



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

- April 26, 2022 @ 6:30 at the Indoor Range
- May 31, 2022 @ 6:30 pm at the Indoor Range

President	Mike Upchurch	970-560-8343	Vice-President	Curtis Nelson	970-749-1662
Secretary	Jenn Reynolds	509-592-7675	Treasurer	Anita Mayhew	970-903-5120
Outdoor Range Officer	Chuck Wark	970-759-1614	Junior Shooting Director	Norm Bowie	970-739-1486
Club Director	Ron Serabia	619-549-4787	Indoor Range Officer	Charles Thompson	970-739-0518
Club Director	Philip Hermsmeyer	970-844-5999	Club Director	Roger Lawrence	970-560-5070

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	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	4C Women @ the Range	Anita Mayhew	970-903-5120
Cowboy Shoot	Mike Kelso	970-560-6849	Newsletter	Jenn Reynolds	509-592-7675
Hunter Site-In	Ron Serabia	619-549-4787	Website	Jenn Reynolds	509-592-7675
Communications	John McHenry	970-739-4572	Advertising	Anita Mayhew	970-903-5120

4CRP Mission Statement

- To be a non-profit community organization in the promotion and preservation of the gun ownership and usage rights of the U.S. Constitution and Section 13 of Article II of the Colorado Constitution.
- To always emphasize safety first
- To provide and maintain range facilities for shooting members of the Club and their guests
- To support all legal activities—hunting, practice and competitive shooting, and defense of self, home and community
- To provide facilities, certified firearm education, and charitable contributions to Club members, the local community, youth organizations, and law enforcement.

President's Message

As a part of our mission to provide training to our membership, part of our executive team met with trainers to finalize more concise arms training; from handguns, rifles and shotgun to tactical training. We reviewed the trainer's backgrounds and certification while establishing a protocol to give our membership the very best firearms training available.

Our outdoor range consists of a 22.cal range, a great pistol range, a rifle range with berms at 100, 200 and 300 yards, and a separate 500-yard range. However, don't think that these training opportunities are all that you need to be a safe and better shooter. Practice is essential, ask any athlete or competitive marksman.

Our training coordinator will assist us to develop more safety guidelines through concealed carry classes, as well as marksmanship and self-defense, long range shooting and NRA certification. Soon we will establish dates and times for you to take advantage of these programs. Thank all of you for your participation.

Hope to see all of you at our Gun show in April at the Fairgrounds.

If there is ever a question you can call me at 970-560-8343. Mike Upchurch, Club President.

Membership News

- Current Member count is 441
- **NEW!!** Memberships run 12 months from time of enrollment. Dues are \$55 for a regular member and \$10 for Associate members. Associate members can use a regular member's key and membership card without the regular member being present.
- 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.
- You can purchase a membership at the following locations:
 - RDF Guns—Cash or check only
 - Goods for the Woods—Cash or Check only
 - 4CRP Website—Debit/Credit card only
 - 4CRP monthly meeting—Cash, Check or Debit/Credit Card (through website) accepted

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

- ◇ 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



Membership Renewal Reminder:



***To avoid interruption in your Outdoor Range access,
remember to renew at least 2 weeks in advance of your expiration date!!!***

Kill two birds with one stone!! Club Secretary Jenn Reynolds will be at the April and May Monthly meetings at 5:30 to allow people to renew memberships early. She will also be giving the Safety orientation at that time as well, so if you have not been able to make it to one of the safety orientations at the Outdoor Range, this is the perfect time to do so.

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 to be placed on the volunteer list. Our club runs better when members selflessly lend a hand.
- 2. 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
- 3. 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
- 4. Electronic Gate is LIVE!!!:** Go to calendly.com/4CRPtraining to schedule your Gate and Safety Orientation

ELECTRONIC GATE FAQ

The new electronic gate has gone live and aside from working out small kinks in the system, is working as intended. In an attempt to get ahead of any confusion or possible issues caused by user error we offer the following simple step-by-step guide for operation of the electronic gate and proper use of your access cards. Please, remember that this system has been put in place to make the outdoor range a safer place for the members, and not with any intention of making things difficult for anyone.

Entering the Range: Upon arrival at the outdoor range, stop and scan your card at the reader even if the gate is currently locked in the open position. Make certain that when you scan the card you get a green light, and the readout indicates “Access Granted”.

Exiting the Range: Scan your card at the exit reader, wait for the gate to open, then drive out. DO NOT follow another member out without scanning your card.

FAQ:

Why do I need to scan my card when the gate is already open?

