



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

- Jan. 31, 2023 @ 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

The text of the Second Amendment reads in full: "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."

Our "Four Corners Rifle and Pistol Club" is a non-profit organization. Still, we believe that every member can profit from our indoor range, outdoor range, Junior Shooter program, and Women at the Range program. Our Cowboy Action Shooters, our safety training, our pistol, and rifle accuracy training, and our concealed handgun training. Our annual Gun Show at our county fairgrounds and a yearly Hunter Sight-in.

We believe in positive attitudes, which can solve most of our challenges. We believe that a government that does not trust its citizens to be armed is not itself to be trusted. All of this is just the tip of the iceberg. You and I know there is a sinister movement to pull other citizens in our country in the wrong direction by attacking the 2nd Amendment, our values, and the freedoms that keep our nation exceptional. If "we" keep and practice our principles, this nation will be honored, cherished, and defended as it has been historically.

Our Club Committee meets on the last Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm, except for December. Here, we place our right hand over our hearts to start our meetings with the pledge of allegiance. To become a member, we all must be a member of the NRA. Our organization helps support local law enforcement and empower women through the NRA programs with basic firearm safety and advanced marksmanship.

May the closeness of friends, the comfort of home, and the unity of our nation, renew your spirits this festive season. Merry Christmas to you and your family.

Mike Upchurch, President

Membership News

- Current Member count is 438
- **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 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 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: 4comersrifleandpistol@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



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

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.

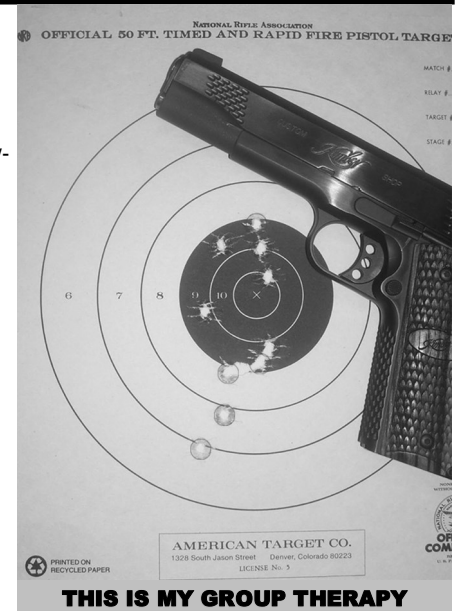
All Saturday practices will be from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM.

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.



HUNTER SAFETY SUPPORT FROM THE "CORTEZ GUN CLUB"

Each year Four Corners Rifle and Pistol Club host a HUNTER SIGHT-IN to help individuals have safer hunting equipment and experiences. The Club's Outdoor Range is closed to members for two days before the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd rifle seasons to concentrate on safe shooting practices and equipment repairs as needed. Club volunteers assist the hunters with sighting in their rifles before they head up into the woods for their elk, deer, or bear hunting seasons. For only \$10.00 per firearm, they provide targets, shooting benches, high-end spotting scopes, and a personal Range Safety Officer to help sight in the shots.

This year's Hunter Sight-In group assisted 124 hunters with 145 firearms sighted in for accuracy and proper functioning. The temperatures were bitterly cold in the mornings, and snow flew for several hours one day. With out-of-state licenses costing between \$350 and \$650, plus guide fees, motels, and food, these folks and our Club volunteers will show up for "opening morning" no matter the weather.

For those who don't know, it is illegal to shoot within 24 hours of your hunting season once a hunter arrives at their assigned hunting unit. The availability of a range that hunters can go to on the way to their hunting destination is invaluable.

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.

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

December 2022

Sun

Mon

Tue

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Sat

				1 6pm Junior Shooters (I)	2 6pm Junior Shooters (I)	3 8am Brandi CCW Class (I) 9am Winter Pistol League Practice (I)
4 9pm Brandi CCW Class (I)	5	6	7 3pm Winter Pistol League (I)	8 6pm Junior Shooters (I)	9 6pm Junior Shooters (I)	10 9am 3 Gun Shoot (O) 9am Winter Pistol League Practice (I)
11	12	13	14 3pm Winter Pistol League (I)	15 6pm Junior Shooters (I)	16 6pm Junior Shooters (I)	17 9am 3 Gun Shoot (O) 9am Winter Pistol League Practice (I)
18	19	20	21 3pm Winter Pistol League (I)	22 6pm Junior Shooters (I)	23 6pm Junior Shooters (I)	24 9am Winter Pistol League Practice (I)
25	26	27	28 3pm Winter Pistol League (I)	29 6pm Junior Shooters (I)	30 6pm Junior Shooters (I)	31 9am Winter Pistol League Practice (I)

