



# 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 no be infringed”***

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

### Monthly Club Meetings

- August 31st @ 5:30 p.m. at the Outdoor Range—Annual Club Picnic
- September 28th @ 6:30 p.m. at the Indoor Range

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Club Director	Larry Percell	970-739-3580	Club Director	Roger Lawrence	970-560-5070

### **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	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			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**

Mike Upchurch

Responsible gun ownership and reducing gun-related accidents begin with all of us working together.

Gratefully, to own a firearm in the United States is a fundamental right. With that said, it's also a responsibility. As gun owners, and shooters it is our duty to ourselves and those around us to always follow gun-safety rules to ensure that you, a owner of a firearm own every shot that leaves the firearm barrel which can make our world a safer place rather than a more dangerous one.

1. If you have a gun safe, secure it. Plus, it can prevent a loss.
2. Mistakes happen, and all too often "unloaded" guns turn out to be loaded.
3. Never point a gun at anything you don't intend to destroy.
4. Keep your finger off the trigger until it is time to fire.
5. Keeping your firearm clean and in good working condition will help it last for as long as possible. Plus, a poorly-maintained weapon can be a dangerous weapon.
6. The more comfortable you are with handling, loading, unloading, and firing your weapon, the safer you will be.
7. To help ensure that you are at a safe level of comfort and experience with your firearm, practice with it every chance you get.

## **Thoughts From the Vice President**

Summer is passing and thoughts begin to turn to the Fall and the high rocks and the elk that inhabit them. And the chase. Many of you have taken the Instinctive Shooting course and we can only hope that that training will put you in a better position to strike deep and hard when that bull is at a full run and your rifle comes up. A lethal shot. A humane shot, taken with both eyes open and the scope's reticle only something that floats between your will and your target. Very different from striking from a bench rest at a stationary target. Breath control. A gentle squeeze. A hole in paper. That is rarely hunting and it is never combat.

Contact me to schedule an Instinctive Shooting class. It can be geared to sharpening tactical skills, or it can serve as a component for compliance of the requirements for CCW in Montezuma County. I remain crabby that there are ANY CCW classes taught in this county outside the confines of our club.

I have not been charging for any classes I teach through our club, to our members, nor will I. I will, however, be making a slight adjustment in how this training will work. It is as follows:

You all should know by now that we have just taken a big bite in committing to the installation of the front gate at the outdoor range. Tens of (gulp) thousands of dollars. All of the classes that I teach from this point forward will ask each student to make a donation to 4CRP at a level with which they feel comfortable. 100% of all monies from these classes will go into the treasury and offset the substantial cost of the security upgrade. Nothing to me nor to anyone that assists in the effort.

With help from several very capable and very talented individuals within our membership, we have constructed a "Master's Series." On a monthly basis, perhaps at what Mic refers to as our "underutilized indoor range," we will have a presentation made by individuals from whom you would want to hear. Trust me.

Do you know that we have published authors; with practical chops within their field, existing quietly and humbly amongst us? Special Forces operatives? Yup. We have them also. Civilian contractors under current contract? Yes. Individuals so knowledgeable about state-of-the-art weaponry that they made their livings selling these wares to entities both within and without our government? You bet. Very interesting cats with a lot of miles under their belts. I don't yet know what night of each month we will schedule these classes. I am gathering input as we speak. All I know is that I would gladly, happily, enthusiastically gather monthly with like-minded folk, in good cheer, and know that I was improving not just my raw skills but also my mindset while assisting our club during this time of financial challenge.

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## Membership News

- Current Member count is 402
- Memberships run from March 1, 2021 to February 28, 2022. 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. Early renewal starts on Dec. 1, 2021
- Active **\*NRA Membership is required** for all levels of membership in 4CRP; NRA membership number and expiration date are required on the 4CRP application. To save money, associate memberships are available through the NRA for your associate members.
- Every applicant is required to complete an application every year, 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:
  - Choice Building Supply—Cash or check only
  - 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

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

**4. Pardon our Mess:** If you don't already know, it was voted during the June Membership meeting that we will be investing in a new gate at the outdoor range. This new gate will be fully electronic, and will be installed throughout the next few months. Keep an eye on your email for more updates, and please be patient with the occasional bout of construction at the outdoor range, your patience will be worth it as we endeavor to make the outdoor range more safe for all members.

