



The Crack Shot

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

4cornersrifleandpistol.com

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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 2020

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Next Club Meetings

Note: Meetings held in shooting part of the Indoor Range to accommodate better social distancing.

September 29th @ 6:30 p.m. at the Indoor Range

October 27th @ 6:30 p.m. at the Indoor Range

November 24th @ 6:30 p.m. at Indoor Range

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Secretary	Jenn Reynolds	509-592-7675	Treasurer	Anita Mayhew	970-903-5120
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Club Director	Earl Moore	970-564-9155	Indoor Range Officer	Jim Kingery	970-739-5170
Club Director	Mic McPherson	970-564-0500	Outdoor Range Officer	Chuck Wark	970-759-1614

ACTIVITIES, EVENTS & CLUB COORDINATORS

Centerfire Benchrest	Larry Percell	970-739-3580	Pistol League	Roger Lawrence	970-560-5070
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	970-560-5070
Plink Off/.22 Sucker Shoot	Chuck Wark	970-759-1614	Website	Jenn/Jason Reynolds	509-592-7675
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
			Advertising	Anita Mayhew	970-903-5120

President's Message

Greetings 4CRP Members,

I am happy to report the Gun Show, which provides the main source of funds for our Junior Shooters Program, was a great success. The Club's thanks go out to Gayel Alexander, Show Manager, for another excellent job in organizing and running the show. Gayel is very resourceful in finding ways to reduce costs and create ways to bring more revenue into the show. Although overall attendance was lower this year, the net return to the Club was actually more than last year due to lower expenses. Feedback from the vendors was that it was a great show. Thanks also to all the Club members who generously volunteered their time and effort at the show.

Thanks also to Kelly and Bonnie Ellis and family for another tasty and successful annual picnic.

Fall is in the air and that means Hunter Sight In and Pistol League will be coming up soon. Look for specific information within this issue. Also check out the information regarding the ongoing events at the Outdoor Range.

The Executive Committee has been evaluating various methods to increase **gun safety awareness**, and reduce the potential for ricochets at the Outdoor Range. We are also looking into various camera security options and a keyless entry system for the Outdoor Range. More information will follow pending research, ideas, and comments put forth in the upcoming membership meetings.

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

Thanks to you all.

LLAP, Joe Butterfield

Patriot: *A person who vigorously supports their country and is prepared to defend it against enemies foreign and domestic.*

CALENDAR

Due to Colorado Public Health Order 20-23, 4CRP Club's meetings, activities and events may be canceled or postponed.
Please contact the Event or Activity Coordinator for specific information.

RECURRING ACTIVITIES

4CRP Club Meeting: Last Tuesday of the month

Junior Shooters: Will start again in early October. Contact Norm Bowie, Director, for more info: 970-739-1486

3 Gun Shoot: Meets the 2nd Saturday of the month year round (*weather permitting*) at the Outdoor Range: 9 a.m. For more info, contact Tim Hunter, Coordinator at 970-749-3665.

Cowboy Shoot: Meets the 2nd Sunday of the month March through November (*weather permitting*) at the Outdoor Range: 9 a.m. (Mar-Sept); 10 a.m. (Oct-Nov). For more info, contact Mike Kelso, Coordinator at 970-560-6849

4 Corners WOMEN at the RANGE Monthly Shoot: Meets the 1st Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. (1st group) or 3:30 p.m. (2nd group) at the Indoor Range. Contact Anita Mayhew at 970-903-5120 or email: mayhewanita@gmail.com.

Fall Pistol League (8 weeks): Wednesdays, November 18-January 6, 2021 (see details on Page 6) or contact Roger Lawrence, Coordinator at 970-560-5070.

October 2020 Special & Continuing Events

October 4: 4 Corners Women at the Range Monthly Shoot; 2 & 3:30 p.m. at Indoor Range

October 7 & 8: Hunter Sight-In, 9 a.m. Outdoor Range (see details on Page 5)

October 10: 3 Gun Shoot at Outdoor Range: 9 a.m.

October 11: Cowboy Shoot at Outdoor Range: 10 a.m.

October 21 & 22 Hunter Sight-In, 9 a.m. Outdoor Range (see details on Page 5).

October 27: 4CRP Monthly Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Indoor Range

November 2020 Special & Continuing Events

November 1: 4 Corners WOMEN at the RANGE Monthly Shoot, 2 & 3:30 p.m. at the Indoor Range.

November 4 & 5: Hunter Sight-In, 9 a.m. Outdoor Range (see details on Page 5).

