



A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed."

The Crack Shot

Newsletter of the Four Corners Rifle and Pistol Club, Inc

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Monthly Club Meetings

Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month at the Indoor Pistol Range on Lebanon Road.

Next Club Meetings

Feb 27 @ 6:30 – INDOOR RANGE
March 27 @ 6:30 – Indoor Range

President's Message

Greetings All

With the New Year well under way it is once again time for the Election of Club Officers and I want to personally reach out to all members and ask that you participate in this important process. Final nominations can be submitted at any time prior to the election at the Feb. meeting and I will ask everyone to cast their ballot for the candidates of their choice. I will also ask all members to make every effort to attend some of the Club meetings in 2018 and take an active part in helping make this club a continued success.

Self Defense utilizing firearms is a very personal issue and we are constantly reminded of the possible need to react to actions of demented individuals who prey on our children and our families. The Aztec New Mexico High School shooting was a sickening reminder that hit very close to home and I will ask and encourage everyone to consider obtaining some kind of training or education to help make a better decision on how to react if confronted with a situation such as this.

As always, I will ask everyone to be outgoing, vocal, and positive about the 2nd Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America.

Thank you, Kelly Ellis

Important Announcements

ACTION ITEMS: (These items are important to Club Members or require votes)

- **SPRING PISTOL LEAGUE BEGAN 24 JAN. – Still time to join - See newsletter for specifics.**
- **ELECTION OF OFFICERS – PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN THIS IMPORTANT CLUB EVENT AND VOTE IN THE UPCOMING FEB. ELECTION PROCESS – SEE ATTACHED FOR BALLOT SPECIFICS.**
- **WEB PAGE – Remember to check our club web page 4cornersrifleandpistol.com to check for notices or current information between the dates these newsletters are published.**
- **WOMEN ON TARGET – Is scheduled for June 2nd, 2018 stay tuned for specifics**
- **WOMEN SHOOTING TOGETHER - Meets at the Indoor Range Sunday Afternoons from Sept – April 2018 from 12:00 – 3:00 – See calendar for dates or contact Carol Heifner @ crlhfnr@gmail.com - 970-394-4280 for specifics – 2018 Dates- Feb. 18th. – Mar. 18th. – April 15th.**

CURRENT CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS is available thru the ACTIVITIES / CALENDAR tabs

*The calendars which are part of the Newsletters are only current thru the date the Newsletter is published, the Calendar of Events tab in the website is continually updated !!!

****** We are always in need of anyone who is interested in helping out with Our Club – lots of ideas for improvements in the ranges in 2017.**

Please contact Kelly Ellis 970-739-8886 for more information ****

Outdoor Range Notes

- **Reminder–MEMBERS MUST BE PRESENT IF THEIR KEY IS USED AT THE OUTDOOR RANGE. No Exceptions !** Please be prepared to show your 4CRP Membership Card whenever asked!
- **3-Gun Shoot** (Second Saturday every month) – Range users, please contact Outdoor Range Officer Dale Donahue to help us improve and open this area to more users. Tim Hunter needs an Assistant Match Coordinator. Please contact him if you are available to help out, hunter@frontier.net

2018 PLINK OFF SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED – Ramon Milanez has planned the monthly Plink-Off fun shoot for the last Saturday of the month beginning with April 28th and ending with September 29th. APRIL 28TH – MAY 26TH – JUNE 30TH – JULY 28TH – AUGUST 25TH – SEPTEMBER 29TH.

Indoor Range Notes

JUNIOR SHOOTERS practice is every Thursday and Friday evening Nov. 2nd through April 2018. Jr Shooters Director Norm Bowie is always happy for folks who want to help out, but be sure to CALL him first ! 739-1486
First Jr. Shoot for 2017 will be Nov. 2 -3.