**5. Annual Club Picnic:** This years annual club picnic is Aug 31st at 5:30pm at the Outdoor range. Cost is \$10/person and the menu is Pulled Pork and Ribs. Come to spend time with fellow club members and eat some amazing food prepared by Chef Kelly Ellis. Bring new people to introduce them to the club and the Outdoor Range. **Text Kelly with your RSVP at 970.739.8886**

### **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 ?Contact: Jenn Reynolds, Secretary: Text - 509-592-7675 or email: [bassgoddess1@gmail.com](mailto:bassgoddess1@gmail.com)

## OUTDOOR RANGE NEWS

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

Keep all bullets well below 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.**

***We are currently in the process of installing a new electronic gate—please be patient with any construction during the next few months and keep an eye on your emails for important updates about range availability.***

### 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 locked at all times.
- There are extra trash bags in the Target Shed; if the trash is full, please take it to the dumpster.
- **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.***
- Little things like this will help keep the Outdoor Range tidy and clean so all of us can enjoy it.

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

### Centerfire Benchrest—Update

Centerfire competition has had 3 shoots. We have added a new version of competition this year. We now have a sporter class for someone who would like to shoot without the expense of a benchrest rifle. The only real restrictions of a sporter rifle is that the muzzle diameter has to be smaller than a dime and no mechanical rest may be used. The rest has to be a bi-pod or a bag. Ammunition seems to be a problem this year with lack of factory ammunition and components for reloading. Final note **CONGRATULATIONS** to Gary Kyle who posted a perfect 50-5x score on a 100 yard target at our first shoot.

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

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

### Jr. Shooter's Update

A huge **CONGRATULATIONS** goes out to Jr. Shooter Rayanne McClure on attaining the rank of Distinguished Expert—Rifle, with the NRA. This is highest rank one can achieve in the NRA's Marksmanship Program. This has taken a lot of hard work, and dedication to be a superior marksman; which means developing the skills, shooting the scores, and acquiring the awards for lower ratings.

Another big round of applause goes out to Rayanne!! Keep it Up



## **INDOOR RANGE NEWS**

### Pending and Possible Projects for Indoor Range

- Spray the weeds
- External touch-up of the paint, as needed
- Minor wall caulking to seal cracks
- Repair of igniter for northward heater in range room
- Repair of fan in northward heater in meeting room

If you would like to help out with any of these projects, contact Indoor Range Director Mic McPherson at 970-564-0500

### **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

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### **4 Corners WOMEN at the RANGE - 2021 Annual Women's Shoot**

The ninth annual 4 Corners Women at the Range Annual Shoot was a huge success. We had 24 ladies attend, of varying levels of shooting expertise. We had some experienced shooters to women who had never shot a gun before and were scared of them. The Club's experienced RSO's and Instructors took them all by the hand and by the end of the day, our experienced shooters were more experienced, and our beginners were beginning to get more comfortable with handling guns, and weren't so afraid anymore. This highlights the importance of familiarity and the welcoming spirit our club embraces with offering amazing training to our community! Thanks to all of our RSOs and Instructors, and a Special Thanks to Brandi Gutknecht for giving our initial welcome and basic safety training.



*"Thank you does not say enough for my gratitude for the kindness shown to me on Saturday. Please don't stop these events. There are more women out there like me who need women like you. Have a wonderful afternoon!"*

*"I was amazed at how many cheerful, patient volunteers were there – they did a great job. THANKS to you all!!"*

*"Brandi – very informative. RSO's were very patient and let us take all the time till all was clarified. I know ladies that are afraid of guns just like I was. They don't need to be afraid – they just need training and exposure. You did an absolute perfect job!"*

*"I loved every minute of it. My daughter had a great time. She is ready to shoot pistols with her dad. Life is Good at Our House. Thank you so much for all the work you do to put this together."*

