Estes Park Gun & Archery Club

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Annual Meeting Recap

Denny Schall, EPGAC 2nd VP

The Estes Park Gun and Archery Club held its annual meeting on October 10 at the Estes Park Community Center, welcoming 87 attendees. The evening opened with a social hour at 6:00 PM, followed by the business meeting. President Steve Ferrante called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, introduced the board members present, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He also announced that guest speaker Victor Marx, a Republican gubernatorial candidate, was unable to attend.

Members enjoyed 54 door prizes with a combined retail value exceeding $1,000. Drawings were held throughout the meeting until every prize had been awarded.

During the business session, elections were held for the 2027 executive board and directors. The newly elected board members are:

Jay Jacobsmeyer – President
Ken Rihanek – 1st Vice President
Lazarus "Laz" Lesperance – Secretary
Dennis Carder – Director

Continuing to serve the club are Denny Schall, 2nd VP; Dwight Pfeiffer, Treasurer; and Directors David Bruce, Jim Morse, and Kurt Pennington.

The club recognized and thanked outgoing President Steve Ferrante, 1st Vice President Steve Clark, and Director Dave Jiles for their dedicated service.

The meeting also included updates on major projects completed this year, range reports for the outdoor and indoor ranges, club-sponsored events, and the treasurer's report. The evening concluded with a Q&A session.

Slides from these updates follow.

Door Prize Sponsors - 2026

Our heartfelt thanks to the generous sponsors who donated 54 door prizes—more than $1,000 in combined retail value. Their remarkable support created meaningful value for our members, and every prize was awarded.





