



# The Crack Shot

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

**April / May 2021**

[4cornersrifleandpistol.com](http://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 no be infringed"*

*~2nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution*

## Monthly Club Meetings

*Note: Meetings held in shooting range at the indoor range to accommodate social distancing.*

- March 30th @ 6:30 p.m. at the Indoor Range
- April 27th @ 6:30 p.m. at the Indoor Range

President	Mike Upchurch	970-560-8343	Vice-President	Joe Drago	415-717-2666
Secretary	Jenn Reynolds	509-592-7675	Treasurer	Anita Mayhew	970-903-5120
Club Director	Roger Lawrence	970-560-5070	Junior Shooting Director	Norm Bowie	970-739-1486
Club Director	Jim Kingery	970-739-5170	Indoor Range Officer	Mic McPherson	970-564-0500
Club Director	Larry Percell	970-739-3580	Outdoor Range Officer	Chuck Wark	970-759-1614

## **ACTIVITES, 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	970-749-3665	Website	Jenn Reynolds	509-592-7675
Cowboy Shoot	Mike Kelso	970-560-6849	Newsletter	Jenn Reynolds	509-592-7675
Hunter Site-In			4C Women at the Range	Anita Mayhew	970-903-5120
			Advertising	Anita Mayhew	970-903-5120

## President's Message:

**Most folks would believe this statement, "My how time flies!"**

**By Mike Upchurch, Club President.**

In 1963 the Four Corners Rifle and Pistol Club was established just 58 years ago. I was a senior at MCHS, our local High School in that year. My how time flies! Since then, our gun club has evolved into a robust club. We have a very up to date indoor range and to be frank, a fabulous outdoor facility also.

Over those past 58 plus years, hundreds of local gun owners have risen to the occasion with sweat and energy as they pitched in to help our club become what it is. We call these people volunteers which is a good name for good people. We as new volunteers wish to thank all of you, the past volunteers, for your sacrifices and as well as your desire to assist us to preserve not only the Second Amendment, but the shooting sports and your desire to be safe and responsible gun owners.

At the last Tuesday of each month, we of the executive board face the Flag of our nation with our right hand across our heart and we all pledge our allegiance to that flag and the republic and nation for which it stands under God. Not divided but indivisible. With liberty and justice but not for a few but for all.

Right now, in this nation there are many who are concerned for our liberty and individual rights. Like you and I many folks want safety and confidence as well as competence in their ability to handle firearms. We, in the Four Corners Rifle and Pistol Club are devising more training in gun safety and marksmanship. Soon we will have this training and the classes available for you members and our non-members alike. We will post those events as well as instruction on our newsletter the Crack Shot and our web site.

# 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:** Meets each Thursday and/or Friday at 6:30 pm at Indoor Range.

- Contact Norm Bowie, Director for more information: 970-739-1486

**3 Gun Shoot:** Meets the 2nd Saturday of the month year round (weather permitting) at the Outdoor Range. 9 am

- Contact Tim Hunter, Coordinator, for more information: 970-739-3665

**Cowboy Shoot:** Meets the 2nd Sunday of the month March through November (weather permitting) at the Outdoor Range. 9 am (Mar-Sept) 10 am (Oct-Nov)

- Contact Mike Kelso, Coordinator, for more information: 970-560-6849

**4Corners Women at the Range Monthly Shoot:** Meets the 1st Sunday of the Month at 2 pm (1st group) or 3:30 pm (2nd group) at the Indoor Range.