Anita Mayhew, Coordinator: 970-903-5120

# August 2021

(O) = Outdoor Range  
(I) = Indoor Range

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Women @ Range 2p (O)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Cortez Balloon Rally Aug 6-8 Parque De Vida	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Rimfire Bench 7:30a (O) Cowboy Shoot 10:00 a (O)	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 3 Gun Shoot 9:00a (O) Dolores Escalante Days Aug 14—15
<b>15</b> Centerfire Bench 7:30a (O) Ladies Shoot 9-11 (I) \$20 Family Shoot 11-:30 (I) \$20	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Ladies Shoot 11:30-1:30 (I) \$20 Family Shoot 1:30- :whenever (I) \$20	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Pistol League Summer Shoot 9:00a (I)
<b>22</b> Ladies Shoot 9-11 (I) \$20 Family Shoot 11-:30 (I) \$20	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Fee Free Day @ Mesa Verde National Park	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Plink Off/Sucker Shoot 7:00am (O) \$2 for targets
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Gun Club Meeting— Annual Picnic 5:30p (O) \$10 per attendee	<p>Events and activities may be UPDATED after publication. To see current calendars, go to <a href="http://4cornersrifleandpistol.com">4cornersrifleandpistol.com</a> website.</p>			

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11 3 Gun Shoot 9:00a (O) 23rd Annual Brewfest 9/11—12
12 Rimfire Bench 7:30a (O) Cowboy Shoot 10a (O) Women @ Range 2p (I)	13	14	15	16	17	18 Pistol League Summer Practice 2pm (I) Veterans Stand Down
19 Centerfire Bench 7:30a (O)	20	21	22	23	24	25 Plink Off/Sucker Shoot 7a (O)
26	27	28 4CRP Club Meeting 6:30a (I)	29	30		

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I am not willing to allow the voices of those that knew the realities of the jungles of Vietnam pass from our midst in the way that we allowed that to happen with those that served in Korea and WW2.

How much would you pay to sit and listen to an EOD operative from the jungles of Vietnam compare and contrast their experience with a recently released young man, a Special Forces operative, fresh from the Big Sandbox? How about the perspective of a civilian contractor making a living doing the work previously and, traditionally, done by front line troops? Some of these "classes" will be practical and there will, most definitely, be "shots fired." The first class, we think, will be Instinctive, Reactive Shooting. What to do when the paper targets shoot back, right? Some will be quite cerebral and, if I can convince a good man to assist me in this venture, some will be us listening to the perspectives of a man that lives with the pain and the infirmity and the remembrance of a time that took away his ability to stand on two strong legs. His story will be contrasted with the story of another individual, sitting right next to him, that took a remarkably similar shot and, for reasons known only to God, walked away with scratches.

At the end of the day, we will gather and we will remember. We will get better and we will prepare. Together. And, yes, somebody, will pass the collection plate and we will pay for that damned gate.

Look for an email blast from McHenry outlining the first class.

### **Trainings and Practice**

#### **Training Database**

Are you a certified RSO, Instructor or would like to be? 4CRP is developing a database of certified individuals and those looking to be certified.

Contact Secretary Jenn Reynolds at [4crpsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:4crpsecretary@gmail.com) with proof of your credentials, and/or with the credentials you desire to get.

#### **Pistol League Summer Practice**

Roger Lawrence is hosting Pistol League Practice on the 3rd Saturday of August and September to get ready for the Fall Pistol League on August 21st and September 18th. Times are 9:00am to 11:00am and cost \$2 for to cover the cost of targets.

#### **Outdoor Range Basic Safety and Gate Orientation**

With the new addition of the upcoming electronic gate and the Club's mission of making the outdoor range safe for all members; all members will need to come out to the outdoor range to receive a Basic Safety and Gate Orientation to receive their new key card. Pay attention to your emails for further details, as well as dates and times for these events.

#### **Additional Women's Shooting Activities and Trainings**

As an overflow extension on the women's shooting program, Brandi Gutknecht with High Mark LLC, is offering Training and Shooting for Ladies from 9am to 11am; as well as Family Training and Shooting from 11:30am to 1:30 pm at the Indoor Range on the following Dates: August 15th, August 19th, August 29th and October 3rd. Sessions are \$20,

Contact Brandi at 231.944.2211 or [highmark44@gmail.com](mailto:highmark44@gmail.com) to reserve your space.

