

Estes Park Gun & Archery Club

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2018 March Newsletter

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New Members in January

Randy Buchanan gave safety orientations to 21 new members in the month of January. We will find out the numbers for February in a few days. It will be interesting to see how many new members continue to join as the weather warms and Highway 34 becomes open to travel without special permit requirements.

Also, if you are reading this and have not renewed your membership for 2018, please do so now.

Rifle Range Firing Line

All the rifle range shooting benches have either been replaced or refinished with new tops. Thanks to Jeff Moreau for his work on the two new standing benches. Another new shooting bench and new tops for the two remaining angle iron tables were donated to the club.

The target holders need some work as all the holders on the 100 yard line have been destroyed. Someday I'd like to understand how that happens.

New Range Shelters

If you are a professional contractor/builder and would like to bid on the new range shelters we are going to install at the outdoor pistol and rifle ranges, please contact me immediately. We are moving forward on this now. Steve Clark 970-372-7374

Shot Barrier Curtains, Trap Range

The remaining replacement shot barrier curtains arrived February 22nd. Thanks to Rich Harvey, Kevin Sheumaker and Sharyn Gartner for prepping them for deployment expected sometime in late April or early May. They should be ready for use by our first Public Day of the season June 2nd.

New Kiosk and Signs at Entrance

The club's welcome kiosk at the entrance to the outdoor range is in the process of being rebuilt. New posts and backing are in place, the roof is yet to come. We updated the Land to Parks sign (with permission from the Rec district) on the opposite side of the road with new backing at the same time.

Range Cleanup

David Jiles helped remove a full load of scrap metal from the range over Feb 24th, but we didn't get it all. Anyone that has access to a metal recycling facility please contact Steve Clark at 970-372-7374. We have about 7-800 lbs of steel pipe I would like to remove from the range – free to the takers, or we will deliver it if we have to.

Club RSOs for Public Days

All Range Safety Officers please contact Rick Tekulve by email at judyrick53@aol.com with your Saturday availability for upcoming Public Days this summer. First Public Day is scheduled for June 2nd.

Highway 34 Opening by Memorial Day

Highway 34 should be open for travel without special permits by Memorial Day. In the meantime, the outdoor range is still accessible at Noel's Draw Lane by taking Highway 34 east out of Estes approximately 3 miles. The current flagger's hut is located right at the entrance to the bridge and you should have no problems turning right into the road.

Outdoor Range Sign In

Please make sure to sign in (and sign in correctly) when visiting the outdoor range (and the indoor range for that matter). It helps us with the Rec district to be able to document how many people use the ranges, and gives us some additional leverage with them to help improve the ranges and the facilities. Sharyn has written a detailed description below –

Outdoor Range Sign-in Desk

How to use the 3-ring Notebook and Only Guests signing the liability Form

Everyone "signs in" with the 3-Ring Notebook, Members and their Guests alike. Guests (non-members) sign the Clip Board Liability form as well, Members do not need to sign the Liability form (you already signed one when joining). Membership Renewal forms receiving only one signature means that you only hold the membership. If you have a spouse, that person is your guest along with your minor children and must sign the Liability Waiver. Minor children needs an adult signature along with their signature to signify you are their parent or guardian for the day.

Family Membership Renewal forms receive two signatures for the two spouses and you received two individual membership cards. Minor Children (under age of 18) do not receive a membership card. Children over age 18 must get their own membership card. They are not considered a part of the Family Membership according to Club guidelines. They can be listed as a guest of their Membership parent but would need to sign the Liability Form and cannot enter the range without being accompanied by a Club Member.

RSO Class Scheduled-March 31st

Jim Boyd and Gordon Ulrickson, NRA Instructors, announced a class for Club Members for March 31st, a Saturday, from 8:00am to 5:00pm to be held at the Community Drive Indoor Range. No firearms will be needed and the only class fee will be the student lesson materials. Please contact Jim Boyd for more information, 4jimandannie@gmail.com or 970-481-4279.. The Club's Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) manual will be handed out to each attendee that passes the course. The

SOP for RSO's specifically deals with the operations at the EPGAC Club's Shooting Range facilities, Community Drive Indoor Range and Common Point Outdoor Shooting Range.

It is expected that the students that attend this class will help with our Public Days this summer and offer their services & receive training to run the Indoor Range when asked. Jim has 7 out of 12 spots filled so far, contact him directly to sign up.

Thanks all – if you have any questions or (nice) comments, please let me know.

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