

# 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 to the U.S. Constitution

## **Monthly Club Meetings**

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

# OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2019

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#### **Next Club Meetings**

September 24th @ 6:30 p.m. at the Indoor Range October 29th@ 6:30 p.m. 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
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	Earl Moore	970-564-9155	Indoor Range Officer	Jim Kingery	970-739-5170
	Desmond Calhoon	970-529-3801	Outdoor Range Officer	Chuck Wark	970-759-1614

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 Kelso	970-560-6849		Newsletter	Susa Kelley	928-600-2993		
Hunter Sight-In	Earl Moore	970-564-9155		4C Women At The Range	Anita Mayhew	970-903-5120		

## President's Message

Greetings 4CRP Members,

I hope you all had a good summer and are geared up for fall.

Chuck Wark has been elected, by the Executive Committee, to serve as the Outdoor Range Officer. Since assuming this responsibility he has organized a clean-up day and 10 members came out to help clean up the range. Thanks to you all.

Thanks also to Kelly Ellis for once again heading up a very successful cookout on August 27th. Also to Desmond Calhoun for helping with the cooking, and the Ute Coffee Shop for providing sides dishes. The theme for the cookout was to celebrate the 228 years of the 2nd Amendment to the Constitution. It has been suggested we continue that tradition at the cookouts in the future. Let me know your opinion.

The summer organized shooting events at the outdoor range are coming to a close. Pistol League will be getting started soon. Look for details in this Crack Shot. Hunter Sight-Ins will begin mid-October. If you would like to help with them contact Earl Moore.

If you are a shotgun shooter, please do not use the wooden rifle/pistol target frames to hang your targets. They do not survive, and it increases the Club's requirement and expense to replace them. Also, if you would pick up your spent shell casings it will be appreciated.

The annual inspection of the outdoor range by the Colorado State Land Board has been completed. All went well.

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

Thanks to you all. LLAP, Joe Butterfield

## CALENDAR

### **RECURRING ACTIVITIES**

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

Bullseye Pistol League Starts in November and goes through January 8, 2020 (see Page 6 for details)

## **October Special & Continuing Events**

October 6: Cowboy Shoot, 7 a.m. Outdoor Range (last meet)

October 10 & 11: Hunter Sight-In, 9 a.m. Outdoor Range (see details on Page 5)

October 17 & 18: Hunter Sight-In, 9 a.m. Outdoor Range (see details on Page 5)

October 29: 4CRP Monthly Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Indoor Range

October 31: Hunter Sight-In, 9 a.m. Outdoor Range (see details on Page 5)

## **November Special & Continuing Events**

November 1: Hunter Sight-In, 9 a.m. Outdoor Range (see details on Page 5)

November 12: Hunter Sight-In, 9 a.m. Outdoor Range (see details on Page 5)

November 13: Fall Bullseye Pistol League shoot to establish group placement, 3-7 p.m. Indoor Range

(see details on Page 6)

November 20: First Bullseye Pistol League 1st Shoot, 3-7 p.m. Indoor Range (see details on Page 6)

November 26: 4CRP Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Indoor Range

Events and activities listed in the Crack Shot Newsletter may be UPDATED <u>after</u> it is published.

To see CURRENT calendars, go to <u>4cornersrifleandpistol.com</u> 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!

### Thoughts from Mike Upchurch, 4CRP Vice President:

As the nation's largest retailer, Walmart has a new policy which allows them to walk a fine line. Walmart has labeled us who treasure the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment and enjoy shooting sports, e.g. hunting which preserves wildlife, as "patrons of the gun culture."

The retailer is also asking customers not to openly carry firearms into its stores in states where doing so is permitted. Responsible gun owners obey safety rules, laws, and train to carry concealed firearms. I'm proud to be in the 'gun culture' as well as an American who supports **all** the Bill of Rights.

Walmart's CEO, Doug McMillon, also suggested it is looking for change on gun policy issues beyond the ones it is implementing on its own. McMillon said the company is encouraging federal lawmakers to strengthen background checks and to "remove weapons from those who have been determined to pose an imminent danger," which sounds like support for so-called red-flag laws.

In many rural parts of the country, Walmart may be the only retailer for many miles. As a responsible gun owner and consumer, I intend to obey the laws as well as protect and cherish our liberty. I also know that it's important to patronize businesses who don't label me--other than a customer.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS**

• Anita Mayhew reported that by the end of September she will again be applying for NRA Foundation grants for the 4 Corners Women at the Range and the Junior Shooters programs.