#### **Sign up for the 2022 Women at the Range Annual Training**

We are now accepting registration for the tenth annual Women at the Range Clinic. This will take place on June 4, 2022 at the outdoor range. The application can be found on the website, or email Anita at [mayhewanita@gmail.com](mailto:mayhewanita@gmail.com) to register today. Several women registered at the clinic in June, so slots are going fast!



## Why this Club feels compelled to address safety concerns in a more proactive manner than it formerly has, and my comments on that

M.L. (Mic) McPherson, Indoor Range Officer

As a Club, we are concerned with liability, and all the associated risks, particularly because of the existing political climate. For that reason alone, we have long-since concluded that we need to do everything within our power to assure safety at our facilities. Certainly, we need to do more than we have formerly done.

There is the issue of new members who have no firearms safety training whatsoever. All too many of them, literally, do not know which end of the gun a bullet comes out of. If you do not believe that, just watch some of the many you-tube videos of such shooters in action. There now exists at least one entire you-tube channel dedicated to examples of such shooters in action.

There also exists another issue: Simply put, all too many long-time shooters have terrible gun handling habits. A famous saying exists in the legal profession: *The lawyer who has himself as a client is representing a fool*. When it comes to gun handling safety, my saying is: *Self-taught is taught wrong*. Having had more than 2000 students in Concealed Carry classes, I can attest that, all too often, this is true.

Saying, "We've been doing it this way for [however long] and we've never had a problem," is a silly, specious argument. I could just as logically argue, "I've been riding in and driving vehicles since 1952. In all that time, I've never been killed in a wreck, so why should I worry about safety?"

From my personal experience, teaching concealed-carry classes, I've seen too many examples that prove that just because someone has been handling guns for most of a long life does not mean they ever learned anything about gun-handling safety, or that they practice safe gun handling. And, I can assure you, everyone else who has taught anyone anything involving gun handling has seen what I have seen, or worse.

Within minutes of beginning one of our Concealed Carry classes, an older man, let's call him Mr. Know-it-all, made it very clear that he had already learned everything he would ever learn about shooting, guns, and gun-handling safety. His attitude and demeanor proved that he was only in that class to fulfill the legal requirement Colorado imposes to get a Concealed Carry Permit. Soon enough, he proved my point about self-taught being taught wrong.

Mr. Know-it-all had claimed to listen to, and had explicitly agreed to, abide by every safety rule we expressed, stressed, and repeated *ad nauseam* in that class. These included:

- Never point any gun at anything you do not intend to destroy
- Whenever a *cease-fire* is called, carefully rest the gun on the shooting bench with the muzzle pointing downrange
- Never touch any gun while anyone is down range
- Leave the gun, as is, resting on the table and pointed downrange until explicitly told to do otherwise

But, as noted, Mr. Know-it-all had already demonstrated, through his attitude, comments, and demeanor that he had long-since learned everything he was ever going to learn. He, by God, knew it all! And, by God, he would be damned if he was ever going to admit that he might have anything to learn. Long before we got the live-fire portion of our instructions we should have run him out of the class, just as an example, while we were trying to teach those who were interested in learning something.

But, we didn't, and we had begun the live-fire portion of the class. We had called a cease-fire.

The other teacher, Roger Hazlewood, was demonstrating something important in the back of the room. But, of course, Mr. Know-it-all didn't care about that. Did I mention that Mr. Know-it-all already knew everything he was ever going to learn? Did I mention that he was evidently very proud of that fact?

I verified that all guns were resting safely on the shooting bench and that all students had gathered around Roger, perchance to learn something. Satisfied with the safety of the situation, I went forward, to change targets.

As I prepared to hang the last new target, I noticed Mr. Know-it-all walking toward the shooting line. In a hurry to get the targets posted, I failed to realize the imminent danger Mr. Know-it-all was about present to my person.

So, foolishly, I posted the last target. Then I turned. There Mr. Know-it-all was, with a cocked and loaded 1911 in his hands, with the safety off, and pointing it in my general direction, as he tried to unload it — of course he was doing that the wrong way. Remember, he had already learned everything he was ever going to learn.

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When I jumped from in front of his gun and yelled at him, “PUT THE GUN DOWN!,” he looked at me and continued to fiddle with it, as he said, with utter contempt entirely evident in his voice, “I’m just unloading it.” I had to scream at him three times, just to get him to put the gun down!