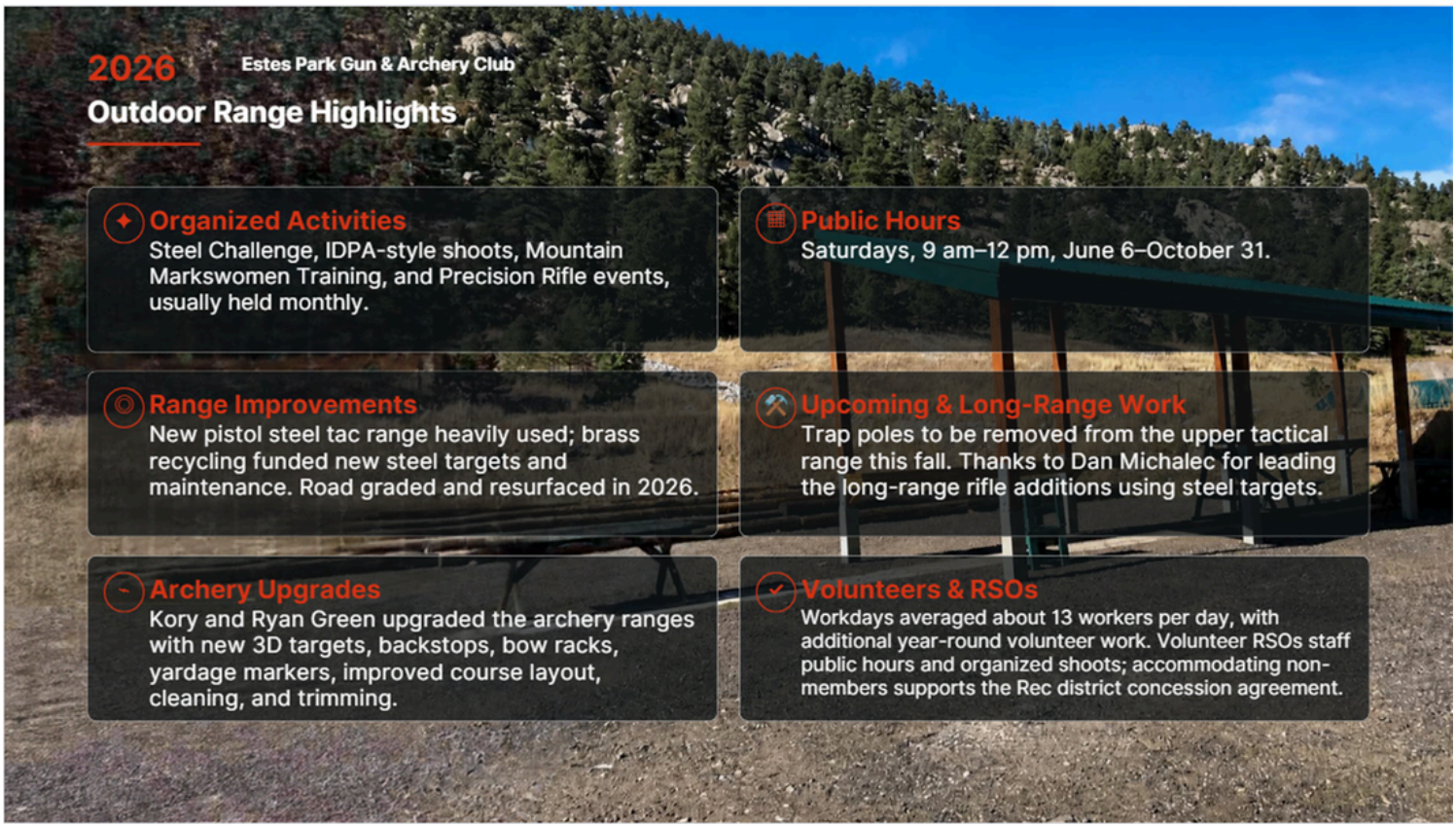
Major Accomplishments - 2026

Steve Ferrante - EPGAC President



Outdoor Range Highlights - 2026

Steve Clark - EPGAC 1st VP - Presented by Denny Schall EPGAC 2nd VP



Indoor Range Highlights - 2026

Denny Schall EPGAC 2nd VP



Club Sponsored Events- 2026

Kurt Pennington - EPGAC Director

2026 HANDGUN COMPETITION
Year End Summary

APRIL • MAY • JUNE • JULY • AUGUST • SEPTEMBER • OCTOBER

One event each month | Seven-event season

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CLUB MEMBERS COMPETED

A season of fun, challenge, and steady improvement

Every participant showed progress throughout the series.

Current Standings TOP 3

1. Ken Rihanek
2. Jay Jacobsmeyer
3. Gerald Devaney

Final event: October 17

Thank you to everyone who participated and made the series a success!



Club Sponsored Events- 2026

Ken Rihanek - EPGAC 1st VP Elect

Steel Challenge Top Contenders In 2026

1st Place Jason Fan
2nd Place Ken Rihanek
3rd Place Lazarus Lesperance

Competitors shoot 5 steel targets for time.
You may shoot the targets in any order…
The target on the orange stick must be shot last.
Each stage is shot 5 times.
The best 4 strings of the 5 count for stage score.
4 different stages are run for a match.

Matches are run on the 1st Saturday of each month, April through October.





Club Sponsored Events- 2026

Lazarus Lesperance - EPGAC Secretary

Night Training

- The Noel's Draw outdoor range has been **approved** for club-sponsored night training events.
- Training events occur **once a month** and are open to all members who sign up.
- **Timeframe: Sunset to 10 pm.**
- **Structured training** allows members to be proficient in all lighting situations.
- Members can **vet existing gear**, try out **Night vision**, or become more proficient with **weapon-mounted lights**.
- Remember, **half the day is night** so train for all situations.
- Check your **club emails** and **club calendar** for dates or to sign up!



ESTES PARK GUN & ARCHERY CLUB

ANNUAL CLUB MEETING

Club Sponsored Events- 2026

Martha Clark - EPGAC Mountain Markswoman

Mountain Markswomen

A group of women of all skill levels learning gun safety, marksmanship, and defensive skills under the instruction of Range Safety Officers.

They shoot on the first Monday of each month from 4:30 to 6:30

Outdoor range – (May-October)
Indoor range – (November-April)

Club members and nonmembers are welcome.

Organizer: Martha Clark maclark1027@gmail.com
RSO Advisor: Dave Jiles



ESTES PARK GUN & ARCHERY CLUB

ANNUAL CLUB MEETING

Club Sponsored Events- 2026

Dan Michalec - EPGAC Member & RSO

Precision Rifle Shoot

Here are the details for the PRS-style rifle shoot:

- Date: Saturday, August 22nd
- Location: Upper Tactical Range
- Match Fee: $25 (includes lunch and drinks)
- Capacity: Limited to 15–20 shooters

Match Details:

- Round Count: Approximately 60 rounds
- Distances: 200 to 400 yards (including odd distances)
- Positions: Prone, benched, and barricade-supported shots, requiring movement between positions
- Format: Timed stages

Match Organizer: Dan Michalec



ESTES PARK GUN & ARCHERY CLUB

ANNUAL CLUB MEETING

Treasurer's Report - 2026

Dwight Pfeiffer - EPGAC Treasurer presented by Steve Ferrante

Treasurer Report
1.1.26 to 9.28.26



ESTES PARK GUN & ARCHERY CLUB

CURRENT BALANCES
Checking account balance $24,581
(Started the year @ $33,332.71)
CD - $35,995.80 – Matures 11.12.26
CD - $50,000 – Matures 10.31.26

Total Deposits $98,518 – Includes Membership dues and Gun Range

Brass/Steel Recycling
$3,488 - August
$5,252.80 - June

Total Expenditures
$111,430.16

Large Item Expenses
$79,539 - Road Work
$12,634.87 – EVR&PD

Reimbursements/Expenses Paid
$15,237.38

Notes

Financial review committee to be appointed – **Need Volunteers**.

