

Estes Park Gun & Archery Club

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2017 May Newsletter

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Public Days Scheduled for Common Point Outdoor Range

The Club's Board will be announcing in our local papers the opening of the outdoor range (pistol & rifle) to the Public (non-club members) the end of May. The actual dates to recognize for the pistol and rifle ranges for public use will start June 3, 2017 and will continue for each Saturday from 8:00am to Noon for the Summer months. Club members will be allowed to enter and use any of the ranges. Displaying your membership card, to create less confusion, would greatly be appreciated.

Rick Tekulve, Public Day Chairman, will be organizing our RSO's for the Saturday schedule, lining up the people who will man the sign in table (collecting the fees & the signing of the Liability Release forms), and preparing with help the ranges to be used. If you would like to help and have not been contacted, then please email Rick or call: judyrick53@aol.com or 970-577-8588.

Trap Range use will be delayed due to our 6 new curtains have not arrived and the difficulty of finding & to rent a bucket/cherry picker truck has come into play. Anyone with knowledge of where the Club could rent one and operate it, is of the utmost importance to start the Trap Shooting Event.

Range Safety Officer Class

You received a special announcement of this RSO Class being held on May 20th, Saturday, at the Indoor Range. This is a great time to get your credentials to volunteer as an RSO on our Public Days listed above. By working as an RSO, you will receive a waiver toward the yearly clean-up fee especially if you could not work on those scheduled days. Contact Jim Boyd 4jimandannie@gmail.com to receive directions toward signing up for this class.

May 20th, Clean up Day, Outdoor Range

The Clean-up Chairman, Bill Conger, is listing the projects and the tools needed that will help our members to be prepared.

Target Stands need repair and new ones constructed.

2x2x8ft sticks will be provided with screws:

Members need to bring battery drills with drill bit to predrill holes & Phillips screw head. The sticks are to measure and cut to 5ft 7inches, 36inch top brace and middle brace approx.. 32inch. Bring your measuring tape. Add two angle cuts to stabilize the stand & space to hold 36"X 36" cardboard already cut. At the bottom of the legs, sand or rasp off the edges up to 12 inches. The stands will fit the pvc pipe better that way.

Brass pick up & sorting into buckets to recycle using magnet to remove steel.

Archery Trail & Bridge construction

Trail Rebuilding- Members bring shovels, picks, pry & packing bars. This project means manual labor and wear your rubber boots as you will be working around the creek.

Bridge Rebuilding- Wood has been donated by several members. Battery powered saws or maybe chain saws could be used to cut the wood. Battery drill with bits. Bill will have a plan ready for you.

Replacing shot up PVC pipe (Holders for our Target stands) Members will need battery drills & Phillips screw head to loosen brace holding to pull out pipe and insert new already cut.

Vault Restroom Cleaning

Reorganizing & sweeping target shed

Not all these projects can get done but you have a variety to choose from.

Results From Previous Clean up & Work Days

On inspection of our Trap Thrower House and generator by our CSRO's, David Bruce and Jayne Zmijewski, maintenance was needed for the thrower to work properly & oil change to generator. Club members, Rich Harvey and Kevin Sheumaker, took some time, 4 hours, to clean (degrease) the trap thrower and work on the generator. They changed the oil and cleaned the air flap among other things for small motors. All equipment is working smoothly now. At our last clean up, April 22nd, Rich took home the DR mower and replaced the battery, and changed its oil and is ready to be used again. It is stored in the Archery Shed for future clean up days while the battery is being charged by solar.

With all the mining of the lead at the Indoor Range, buckets were being filled and stored near the Archery shed. Board member, Douglas Miller, found a good recycling place in Arvada that gave the Club a reasonable price for the mined lead that was not cleaned for foreign materials. In all, Doug reported that he transported 1604 lbs of lead for 40 cents per pound for a total of \$641.60. He loaded his pick up, one bucket at a time, and made three trips to the recycling center by himself. Next time you see Doug, please say thank you for his efforts and ask if you could help load his pick up! He saved a lot of dreaded time in cleaning the lead to give members more time on other projects at the outdoor range.

At the April 22nd combined Indoor & Outdoor Range clean up, volunteer members helped sort our Trap curtains as to what needed repaired and folded the good ones to be ready for hanging. We were able to patch 8 panels with only one being too shredded to repair. Out of 30 curtain panels hanging for three years and being whipped by the wind, having only one not to be hung was surprising. The Club may have to order more curtain panels for 2018, but will see after a season of using the current ones.

Safety Fair May 6th

Our Club was represented at our Estes Park Safety Fair that features the Red Cross, Fire & Police Departments, Rocky Mtn National Park, National Forest Service and so many more safety conscience organizations. Our board reported handing out over 100 free firearm locks, while kids threw bean bags and had a chance to eat some sweets. The fair seems to grow more each year.

Pistol Range Improvement Plan

Board members have noticed that ground between the poles has been pretty sloppy during the rains and not draining well. They want to look at adding gravel in between the poles and try to compact the area closer to the firing line to capture & see the brass to be picked up. Members have been commenting about the problem and the board is taking action. Thank you for speaking up and helping improve the ranges.

Sharyn Gartner
President