- **Pre-registration required.** Contact Anita Mayhew, Coordinator, for more information at 970-903-5120 or mayhewanita@gmail.com

## April 2021 Special & Continuing Events

- April (Thursdays) 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Jr. Shooters at Indoor Range, 6:30 pm
- April (Fridays) 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Jr. Shooters at Indoor Range, 6:30 pm
- April 3/4: CCW Class with Brandi G—High Mark LLC.
- April 4: 4 Corners Women at the Range Monthly Shoot; 2 & 3:30 pm at Indoor Range. **Pre-Registration Required**
- April 10: 3 Gun Shoot at Outdoor Range: 9 am
- April 11: Cowboy Shoot—Outdoor Range
- April 11: Basic Pistol Class with Brandi G—High Mark LLC
- April 23-24: CORTEZ GUN SHOW AT MONTEZUMA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS (see flyer on back page)**
- April 24: .22 Plink Off Shoot
- April 27: 4CRP Monthly Meeting**

## May 2021 Special & Continuing Events

- May 2: 4 Corners Women at the Range Monthly Shoot; 2 & 3:30 pm at Indoor Range. **Pre-Registration Required**
- May 3: 3 Gun Shoot at Outdoor Range: 9 am
- May (Thursdays) 6, 13, 20, 27: Jr. Shooters at Indoor Range, 6:30 pm
- May (Fridays) 7, 14, 21, 28: Jr. Shooters at Indoor Range, 6:30 pm
- May 15: Range Safety Officer Class with John C and Joe D 8 am to 5 pm
- May 25: 4CRP Monthly Meeting**

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

To see CURRENT calendars, go to [4cornersrifleandpistol.com](http://4cornersrifleandpistol.com) website. Select CALEDAR tab, the EVENTS.

You can view the calendars on the website in List of the Month by Month View. The website is continually updated

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

**1. Volunteer Opportunities:** The Gun Club has many opportunities for you to contribute to the success of the club by helping out. If you are able, please mark where you are willing to help on the club application. If you forgot, or your availability has changed, please email Secretary Jenn Reynolds at [bassgoddess1@gmail.com](mailto:bassgoddess1@gmail.com) to be placed on the volunteer list. Our club runs better when members selflessly lend a hand.

**2. 2021 Cortez Gun Show will be April 23rd, 24th and 25th:**

Still available for purchase are the “**We the People**” Face Masks (at \$8 each). If interested in purchasing or to **volunteer to work** at the Gun Show, call Gayel Alexander at 970-529-3747 or email her at: [lkgalexander2012@gmail.com](mailto:lkgalexander2012@gmail.com).



**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](mailto:4cornersrifleandpistol@gmail.com) or text/call him at 970-739-4572

**5. Memberships: Important info for 2021**

- Memberships run from March 1, 2021 to February 28, 2022. New Keys to the Outdoor Range were available on March 1st
- Dues are **\$55** annually for a regular member. Check application in this issue for other options/details
- Active **\*NRA Membership is required** for all levels of membership in 4CRP; NRA membership number and expiration date are required on the 4CRP application.
- Every applicant is required to complete the revised membership application, read and agree that you will comply with the **Outdoor Range Use and Safety** Rules by signing the application certification.
- All applications for membership must contain REQUIRED and/or MANDATORY information to be processed. This includes:
  - ◇ **Current mailing address** (so your membership card can be mailed to you and/or you wish to receive newsletters via US mail)
  - ◇ **Telephone number** (a must to verify your application info if needed, or contact you in an emergency situation)
  - ◇ **Email address:** 4CRP primarily communicates with its members regularly via emails to let members know about Club activities, events, range closures, request for volunteers, send newsletters, etc. Email addresses are kept **CONFIDENTIAL** (unless a member has given the Club authorization to publish it)

**\*So why does 4CRP require 100% of its members to be current NRA members? Here are just some of the reasons:**

- ◇ 4CRP supports NRA values and efforts to ensure that our 2nd Amendment Rights are protected
- ◇ As a 100% NRA Club, our Jr. Shooting Team can participate in official tournaments
- ◇ Our Club is eligible for thousands of dollars in NRA grants for our Junior Shooters, Women’s activities and to help develop and improve our ranges.
- ◇ NRA provides affordable insurance for our Club including coverage for special events
- ◇ NRA can provide legal help to our Club, if it’s needed.