The system is set to track each card when it enters or exits the range and save that information. A card is identified as either logged into the system (Entered the range) or logged out of the system (Exited the range) and will not allow a duplicate entry which will prevent your card from working the next time used. What that means electronically is that if you have either gone into or exited the range without swiping your card your personal ID number will remain in the last scanned state in the system.

I scanned my card to enter the range and it displayed the message “Passback Violation” and won’t work.

As previously said, the system is tracking the status of your card. This message is displayed when you are trying to scan into the system a second time, meaning the last time you left the range you did not scan your card out.

I made a mistake, and didn’t scan my card to get into the range, or it’s after open hours on the range, and I’m locked in.

You will need to contact one of the executive members of the club with the contact information provided in the Crack Shot.

I am bringing some guests to the range to shoot, and we are bringing multiple vehicles, how can we get in and out without the gate closing on us or getting someone locked in?

Make sure that all vehicles are lined up and ready to go, there is a sensor on the gate itself that triggers the countdown timer for the gate to close. Any time that it is triggered it will reset the closing timer. After the gate opens there is a generous window of time for each vehicle to make it through before the gate will begin to close.

We are leaving the range, but the gate is just sitting open.

The gate has a roughly 40 second timer before it starts to close after a vehicle has passed through the gate. It can feel like forever, but it will close on its own. Do not go back and scan your card repeatedly, that will just reset the timer over and over, as well as put your card into a logged in state, keeping it from working the next time you come to enjoy the range.

OUTDOOR RANGE NEWS

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

Make note of the 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**, with the exception of Associate Members. Be prepared to show your 4CRP Membership card upon request.
- 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

Centerfire and Benchrest Competition 2022

The 2022 Benchrest shooting season will begin on May 8 at the Outdoor Range. Centerfire Benchrest events will be held on the second Sunday of the month May through September, and Rimfire Benchrest on the third Sundays. Eye and ear protection are required. Rifles must be unloaded and either flagged or with the bolt removed at all times except when shooting. The gates open at 7:30am for registration, set-up, and safety meeting, and shooting begins at 8:30am.

There will be matches for Target rifles and Sporter rifles. The Sporter class rules allow most commonly-owned rifles. So, bring what you have and hone your precision shooting skills.

Centerfire BR events are for rifles .308-caliber or less without muzzle brakes. The Target class has few other restrictions - typically heavy-barreled precision rifles with any optic supported by a mechanical rest. Sporter rifles must have a muzzle diameter less than the size of a dime and use a bipod front rest. There will be matches at 100, 200, and 300 yards. The entry fee is \$3.

Rimfire BR events are for 22 Long Rifle and 22-caliber air rifles, using standard velocity ammunition only. There are matches for rifles with scope and unmagnified sight. Target class is essentially unrestricted - typically heavy rifles, any scope or aperture sight, mechanical rests, and premium ammunition. Sporter class is restricted to equipment with definite sporting character and has a long-range shooting component. Sporter rifles must have repeater action, scope magnification is limited, and the front rest must be a bipod or simple bag. Sporter class will shoot a spec ammunition provided at the event. Target Class matches are at 50 and 100 yards, and Sporter Class matches at 50, 100, and 150 yards. The entry fee is \$3 for Target Class and \$15 for Sporter Class (which includes the ammunition).

For more details, please feel free to contact the organizers: Larry Percell (centerfire) 970-739-3580 or Gary Kyle (rimfire) 970-560-5090. Email gskyle@msn.com for a copy of the rules.

INDOOR RANGE NEWS

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.

Charles Thompson, Indoor Range Officer, 970-739-0518

Spring Pistol League Results

The 2021 Fall Pistol League is in the books. We had a great time with some very competitive scores.

RED DOR TOP GUN - Roger Lawrence—Average 570

IRON SIGHTS TOP GUN - Larry Ott—Average 567

DIVISION 1 - Don Cook

DIVISION 2 - John Davis

DIVISION 3 - Rodney Cox



Our Spring Pistol League has just finished it's Spring Season. The shooters had a great time, with some of our shooters show lots of improvement.

Our fun night was a real hoot! Everybody turned their targets backwards so the bulls eye was not showing and shot for score. **Larry Ott** was able to outshoot everybody and win top prize.

We are planning a couple of summer shoots that will be announced in the **Crack Shot**. Have a safe summer and hope to see you all next fall.

Thanks to **Don Cook, Chuck Wark & John McHenry** for all their help, we couldn't do it without them.

