



The Crack Shot

Newsletter of the Four Corners Rifle and Pistol Club (4CRP)

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"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." **2nd Amendment**

JUNE/JULY 2019
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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

May 28th @ 6:30 at the Indoor Range
June 25th @ 6:30 at the Indoor Range

President	Joe Butterfield	678-773-0744	Vice President	Mike Upchurch	970-560-8343
Secretary	Luann Meyer	970-739-6874	Treasurer	Anita Mayhew	970-903-5120
Club Directors	John McHenry	970-739-4572	Junior Shooting Director	Norm Bowie	970-739-1486
	Earl Moore	970-564-9155	Indoor Range Officer	Jim Kingery	970-739-5170
	Desmond Calhoon	970-529-3801	Outdoor Range Officer	Andy Spruell	970-739-0036

ACTIVITIES, EVENTS & CLUB COORINATORS

Centerfire Benchrest	Larry Percell	970-739-3580	Pistol League	Roger Lawrence	970-882-2636
Rimfire Benchrest	Gary Kyle	970-560-5090	Annual Gun Show	Gayel Alexander	970-529-3747
3 Gun Shoot	Tim Hunter	970-749-3665	Club Historian	Roger Lawrence	970-882-2636
Plink Off/.22 Sucker Shoot	Chuck Wark	970-759-1614	Website & Advertising	Anita Mayhew	970-903-5120
Cowboy Shoot	Mike Kelsoe	970-560-6849	Newsletter	Susa Kelley	928-600-2993

President's Message

I am happy to report the Gun Show was very successful. The vendors were pleased, and we had some new vendors who were recruited by some of our regular sellers. Net profit appears to be in excess of \$4,000. The Jr. Shooters Program took in over \$1,700 in Raffle ticket sales. As always, **Gale did an outstanding job of putting the show together and keeping it running smoothly. A large thank you also goes out to all the club members** who worked the show, from helping vendors prior to and after the show, to working diligently throughout the event. The 2020 Gun Show dates have already been reserved for April 17th through the 19th.

I also want to thank **Anita Mayhew** for all her hard work in putting the Women On Target (WOT) program together again this year. All of the openings for attendees have been filled. I also understand a number of women are returning for at least their *second* time. WOT will be held on June 1st at the Outdoor Range.

Additionally, thanks **Jim Kingery** for his diligence and hard work in coordinating the replacement of the septic tank at the Indoor Range. The new tank is installed and the lavatories are back in working condition. Don't forget to look over the schedule of events at Outdoor Range this summer. Join in and try something different.

I would also encourage you to attend the monthly membership meetings. Your input and suggestions on the clubs activities are important to the ongoing and future success of the 4CRP Club.

As always, be vocal, outgoing, and positive about the Second Amendment to our Constitution.

Thanks to you all. LLAP

Joe Butterfield

JUNE/JULY CALENDAR

RECURRING ACTIVITIES

3 Gun Shoot: Meets the 2nd Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. at the *Outdoor Range. Contact: Tim Hunter at: 970-749-3665 or email: hunter@frontier.net.

Cowboy Shoot: Meets the 2nd Sunday of the month at 7 a.m. at the *Outdoor Range. Contact: Mike Kelsoe at 970-560-6849

Plink off/.22 Sucker Shoot: Meets the last Sunday of the month (*next meet is May 26th*) at the *Outdoor Range from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Contact Chuck Wark @ 970-759-1614

Rimfire Benchrest Competition: Second Sunday of the month (May through September) at 7:30 a.m. Registration/Setup; shooting starts at 8:30 a.m. at the *Outdoor Range. Contact: Gary Kyle at gskyle@msn.com.

Centerfire Benchrest Competition: Third Sunday of the month (May through September) at 8:20 a.m. for registration/setup; shooting starts at 8:30 a.m. at the *Outdoor Range. Contact: Larry Percell at 970-739-3580.

***NOTE:** Activities at the Outdoor Range may be changed or canceled depending upon the weather. Contact the Activity Coordinator for possible changes/cancellations.