**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](mailto: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: Text - 509-592-7675 or email: [bassgoddess1@gmail.com](mailto:bassgoddess1@gmail.com)

## Thoughts From the Vice President

A good welcome to all.

I am excited about this club, our membership and the role we all get to play in really ramping up and moving forward.

I am, at heart and in mind, an instructor. I have several decades of experience and many thousands of students in my wake. I have a dream for our club to build an organized Training Division with a dedicated Director coordinating a multitude of different and truly exciting ongoing classes. We start, as always, with safety. So, fairly regular RSO classes. We are scheduling what I hope will be a big, well attended one in May. Come out! A sidearm, rifle and shotgun series that will begin with a basic introduction and proceed through to a robust and ongoing tactical series. CCW classes, but not the ones that Colorado currently allows; with not a shot being fired. Our CCW class will encompass the state mandated classroom session. It will then move from there to the range. Safety, safety and more safety. Then, shots fired in reality-based scenarios. Students will be challenged.

There is simply no reason why we cannot have the premiere training facility on the western slope of this great state. Our facility has the bones to hold up that reputation. I know that we do, as well. I know that.

The number of new shooters coming into our world is astonishing. Reach out. Grab one, bring one along. They are here because they sense uncertain times, both here and ahead. I dream of a brotherhood and a sisterhood (sorry, my recognition of gender is binary) with a shared love of our great Republic, our beautiful piece of God's earth here and a deep desire to always keep pushing forward; getting stronger, together, and better with every step.

We are surrounded by fear, and by those that would market that to weaken and enslave us. If we stand together, they will fail. By God, they will fail.

I am always available. If you need me, please feel free to contact me at any time. I like ideas, constructive criticism and building a cohesive group of passionate and well trained patriots. If you have a problem or an idea, come with a solution and a suggested way forward. Together, we'll take it to the tough Marine running this outfit and we'll make our case.

Respectfully,

Jozsef V. Drago. Joe.

### Election of Officers

On February 23, 2021 4CRP held it's annual elections. Tim Hunter, election judge, determined the election by acclimation due to not other nominations being received.

### Welcome to new officers:

Welcome to our newly elected officers!!!

- Mike Upchurch—President
- Joe Drago—Vice President
- Mic McPherson—Indoor Range Director
- Roger Lawrence—Club Director
- Jim Kingery—Club Director
- Larry Percell—Club Director

### 4CRP Thanks You!!!

Thank you to all of the outgoing volunteers and officers. The club runs because of our volunteers, so let's give them a round of applause for stepping up and helping us keep this the best club in the Four Corners!!

- Joe Butterfield—President 2019-2021
- John McHenry—Club Director
- Susa Kelley—Crack Shot Editor 2019-2021



### Notes from the Crack Shot Editor:

We would like to ask for patience as the Crack Shot is going through a transition from the amazing Susa Kelley to a new editor. If you would like to see anything covered, or have submissions, please email 4CRPCrackshot@gmail.com.

# **INDOOR RANGE NEWS**

## **Spring Pistol League—Results**

The Spring Pistol League has just completed the 2021 session. We have some new shooters who have earned winning slots in their classifications. Winners Are:

### **IRON SITES:**

- TOP GUN—Larry Ott
- DIVISION 1—Jim Kingery
- DIVISION 2—Steven Vogt
- DIVISION 3—John Davis
- DIVISION 4—Lois Carlson

### **RED DOT:**

TOP GUN—Roger Lawrence

Thanks to all our shooters. This year has been difficult due to the Covid situation and ammunition shortages. Hope everything is better for the Fall League this coming November!

I want to especially thank Don Cook and Chuck Wark for all of their help.

Roger Lawrence

## **Four Corners Women at the Range—Monthly Shoots**

This monthly shoot is for experienced to expert shooters—is full for the 2021 season with 18 women.

The Montezuma Sherriff's Posse hosted the first shoot of the year at their amazing smokeless shooting range. This allowed the women to experience many different scenarios, both targets and real world, as well as save on ammo!!