Thanks again, **Roger Lawrence**

Four Corners Women at the Range—Monthly Shoots

This monthly shoot is for experienced to expert shooters—is full for the 2022 season with 18 women. To be placed on the waiting list, or be notified of the next sign up for the 2023 season contact Anita Mayhew at mayhewanita@gmail.com

WORD SCRAMBLE

PARTS OF A RIFLE!

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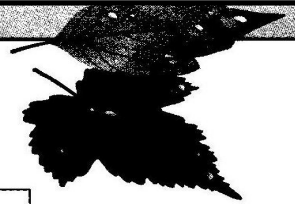
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HELP 4CRP SAVE SOME MONEY AND RECEIVE EACH ISSUE OF THE CRACK SHOT SOONER!

Consider receiving your issues of the Crack Shot via email by contacting John McHenry at 4cornersrifleadpistol@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

Want your Indoor Range event listed in the Crack Shot?

Submit your Indoor Range Event to the Crack Shot Editor at 4CRPCrackshot@gmail.com

April 2022

(O) = Outdoor Range

(I) = Indoor Range

Events and activities may be UPDATED after publication. To see current calendars, go to 4cornersrifleandpistol.com website.


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Women @ the Range 2 & 3:30 (I)	4	5	6	7 Junior Shooter Practice 6:30p to 8p (I)	8 Junior Shooter Practice 6:30p to 8p (I)	9 3 Gun Shoot 9a (O)
10	11	12	13	14 Junior Shooter Practice 6:30p to 8p (I)	15 Junior Shooter Practice 6:30p to 8p (I)	16
17 	18	19	20	21 Junior Shooter Practice 6:30p to 8p (I)	22 Junior Shooter Practice 6:30p to 8p (I)	23
24	25	26 Gun Club Meeting 6:30p (I)	27	28 Junior Shooter Practice 6:30p to 8p (I)	29 Junior Shooter Practice 6:30p to 8p (I)	30

May 2022

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Women @ the Range 2 & 3:30 (I)	2	3	4	5 	6 Junior Shooter Fun Night 6:30p to 8p (I)	7
8  Centerfire Benchrest 7:30 (O)	9	10	11	12	13	14 3 Gun Shoot 9a (O)
15 Rimfire Benchrest 7:30 (O)	16	17	18	19	20	 ARMED FORCES DAY
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30  REMEMBER AND HONOR	31 Gun Club Meeting 6:30p (I)				

Introducing the 2022 4CRP Executive Committee!



President Mike Upchurch

Vice President—Curtis Nelson

Treasurer—Anita Mayhew

Secretary—Jenn Reynolds

Outdoor Range Director—Chuck Wark

Indoor Range Director—Charles Thompson

Jr Shooter Director—Norm Bowie

Club Director—Roger Lawrence

Club Director—Philip Hermsmeyer

Club Director—Ron Serabia

Thank you for stepping up to volunteer your service to move our club forward!!!

THANK YOU!!!

To the outgoing members of our executive committee—Thank you so much for your time and service. Our club is better because of you!!

Vice President—Joe Drago

Indoor Range Director—Mic McPherson

Club Director—Jim Kingery

Club Director—Larry Percell



Introducing the 2022 4CRP Vice President!

To all members of the 4CRP --

My Name is Curtis Nelsen. I have lived in Montezuma Co. for 3 yrs. Prior to that my wife, Mindy and I lived in Durango for 46 yrs. I was a self employed Electrical Contractor for 40 of those years. My youngest son took over the family business, And Mindy said we are moving away from LaPlata Co & Durango. Smart wife !

I have always had guns and hunting in my life since I was young. I am a very strong conservative and support the NRA and 2nd amendment.

I have enjoyed the people and facilities of the 4CRP. The 4CRP is a solid and very enjoyable gun club. I feel honored to be your Vice President and look forward to meeting more of the members.

Thank you,
Curtis Nelsen

Jr. Shooters Update

The 2021/2022 Jr. Shooters program is coming to a close! The shooters are performing well at their competitions and are dominating the field!!

- Montrose—March 19-20
- Cortez—April 9-10
- Grand Junction—April 30-May 1

The Jr. Shooters would like to thank the following organizations for supporting their program. Because of these donors, participants only have to pay entry fees to competitions—which helps to expand access to the shooting sports to more youth in our area.

