



# The Crack Shot

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

**Oct/ Nov 2022**

[4cornersrifleandpistol.com](http://4cornersrifleandpistol.com)

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PO Box 101

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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

- Oct. 25, 2022 @ 6:30 pm at the Indoor Range
- Nov 29, 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	Jason Morgan	970-560-0602
Hunter Site-In	Ron Serabia	619-549-4787	Website	Jason Morgan	970-560-0602
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**

Most of our members are concerned about their 2nd Amendment rights, especially with the current cloud of crisis. Our form of government describes rights given by God and our forefathers that other nations around the globe do not have.

We of the Four Corners Rifle & Pistol club support the right to keep and bear arms. We certainly support the safe handling of firearms as well as proper training. We support law-abiding Americans who own and bear arms legally and obey the laws. Our views about the Second Amendment were formed and forged nearly 250 years ago, as a new nation was forced to defend our liberties and send the despots home. We embrace our freedoms as free men and women. We cherish our God-given rights, described in the first Ten Amendments, and treat our constitution as a document applicable to our time.

Our rifle and pistol club was founded over 60 years ago to train the youth of Montezuma County to enjoy the sport of shooting. We also taught safety, accuracy, and respect for the land and the animals living on it. With this in mind, it's worth asking how many lives have been saved by gun safety classes and the right to carry firearms.

If you have any questions, call me at 970-560-8343.

Mike Upchurch, Club President.

### **Membership News**

- Current Member count is 435
- **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 October Monthly meeting 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](mailto: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](mailto:4cornersrifleandpistol@gmail.com) or text/call him at 970-739-4572
- 4. Electronic Gate is LIVE!!!:** Go to [calendly.com/4CRPtraining](https://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

4CRP would like to thank REFLECTIONS IN METAL for contributing so many 'extras' with the sign commemorating the pistol range as the MAJ LUANN MEYER (mcsp) MEMORIAL PISTOL RANGE. These folks did such a lovely job with the signage and even hung it for us. Thank you !



We'd also like to thank HOUSE OF CARPETS for donating about 15 carpet pieces for the Outdoor Range. They also donated some carpet for replacing the very old carpet covering tables and the shooting stands in the Indoor Range.

We appreciate it !

## ***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

### **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](mailto:mayhewanita@gmail.com)

### **Winter Pistol League**

The Winter Pistol League start date has been set.

We will have 2 practices (Wednesday October 26, 3 to 7 PM & Saturday October 29, 9 to 11 AM) prior to qualifying on November 2.

League shooting will begin on Wednesday, November 9 and end on January 11.

We will also practice every Saturday during the league.

Wednesday shooting will be from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM.

All Saturday practices will be from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM.

We have extended the shooting days from 8 weeks to 10 weeks by request of the league shooters.

The league fee is the same as last year: \$25.00 for club members and \$40.00 for non-members.

Practice sessions are \$2.00 for targets.

Questions? Call Roger Lawrence (970) 560-5070.



### **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)

### **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)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
(O) = Outdoor Range (I) = Indoor Range						1  4H @ Rimfire Range 8-12 (O)
2  Women @ the Range 2 & 3:30 (I)	3	4	5	6	7	8  4H @ Rimfire Range 8-12 (O)
9	10	11	12	13 Hunter Sight-In 9am—4pm (O)	14 Hunter Sight-In 9am—4pm (O)	15 4H @ Rimfire Range 8-12 (O) CCW** 8am-5pm (I)
16 CCW** 9am-3pm (I)	17	18	19	20	21	22 4H @ Rimfire Range 8-12 (O) CCW** 8am-5pm (I)
23 4H @ Rimfire Range 8-12 (O) CCW** 9am-3pm (I)	24	25 Gun Club Meeting—6:30p (O)	26	27 Hunter Sight-In 9am—4pm (O)	28 Hunter Sight-In 9am—4pm (O)	29 4H @ Rimfire Range 8-12 (O)
30	31	<p>** Offered by Colorado Highmark—contact for more information and to reserve your space @ 231.944.2211</p> <p>*** Offered by Andrew—contact for more information and to reserve your space @ 970.739.7026</p>				

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## **Vice President's Message**

With 120.5 civilian-owned firearms per 100 people, the United States has the highest rate of civilian gun ownership in the world (Not surprising), nearly double that of the second-place country. Civilians own 393,347,000 as of this survey from 2017. I'm sure there have been a few million more since 2017. One survey says that the US has 5% of the world's population but 40% of the world's civilian-owned guns.

