

Estes Park Gun & Archery Club

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2019 November Newsletter

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Missing Newsletters

Never fear, you have not been missing newsletters. I was out of state most of the first part of the year, and did not try to publish monthly newsletters. Emails were sent out to members as necessary to inform of upcoming workdays and club related matters.

Upcoming Annual Meeting Jan 16th, 2020

The upcoming annual meeting will be Thursday Jan 16th, 2020. Location will be at the Estes Valley Community Center, located at 660 Community Drive, Estes Park, CO. We will have all 3 meeting rooms downstairs (they form a single large meeting room). Room will open for setup at 6 PM, meeting should start at 7 PM. We will be voting on board members for 2020. If you plan to vote, make sure you have paid your dues for 2020. Bob Mitchiner will have a table for you to fill out renewal forms and make payment at the meeting if you have not already taken care of it. You must be current on your club dues to vote per Club bylaws. We hope to have special speaker(s) and door prizes for the meeting.

Sunday Indoor Range Hours

Sunday indoor range hours will be added to the schedule from 2 PM to 3 PM during the winter and spring months. These are expected to last until the Saturday public hours at the outdoor range open again next June.

Common Point Range Shelters

The range shelters were completed and have been enjoyed throughout the summer. Several shooting stations were left uncovered at the end of each shelter for those that wish to shoot in the sunshine during the cooler/colder months. The shade was generally welcome during the summer months. Recycled asphalt ground covering, counter type benches on the front of the pistol shelter, and work type tables across the back of the rifle shelter were added during range workdays.

Longer Range Rifle Shooting

We are in the process of discussing the utilization of the unused southern end of the property for longer range (than we currently have) rifle shooting. I expect the idea to be formally submitted to the Rec District board at their November meeting. This usage meshes with the proposed development of the property written in the 2016 Concessionaire's agreement. It is far from approved, but has been positively received so far. Shooting stations would be behind the concrete walkways of the old trap field, shooting beyond the trap poles and into the east ridge behind the spillway. Targets would be permanent steel targets of varying sizes; this is not envisioned as a sighting in or paper target range. Distances would vary from station to station, starting at 225 yards. I'll keep you informed as to the progress (or lack thereof) of this initiative.

Thanks

Thanks to all the volunteers who worked at the ranges this year, both outside of and including the normal range workdays. I think the results speak for themselves, the outdoor range is looking really good. The indoor range presents more of a challenge. Still not sure what to do there, if anything. Thanks to all for your hard work. In addition, there are many volunteer hours put in behind the

scenes to make the club run and keep the ranges available to the membership. Our RSOs enable us to keep shooting at the ranges, without them we could not fulfill our concessionaire requirements to the District. New member processing and range orientations require a lot of time. The longer I work with the club, the more I realize how much volunteer effort goes into keeping the club running and the ranges open. Thanks to all.

See you at the range,

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