A big **THANK YOU** to the Montezuma County Sherriff's posse and Luann Meyer for this amazing opportunity

## **Trainings, Trainings and More Trainings**

Knowing how to be safe and use your firearm is an important part of being a responsible gun owner. 4CRP has the luxury of having amazing NRA Certified Instructors in our ranks that are eager to offer trainings to our membership as well as the community in a variety of subjects. Check the events page on the 4CRP website to find a class.

### **Upcoming Classes:**

April 3/4: CCW Class with Brandi G—High Mark LLC.

April 11: Basic Pistol Class with Brandi G—High Mark LLC

May 15: Range Safety Officer Class with John C and Joe D 8 am to 5 pm \$75—Sign up on NRA Website

Is there something specific that you would like to see a class in? Are you offering a class that you would like the membership to know about? Reach out to the club at <https://4cornersrifleandpistol.com/contact/> and send us your suggestions!

## **INDOOR RANGE REMINDER**

Please help to keep the 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.

Mic McPherson, Indoor Range Officer, 970-564-0500

## **Want your Indoor Range event listed in the Crack Shot?**

Submit your Indoor Range Event to the Crack Shot Editor at [4CRPCrackshot@gmail.com](mailto:4CRPCrackshot@gmail.com)

## OUTDOOR RANGE NEWS

**If you would like to reserve the Outdoor Range, please email Chuck @ cwarkca154@gmail.com with your dates and times or submit a written request at any 4CRP meeting.**

The indoor range is pretty quiet this time of year. I would like to thank Jeff Stewert and the Windy Gap "Cowboys" for the dirt work they have done at the Cowboy Range (west of the 3 Gun Range). A couple of improvements we have made: installed orange safety line at the 300-yard range and the intermediate Cowboy range. **Do not shoot this orange line or anything above it.** Keep all bullets well below the range area.

### 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 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 until it stops. This includes ricochets!**
- ***Please, be aware of the 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

### 4 Corners WOMEN at the RANGE - June Instructional Shooting Clinic Saturday, JUNE 5th

This will be the NINTH year 4CRP has offered a women's instructional shooting clinic -- with frequent grants from the NRA Foundation totaling approximately \$12,000.00 over the years.

This day-long clinic is specifically aimed at women who have had little or no shooting experience—though often women attend because they have not been able to shoot frequently. 4CRP provides everything for this day: **firearms, ammunition, targets, one-on-one assistance by Range Safety Officers, and even lunch—all for \$35!** This clinic generally fills at least 2 months in advance.

There is a limit of 24 shooters and it is already half way filled, so contact Anita Mayhew ASAP to get signed up.

Anita Mayhew, Coordinator: 970-903-5120

### **FUN FACTS!!**

**Fact:** Scotland has 421 words for "snow" Yes—421! That's too many fun facts about snow. Some examples: sneesl (to start raining or snowing); feefle (to swirl); flinkdrinkin (a light snow).

**Fact:** Armadillo shells are bulletproof In fact, one Texas man was hospitalized when a bullet he shot at an armadillo ricocheted off the animal and hit him in the jaw.

**Fact:** Kleenex tissues were originally intended for gas masks When there was a cotton shortage during World War I, Kimberly-Clark developed a thin, flat cotton substitute that the army tried to use as a filter in gas masks. The war ended before scientists perfected the material for gas masks, so the company redeveloped it to be smoother and softer, then marketed Kleenex as facial tissue instead.

### **Want your Outdoor Range event listed in the Crack Shot?**

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## CLASSIFIED ADS

### FOR SALE

Classified Ads will appear in the printed/emailed 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](http://4cornersrifleandpistol.com) to the classified Ad drop-down tab, click on "to submit a new 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" for what items you want removed.

**Note: All Ads are reviewed for content prior to distribution**

#### Sparc AR red dot

Bought it but it's a bit tough to use with old welder eyes.. \$175 OBO.