Some of the countries with the most restrictive firearms laws are China, India, Japan, Singapore, and Vietnam. Taiwan and Indonesia have the lowest gun ownership possible, with Zero firearms per 100 people; however, there is no gun ban in either of these countries.

More than 175 countries in the world allow their citizens to own Firearms, though most have specific regulations on ownership, such as banning certain types of Firearms. For example, in the UK, pistols are not permitted for civilians. The UK defines a pistol as a Firearm with a barrel shorter than 12" and an overall length under 24". If a pistol fits into this category, it must be of the Muzzle Loader type; hunting rifles and Shotguns are allowed, but with a strict set of rules.

Mexico, Guatemala, and the United States have made gun ownership a Constitutional right. But on the other hand, North Korea and Eritrea have banned civilian ownership of Firearms. Not sure where that is at.

Here are the top 30 countries of civilian-owned guns per 100 people.

United States	120.5	Norway	28.8
Falkland Islands	62.1	Liechtenstein	28.8
Yemen	52.8	Malta	28.3
		Switzerland	27.6
New Caledonia	42.5	New Zealand	26.3
Serbia	39.1	Sweden	23.1
Montenegro	39.1	Pakistan	22.3
Uruguay	34.7	Greenland	22.3
Canada	34.7	Portugal	21.3
Cyprus	34.0	Germany	19.6
Finland	32.4	France	19.6
Lebanon	31.9	Monaco	19.6
Iceland	31.7	Luxembourg	18.9
Bosnia	31.2	Bahamas	18.8
Austria	30.0	Jordan	18.7
North Macedonia	29.8		

I found it interesting that China is 3.60 per 100 civilians and Russia is 12.3 per 100. I do not know what their regulations are. The complete list of 175 countries can be found by Googling "Gun ownership by country 2022."

Needless to say, the USA civilians love their Firearms and cherish their 2nd Amendment. Thank goodness for our Constitution.

Thanks for reading, Curtis Nelsen, VP





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

### Check Your Preference for New or Renewal Membership:

<b>Regular Member:</b> 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	<b>\$55.00</b>	<b>NEW</b>	<b>Renewal</b>
<b>Associate Member (Non-Voting):</b> 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.	<b>\$10.00</b>		
<b>Lost Key Charge:</b> Replacing personal key access to Outdoor Range	<b>\$25.00</b>		
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT PAID</b>			

⇒ 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.**

◇ INDOOR RANGE	◇ JUNIOR SHOOTERS
◇ OUTDOOR RANGE	◇ GUN SHOW
◇ HUNTER SIGHT IN	◇ 4C WOMEN AT THE RANGE
◇ RANGE CLEAN UP	◇ 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

#### **Free Clay Target Thrower**

Do-All Traps product, free to a good home. Comes with instructions for use and one mostly full box of White Flyer biodegradable clay targets.

Ron or Sarah Pretzer 970.560.7545 or ron.pretzer@yahoo.com

### **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.

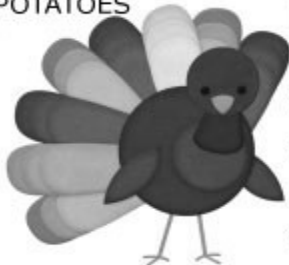
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## Happy Thanksgiving!

APPLE PIE  
BEANS  
BREAD  
CORN  
CRANBERRY SAUCE  
GRAVY  
HAM  
MASHED POTATOES  
MILK  
PUMPKIN PIE  
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STUFFING  
SWEET POTATOES  
TURKEY



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