Call or email him for your possible clean up credit: 970-667-5431 or clean-up@epgunarchery.com.

Indoor Range Hours & Fees 250 Community Drive, Estes Park

Club member Range Use fee \$1.00
Public Non-member Range Use Fee \$5.00
Archery Only -Tuesday 7:00 to 8:00pm
Firearm-Wednesday 7:00pm to 8:00pm
Firearm -Thursday 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Indoor Range Maintenance

The Spring thaw is here so the underground streams are becoming more active. The Indoor Range sump pumps from time to time give out and the range becomes quite damp. The sump pumps usually have a two year warranty so one had to be changed out this May. The Board has been trying to address a noisy heater so have serviced the propane tank with

two regulators, coded underground gas line and are working currently on possible valve defect for fuel control to heaters. We hope this is the problem. With all the filters & blowers going at one time, shooters do not need a noisy heater on top of trying to concentrate on their target.

EVRPD & EPG&AC Paper Work

The Estes Valley Recreation & Park District and the Estes Park Gun & Archery Club are working on two paper projects.

One is a new contract for the Club to rent Common Point Outdoor Range and Community Drive Indoor Range. Bureau of Reclamation currently owns the Common Point property and are due to transfer the land to the Recreation District with certain rights to maintain the Olympus & Pole Hill tunnel. When the transfer happens, our contract will need updated names, land ownership and range use changes along with the Club's rental fee which will include the Indoor Range (property owned by the Town).

The first paper project that has to be finalized is the explanation of Recreational use by a non-profit shooting club and how all that fits into our local community and Estes Valley Recreation & Park District who wishes to own the land. It's more detailed than that but I think you can get the idea.

The Club had hoped to have the transfer done by now because the installation of the shot barrier curtain is pending due to the land transfer paperwork. The Bureau is very aware of our project to reclaim our shotgun lead and wish this type of action could go faster for us. The Recreation District is ready to help also but again the PAPER WORK.

Maybe July for the shot barrier curtain????

Insurance Research

Steve Murphree has worked hard at finding lower cost insurance premiums to cover our Liability, Dishonesty Bond and Director & Officer liability. He will be presenting possible

company changes providing the same amount of coverage at our next board meeting on June 13th at Re/max Mtn Brokers.

WANTED— Board 1st Vice President

One might say it will be hard to find a Vice President like David Norman, who lives in Loveland and could be seen at the range more than twice a week if not more during the summer months. Steve Shyrock has taken on the full position of Clean up Chairman. Both positions go hand in hand to keep our ranges in tip-top condition. Randy Buchanan, 2nd Vice President, has his duties as well and all three help each other maintain scheduling of the different range uses between instructors, clinics and Law Enforcement training.

Becoming our 1st VP for the remainder of the year will be a learning experience for anyone but you will have help from Randy & Steve. Our goal is always to provide a safe, comfortable and effective target shooting experience at all four outdoor ranges & indoor. Please consider this opportunity to help provide the best range to our members.

Brass & Aluminum Recycling

Just for your information, the collected brass, aluminum and lead was taken to Western Aluminum Recycling in Boulder after all our clean-up days last November. Lead went for 15 cents a pound, Brass went for \$1.80 a pound and Aluminum went for 45 cents a pound. The Indoor Range collected 106lbs of lead, \$15.90, Brass 46.6lbs \$83.88 and Aluminum 14lbs \$6.30. The Outdoor Range collected 585lbs of lead, \$87.75, Brass 44lbs \$79.20 and Aluminum 8 lbs \$3.60.

Think about picking up your own spent cartridges and recycling, you may have enough pounds, if you do not reload, to purchase another box of ammo for the future.

Affiliation with Civilian Marksmanship Program M1 GRANTED

The CMP is a non-profit corporation chartered by the U.S. Congress to promote firearms safety training and marksmanship, especially for youth. CMP sales of U.S. Government surplus rifles, ammo and related merchandise help fund CMP junior programs, affiliated shooting club programs and CMP hosted National Trophy Rifle and Pistol Matches at Camp Perry. www.thecmp.org

Other affiliated clubs can be found by contacting CMP at 256-835-8455 or check the club listings on www.odcmp.com.

In the past ten years, the M1 Garand, regardless of condition, has also become a very hot collectors' item and sound financial investment, as evidenced by the steady growth of the Garand Collectors Association to over 15,000 members in just the past few years. The popularity of the M1 Garand continues to grow as hundreds of New Garand "Fun" Matches are being held all across the USA each year.

The "Fun" matches is what our Club wants to provide its members, adult and youth alike. Richard McKinney, club member and gunsmith, has a multitude of experience with this CMP program and wishes to implement the firearms safety training and marksmanship within our Club members and surrounding community. The Club's affiliation with CMP helps Richard organize the "Fun" matches and training.

The leadership & coaching will come from Richard but he will need volunteers to help with the CMP method for the matches & coordinating the training. Contact Richard McKinney between 4:00pm to 7:00pm at Phone# 970-635-2409 for questions relating to firearms used, volunteer needs, scheduled "Fun" match and orientation meeting. Be sure to inform oneself by visiting the CMP website, www.thecmp.org. Let's send someone to Camp Perry!