Pistol League Practice: Third Saturday from June through September at the Indoor Range; 9-11 a.m. For more info, contact Roger Lawrence, 970-560-5070 or Don Cook, 970-565-7875. (*See more details in Newsletter*)

4CRP Club Meeting: 6:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month at the Indoor Range.

JUNE Special & Continuing Events

June 1: WOT (Women On Target): The Outdoor Range will be closed during this event. Volunteers meet at 7:30 a.m. to set up; participants arrive at 8:30 a.m.; clinic starts at 9 a.m.

June 8: 3 Gun Shoot, 9 a.m. Outdoor Range

June 9: Cowboy Shoot, 7 a.m. Outdoor Range
Rimfire Benchrest, 7:30 a.m. Outdoor Range

June 15: Pistol League Practice, 9 a.m. Indoor Range

June 16: Centerfire Benchrest, 8:20 a.m. Outdoor Range

June 25: 4CRP Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Indoor Range

June 30: Plink Off/.22 Sucker Shoot

JULY Special & Continuing Events

July 8: 3 Gun Shoot, 9 a.m. Outdoor Range

July 9: Cowboy Shoot, 7 a.m. Outdoor Range
Rimfire Benchrest, 7:30 a.m. Outdoor Range

July 16: Centerfire Benchrest, 8:20 a.m. Outdoor Range

July 20: Pistol League Practice, 9 a.m. Indoor Range

July 25: 4CRP Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Indoor Range

July 28: Plink Off/.22 Sucker Shoot

Events and activities listed in the Crack Shot Newsletter may be UPDATED after it is published.
To see CURRENT calendars, go to 4cornersrifleanpistol.com website. Select CALENDAR Tab, then EVENTS.
You can view the calendars on the website in List or the Month by Month View.
The website is continually updated!

A HOT TOPIC: Colorado's "Red Flag" Bill

**Mike Upchurch, Vice President
Four Corners Rifle and Pistol Club**

Senator Don Coram (who lives in Montrose, CO) had accepted an invitation to come to Cortez to give a presentation on the Red Flag bill also known as House Bill 1177 (the "Extreme Risk Protection Order" Bill) at our Annual Gun Show that was held April 12-14 at the Montezuma County Fair Grounds. Unfortunately, Senator Coram's office called us Friday, April 12th and advised us that he was sick and could not speak at the Gun Show on the following day. I put a call into Sheriff Nowlin, and he graciously agreed to come to the Gun Show and give us his views and thoughts about the Colorado Red Flag Bill.

This Bill was signed into law on Friday, April 12th by Colorado Governor Polis and has drawn significant opposition from Republicans. More than a dozen states have already passed similar laws. We, as 4CRP Club members, are concerned about House Bill 1177, its ramifications, and how it could affect the citizens of our County. Two weeks before the Gun Show, our County Supervisors had proclaimed Montezuma County a 'firearms sanctuary' County. Our Sheriff, Steve Nowlin, (who by the way, is a member of our gun club), was opposed to the sanctions put on gun owners and the "risk protection" laws because he feels they may infringe on our 2nd Amendment Rights.

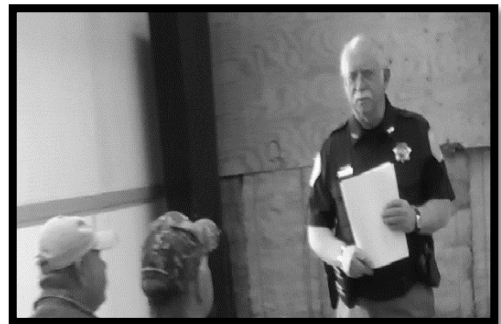
Bill 1177 will let law enforcement, a family member or a household member ask a judge to temporarily remove a person's firearms. The judge would hold a hearing, without the gun owner being present, to decide whether to grant that order for up to 14 days. During those two weeks, all the parties would have to appear before the judge who would then determine whether the firearms should continue to be kept from the gun owner which can be extended for up to 364 days. The burden of proof is on the gun owner to prove they should be returned. This action, according to most legal professionals, constitutes a loss of due process.