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- <u>Memberships</u>: 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 receive 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 1 through February 28 each year and are not pro-rated. NRA membership required:
  - 1. <u>Online</u> at the 4CRP Club website: <u>4cornersrifleandpistol.com</u>. You can also sign up or renew an NRA membership.
  - 2. <u>Mail</u> 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 at Indoor Range the last Tuesday of month at 6:30 p.m.
  - 4. <u>Shooters' World</u>, 970-565-8960, at 1740 E. Main Street, Cortez (by Tequila's Restaurant). You can also sign up or renew an NRA membership.

Note: Summit Shooting is no longer accepting 4CRP Membership Applications.

- <u>How Can I Help?</u> 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
- <u>WANTED</u>: 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.
- <u>Email Updates</u>: John McHenry maintains a 4CRP Club email list. From time to time he sends out important announcements, news and event/activity updates, reminders and the Crack Shot Newsletter. If you would like to be on his email distribution list, email him at jmchenry@frontier.net or text him at 970-739-4572.

## THANK YOU TO SHOOTERS THAT CARE!

Members who continually volunteer their time and talents to help maintain both ranges, serve on the Board, coordinate special events and step up for different assignments that assist the Board and Club, you are all very appreciated!

- August 24<sup>th</sup> was a work day at the Outdoor Range which was headed up by Chuck Wark. Special thanks to: Earl Moore for his riding mower, Norm Bowie with his brush hog, Rick Corbett for making the new targets. Thanks to the crew: Mic McPherson, Ron Bunker, Don Cook, Rodney Cox, Tom Clendening, and Mike Upchurch who removed the weeds, brush, and trash.
- > Thanks goes to **Andy Spruell**, who recently stepped down as Outdoor Range Officer, due to family/business obligations, for a job well done!
- > Thanks to Chuck Wark for stepping up to fill this essential Outdoor Range Officer position.

What comes out of your mouth is determined by what goes into your mind.

Zig Ziggler, Motivational Speaker

# 2019 4CRP Annual BBQ

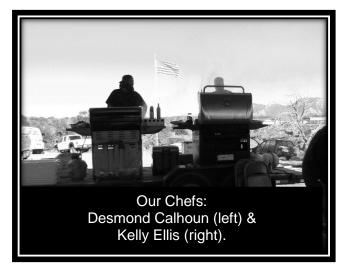
This year's theme was: 4CRP CELEBRATES 228 YEARS OF THE 2ND AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

- > Thank you to Kelly Ellis, his wife, Bonnie, and his "BBQing assistant," Desmond Calhoun, for another super annual Club BBQ with delicious steaks (cooked to perfection!), huge baked potatoes and yummy salad.
- > Thanks to all who brought desserts—what a selection! And they were in addition to the sheet cake the Club provided. What a feast! If you missed it this year or have never attended, plan on attending next year. It is a great time to get together with other Club members and non-members. There were about 75 people in attendance.
- > Thanks to all those that arrived early to set up tables and chairs, and to all those that stayed afterwards to clean up and put everything away.
- > Thanks to Anita Mayhew and Suzanne Butterfield for registering everyone and collecting money. And to Mike Upchurch for conducting the ammo raffle for the ammo he had donated.
- And to everyone else who helped make this a great event!









# **Outdoor Range Notes**

## **Shotgun Shooters:**

- No aerial target shooting.
- Do not shoot targets in the wooden frames.
- Pick up your empty shells
- Suggestion: Bring a box to shoot at for your target.

#### Rifle Shooters:

• Do not shoot the wooden or metal target stands on purpose. Shooting at target stands deliberately, is vandalism. They are too expensive to repair. This will not be permitted.

#### **Pistol Shooters:**

We split the range and moved the berm to control ricochets:

- Range #1: (west side of side walk).
  - Set targets at 50-70 feet (Do not shoot anything less than 50 feet).
  - Position targets so bullets strike the berm.
  - · No steel or ground targets
- Range #2: (east side of side walk):
  - Set targets at 15-50 feet (close range shooting).
  - Position targets so bullets strike the berm.
  - No steel or ground targets

#### Reminders:

✓ MEMBERS MUST BE PRESENT IF THEIR KEY IS USED AT THE OUTDOOR RANGE.

Please be prepared to show your 4CRP Membership Card whenever asked!

- ✓ Keep the gate closed and lock it when you leave.
- ✓ There are extra trash bags in the Target Shed; if the trash is full, please take it to the dumpster. Little things like this will help to keep the Outdoor Range tidy and clean so all of us can enjoy it.