Fall Pistol League Results – We have completed the Fall pistol league and are now underway with the Spring League. Here are the winners for the Fall League: RED DOT TOP GUN – John Camponovo -- IRON SIGHTS TOP GUN – Chuck Wark – IRON SIGHTS DIV. 1 – Dave Crites---IRON SIGHTS DIV. 2 – Matt Shethar – IRON SIGHTS DIV. 3 – Kristine Nunn

Congratulations to all of our top shooters. Many thanks to Hal Shepard and Chuck Wark for their help in making this event a success.

Roger Lawrence

SPRING PISTOL LEAGUE is underway as of 24 Jan, 2018 – still time to join, \$20.00 for members, meets each **Wednesday 3:00 – 7:00.** Practice Saturdays 10:00- 11:00 AM
Sign up at Shooter's World or call **Roger Lawrence at 882-2636.**

Classifieds



Classifieds will appear in the printed *Crack Shot*, as well as in a separate section of the New Web Page.

No adds were requested in this edition....

**THESE CALENDARS ARE NOT UPDATED after the date of publication To see CURRENT calendars, go to HOME PAGE of the web site, ACTIVITIES Tab, CALENDAR OF EVENTS Tab
You can view the calendars on this site in List View or Month by Month**

Article X – Nomination and Election Procedures

1. Nomination of Candidates:

- a. The Club President will appoint a Nominating Committee in preparation for the coming election. The Nominating Committee will be comprised of three members, Chaired by a member of the existing Executive Committee, and including at least one Club member who is not currently on the Executive Committee.
- b. The purpose of the Nominating Committee is to prepare a list of eligible Active Regular members as nominees for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Indoor Range Officer, Outdoor Range Officer, Junior Shooting Program Director, and three (3) Club Directors. These ten officers and directors comprise the Executive Committee of the Club.
- c. The December issue of the *Crack Shot* will include a Nominations form for the purpose of petitioning members to submit names of potential candidates for office. To be considered, the Nominations form must be returned to the Club Secretary prior to the January Regular Club Meeting.
- d. The Nominating Committee will review the submitted names and contact other members to solicit names of members interested in becoming a Candidate for office. The names of all members who have expressed interest in proceeding to an election will be presented at the Regular Club Meeting in January. At the January meeting, any additional names submitted will be included in the listing.
- e. Immediately following the January Regular meeting, a Mail-In Ballot will be prepared and will be included in the February issue of the *Crack Shot*. This Ballot will list each position of Club Office, and the name of members who are candidates for each office.

2. Rules for the Mail-In Ballot:

- a. If a Regular member wishes to vote by mail instead of in person at the Annual Meeting, the Mail-In Ballot must be returned to the Club Secretary prior to that meeting.

A MEMBER CAN ONLY VOTE ONCE:

EITHER BY MAIL-IN BALLOT; OR, IN PERSON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

- b. The following procedure must be followed for the Active Regular member's Mail-In Ballot to be verified and counted:
 - i. Using black or blue ink, the member must clearly mark each vote on the Mail-In Ballot that was included in the *Crack Shot*, or a facsimile thereof. The Ballot must not be signed; a signed Ballot will be invalidated.
 - ii. Insert only the Ballot in an envelope (not provided) and mail that envelope to the Club Secretary.
 - iii. Include a return address on the envelope clearly stating the member's name and mailing address. This information will be used to verify the member's vote. It is vital that the return address and name be clearly legible. Print the word "BALLOT" on the lower left hand front corner of the mailing envelope.
 - iv. Seal the envelope and sign across the sealed edge on the back of the mailing envelope. A member's signature on the envelope flap is required to validate the ballot contained in the envelope.
- c. The envelopes will be received by the Club Secretary, will **not** be opened by the Secretary, and will be delivered **unopened** to the Election Judge at the Annual Meeting.