- RDF guns for providing the raffle rifle at an amazing discount! A Browning TBolt target rifle with a mahogany stock and scope. Contact one of the Jr. Shooters to purchase your raffle ticket! Winner will be drawn at the Gun Show, on April 23rd.
- Rotary Club for granting \$1000 to the Jr. Shooters that will be used to purchase new spotting scope mounts.
- The NRA which awarded the program a full grant that will supply the program with 10k rounds of ammo, new scopes, new rifles, and ear plugs
- Kiwana's Club for a \$500 grant
- Elk's Club for a \$300 grant



Four Corners Rifle & Pistol Club Application for New/Renewal Membership (4CRP)

Check Your Preference for New or Renewal Membership:

Regular Member: Any person who meets the above requirements and is age 18+. An Active Regular Member shall be entitled to hold office, vote, and enjoy all benefits & privileges	\$55.00	NEW	Renewal
Associate Member (Non-Voting): A spouse and/or family member(s) of a Regular Member who meets the above criteria. Can use range key. One fee includes spouse and all junior family members.	\$10.00		
Lost Key Charge: Replacing personal key access to Outdoor Range	\$25.00		
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID			

⇒ Annual Dues effective 12 months from time of purchase

⇒ **Required: Current NRA Membership #** _____ **Exp Date** _____

FIRST AND LAST NAME	Required: TELEPHONE		DATE OF BIRTH
MAILING ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP

ASSOCIATE MEMBER NAME (PAID)	Required: ASSOCIATE NRA MEMBER NUMBER / EXP DATE		
RELATIONSHIP TO MEMBER	DATE OF BIRTH	TELEPHONE	

JUNIOR MEMBER NAME	NRA MEMBER NUMBER/EXP DATE	DATE OF BIRTH

4CRP always needs volunteers. Please check any areas that you would be interested in volunteering.

<input type="checkbox"/> INDOOR RANGE	<input type="checkbox"/> JUNIOR SHOOTERS
<input type="checkbox"/> OUTDOOR RANGE	<input type="checkbox"/> GUN SHOW
<input type="checkbox"/> HUNTER SIGHT IN	<input type="checkbox"/> 4C WOMEN AT THE RANGE
<input type="checkbox"/> RANGE CLEAN UP	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

Required EMAIL: _____

(Needed for sending specific club information ONLY; we really want to keep you informed)

Please check box for Crack Shot Newsletter preference:

- ☐ If you would like printed Newsletter mailed to you
- ☐ If you would like the Newsletter emailed to you

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of, have read, and agree to comply with the 4CRP Outdoor Range Use and Safety Rules

Signature: _____ Date: _____

<u>To Be Completed by Secretary</u>			
Card Sent: _____	Orientation Date: _____	Key #: _____	Updated: _____
Partner: RDF: _____	Goods: _____	Secretary Signature: _____	

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** 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

Books by Mic (M.L.) McPherson

Accurizing the Factory Rifle: The home-tinkers guide to gunsmithing; A Compilation of Handloading, Shooting, and Related Articles; A Short Primer on the Primer; McPherson on Leverguns; Memoirs of Superstition Mountain Prospecting; Metallic Cartridge Handloading: The Modern Bible on handloading; Recollections of the Impossible; Zigzag Canyon (Zane Grey Society book of the year)

Titles available in different formats on Amazon.com—also available for direct purchase from the Author

Sig Sauer 238 for Sale

New in the box, never fired. .380 Comes with one mag, factory holster, and 100 rounds of ammo. \$650 Bill_Talley@hotmail.com 972.989.3725

Antique Colt Pistol for Sale

38-40 Bisley Model. Good Condition—\$1500 970.565.7875

Reminder!! Safety First!!

- **Never Point your Gun at Anything you do not want to destroy**
- **Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on target**
- Communicate with fellow shooters and get to know other club members
- Be Welcoming! We have a lot of new shooters—this is AWESOME!! Offer to lend a hand and make a new friend!
- Be aware of your muzzle, and make sure it is ALWAYS pointed in a safe direction.
- The range is a communal place for members of all shooting experience. Be Safe and Be Polite—If you see someone handling their firearm carelessly, please let them know. Please do not be offended if someone shares something that they see. This is how we grow a safe and welcoming community.

Notes from the Crack Shot Editor:

Any views or opinions expressed within the Crack Shot are solely the author's and do not reflect the opinions and beliefs of the 4 Corners Rifle and Pistol Club as a whole.

FOUR CORNERS RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB (4CRP)

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FRI—SAT, APRIL 22—23, 2022

CORTEZ GUN SHOW

THE ORIGINAL AND TRADITIONAL GUN SHOW OF MONTEZUMA COUNTY

SHOW HOURS

- **4PM—5PM** • Friday, April 22nd • **Exclusive VIP** (pre-show sales only, 100 entries @ \$20 per person)
- **5PM—9PM** • Friday, April 22nd • Open to the public
- **9AM—8PM** • Saturday, April 23rd • Open to the public