Then I had more words for him — many more words for him. In the following few seconds, I managed to express my opinion of his ancestry, all the way back to Eve, and I did so without using any profanity! By then, I was behind the shooting line and headed his way, fast.

Later, in his course evaluation, Mr. Know-it-all had the audacity to state that I was completely unreasonable. At least he was consistent: He never learned a thing, he never would learn anything, and he was proud of that fact. If you cannot tell, I still want to slap him silly, in a perfect world, I would.

Knowing two people who have been shot while teaching Concealed Carry classes, I am just slightly paranoid about such things. But, I reminded myself, Mr. Know-it-all had long-since learned everything he was ever going to learn about gun-handling safety, which was absolutely nothing, so what did I expect?

Well, I’ll tell you what I expected, despite all I knew suggesting otherwise: I expected not to have the damn fool point a loaded gun at me, with the hammer cocked, the safety off, and with his finger on the trigger, while he was incorrectly trying to release and remove the magazine, and then incorrectly trying to work the slide, in an effort to empty the chamber.

I expected that Mr. Know-it-all would live up to the promises he had explicitly made in the class. I should have known better, after all, he had already demonstrated his interest in learning anything — ZERO! From that, I could have inferred his knowledge of and concern with gun-handling safety — also ZERO! And, I should have expected that his agreeing to obey our reasonable safety mandates was nothing more than the empty lip service of a dangerous damn fool.

If you are harboring thoughts that, perhaps, I was then, or am now, being too rough on Mr. Know-it-all, or that I am now making too much of that long-ago incident, I can infer the following: You have never had someone point a cocked and loaded 45 at you, with his finger on the trigger, the safety off, etc. If you had had that experience, you would know that I could not possibly have over-reacted.

More recently, a longtime gunsmith was banned from a shooting event at a private range near here because he simply refused to leave his rifle, which was resting in his shooting rests on the shooting bench, alone, while others were downrange setting up targets. Of course, he knows better. His reply to me, when I called him on it the first time, was classic, “The gun’s not loaded!” I had to shake my head in disbelief.

He continued his unsafe practice, and now he is no longer allowed to shoot at that range. And, I can assure you, he believes now and will go to his grave forever believing that they were completely unreasonable to have banned him.

Assuming that just because someone has been handling guns and shooting their entire long life without something terrible happening, equates to assuming they have good, safe, gun handling practices. This is a foolish bet that could cost you your life.

No shooter can be trusted to practice safe gun handling just because he has been handling guns a long time without having killed someone! All too often, he and those around him have merely been fortunate. That good fortune is apt to end, eventually.

Practice makes permanent. Practice a bad habit long enough, and that bad habit becomes second nature. If that bad habit involves shooting, it could kill someone.

If this dissertation offends you, perhaps you, too, have learned everything you are ever going to learn about safe gun handling! How about, instead, you just admit that you, too, might possibly be able to learn how to become a safer shooter? I did! It was hard on my ego, but I got over that. Perhaps you can too.

Meanwhile, if you really are a safe shooter and you never, ever handle any gun in any way other than with perfect safety practices, exactly what harm can it possibly do to be reminded of how to safely handle a gun?

## 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.

#### 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  
LymanSize & 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

#### Guns and Scopes for Sale

NIB RH Winchester Extreme Weather SS in .308 \$1100; NIB RH CZ 527 American in .223 \$750; Ruger American Predator in 22-250 \$400; NIB Leupold VX – 3i 4.5-14 x 50 \$600; Leupold VX – 3i 4.5-14 x 50 \$650  
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### Basic Gun and Range Safety Tips

- **Never Point your Gun at Anything you do not want to destroy**
- **Always know your target and what is beyond**—we share our outdoor range with local wildlife—respect that that is their home, too
- **Always be aware of where your muzzle is pointed.** Muzzles should always be pointed down range. Yes, we know the Mesa is pretty, but that is not where you should be sitting in or checking the optical of your scope.
- Call a Cease Fire when you need to go downrange to change your target—wait till everyone on the line has cleared their weapon before proceeding. **Anyone can call a ceasefire for any reason. Stop shooting immediately**
- Do not stand in front of the line to shoot if there are other shooters on the line.
- When someone is down range, **DO NOT** handle your firearm
- Keep your finger off the trigger until it is time to fire—Good trigger discipline is tantamount to safe shooting
- Communicate with fellow shooters and get to know other club members
- 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.