Sheriff Nowlin, in my opinion, broke down his concerns about Bill 1177. His opposition to it lies with the 2nd Amendment rights of the public as well as with undermining of due process. He is concerned for his deputies' welfare as well as the safety of residents whose firearms are seized. He does not want to take firearms from people, and feels there are far better ways to disarm or defuse potentially dangerous people. Friends and/or relatives should be alerted early on of a possible issue and they be allowed to take possession of firearms; this would be less flammable than a deputy coming into the home to temporarily seize a person's firearms under a court order which is likely to make an angry unbalanced person angrier. It will not stop them from finding other ways to harm someone or themselves.

Sheriff Nowlin also said this law turns a civil action into a criminal action, and there are already emergency protective and restraining orders in place if a person feels threatened. "The law is too broad in scope" thereby opening up abuses of unwarranted seizures. His question to lawmakers is: Why doesn't the petitioner notify law enforcement, family and/or friends before filing a petition with a judge? "This law muddies the waters" and adds enormous burdens to local law enforcement in many ways, e.g. where to safely store confiscated firearms especially for long periods of time. Sheriff Nowlin said he "has to enforce this law and obey the Constitution which are in conflict. It's the right idea, but the wrong way to go about it."

I was very happy and satisfied with our Sheriff's address. I am also glad that he is our Sheriff as well as a friend of the people--a true lawman who cares for the welfare of gun and non-gun owners no matter your political affiliation.

Thank you Sheriff Steve Nowlin.



ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

- **Memberships:** There are now five options to sign up and pay (\$45 per year) for new memberships or to renew your membership. If you choose Option 1 or 2, your key to the Outdoor Range and your membership card will be mailed to you. If you choose Option 3, 4, or 5, you will received your key to the Outdoor Range immediately (a new key is required each year on March 1 for entrance to the Outdoor Range). Your 4CRP Membership Card will be mailed to you. Memberships run from March 1through February 28 each year and are not pro-rated. NRA membership required:
 1. Online at the 4CRP Club website: 4cornersrifleandpistol.com. You can also sign up or renew an NRA membership.
 2. Mail application (available on the 4CRP website, Shooters' World and Summit Shooting) and payment to: 4CRP, PO Box 101, Cortez, CO 81321
 3. Attend a 4CRP Club meeting
 4. Shooters' World, 970-565-8960, now open at their new location at 1740 E. Main Street, Cortez (by Tequila's Restaurant). You can also sign up or renew an NRA membership.
 5. Summit Shooting, 970-565-2474, at 23858 Road G in Cortez. You can also sign up or renew an NRA membership.
- **How Can I Help?** 4CRP is always in need of volunteers who are interested in helping out. Contact any of the Board Members, Directors or Coordinators for more information
- **WANTED:** Prior 2007 issues of the CRACK SHOT Newsletters for historical purposes. Contact: Roger Lawrence, 4CRP Club Historian @ 970-560-5070 or 970-882-2636
- **Advertising** on our website helps our Club. If you know of someone who is interested, ads can be purchased for six months and range from \$50-\$200 (depending on the size). Contact Anita Mayhew at: 970-903-5120.
- **Email Updates:** John McHenry maintains a 4CRP Club email list. From time to time he sends out important announcements, news and event/activity updates and/or reminders. He also emails the Crack Shot Newsletter to members if he has your email. If you would like to be on his email distribution list, please email him at jmchenry@frontier.net or text him at 970-739-4572.
- **2019 Cortez Gun Show:** Thank you **Gayel Alexander** and **all the volunteers** who put in many, many hours and days to again make this year's show AWESOME! Preliminary figures indicate that there were 160 total tables sold, 75 vendors, and 2,826 in attendance; proceeds from the annual gun show benefit the Junior Shooters' Program as well as other Club programs and groups we support.