Richard Hunter (970) 317-5422

#### Bullet Casting Equipment

Bullet Casting Equipment:

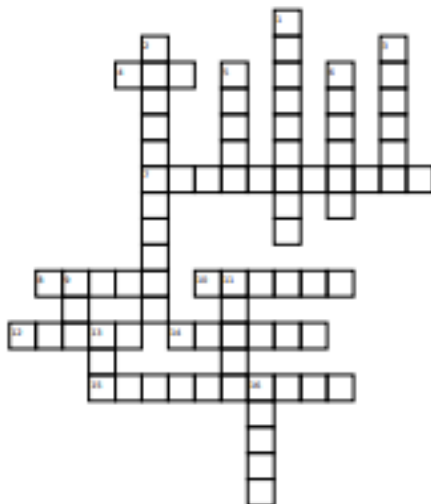
Lyman Lubramatic Bullet Sizer (heated); LEE Lead Pot 4 (electric); Lee Bullet Molds: 365 125 gr RN; 358 158 gr SWC; 452 228 gr RN

Lyman Size & Lube Dies: 356, 357, 430, 451; Lyman Top Punch: 357 SWC; 430 WC; 100 lb 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

## Trigger Happy Crossword



#### Down:

1. Make sure this is clear before shooting
2. In the twilight you can witness this from your barrel
3. A single grain makes a big difference
5. Keep them in line
6. What are you aiming at?
9. ALWAYS listen when this person gives orders
11. Hunters never leave home without this
13. Permit that allows you to hide your gun
16. A bad one can make your shoulder hurt after a long day of shooting

#### Across:

4. Something a good shooter wouldn't be without
7. PPE for the shooter
8. Range hounds search for this
10. Thing that goes boom
12. Standard issue gun for police
14. Keeps you from accidentally discharging
15. Sam and Dean from Supernatural

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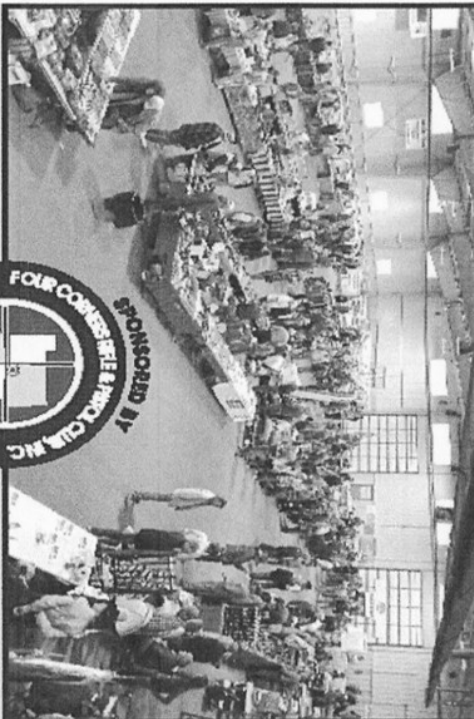
# APRIL 23, 24, 25, 2021

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> • 5PM-9PM  
Sat 24<sup>th</sup> • 9AM-5PM  
Sun 25<sup>th</sup> • 9AM-2PM

## CORTEZ GUN SHOW

THE ORIGINAL AND TRADITIONAL GUN SHOW OF MONTEZUMA COUNTY

Montezuma County Fairgrounds • 30100 HWY 160, Cortez, CO 81321



**ADMISSION**  
**\$5 per day**  
Children under 12 free when  
accompanied by an adult

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Gun Show Manager: Gaele Alexander  
970.529.3747 or 970.882.2150  
Email: kgalexander2012@gmail.com

Cortez Gun Show  
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CortezGunShow.com



**VENDOR SETUP: FRI, APRIL 23, 10AM-4PM**  
**\$55 for each Table Rental • 24-hr Security Provided**  
Go to CortezGunShow.com for vendor applications