November 8: Cowboy Shoot at Outdoor Range: 9 a.m.

November 11: Fall Pistol League Group Placement: 3-7 p.m. at the Indoor Range (see details on Page 6)

November 14: 3 Gun Shoot at Outdoor Range: 9 a.m.

November 16: Hunter Sight-In, 9 a.m. Outdoor Range (see details on Page 5).

November 18: Fall Pistol League—1st Meet, 3-7 p.m. at Indoor Range (see details on Page 6)

November 24: ***4CRP Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Indoor Range. *Note: No 4CRP Club Meeting in December**

Events and activities listed in the Crack Shot Newsletter may be UPDATED after it is published.
To see CURRENT calendars, go to 4cornersrifleandpistol.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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

1. VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- ❖ Looking for a new **Crack Shot Editor/Coordinator** starting with the April/May 2021 issue. If you are interested, please contact Joe Butterfield, 4CRP President.

❖ Volunteers needed to help with two new programs: **Outdoor Range Orientation for new/existing members and New Member Mentorship**; see Page 5 for details.

2. **WANTED:** Prior 2007 issues of the CRACK SHOT Newsletters for historical purposes. Contact: Roger Lawrence, 4CRP Club Historian @ 970-560-5070.
3. **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.
4. **Email Updates:** 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 4cornersrifleandpistol@gmail.com or text/call him at 970-739-4572.
5. **Memberships** (New or renewal--where to go and how to do it)
 - ***Choice Building Supply** (Ace Hardware): 970-565-4245; 525 North Broadway, Cortez
 - ***RDF Guns**, Ron Fergusson, Owner; 10933 County Road 26 (Off Mildred Street, north of Southwest Memorial Hospital), Cortez; 970-564-4218. Open Tuesday thru Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 - At any of the **monthly Club meetings** or online at the 4CRP website: 4cornersrifleandpistol.com. **Note:** **Currently, NRA memberships (new or renewal) are not yet available at Choice Building Supply or RDF Gun.*
 - When renewing your membership through Choice Building Supply or RDF, you must show proof of membership in the NRA. This can be done with your NRA membership card or the mailing label from your NRA monthly magazine which has your NRA account number and expiration date.
 - 4CRP fees for joining/renewing are \$45; you can add a spouse or child as an "Associate Member" for an additional \$10. Associate Members do not receive their own key. Your 4CRP membership card will be mailed to you.
 - Outdoor Range Key: You may take your old key (with the orange stripe on it) along with your current membership card to either **Choice Building Supply or RDF Guns** and exchange it for a new key to the Outdoor Range. They have been instructed to only issue new keys after seeing a current 4CRP membership card. You can also attend a monthly Club meeting and receive 2020 key.
 - Memberships run from March 1 through February 28. Renewals start December 1st.
 - As of September 15, the membership count was 436 members.

Jenn Reynolds, Secretary
509-592-7675: Email: bassgoddess1@gmail.com

HELP 4CRP SAVE SOME MONEY AND RECEIVE EACH ISSUE OF THE CRACK SHOT SOONER!

Consider receiving your issues of the Crack Shot via email by contacting John McHenry at 4cornersrifleandpistol@gmail.com.

Has your mailing address changed recently or are you receiving more than one copy of the Crack Shot? Contact: Jenn Reynolds, Secretary at 509-592-7675 or email: bassgoddess1@gmail.com.

2020 4CRP ANNUAL BBQ

The Annual 4CRP Club Picnic/BBQ was incredible this year. A little light rain about starting time cooled everything off. Around 80 people attended, fellowship was great, and the steaks were "primo."

Hats off to **Kelly Ellis and his wife, Bonnie**, for being great steak chefs. Along with bringing all the salad, baked potatoes, plates, silverware, water and a bunch of other fixins'. Kelly and Bonnie also supplied a bunch of nieces and nephews to help; thanks to **Morgan, Andie, Kilee, Cody, and Hayden!**



Norm Bowie, Jr. Shooters Director, at 2020 Gun Show. This little girl drew winning raffle ticket for a rifle.
Mike Marston from Cortez was the lucky winner.

Gayel Alexander, Gun Show Manager, gave a short presentation on how the gun show went this year. Even with all the current Covid 19 regulations that had to be followed, reduced attendance and a few other challenges, the Club was able to clear around \$5,000; gun show proceeds support our Junior Shooting Program. Thanks for your hard work, Gayel!

