

Newsletter March 2015

Estes Park Gun & Archery Club

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Stanley Park Master Plan Phase 1

The Estes Valley Recreation and Park District presented for public input the new development plan for Stanley Park on February 11, 2015 for the proposed location of community garden and bike park. Gregg Farmer may be contacted by email at gregg@evrpd.com or phone 970-586-8191 Ext. 5 for further information pertaining to the Stanley Park Master Plan 1 thru 9 phases. Gregg is retiring at the end of March and will be available until then to help our members understand these phases.

A club member sent out emails to our membership to complete the survey regarding Phase 1 with his concerns about the Indoor Range. Your president strongly advises our membership attend these public input meetings to get the complete story as the Indoor Range will be considered when the District is ready to address Phase 5 of the Stanley Park Master Plan. An area map of all the Phases have been posted at the Indoor Range for your viewing convenience and contact information is included.

Renewal Memberships

The scheduled deadline for 2014 members to renew for the 2015 year was March 1st. Those that wish to keep their membership active please send your 2015 Renewal Form, with no fees due, to the Membership Chairman by the end of March, 2015. It is important that members keep their contact information updated; mailing address, phone numbers and email addresses. Your board remains optimistic about the future use of the Common Point Shooting Range and will update our members as news becomes available.

Newsletter Email

The last week of February, our webmaster and president sent out email to member addresses to request signing up for our newsletter through a protected email address system on our website. Our website www.epgunarchery.com front page announced and explained the details of this change.

Those that do not want Club correspondence by email, may still read the Newsletter as it is posted on our website along with Board meetings and other documents. Hard copy newsletters can be sent out by mail with no email. Those wishing to change can write to newsletter@epgunarchery.com to be put on the new Newsletter email list.

Larimer County Sheriff Justin Smith Speaks at EP Tea Party Hosted Event

The Estes Park Trail-Gazette announced a community meeting featuring our sheriff discussing Americas Homeland Security in their Wednesday, Feb 25th issue. Over 100 people attended the Saturday, February 28th meeting including your Club Board and Club Members. Sheriff Justin Smith addressed some unsettling issues around our long time freedoms at Cheesy Lee's Restaurant.

The Club's Board took this opportunity to bring to attention the Public Safety Issue to our Community's Citizens. A petition was presented to wit: "We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge the EVRPD to recognize the Public Safety factor for our community and within its power to reactivate the use of the Common Point Shooting Range whether that includes permission to build a temporary road and/or pushing forward the signing of the Concessionaire contract between the Estes Park Gun and Archery Club and the Estes Valley Recreation and Park District." The Board presented a summary and background regarding expected results of signing this petition.

Concessionaire Outdoor Range Draft Agreement

Each time that our draft Common Point Outdoor Range Concessionaire Agreement, receives a request for special wording about Public Use or non-discrimination, the contract can be delayed by 60 to 90 days for subsequent review.

The “Federal Lands to Parks Program” through the US Department of Interior, National Park Service, Pacific West Region, which pertains to the Estes Valley Recreation and Park District keeping 35 acres (approx.), requires proper reporting every 2 years. The Club, as the future concessionaire, would need to keep records for submission to EVRPD in a timely fashion for required reporting. The District’s Executive Director, Skyler Rorabaugh, your Club President and the Club’s Special Agreement Committee are optimistic that the Draft Agreement submitted to the National Park service will be the final one. We anticipate that each entity (NPS, EVRPD, EPGAC) will have their legal professionals review the Concessionaire Agreement before signing. The Club’s board has hired a professional consultant that is reviewing this agreement.

A dilemma that remains is, if there is no temporary or rebuilt access road (Noels Draw Lane) to Common Point, “Why should the Club sign a Concessionaire Agreement at this time?”

Indoor Range and Club Sponsored Activities

Events outside the actual building regarding firearm safety may be presented through National Shooting Sports Foundation and their ChildSafe Programs as our Director, Rick Tekulve, is pursuing many programs connected to NSSF and the NRA. (Contact Rick)

Ladies, do you remember when the Club introduced an Annie Oakley League and they met at the Indoor Range, ladies only, on a Monday evening. Would you like that again? The Club could also introduce the NRA sponsored “Women on Target” Clinic as one was held at the Outdoor Range in 2004 but make it a Clinic suitable for our Indoor Range. (Contact Sharyn)

Please give your ideas and interest in participating to Rick Tekulve and Sharyn Gartner as they are actively pursuing these special events.

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Board Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month. Our meetings are conducted at the ReMax Mountain Brokers Conference Room, 1200 Graves Avenue, Estes Park, CO at 7:00pm and all members are welcome to attend. If a special topic of concern needs to be addressed, the board encourages the membership to notify either the Secretary, who sets the agenda or notify the President as listed above. Robert’s Rule of Order is recognized as the procedure of each meeting.