

Estes Park Gun & Archery Club

PO Box 982, Estes Park, CO 80517

2018 July Newsletter

Outdoor Range Cleanup Day

July 15th (Sunday) is the next outdoor range cleanup day. Most of the projects revolve around mowing or painting, staining and target stand rebuilding. We have six new (used) picnic tables that the Rec District donated to the range, we will scrape, sand and repaint them. The pistol shed needs to be painted. Bring your cordless drills, power saws, screwdrivers, paint brushes and rollers. Weed eaters will come in handy as well.

Public Days

Public days are being well attended. This is a great opportunity to expose people to our range and solicit new members. Several wedding, family reunion, birthday party and bachelor party groups have utilized the range during their time in Estes. **Many members don't seem to know that public availability of our range is a requirement for the Rec District to retain ownership of the land.** No public access to the range, and the property reverts back to the National Park Service. Therefore the gun club, as concessionaire is required to provide public access to the range as well as membership access. Basically, you can sum up the situation like this – **No public access, no shooting range.** It seems that many members are not aware of this. Public access is also being provided by law enforcement use and non-profit group use. But the Saturday public days are the clearest and most visible proof of general public access to the range that we have.

Missing RSOs

We have a problem with short staffing of RSOs at the Saturday outdoor public days. Please, if you are an RSO, contact Rick Tekulve at judyrick53@aol.com or 970-577-8588 to fill some of the Saturday slots. My experience is a minimum safe crew is 4 RSOs (1 for pistol, 1 for rifle and 2 for trap area). An extra person (can be a non-RSO) to help with sign in and take cash for entry and trap fees helps tremendously. I've seen Rick handling the pistol, rifle and sign in/receipts by himself at times. That could become dangerous if parties try to use the rifle and pistol ranges at the same time. **We need more help here.** Last Saturday, we only had 3 RSOs and no extra volunteers. Public Days are fundamental to us continuing to have an outdoor range.

Archery Range Project

The new archery range is on schedule to be finished before the end of August. Archers have stepped up to build and finance this on their own. Check it out if you are at the range. Volunteer work and donations are being accepted. Project lead is Bob Shipman, contact him at bshipman@constructadvisors.com.

Clean up Credit for Public Days Volunteers

All Members – Clean Up credit is available for volunteering to staff the sign in/fee collection table at our Saturday Public Days this summer. You do not have to be an RSO in order to staff the sign in table. Time slot would be 9 AM to 12 PM. Please contact Rick Tekulve at judyrick53@aol.com.

Thanks all,
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