Again, the Club supplied a super yummy sheet cake decorated to celebrate its 57th year anniversary as 4CRP.

**4CRP MEMBERS GRATEFULLY
CELEBRATE 57 YEARS
OF THE
BEST GUN CLUB EVER!**

HUNTER SITE-IN
JUNIOR SHOOTER PROGRAM
ANNUAL GUN SHOW
COWBOY SHOOT
CENTERFIRE BENCHREST
RIMFIRE BENCHREST
COMPETITIONS

NEWSLETTERS
WEBSITE

WOMEN'S PROGRAMS
PISTOL LEAGUES
3 GUN SHOOT
INDOOR & OUTDOOR RANGES
JUST FOR FUN SHOOTING ACTIVITIES

Thoughts from Mike Upchurch, 4CRP Vice President

HOW ABOUT REASONABLE GUN CONTROL?

In the August, 2020 American Rifleman Magazine, Jason Ouimet, Executive Director, NRA, Institute for Legislative Action (ILA) authored an article about candidates' opinions on the 2nd Amendment.

Mr. Ouimet mentioned that there are "radical and extreme gun controls" that are simply unreasonable. Everything from more registration, e.g. gun owner licensing to a total confiscation of semi-automatic rifles. At the very least, various political candidates endorse these reasons citing law abiding American citizens are not to be trusted nor are they competent enough to own hand guns or military type rifles.

We, who are members of the 4CRP, obey the laws of the land. We believe in controlling our firearms in a safe manner and respecting our gun club and range rules. We tirelessly train members and non-members, especially our youth, on how to be safe and to respect others' 2nd Amendment Rights.

I endorse "reasonable" gun control. We, gun owners, need to be proactive and guard against being complacent about our own responsibility to safeguard our freedom for future generations.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Two new programs are being introduced to assist members; both programs need **YOUR** help:

- **New Member Mentorship Program:** This program is being designed to welcome new members and help them get oriented to the Club's rules, Indoor/Outdoor Range protocols, and to introduce them to other members with the hope they will want to take an active role in the Club.
- **Outdoor Range Orientation:** This program is intended for new members as well as 'seasoned' members (who may have not used this Range in the past) to present the purpose of each area as it pertains to the use of handguns, rifles, various calibers, rules, safety, gate/storage procedures, etc.

Both programs will entail setting up times with new (or other interested) members for a "walking tour" of one or both of the 4CRP Ranges to do a "meet and greet" visit. Please contact **John McHenry, Coordinator**, at 970-739-4572 or email him at: 4cornersrifleandpistol@gmail.com to get more info and to sign up to help with these very important new programs!

Outdoor Range Notes

NOTE: Results from the summer Outdoor Range competitions (Plink Off/Sucker Shoot, 3 Gun Shoot, Cowboy Shoot, Rimfire and Benchrests Shoots) will be published in the December-January 2021 issue.

HUNTERS, GRAB YER GUNS!



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

*The 2020 Annual **Hunters Sight-In** is not far off and open to everyone:*

Dates:

First Season:	October 7 th and 8 th
Second Season:	October 21 th and 22 th
Third Season:	November 4 th and 5 th
Fourth Season	November 16 th



<u>Time:</u>	9 a.m. Last entry at 3 p.m. Last shot at 4 p.m.	<u>Where:</u>	4CRP Club Outdoor Range located 2.8 miles east of Hwy 145 on Hwy 16
		<u>Cost:</u>	\$7 per firearm. Targets are provided

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

If you would like to reserve the Outdoor Range, please email **Chuck Wark @ cwarkcal54@gmail.com** with your dates and times or submit a written request at any 4CRP meeting.

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.
- ✓ **Shooters in the field need to be aware of their target and what is behind that target, i.e., can the bullet potentially ricochet into one of the other ranges or over the berm? You are responsible for the bullet once it leaves the muzzle of your gun.**
- ✓ ***Please be aware of cylinder and muzzle blasts on the sandbags which can cause holes to be burnt in the denim covering.***

Chuck Wark, Outdoor Range Officer, 970-759-1614

Indoor Range Notes

FOUR CORNERS WOMEN AT THE RANGE Monthly Shooting Group

The September 6th Women at the Range Monthly Group met. Thank you **Kristine Nunn** for coordinating September's event. Next Monthly Shoot is Sunday, October 4th. **Brandi Gutknecht** has joined the group of organizers and has an extensive background in firearms safety and training. She offers a variety of gun training courses for both men and women.

