

Estes Park Gun & Archery Club

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Indoor Range & Common Point Outdoor Range Concession Agreement

At the first of the year, the Estes Valley Recreation and Park District (EVRPD) had agreed to work with the Estes Park Gun and Archery Club on a contract to be only considering the Common Point Outdoor Range for the concessionaire.

The District was given the go ahead to rebuild Noels Draw Lane and repair the bridge while redesigning the location of the 25 yard pistol range and lowering the 200 yard rifle range to a 100 yard rifle range. This project was due June 1st but was delayed until June 13th with all projects done. The Gun Club had hopes to be able to approve the proposed draft to be the Concessionaire but the EVRPD New Board (installed in May) wanted to include the Indoor Range, 250 Community Drive, Estes Park in this Concession Agreement. They felt it would be more complete with having both ranges included even though the properties were owned by two different entities and cause less confusion and delays for the future.

According to the Federal Lands to Parks land transfer agreement, the Common Point Concession Agreement had to be approved by the USA National Park Service (USNPS). They had placed their approval as written in June of 2015. Before it could be signed the improvements to Common Point needed to be completed, June '16. Combining the approved Common Point Concession Agreement and then adding the details that pertained to the Indoor Range, has been time consuming besides running the new document by the District's lawyer firm to see if it still concurred with the USNPS draft. We (EPGAC Agreement Committee and District Agreement Committee) have reviewed the Attorney's 1st draft of the Combined Agreement and the District has sent it back to the Attorney for their review. That is where we stand for now, awaiting for the second draft of the Combined Agreement.

The Gun Club's Committee is hoping that we will be able to present the revised Combined Concession Agreement at our board meeting on August 8, 2016 and then it would be presented to the District board, August 16, 2016. Of course, this is wishful thinking and speculation!

There will be a special email going out if & when the Agreement is signed and announcement of work/clean-up days. There will be lots of work to do to bring back our shooting ranges to the standard our Club members remember Common Point.

Estes Valley Recreation & Park District Allowing Use of Common Point

Tom Carosello, EVRPD Executive Director, allowed access to our Communities Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA): Estes Park Police Department (EPPD), Larimer County Sheriff's Office (LCSO), and Rocky Mountain National Park Law Enforcement (RMNP) soon after the bridge was repaired and a gate installed. (Evidenced by all the locks on the current gate chain.) Their new officers needed to have the outdoor training experience to be qualified for this summer. This opportunity allowed less travel time to other ranges and less strain on their budgets.

The Executive Director has also expanded the use of the range to the public (Gun Club members as well). To use the range, one will need to call Mr. Carosello, 970-382-1356, especially for weekend use or stop by the EVRPD office, 690 Big Thompson Ave. (HWY 34 & 9 hole golf course), Estes Park. You would make a request to use the Common Point Range and if a key is available (first

come, first served) and then allow the District to copy your driver's license and leave a contact phone number for their records. It is important to take to the range your own target & stands and if you have a portable table, you will find that helpful as well.

At the range you will find the Gun Club's tables off to the side along with other Club equipment. No one should move those accessories unless you plan to put them back where you found them. District does not want the Club to do any maintenance to the grounds until the Concession Agreement is signed.

Indoor Range Clean up Dates
Remaining days- Thursday- August 11 & Thursday- October 6

To insure your clean up time at the Indoor Range on 250 Community Drive, Estes Park and be out of the sun and rain, schedule with our Chairman, Bill Conger by calling 970-577-9393 or email wlconger@estesvalley.net. Since it is a small area to work, our chairman is asking for a limited number of our members to volunteer (12-14) on this Thursday, August 11th, 10:00am to 1:00pm & register to attend. The projects to be done is the mining of solid lead from the backstop and then if weather is good outside, a sorting station will be set up for recycling the brass and solid lead. Our recycling companies are very particular. They do not want steel & brass or aluminum cases combined and no foreign debris mixed in the solid lead. We want the best recycled price we can get. Wear your old clothes, bring your leather gloves and the Club will have breathing masks and some gloves to share. Just in case, bring along your heavy rakes, not leaf rakes, and a shovel to help with the mining. A must is your water bottles as there is no potable water nearby.

Bill is also asking those that have a shop vac to bring it to vacuum the chairs and dust found on ledges of our walls. Note: one of our rain gutter spouts has been damaged and repairs will be needed for that. The Club does have a bucket of tar to coat the inside of the gutter.

Indoor Range Sunday Opening

Bill Howell, Sunday RSO leader, wanted all our members to know that Sunday afternoons is a good time to shoot from 2:00pm to 4:00pm with the scheduled two RSO's on duty. Many visitors to Estes Park have called to find out our Gun Club hours and usually the Sunday afternoon works best for them and their families. It gives them plenty of time for family instruction knowing that our Indoor Range is not full of sharp shooters! A great family experience. So, for a weekend experience in the mountains, stop by and say hello at the Indoor Range on Sunday.

If you would like more updates, feel free to call 970-586-2426 or president@epgunarchery.com especially if I missed a subject you were interested in.

Thank you,

Sharyn Gartner, EPGAC President