#### Notices:

- ❖ THERE ARE NOW 10 NEW STOOLS AT THE OUTDOOR RANGE
- We are in need of some sturdy tables for the pistol range.

Chuck Wark, 970-759-1614 Outdoor Range Officer



# **HUNTERS, GRAB YER GUNS!**

Don't gamble on missing that BIG buck or trophy elk. Sight-in your gun(s) so they will have hard, hitting accuracy.

The Annual4CRP <u>Sight-In</u> is not far off and open to everyone:

Dates:

First Season:	October 10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup>		
Second Season:	October 17 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup>		
Third Season:	October 31 <sup>st</sup> and November 1st		
Fourth Season	November 12 <sup>th</sup>		

Time: 9 a.m. Where: 4CRP Club Outdoor Range located

Last entry at 3 p.m. 2.8 miles east of Hwy 145 on Hwy 16 Last shot at 4 p.m. Cost: \$7 per firearm. Targets are provided

Got Questions: Contact Earl Moore, Sight-In Coordinator: 970-564-9155

**NOTE:** SUMMER OUTDOOR RANGE COMPETITION RESULTS for the Plink Off/.22 Sucker Shoot, Cowboy Shoot, 3 Gun Shoot, Rimfire Benchrest and Centerfire Benchrest Shoots will be published in the December-January issue of the Crack Shot.



# **Indoor Range Notes**

Two loads of gravel have been delivered by Chuck Wark, driver, for the parking lot which was spread by Norm Bowie with his tractor. Thank you to both of you and special thanks to <u>Dan</u> Glenn Trucking who donated the use of his belly dump *(see pictures below)*.

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 casings.
- 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

# **Fall Pistol League**

Roger Lawrence, Coordinator

Attention: All you pistol shooters!

- The basic league format will be essentially the same as last year.
- We will be shooting to establish your group placement on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 3-7 p.m. at the Indoor Range.
- Shooters may also use last year's ending league score--shooter's choice.
- League shooting will begin from 3-7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> and continue for 8 weeks until January 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Shooters will be divided into Red Dot and Iron Sight categories and we also will have an Off-The-Chart category for new shooters.
- Each night everyone will shoot 30 rounds of center fire and 30 rounds of .22 rim fire on 3 targets in each category at a distance of 50 feet.
- Eye & ear protection is required for all shooters.
- Weekly practice will be on Saturdays from 9-11 a.m.

Shooter fees will be \$20 for Club members and \$30 for non-members payable at qualifying or first league night. There will also be a \$2 fee for targets at the practice sessions. The range will be open for practice on Wednesday, November 6 and Saturday, November 9.

The League is really a lot of fun. If you want to improve you pistol shooting skills and compete against other shooters of a similar skill level, you can sign up at Shooter's World or call **Roger Lawrence** at **970-560-5070** or **Don Cook** at **970-565-7875.** See you there!







Check out the new gravel at the Indoor Range. Kudos to Norm Bowie and Chuck Wark!

# **CLASSIFIED ADS**



## For Sale



 Ruger SR1911 Commander 45ACP. As-new condition in original box with all the papers, extra magazine, and accessories. Includes 200 rounds of factory ammunition. \$650

Steve Kelly: 970-560-5965; email: skkelly@q.com

**Pistol League Combo:** 

- Smith & Wesson 686 Plus 3-5-7, 357 Mag/38Spcl, 7 inch barrel, 7 shot,
   Stainless Steel
- Smith & Wesson 617-6, 22LR, 6 inch barrel, 10 shot, Stainless Steel; has upgraded fiber Optic front sight. Both used one season and in excellent condition. Sale and transfer will happen after evidence of completed background check. Asking \$1,150 for both. Charles Thompson: 970-739-0518;

email: chazzwt@yahoo.com

• Shadow 1000 .177 caliber Pellet Rifle with 4x32mm Scope. Made in Spain; perfect condition. \$150.

Unopened 8 lb. jug of Hodgdon Varget;

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.

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

Classified ads will appear in the printed/emailed 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.

#### **Parting Shots:**

Guns in the hands of honest citizens save lives and property and, yes, gun-control laws adversely affect only the law-abiding citizens. With guns, we are 'citizens'; without them, we are 'subjects'. During WW II, the Japanese decided not to invade America because they knew most Americans were ARMED. Gun owners in the USA are the largest armed forces in the world! Switzerland issues a gun to every household and the government issues and trains every adult in the use of a rifle. Switzerland has the lowest gun related crime rate of any civilized country in the WORLD!!!

Received from John Campanovo (Thanks, John)

\$200

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