

Newsletter August 2015

Estes Park Gun and Archery Club

REMINDER August 22, 2015 INDOOR RANGE CLEAN UP

Brad Barnett, clean up leader, is expecting to have Club volunteers ready this Saturday at the Indoor Range by 10:00am, sign in with Karolee McLaughin & George Collins on the attendance sheets.

Projects for the day include:

- Possible solid lead mining & brass pickup but most definitely separating debris from the lead & brass to obtain the best price when taking the product to recycle. Volunteers will need to bring their own gloves. Filter/dust masks will be provided.
- Vacuuming the floor with our Hepa vacuum and if someone has a shop vac to bring, it would be welcome. It may speed up the process to clean the floor.
- Check sump pump and hose drainage.
- Observe gutters and drain hoses and repair if possible.
- Police the entire outside area for trash.
- Check port-a-potty for any extra cleaning that may need attention. Gloves will be supplied. WM is contracted to clean the facility but it may need sprucing up anyway.
- Spray paint black drain extensions.
- Repair PVC Target Stands if needed & replace backstop paper.

For the volunteers that like to hike and the weather is good, we have permission to be at Common Point also on this day. We will be moving brass that has been collected to containers we can carry or take out with small wagons or backpacks. If possible, solid lead will also be removed from the sheds. Equipment for a youth rifle shoot will also be retrieved.

Any questions on tools to bring, or if you would like to sign up for the hike, contact Sharyn Gartner, 970-586-2426 or email sharyn@frii.com or president@epgunarchery.com.

EVRPD had their monthly board meeting on Tuesday and was able to speak with Herb Loveall, Parks & Trails Manager. We talked about getting the parking lot for the Indoor Range ready for better snow melt drainage away from the front door and the walking/biking trail. He may have suggestions for our work crew or this project may be within the duties he can perform with the District. I will know by this Saturday.

Noels Draw Bridge Matt Hines, EVRPD Flood Project Manager reported on Tuesday that Benesch Design & Engineering presented several options and scenarios for repair of the existing bridge. In the Big Thompson, an earthen temporary culvert bridge west of the existing one, would be needed to handle the large earth & boulder moving equipment. The original concrete rebar enforced truss bridge would stay after the road and range improvements are done. The culvert bridge would then be removed. Estimates were given for the cost, but it would not be fair to post them right now as future contracts for the repair of the bridge and the second bridge (culvert) have not been released for bid. The District Board did vote to proceed with Mr. Hines proposal. Timelines were not given due to the bid process needs to happen first. All hoped to see this part of the project ready before any snow starts showing up.

Range Safety Officer Classes Gordon Ulrickson, Past President and NRA instructor provided instruction to 6 future Friday Evening range safety officers. Others were able to schedule NRA RSO classes in Loveland and online. Jeff Van Bogaert will be organizing those wishing to volunteer & staff a certain Friday evening. Jeff hopes to have the schedule ready to start September 4th. The range will not be open on Sept. 11th due to the entire Stanley Park will be used for the Scottish Festival. Those wishing to help open this evening at the Indoor Range should contact Jeff, webmaster@epgunarchery.com, to possibly meet for an orientation, August 21st. Watch the website for updated news toward opening the Indoor Range on Friday evenings.

Board Members Are all hard at work, trying to find places for our members to sight-in their rifles for our future hunting season as well as our archers are in the middle of their hunting season. At our last board meeting, we had items to discuss that a member brought up about better communication to new shooters entering our Indoor Range. Sometimes we forget those that have never shot at our little range. They do not realize there is not a buffer between the firing line and walking through the front door. So please notice that we will be changing some signs on the door especially saying "Ears & Eyes required before entry" in big letters or something to that effect. It was also suggested that the RSO should be wearing something (RO vest) to identify themselves easily for the new participant upon entry.

Please note that all members are welcome to attend our board meetings. Your input is important. Have you been expressing your opinions to the www.sportshootingpartners.org and their project to find designated areas within the National Forest for recreational shooting?

Our "Ladies Only Night", third Monday of each month, has been delightful for Jayne Zmijewsky and myself. We have ladies attending that have shot handguns before and needed to refresh their skills while others said to show them how a handgun works. Which firearm would be best for me?

Jayne and I work pretty well together since she is an NRA Instructor and me, while taking a refresher course for Range Safety Officer and enjoying the competition route. Jayne will really get into the instruction while I maintain the safety for the other ladies. If I am working with someone, then Jayne will in turn become the safety officer. For the new ladies, having our RO vest on, helps them to get to know us and can rely upon us for the procedures of the evening. I personally have not seen a face without a 'smile' when they leave the building and are proud of their own improvement.

Ladies wishing to be included; I send out an email to remind you so send me your address to put on the Ladies Only Night reminder list! president@epgunarchery.com Sharyn Gartner, 970-586-2426.

Surprise for the Club Upon inquiring with the EVRPD (Rec. District) about granting funds for our restroom facility for 2016, I was informed that they had not received a billing for our request for \$800 made in 2014 for the 2015 year rental. As far as the board knew, the District could not find that amount to be placed in their 2015 budget. Quickly, I made out a request to disburse the funds to the Club for their portion of the rental.

The District suggested that we look around for other port-a-let companies and may find a lower monthly price, so we are in the pursuit of looking. Otherwise, we will stay with Waste Management as they have been serving our needs quite well. The Town of Estes Park Community Services Grant application may be arriving soon so it would be nice to have that estimate ready for submission.

Estes Park Gun & Archery Club website: www.epgunarchery.com will have updated information and use and/or classes scheduled for the Indoor Range. You will find contact information for your officers and committee chairman as well.

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