



# 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

- October 26th @ 6:30 p.m. at the Indoor Range
- November 30th @ 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
Outdoor Range Officer	Chuck Wark	970-759-1614	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	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			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**

One might be able to carry a concealed hand-gun all year long, but outdoor ranges may be closed during summer fire seasons or during winter months, depending on the range. With that said, the major benefit of an outdoor range is versatility. Pistol shooting is obviously feasible, but a sufficient outdoor range can also be used for long guns.

Our outdoor range is open 365 days a year, unless we have special training and often that is only one range. We love all of our facilities whether indoor or outdoor range.

We have shouted from the roof tops about safety, training, and service to others. We sponsor an awesome gun club and 4-H gun shoots. We support the law enforcement organizations in our county, plus other youth agendas.

The Four Corners Rifle and Pistol Club is a non-profit club and we often donate funds to other clubs in our valley. We sponsor women's shooting events as well as men's events. Our motto is safety now and always. We offer hunter sight-in activities in the fall to all hunters for a modest fee. We also have a five-hundred yard range.

Our membership contains unbelievable volunteers and an executive committee that are also volunteers. They give an amazing amount of time for the club without pay and not enough recognition. Yet they carry on because they love to serve you, your families, and our Second Amendment freedoms.

Right now, we have installed our new solar powered gate and we need everyone to get trained on that as well as be orientated for safety rules. We will exchange a pass card for your old key. The old keys will no longer be good after October 1, 2021.

We wish to thank you all for being part of our shooting family and community. If there is ever a question you can call me, Mike Upchurch any time. Thanks 970-560-8343

## **Thoughts From the Vice President**

There is an old adage about people turning to, or returning to, the most basic and solid things in life during times of uncertainty. Their god, family, neighborhood associations. The things that help it all make sense when, quite frankly, it doesn't.

This is one of those times and I'd like to make a suggestion about an outreach that would benefit all involved, were you to do it. Grab a friend, coworker or acquaintance, perhaps a non-shooter, and introduce them to our range. Someone you might not otherwise think about in regards to our club. Make it fun, but remember to really emphasize our safety protocols. Staple a standard deck of playing cards to a target at the pistol range and play a game of 5 Card Stud. Loser buys the first round.

Get creative and keep it light and easy.

Twenty years ago, those buildings in New York came down and many that dedicated their lives to making that all right again are feeling just a little lost right now. Reach out. Bring them in.

Our club could be a wonderful bridge. To community. Comradeship.

Perhaps, even, to a new kind of preparation; one that stresses some of the more traditional ethics held in such low regard by so many in positions of high authority.

Let me know how I might help.

Joe

## Membership News

- Current Member count is 451
- Memberships run a full calendar year from when you purchased your membership. 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 go through a Basic Safety Orientation before receiving their key. Please go to [calendly.com/4crptraining](http://calendly.com/4crptraining) to sign up for an orientation class. This only needs to be done once.
- 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

Fun Fact: Shotgun manufacturer Mossberg has a line of guns specially designed for killing zombies.



### **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: [4crpsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:4crpsecretary@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.**

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

### New Electronic Gate and Safety Orientations

Good news!!! The new electronic gate will be going live on October 22nd.

This is the first step for the club to make the outdoor range safer for everyone. As a part of the new gate implementation, as a way for the Executive Committee to touch base with all of our members, and as a way to ensure that our members have had a baseline safety orientation, the club voted to make it a requirement for all club members to attend a brief gun and range safety orientation to receive your new proximity card key for the new gate.

We have been offering these orientations 3 days a week during the month of September, and as of the 11th, have already had over 130 members attend. Thank you so much for everyone who has been proactive in going through this orientation and are helping to make the gate transition as smooth as possible.

**If you have not had your Safety Orientation yet, please sign up for one in the following ways:**

- Go to [4cornersrifleandpistol.com](http://4cornersrifleandpistol.com) and click on the banner link at the top of the page
- Go to [calendly.com/4crptraining](http://calendly.com/4crptraining) and register there
- Text Jenn at 509.592.7675 to find out the next available time.

Thank you again for your patience through this transition—we are hoping to make this as painless as possible for our membership.

Jenn Reynolds, Secretary

### 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)

## **INDOOR RANGE NEWS**

Meanwhile, the Indoor Range Report:

After Chuck and some kind volunteers whacked the weeds and generally cleaned up the outdoor range, on Sunday, before the picnic, Chuck helped me. More correctly, I helped him. He mowed the weeds around the building, alongside the drive, and around the parking lot at the Indoor Range. I moved around a ton of rocks, to make room for the mower to safely pass, and I whacked the weeds the mower could not reach.

The outside of the building needs to be cleaned with a high-pressure water-gun, allowed to dry, and then repainted. There also still exists an issue with the roof that needs to be addressed. I'll talk to the folks who do the heating and air-conditioning about this. They are already aware of the issue with the igniter on one of the ceiling heaters and the fan in the wall-heater, but I will remind them.

Otherwise, as is well.