January 2023

Sun

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1	2	3 1pm Sergeant Martinez Cortez Police (I)	4 3pm Winter Pistol League (I)	5 6pm Junior Shooters (I)	6 6pm Junior Shooters (I)	7 9am Winter Pistol League Practice (I)
8 2pm Four Corners Women at the Range Monthly Shoot (I)	9	10	11 3pm Winter Pistol League (I)	12 6pm Junior Shooters (I)	13 6pm Junior Shooters (I)	14 6am Brandi CCW Class (I) 9am Winter Pistol League Practice (I)
15 9am Winter Pistol League Practice (I)	16	17 12pm Sergeant Martinez Cortez Police (I)	18 3pm Winter Pistol League (I)	19 6pm Junior Shooters (I)	20 6pm Junior Shooters (I)	21 9am Winter Pistol League Practice (I)
22	23	24	25 3pm Winter Pistol League (I)	26 6pm Junior Shooters (I)	27 6pm Junior Shooters (I)	28 9am Winter Pistol League Practice (I)
29	30	31 6:30pm Gun Club Meeting (I)				

ANNUAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS 2018 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Article X – Nomination and Election Procedures

1. Nomination of Candidates:

- a. The Club President will appoint a Nominating Committee in preparation for the coming election. The Nominating Committee will be comprised of three members. Chaired by a member of the existing Executive Committee, and including at least one Club member who is not currently on the Executive Committee.
- b. The purpose of the Nominating Committee is to prepare a list of eligible Active Regular members as nominees for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Indoor Range Officer, Outdoor Range Officer, Junior Shooting Program Director, and three (3) Club Directors. These ten officers and directors comprise the Executive Committee of the Club.
- c. The December issue of the *Crack Shot* will include a Nominations form for the purpose of petitioning members to submit names of potential candidates for office. To be considered, the Nominations form must be returned to the Club Secretary prior to the January Regular Club Meeting.
- d. The Nominating Committee will review the submitted names and contact other members to solicit names of members interested in becoming a Candidate for office. The names of all members who have expressed interest in proceeding to an election will be presented at the Regular Club Meeting in January. At the January meeting, any additional names submitted will be included in the listing.
- e. Immediately following the January Regular meeting, a Mail-In Ballot will be prepared and will be included in the February issue of the *Crack Shot*. This Ballot will list each Club Office position and the name of members who are candidates for each office.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE, OR BE NOMINATED FOR A POSITION IN THE UPCOMING 2018 ELECTIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY THE JANUARY 30, 2018 MEETING TO THE CLUB SECRETARY, JENNIFER REYNOLDS, OR YOU MAY CONTACT RON SERABIA, NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBER.

Jennifer Reynolds, Secretary
NOMINATIONS
PO Box 101
Cortez CO 81321

Ron Serabia
flyron49@gmail.com
(619) 549-4748

Nominees	
President:	Vice President:
Secretary:	Treasurer:
Jr Shooters Director:	Indoor Range Officer:
Outdoor Range Officer:	Club Director:
Club Director:	Club Director:

Name that gun



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	\$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

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

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

Lead for Casting

In ingots from a Lyman mold. \$2 a pound. Plenty available. Doug Galinsky (970) 882-1531 dgalinsky2014@yahoo.com

Wanted to Buy

Clean, once fired 7mm Remington Magnum brass. Leave a text message. I get lots of spam and don't answer calls I don't know, so leave a phone number and I will get back to you. Thanks.

Mark Jones (970) 238-1979 mark.jones807@gmail.com

650 primed LC 223/5.56 cases

The provenance is unknown as I received these as inheritance from an experienced hand loader. I have not sized, cleaned, or primed any of these myself. The only defect to the cases I have seen are dings at the case mouth from either dropping them on the floor or in a bucket. Looking to trade for unopened rifle powder: IMR 4064 or IMR 4350. I would also accept \$120 cash firm. Call or text. If I don't answer because of the insane amount of spam, please leave a voicemail.

Sean Clason (970) 560-4561 sclason@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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Christmas Word Search

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HOOHO	WREATH
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SANTA	CANDLE
HOLIDAY	

