

Update Newsletter May 2015

Estes Park Gun & Archery Club

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Outdoor Events for Club Members

The Club's Board would like some assistance in finding property to hold a one day outdoor range event for our members. The event could include a rifle turkey shoot, or just a handgun competition, or even an archery exhibit, picnic supplied by the Club and a gathering time for members to possibly ponder and talk about the good times. If possible maybe we could plan a different outdoor event each month near the Estes Valley area. Any suggestion would be welcome and contact Sharyn Gartner, president@epgunarchery.com or phone 970-586-2426.

Estes Valley Recreation & Park District & Common Point

As far as the Gun Club board knows on May 19th of the EVRPD regular meeting, they were still considering the Alfred Benesch firm Design & Engineering contract. We have not seen it published for the public to read of any decision made. This design/engineering firm projected the completion of the repairs being done in 32 weeks which would bring us close to January of 2016. More delays would definitely put the completion farther into the 2016 year.

Clean-up Schedule

Since we have scheduled an Outdoor Range clean-up on Thursday June 11th, I called our leader for the day, Gary Berlin, and suggested we take a day hike up to Common Point to view what the flood waters had done to Noels Draw and the Archery range targets. Members could note the gully wash to the rifle range between the 100Yd and 200Yd shooting stations. Otherwise the trap range and pistol range was unharmed. No target practice will be done at this time. You would need to have your rubber galoshes ready for fording one stream and bring your lunch & water. It is a mile walk so bring a walking stick. We could meet at the Indoor Range and buddy up in cars as parking along HWY 34 is slim or have someone just drop us off and select a pick-up time. It was suggested to meet at the 250 Community Drive range at 10:30am and then travel down at 11:00 and start our hike and have lunch by 12:00 noon at Common Point picnic tables. Vault restroom is functional.

This excursion is planned for the Indoor Range clean-up date on Saturday June 13th and also for the Outdoor Range clean-up on Sunday June 28th. Please give your input as this way we would have three different days for this mile hike and call in for reservations for your selected day and to help with transportation concerns. Call Sharyn Gartner, 970-586-2426 and leave a message or email president@epgunarchery.com. By attending this informational hike, and signing in, you would receive a clean-up credit while having fun at the same time.

Sport Shooting Partners & US Forest Service

As noted in our previous May Newsletter, please comment on the topics considered by the US Forest Service www.fs.usda.gov/goto/arp/recshootingmgt in amending their management plan for recreational sport shooting by June 3rd. Also sign up for updated emails from the www.sportshootingpartners.org as these Federal and State groups are allowing public input to your shooting practice needs. It would be helpful for our community and all those that visit our state to find designated sport shooting areas. No more guessing on where to practice and being respectful to landowners.

Sharyn Gartner, Club President, May 29, 2015