3. Election Night Voting Procedure:

- a. First, there shall be a Quorum Call, with an attendance sheet signed by all attendees and mail-in voting members also duly recorded. Provided that a quorum is present, the Voting Procedure will continue.
- b. The President shall appoint a three person Election Committee responsible to conduct the proceedings of the Election of Officers during the Annual meeting. The Committee shall be Chaired by a member of the Nominating Committee and include an Election Judge and a Poll Watcher who are Regular members. The duties of the three Committee members shall be:

- i. The Chair shall act as moderator for the business of the Election, and shall record each vote count and tally in a manner visible to all members in attendance, and shall formally announce the results of each vote.
 - ii. The Judge shall receive the ballots, including those mailed in or handed in at the meeting.
 - iii. The Poll Watcher shall assist in the handling of the ballots, and oversee their disposition to further assure a fair election.
- c. Before opening any ballots or beginning the voting process, members who did submit a Mail-In ballot and who are in attendance at the meeting will be given the option of withdrawing their Mail-In ballot and thereby vote in person.
- d. With the help of the Club Secretary, using the current Club membership list, the Judge will verify that the return address of each mailed in ballot is legitimately that of a Club member.
- e. At the appropriate time, the Judge will open the ballots, whether mailed in or handed in at the meeting, and announce each vote, which will be duly recorded in a visible manner to those present
- f. There will be pre-printed ballots available election night. Each Candidate previously identified and vetted by the Nomination Committee will be shown on the pre-printed ballot.
- g. Voting by proxy will not be allowed.
- h. Members in attendance can submit additional nominations, including late mail-ins. Provided that the nominee does attest a willingness to serve if elected, the nominee's name will be visibly recorded and may be added to the ballot as a write-in candidate as any member may desire.
- i. Before voting commences, each candidate will have the opportunity to make a brief "campaign speech", extolling their qualifications and willingness to serve.
- j. Voting will be by secret ballot, unless there is only one candidate for a specific office in which case a voice vote of acclamation will be called, provided there is no objection from the electorate.
- k. The order of voting will begin with the office of President, then Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Indoor Range Officer, Outdoor Range Officer, Junior Shooting Program Director, and finally three (3) Club Directors.
 - i. For each position, except Club Directors, the vote will be one vote for one candidate until a winner is decided by majority vote.
 - ii. If there is no winner by majority vote on the first ballot, the top two candidates will be immediately entered into a runoff election. Mail-in ballots will be counted in the runoff as in the initial vote.
 - iii. If the runoff vote ends in a tie, the winner will be decided by coin toss, either "heads-or-tails" or "odd man out". The coin will be handled by the Election Judge.
- l. For election of the three (3) Club Directors, members may vote for three candidates on the ballot. The top three vote getters will be named as winners provided that each has a majority vote. Otherwise, a runoff election with tie-breaking coin toss will be used until each of the elected has a majority vote.
- m. If there is no candidate put forward for an office, then as herein defined the incumbent office holder shall continue to hold office until a successor is elected or appointed by the Executive Committee.

...NOTE: PLEASE FIND THE ENCLOSED "OFFICIAL MAIL-IN BALLOT " FOR YOUR USE IN VOTING FOR THE CANDIDATE OF YOUR CHOICE AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ABOVE PRINTED IN RED...ARTICLE X ppg. 2 sub-ppg. b.

– THIS IS WHERE A LOT OF VOTES FROM MAIL-IN MEMBERS ARE RENDERED IN-VALID DUE TO THEIR NOT SIGNING THE ENVELOPE, INCLUDING THEIR RETURN ADDRESS, ETC. SO PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS TO THE LETTER TO INSURE YOUR VOTE IS COUNTED...

Four Corners Rifle & Pistol Club Application for Membership (FCRPC)

The NRA Pledge: *I certify that I am a citizen of the United States of America and that I am not a member of any organization or group which has in any part of its programs-the attempt to overthrow the Government of the USA or any of its political subdivisions by force or violence; that I have never been convicted of a crime of violence, and if admitted to membership, I will faithfully endeavor to fulfill the obligations of good sportsmanship and good citizenship.*

Four Corners R&P Club Pledge: *I further declare that I support the Constitution of the USA and swear not to support any movement that would close shooting facilities, deny access to public lands, restrict hunting sports, or in any way limit the rights of honest citizens to own firearms in a legal manner.*

NRA Membership Required: For insurance purposes you **MUST** be a MEMBER of the NRA in order to be a member of Four Corners Rifle and Pistol Club. Your NRA Membership number is required on the next page of this Application.