Mic

### **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 in previous years. We will be shooting to establish your group placement on Wednesday, November 10th from 3:00 to 7:00 PM at the Indoor Range. Shooters may also use last years ending league score average, shooter's choice. League shooting will begin on November 17th and continue for 8 weeks until January 5th.

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 center fire and 30 rounds of .22 rim fire at 3 targets in each category at a distance of 50 feet. Eye & ear protection is required for all shooters and visitors to the shooting range area. Weekly practice will be on Saturdays from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Shooter fees will be \$25.00 for club members and \$40.00 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 3rd and Saturday, November 6th.

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

### **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. To be notified of the next sign up for the 2022 season contact Anita Mayhew at mayhewanita@gmail.com

### **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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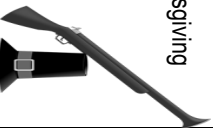
# October 2021

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> Electronic Gate goes LIVE!!!!!!!	<b>2</b> Windy Gap Cowboy Shoot (O)
<b>3</b> Windy Gap Cowboy Shoot (O) Women @ Range (I)	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 3 Gun Shoot 9a (O)
<b>10</b> Cowboy Shoot (O)	<b>11</b> Columbus Day	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Gun Club Meeting 6:30p (I)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> Halloween 			Events and activities may be UPDATED after publication. To see current calendars, go to 4cornersriflean dpistol.com website.			

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	1	2	3 Pistol League—Practice 3-7pm (I)	4	5	6 Pistol League—Practice 9-11am (I)
7 Women @ the Range (I)	8	9	10 Pistol League—Qualifying (I)	11 Veterans Day	12	13 3 Gun Shoot 9a (O)
14 Cowboy Shoot (O)	15	16	17 Pistol League—Week 1	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Pistol League—Week 2	25 Thanksgiving 	26	27
28	29	30 Gun Club Meeting 6:30p (I)	Events and activities may be UPDATED after publication. To see current calendars, go to 4cornersrifleandpistol.com website.			

## Women @ the Range Updates

This group is full until March 1, 2022. Contact Anita Mayhew to be on the waiting list. Contact Brandi Gutknecht for other women's and family shooting programs.



### Holiday Fun

# Halloween Sudoku

Fill in the grids so that each column, row, and box contains one and only one of the letters from the given word.

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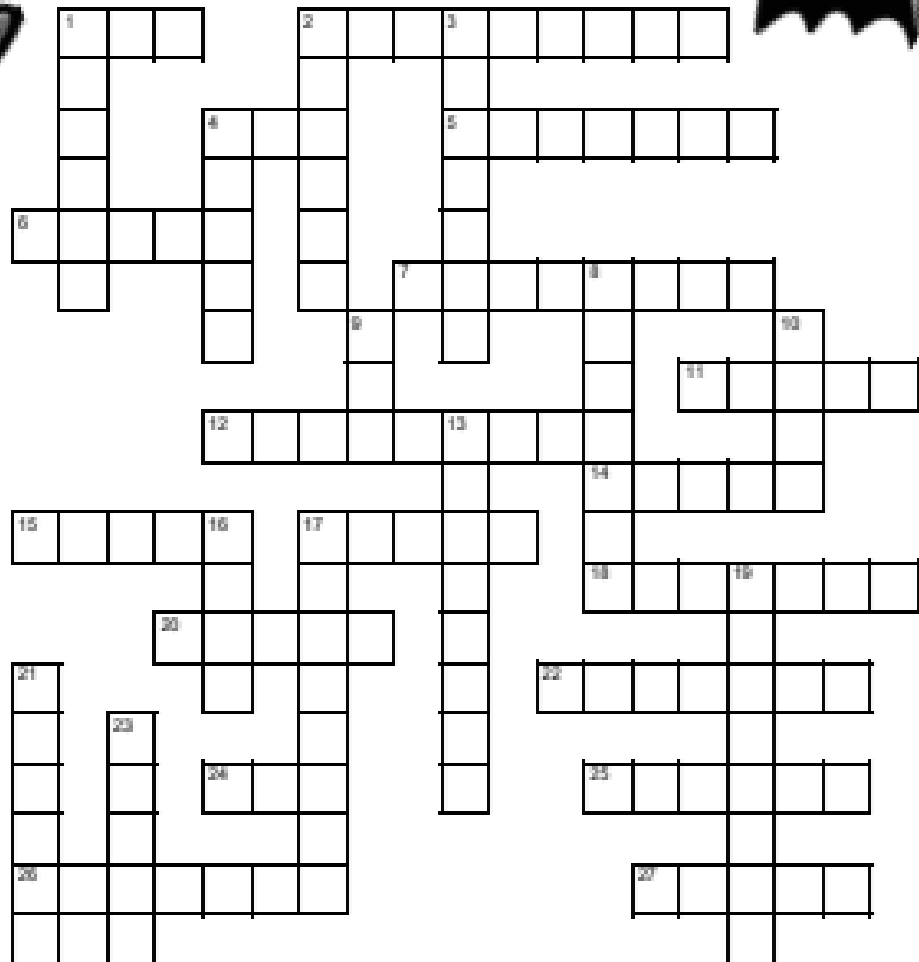
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# Halloween



## Across

1. He swallowed the canary.
2. Playground for ghosts.
4. What a spider spins.
5. Frankenstein has one.
6. When ghosts come out to play.
7. Scare.
11. What the pot might call the kettle.
12. October 31st.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ or treat.
15. Witch transportation.
17. Frightening.
18. The Count.
20. A skeleton is just a bunch of these.
22. Disguise.
24. Lives in the belfry.
25. Incey wincey is one of these.
26. Main ingredient in a popular pie.
27. \_\_\_\_\_ stories.