Membership capacity is set at 600 members; we hit this max on 4.14.26.

The road project was the highest "cost" item this year.

The Board continues to approve reimbursement for Board Members' costs to maintain the range at Board Meetings, then pay it out, and we greatly appreciate the hard work.

Thank you all for the significant efforts in maintaining the ranges at an impressive level.

ANNUAL CLUB MEETING



My Christmas Wish List

Dave Jiles, EPGAC Director

This year, I won't be writing a letter to Santa. I already have most of what I want, along with plenty of things I don't need. Instead, I'm directing my wish list to the politicians in cities, counties, states, and everyone in Congress and the Senate. Pay attention.

Each of you has taken an oath to uphold our Constitution at least once. Crossing your fingers during that oath does not absolve you of violating it, nor does your continuous effort to reinterpret its meaning. Many brave men and women have given their lives to protect it. Honor it, or step aside.

Do not deceive us; there will always be those we refer to as "useful idiots" who will believe your every word. They can easily rally together bored students and unemployed individuals with nothing else to occupy their time. If those are your supporters, I wonder how you can rest easy at night. The saying goes, "figures don't lie, but liars figure," and it rings true. Stop using manipulated data to promote your promises. If I were to lie under oath, I would find myself in jail, yet politicians seem to do so regularly.

Stop expanding the government. Every time you decide that the community needs a new law that requires fees, licenses, and ongoing oversight, you are adding more employees, offices, equipment, and vehicles. This only increases our national debt and drains our finances. Just because you have a bright idea does not guarantee it will genuinely benefit our communities, citizens, and environment. We have little interest in your reelection strategies. Additionally, these initiatives should be frequently reviewed to ensure they are effective and not a waste of resources or an infringement on our rights.

Lastly, our country appears to be dividing more each day, much of which I attribute to politics. When you cannot clearly explain how your ideas will work, you resort to attacking your opponents. When honesty eludes you, you make promises you cannot keep. Just ask the people of New York City how well all the promises have turned out for them.

The days of "pitchforks and torches" are approaching. The authority of politicians may soon hold little weight, as countless American citizens, having lost trust, will reclaim our freedom.

Editor's note: *We don't usually include advertisements, but this is an exceptional opportunity for club members. In honor of longtime member Rob Conland, we're sharing the information below.*



Unique Property Opportunity

Opportunity

Local gunsmith Robert S. Conland's home is for sale between Pinewood Springs and Estes Park on Route 36, between mile markers 9 and 10. The property includes nearly 60 acres bordering the national forest, indoor and outdoor gun ranges, and a meadow for skeet shooting.

The home will not be listed through the winter, but it remains available. For details, use the property link below or contact:

Heidi and John Conland-Sheffield — 315-529-4924 — hsc2066@aol.com
Laurin Conland — 720-320-4179 — Lcconland2155@gmail.com

Please share this information with friends or family who may be interested.

Link to property listing



Reminders - Check The Club Calendar For the Latest

Membership renewals open on January 1, 2027. Current club members will receive an email in December with additional details.

Public Days at the Indoor Range

- **Indoor Range:** Sunday Public Days will resume from November through May.
- **Schedule:**
  - Thursday and Friday: 6:30 - 7:30 PM (year-round)
  - Sunday: 2:00 - 3:00 PM (November - May)

Public Days at the Outdoor Range will return in June 2027.

Mountain Markswomen — Women in the club are invited to join us on the first Monday of each month. The shoot runs from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the outdoor range. Club members and guests are welcome. Contact Martha Clark at maclark1027@gmail.com or Dave Jiles at davejiles@gmail.com for more information.

Instructor-Led Courses — See the Club Calendar for details.

ESTES PARK GUN & ARCHERY CLUB
MEMBER SHOWCASE



Scot's Sporting Goods in Estes Park is a full-service sporting goods store selling firearms, ammunition, optics, accessories, bulk ammunition, special orders, and FFL transfers. We are a class 3 dealer Powered by Silencer Shop and can handle any of your NFA needs. CCW courses are also offered at the shop. Contact us about any of your 2A needs.

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