4CRP SUPPORTS OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

- **NRA Whittington Center Camp:** 4CRP has again sponsored a youth to attend this week long Adventure Camp 10 miles southwest of Raton, NM. The lucky youth this year is **Caleb Burdine**, member of the 4CRP Junior Shooting Program and the La Plata 4-H Club. This Camp is perhaps America's best outdoor youth camp for boys and girls aged 13 to 17 years. Under direct supervision of their staff and trained volunteers, youth campers learn everything from shooting fundamentals to firearm safety, marksmanship, basic wilderness survival skills, and much more.
- **100 Club of Montezuma County:** 4CRP is supporting this worthwhile organization as a \$1,000 sponsor in their Inaugural First Responder Golf Tournament held on May 18th. The 100 Club of Montezuma County is dedicated to providing immediate financial assistance to the families of First Responders (EMS, fire and law enforcement) who have lost their lives in the line of duty in Montezuma and Dolores Counties. 100 Clubs were started in 1953 in Houston, TX with 100 people donating \$100 each to assist families of 1st Responders killed or injured in the line of duty. The Clubs are nationwide, non-profit organizations that provide a variety of supportive services to families in their times of need.

Indoor Range Notes

The 50 year old septic system is back in working order after installation of a new tank and repair to leach lines. The bathrooms are in service again. It is our hope to do some upgrades to the bathrooms this summer depending on time, volunteers, and costs. The ventilation/heating system is also back in order after several visits from Comfort Air. We shouldn't be cold next winter while shooting indoors! The thermostat has been replaced [again] so propane usage should go down. The light bulbs at the back of the range have all been changed out to LED bulbs.

Thanks to everyone who helped with these repairs and improvements and for your patience as we consider other things e.g. replacement of the windows.

Thank you for your help in keeping this facility clean and well maintained by observing the following:

- ❖ After you finish shooting, check for trash and cases.
- ❖ Erase writing and drawing from the white board when you are finished using it. Leaving writing on the board will eventually stain the surface and shorten the life of the board.
- ❖ Let me know when bathroom (or other supplies) are running low, and if you observe any problems/issues in the building.
- ❖ When you leave, be sure the door is secured and locked.

Jim Kingery, Indoor Range Officer, 970-739-5170

Pistol League Summer Practice Schedule

This summer, for the first time, we are scheduling practice for the Pistol League Shooters (including prospective shooters) at the Indoor Range. We will open the range the **3rd Saturday of June, July, August, and September from 9 a.m. to 11a.m.** Target fee will be \$2.00 for 6 targets. There is no fee for shooting. Dates are: June 15, July 20, August 17 and September 21

I would also like to thank league members: **Don Cook, Jim Kingery, Dale Donohue, Steve Franchini, Steve Vogt, Larry Ott, Mike Marston and Larry Percell** for their help in rebuilding the range backstop.

Roger Lawrence, Pistol League Coordinator, 970-560-5070

You can also contact: Don Cook at 970-565-7875 for more information.

Outdoor Range Notes

The 22 Plinkoff for April is in the books! Five Shooters competing. Great competition and after many ties, the smoke cleared. **Scott** from Bayfield came out first. **Larry Percell** second. Third, **Chuck Wark**.

The next shoot is May 26th; set up at 7 a.m. Shooting starts at 8 a.m. 22 standard velocity (only 1080 feet per second or less). This is great fun! Shoot to test your skills at 25 yards. Off-hand and some off-the-bench. There are three divisions: iron sights, peep sights, and scope (4 power or less). You can use all three if you have them or borrow one if you don't. Come out to shoot a sucker and have fun.

See you there! **Chuck Wark, Plink Off Coordinator, 970-759-1614**

The first Rimfire Benchrest event for 2019 was held on a chilly Mother's Day morning, May 12. It was well attended by shooters from the Cortez-Durango region. Winds were calm which led to high scores. Fifty yard matches were shot in scoped heavy weight, scoped medium weight, and aperture sight classes. There was an "unlimited" rifles match at 100 yards. The next Rimfire Benchrest event will be Sunday, June 9. Contact Gary Kyle at 970-560-5090 for more info.