For more info, contact Anita Mayhew, Coordinator at mayhewanita@gmail.com

Fall Pistol League

Attention: All You Pistol Shooters!

Plans for the **Four Corners Rifle & Pistol Club's** Fall Bulls Eye Pistol League have been announced. The basic league format will be essentially the same as last year. We will be shooting to establish your group placement on Wednesday, November 11th from 3:00 to 7:00 PM at the **Indoor Range**. Shooters may also use last year's ending league score average--shooter's choice. League shooting will begin on **November 18th** and continue for 8 weeks until **January 6, 2021**.

Shooters will be divided into Red Dot and Iron Sight categories, and we also will have an Off-The-Chart category for new shooters, your choice.

Each night everyone will shoot 30 rounds of centerfire and 30 rounds of .22 rimfire 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 9:00 to 1 p.m.

Shooter fees will be \$20.00 for Club members and \$30.00 for non-members payable at qualifying or first league night. There will also be a \$2.00 fee for targets at the practice sessions. **The range will be open for practice on Wednesday, November 4th and Saturday, November 7th.**

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

Thank you for your help in keeping this facility clean and well maintained. After you finish shooting, check for trash and casings. 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

Although we picture the Founding Fathers as old men, many were quite young. By July 4th, 1776, Aaron Burr was 20, Alexander Hamilton, 21; James Madison, 25; John Jay, 29 and Thomas Jefferson, 33.

The first African-American to receive the Medal Of Honor in the Civil War was **William Harvey Carney** who, despite being shot in the face, shoulders, arms and legs, refused to let the American Flag touch the ground.



CLASSIFIED ADS **For Sale**



Classified Ads will appear in the printed/mailed Crack Shot Newsletters as well as on the 4CRP website under the Classified Ads tab. To submit an ad, go to the 4CRP website at: 4cornersrifleandpistol.com to the Classified Ad drop-down tab, click on "to submit a new classified ad, click here" and fill out the form. *Use this same procedure to inform the Club to remove your ad when your items have sold or you no longer want your ad(s) published; go to "Additional Information or Message" and type in "remove ad" or what items you want removed.*

Note: All ads are reviewed for content prior to distribution

Thompson Center Pro Hunter FX Muzzleloader, .50 cal, camo finish stock, steel. All fiber optic sight (CO legal for hunting), sling, bullets, extra accessories; like new. \$575. Call Roger Lawrence at 970-560-5070

Various Reloading Supplies, \$45 each; like new; all in factory box:

Lee 30-06, Lee 7MM-08, RCBS 222 Rem, Lyman 38/357, Lyman 30-06, Lyman 30-30, Lyman 44 Mag/SPL, Lyman 243.

Bullets:

263 rounds various brands: 30 cal: \$45; 388 rounds various brands: 38 cal: \$65; 100 rounds 44 cal: \$20

Empty cases:

64 - 30-30's: \$10; 160 - 30-06: \$20; 72 - 9 MM Luger: \$10; 60 - 45 Auto: \$10; 2,578 - 38 special: \$150

I have a few 257, 44 S & W SPL, 7 MM-08's. Will negotiate for bundles

Call Bob Durant at 970-749-1442 or email: durant@durants.com

Bullet Casting Equipment:

Lyman Lubramatic Bullet Sizer (heated)

LEE Lead Pot 4 (electric)

Lee Bullet Molds: 365 125 gr RN; 358 158 gr SWC; 452 228 gr RN

Lyman Size & Lube Dies: 356, 357, 430, 451

Lyman Top Punch: 357 SWC; 430 WC

100lb of lead ingots: \$3 each or two for \$5

12 sets of RCBS reloading dies: \$20 each call

Call or text: William (Dale) Foote at 970-570-9705

PARTING SHOTS

Will Rogers, who died in a plane crash with Wylie Post in 1935, was probably the greatest political sage this country has ever known. Enjoy the following:

1. Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.
2. Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.
3. There are 2 theories to arguing with a woman...neither works.
4. Never miss a good chance to shut up.
5. Always drink upstream from the herd.
6. If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.
7. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back in your pocket.
8. There are three kinds of men: The ones that learn by reading. The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence and find out for themselves.
9. Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.
10. If you're riding' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.
11. Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier'n puttin' it back.
12. After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him. When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

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Ready, Aim, Read!

This issue is 'loaded' with
info about the fall pistol
league and hunter sight-in.

REMEMBER TO VOTE BY NOVEMBER 3RD

