

Newsletter July 2015

Estes Park Gun & Archery Club

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Outdoor Hikes for Club Members

Those attending our outdoor excursions to Common Point totaled 32 bodies to view Noels Draw Lane and the Common Point range giving a total of 90 hours for in-kind service and clean up credits for those members attending last month. The hike on June 28th, your president had acquired a permission slip from the Estes Valley Recreation and Park District. In respect of the Cooper family property that borders Noels Draw Lane and Common Point, it was important to have this documentation so all parties, EVRPD & Coopers, would know that the Gun Club had planned this hike for its members.

Our designated Clean-up Day for the Outdoor Range was scheduled on the back of your membership card for July 19th, Sunday. The President is requesting again a hike permission slip from the EVRPD in hopes of requesting that 20 members could target practice with handguns at the 25 yard & Upper range (trap), ten at each range with RO's present. Since the LEA's have asked and gotten permission to practice at Common Point, I did not think it would hurt to ask if the Club could do so also. This hike would be open to other members to help bring down packs of brass to be recycled that has been stored in our sheds.

If given permission by the EVRPD, then the hours will be changed to meet at Indoor Range 9:30am to caravan to Noels Draw Lane and hike would start at 10:00am. All hikers would need to bring along their ear & eye protection, for those signed up to practice shoot (handgun, ammo, paper target), snack/lunch & water, pack backs for brass retrieval & recycling or bring along a small fold up wagon. Keep your fingers crossed that we can practice shoot! Please sign up with Sharyn for either the hike (anyone) and/or shooting practice (only 20 people) to president@epgunarchery.com or sharyn@frii.com and/or phone 970-586-2426. Then I will be able to relate the EVRPD decision toward your President's proposal. Would still like to hike up whether we shoot or not.

EVRPD Executive Director Resigns

Skyler Rorabaugh handed in his resignation to the Estes Valley Recreation & Park Board on June 23, 2015 with it being posted in the local Newspapers on July 3rd. He had accepted a position in Colorado Springs and finishing up with the District as of July 31st. You can read more about this topic on the website for the Trail Gazette and Estes Park News. As to how the Gun Club will connect with the District Board is still unknown as it is rumored that there is a directive of their new procedures. Note: the Club was informed before this announcement that our Common Point permission slips were to be issued by Matt Hines, Project Manager.

Indoor Clean Up

Dennis Lunt, June 13th leader, was able to accomplish several projects with 7 people attending contributing 11 hours to in-kind service and members receiving clean up credits. Check out the Clean up reports on our website for more details. The next Indoor clean up date is for August 22, Saturday, with Brad Barnett as the Day leader and Karolee McLaughlin and George Collins at the sign in desk.

Ladies Only Shoot at Indoor Range: July 20th, 7:00 to 8:00pm

Membership News

Bob Mitchiner, membership chairman, is reporting to our Club's board that 8 new members for the 2015 year with 2 more in the process, 18 life members renewed and 324 annual members gives the club a total of 350 actual members. Since the Indoor Range is open and the board considering more open range nights, new members have decided that it would be cost effective for them to join the club at \$75 and spending only \$1.00 to use the range as to \$5.00 as a non-member. Using the range 20 times as non-member would be \$100 and 20 times as a member would be \$20 plus membership of \$75 equals \$95.00. One can shoot at the Indoor Range for this month, 10 evenings, twenty times adds up fast. You calculate the savings.

Meeting with Project Manager

Through the DOLA grant to the EVRPD to hire Matt Hines as Project Manager and his talented assistant, Rebecca Crawford who is a master at writing up the RFQ's for possible contracts to the many huge jobs the Recreation District has chosen to do; Stanley Park Master Plan, Community Center, finalizing the flood damage to 18-hole golf course, 9-hole golf course, Estes Lake Marina and other projects that I probably missed, agreed to a meeting. What Matt could tell us was not wonderful and still could not give the Club definite dates for Common Point. They are hoping that the design contractors for the Noels Draw Lane and Outdoor Range would submit plans in September. He does not see that the Outdoor Range could truly be completed until the end of May, 2016. Rebecca and Matt were only hired to work on the building & completing the District's Projects and has nothing to do with our proposed Concessionaire Agreements for Common Point or Community Drive Indoor Range.

Sport Shooting Partners

Please find the website, www.SportShootingPartner.org, to keep up with the U.S. Forest Service releasing Proposed Direction for Recreational Sport Shooting (RSS), a Forest Plan of Management. They would like comments toward their plan before August 10, 2015. They are presenting 2 goals and 4 objectives toward RSS on Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forest. I hope to find the map they have proposed showing suitable for RSS, not suitable and proposed designated shooting areas. Let me know if you find the map possibly found on www.fs.usda.gov/goto/arp/recshootingmgt or contact Joshua Milligan, Forest Planner, jmilligan@fs.fed.us or phone 970-295-6761.

Other open houses to announce from Boulder County: Nederland Open House, July 20, 6 – 7:30 at Nederland Community Center; Boulder Open House, July 21, 6 -7:30 at the Boulder Clerk & Records Office in Boulder; Allenspark Open House, August 6, 6 – 7:30 at LYONS, Peaceful Valley resort. For more detailed addresses, go to the sportshootingpartner website as noted in the first paragraph. Maps of areas to be considered will be provided for your viewing: Ruby Gulch, West Magnolia, Allenspark Dump, Bunce School Road & Beaver Reservoir Road. (analysis and public involvement has been completed and awaiting a decision on the Allenspark Dump RSS. Your president participated in the Allenspark discussion in 2011 and almost 5 years later, no decision has been made!)

Please note that Boulder County Land Use Department will have a station to explain the amending of the Land Use Code for Boulder County .

Editorial:

I must apologize to our members for not getting news out to you in June. It was fun to hike up to Common Point those three days with one day a soaking rain! I figured that most of you might be tired of my comments and the disappointment in seeing the weeds above our knees as we walked around the Outdoor Range. Would anyone like to make a wager as to who will develop an outdoor shooting range first? Estes Valley Recreation and Park District or Sport Shooting Partners?

Sharyn Gartner, Club President, July 10, 2015