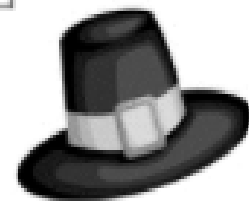
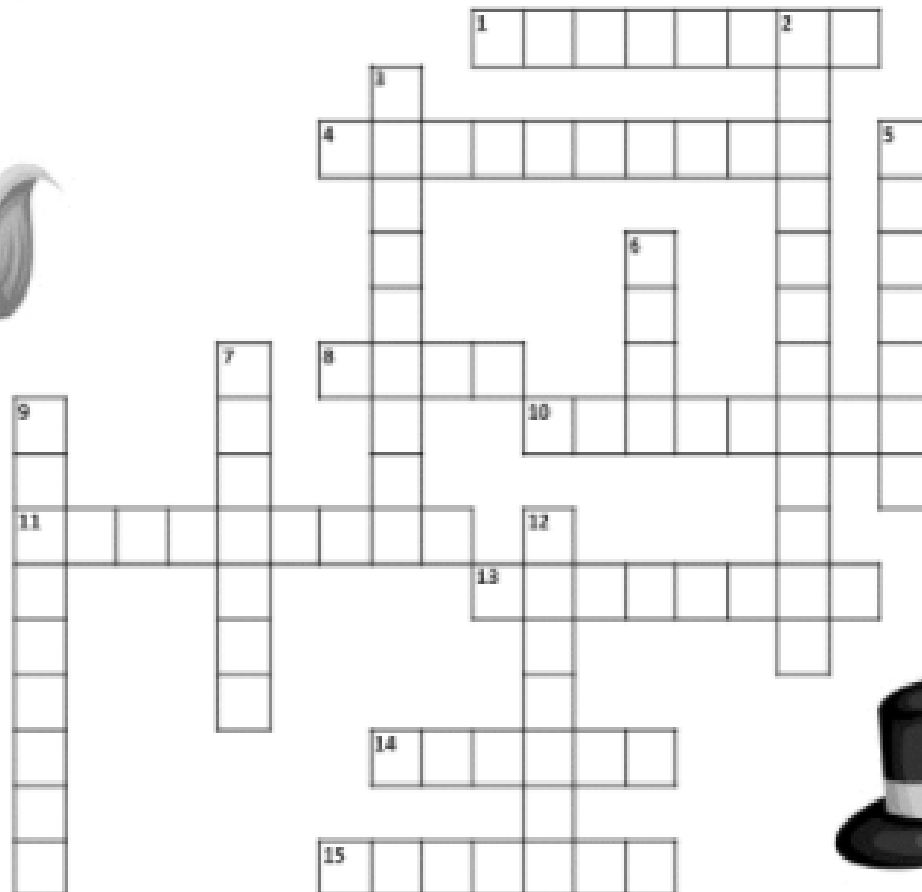
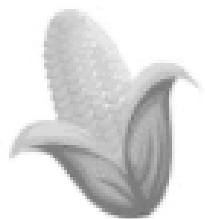
## Down

1. Where a vampire sleeps.
2. Evil or mischievous creature.
3. He hates garlic.
4. Samantha for example.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ house.

9. Whoo? Whoo?
10. Mr. O'Lantern.
13. Comes out on full moon nights.
16. Might be full, half, or new.
17. A boney sort of fellow.
19. Fire burn, and \_\_\_\_\_ bubble.
21. When something makes our skin crawl, it's this.
23. Found in Egypt.



# Thanksgiving Crossword



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## Across

1. First village established by the Pilgrims
4. Symbol of abundance and nourishment
8. An essential grain in the New World diet
10. Literally, travelers going to a holy place
11. The Pilgrims' boat
13. 16th and 17th century English Protestants
14. The traditional holiday bird
15. Indian who taught the Pilgrims many things

## Down

2. 4th Thursday of November
3. A traditional Indian dwelling
5. Gathering of crops
6. Season for harvesting
7. Country the Pilgrims left behind
9. Indian tribe that was present at the first Thanksgiving
12. Bright orange squash used to make pie

## **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

#### **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 See Website for more details or Contact Troy Chandler for more info: (970) 570-5323

#### **Guns and Scopes for Sale**

S & W model 17 with 4 and 6 inch barrels \$800.00; Ruger American in 223 with a Burris 3x9 scope , takes AR mags with factory mag \$700.00; Ruger American in 300 BLKOUT with Burris 2.5 scope , with 2 mags \$650; Both rifles with boxes in like new condition. Greg Johnson grgjhsn@outlook.com

#### **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 and 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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