Range Safety Rules

- Treat every firearm as if it were loaded.
- Never point a firearm at anything you do not intend to destroy.
- Keep your finger straight and off the trigger until you are ready to fire.
- Keep the firearm on safe until you intend to fire.
- All Federal, State, and Local firearm laws must be obeyed.

Safety is of paramount importance to everyone on the range & it is our top priority

1. All personnel utilizing the range complex for recreational firing will adhere to the safe storage, handling, and use of firearms and ammunition. All firearms not on the firing line will be unloaded and racked with actions opened and magazines removed.
2. All junior members and shooters under eighteen years of age will shoot/fire under the supervision of a qualified adult.
3. Fully automatic firearms, and Tracer and/or AP ammunition is prohibited unless a training event or demonstration is scheduled with the Outdoor Range Officer prior to the event.
4. *Firearms will be un-cased and cased at the firing line only* with the actions open/safe, muzzle pointed down range and in a safe direction at all times. Firearms that are carried to the range UN-cased will have their actions opened and/or flagged, unloaded magazines, and with the firearm's safety placed on safe.
5. IF A "CEASE FIRE" IS CALLED FOR **ANY** REASON - Stop Shooting IMMEDIATELY and remove your finger from the trigger. Depending on the reason for the cease fire, all firearms shall then be unloaded, magazines removed, actions open, and/or chamber flags placed into the open action and pointed in a safe direction down range if it is not feasible to physically rack the firearm.
6. *Shooters are not permitted forward of the red line or to handle their firearms, scopes, or anything on the bench while a cease-fire is in force and people are down range.*
7. Any person not complying with the above safety rules or who becomes disruptive will be removed from the range and will be banned from the use of the range until the matter is brought before the Club Executive Committee for adjudication.
8. Members are totally responsible for the conduct and actions of their guests. Members will ensure that their guests comply with these and all other Club rules while at the range and will never leave guests unattended at the range.
9. **ABOVE ALL, PLEASE BE COURTEOUS. WE ARE ALL RESPONSIBLE FOR EACH OTHER'S SAFETY. ALL FIREARMS MUST BE MADE SAFE PRIOR TO GOING DOWN RANGE BY OPENING AND/OR FLAGGING ACTIONS, REMOVING THE BOLT, OR RACKING THE FIREARM IF FEASIBLE. REMEMBER: EVERYONE AROUND YOU HAS A LOADED FIREARM. USE COMMON SENSE AND ESPECIALLY COMMON COURTESY AT ALL TIMES.**

Personal Protective Equipment REQUIRED

Hearing and Eye protection will be worn at all times by all personnel on the firing line and in the immediate area of a shooter. Renew.

OFFICIAL MAIL-IN BALLOT

VERY IMPORTANT: Please follow instructions listed above carefully "Rules for Mail-In Ballot"

Bring Ballot to Feb 27th meeting or Mail Ballot to:

**Four Corners Rifle and Pistol Club
PO Box 101
Cortez CO 81321**

President

Kelly Ellis

Write-In _____

Secretary

LuAnn Meyer

Write-In _____

Jr Shooters Director

Norm Bowie

Write-In _____

Outdoor Range Officer

Dale Donahue

Write-In _____

Vice President

Larry Percell

Joe Butterfield

Write-In _____

Treasurer

Anita Mayhew

Write-In _____

Indoor Range Officer

Mike Upchurch

Write-In _____

Directors (vote for **3**)

Matt Shethar

Desmond Calhoun

John McHenry

Earl Moore

Andy Spruell

Write-In _____