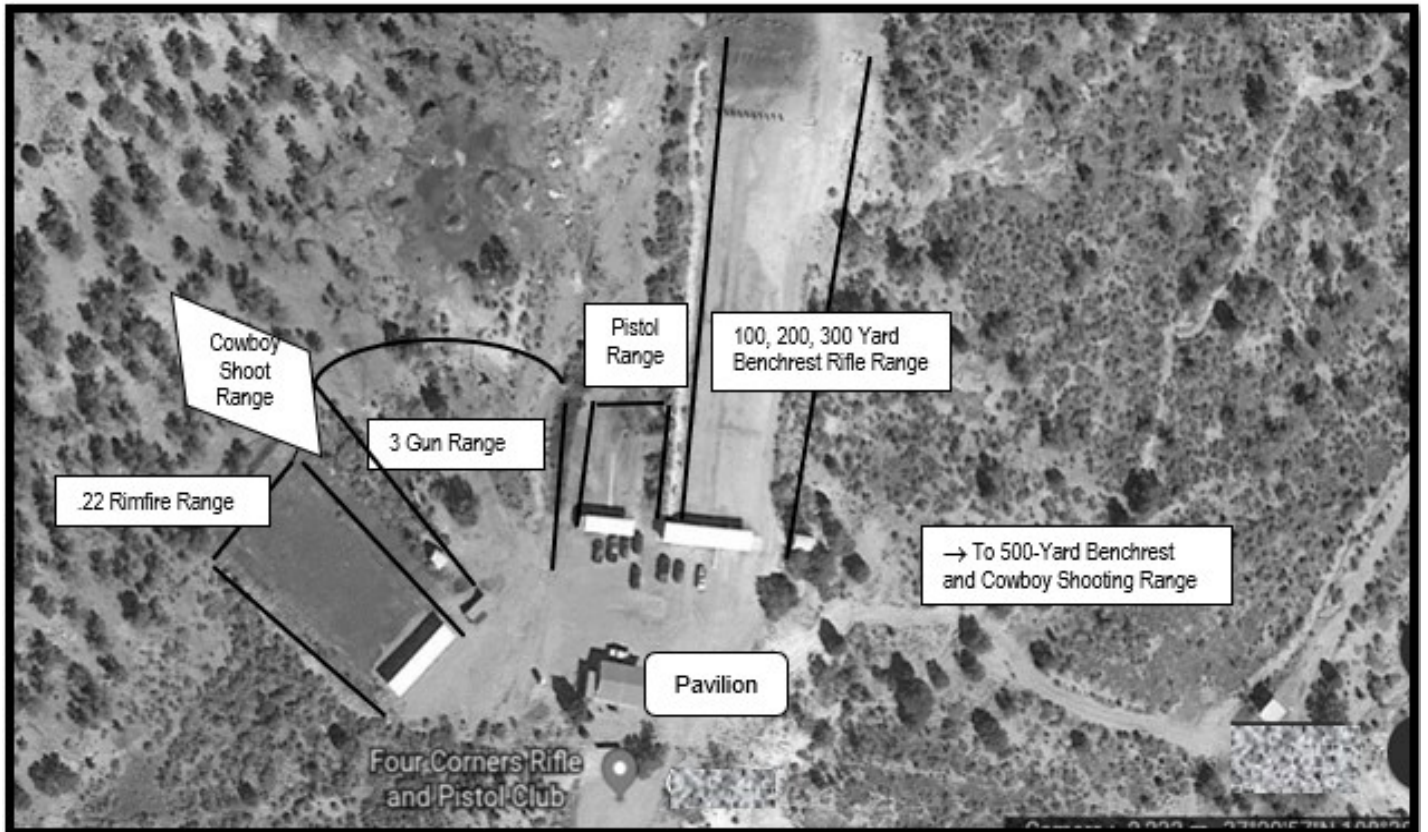
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