The High Scores of the day Were			Point Standings toward the Club Championship after one event are:	
Participant	Class	Points	Participant	Points
Louis P	Heavy	2100	Marlo C	8
John C	Middle	2200 0	Louis P	7
Marlo C	Aperture	194-6X	John C	5
Gary K	100 Yard	96-4X	Gary K	5
			Larry P	5

IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

JUNIOR SHOOTERS' PROGRAM

Norm Bowie, 4CRP Junior Shooters' Director, ended their season with the last meeting held on May 3rd. There is a waiting list of kids hoping to be part of the next program that will start up again in November; Kelly Belt will be assisting when the program starts up again in the fall. Norm, with the help of the kids in the Junior Shooters' Program, netted \$1,782 from raffle ticket sales at the 4CRP Gun Show. Thank you, Ron Dedorian for your continued Junior Shooters' support.

Their last competition was held April 27th and 28th at Grand Junction which included 4CRP, Montrose, Gunnison, and Grand Junction Gun Clubs' Junior Shooters. Competition was fierce with 52 participants and some scores close to a perfect 500 points.

Kudos and appreciation to Norm for his continued dedication, many hours of working with these kids sharing his knowledge, and helping them to achieve and expand their shooting skills.

Congratulations to:

- **Tia Imel** (lives in Manco and shoots for 4CRP) won 1st place in the 15-17 year old group with a score of **494-28X** (X indicates a perfect shot tiebreaker)
- **Rayanne McClure** (from 4CRP) won 2nd place in the 15-17 year group with a score of **474-10X**.
- Norm's daughter, **Kayleen Bowie**, from the Grand Valley Marksmen Club (out of Grand Junction) took overall match winner with a high score of **495-29X** (she shoots in the Junior 18-20 year group).

In the four-person team competition, 4CRP Junior Shooters took 2nd place!

Team members were:

- Caleb Burdine-Prone
- Rayanne McClure-Sitting
- Vincent Busing –Kneeling
- Tia Imel-Standing

THANK YOU, NRA FOR SUPPORTING 4CRP

NRA presented grant checks at the April 27th Friends Of NRA Banquet
(held at the Cortez Elks Lodge) to:



Norm Bowie (center), Junior Shooters' Director, accepted NRA Grant check for \$3,695



Anita Mayhew (left), Women On Target Director, accepted NRA Grant check for \$1,596



CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified ads will appear in the printed/mailed Crack Shot Newsletter as well as on the 4CRP website under the Classified tab. To submit an ad, go to the 4CRP website at: 4cornersrifleandpistol.com to the Classified tab and fill out the form.

For Sale

- Unopened 8 lb. jug of Hodgdon Varget; \$200
- Pentax Gameseeker 3 - 15 x 50 rifle scope w/precision plex: \$75
- Brand new RCBS 3 - die set for .40 S&W/10MM Auto: \$25
- RCBS small base .308 Win dies, slightly used \$20.

Contact Troy Chandler: 970-570-5323 or email: chandlerfamily169@msn.com.

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- Welded All Steel Shooting Bench w/Adjustable Seat built for Outdoor Range use: \$250.00. Contact John: 970-759-9500

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- Rotary Brass Annealer with hoses, LP gas connections, etc. Designed to use one or two flame heads – infinite speed adjustment: \$250.00.

Contact John: 970-759-9500

Parting "Shots"—Old Farmer's Advice

Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.
Words that soak into your ears are whispered... not yelled.
Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.
Every path has a few puddles.
Most of the stuff people worry about, ain't never gonna happen anyway.
Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
Live a good and honorable life, then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.
Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.
If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.
The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with,
watches you from the mirror every morning'.
Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.

What would you like to see in the Crack Shot? Do you have info, an event/activity scheduled, an article or other ideas you think would be interesting to other members? Submissions are welcomed and appreciated (depending upon space). Next issue will be the August/September one. Please email Susa Kelley at 3quus3ros@gmail.com.