



The Crack Shot

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

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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

- Apr. 30, 2024 @ 6:30 pm at the Indoor Range
- May 28, 2024 @ 6:30 pm at the Indoor Range

President	Mike Upchurch	970-508-3268	Vice-President	Ron Serabia	619-549-4787
Secretary	Evan Bronson	970-529-0191	Treasurer	Anita Mayhew	970-903-5120
Outdoor Range Officer	Bobbie Cowan	970-520-6048	Junior Shooting Director	Norm Bowie	970-739-1486
Club Director	John McHenry	970-739-4572	Indoor Range Officer	Charles Thompson	970-739-0518
Club Director	Roger Lawrence	970-560-5070	Club Director	James McConnel	661-644-0105

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	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

Our club is attempting to renegotiate our Outdoor Range lease (with the Colorado State Land Board), which expires in September. For the past 60 years, we have leased this land from the Colorado Land Board. "We hope that the 10-year length will be the same."

Our management team is delighted with our progress as stewards of this facility. We've diligently maintained and cared for the landscape, trees, and ground cover, keeping weed growth minimal. Our club volunteers have been instrumental in this, and we're incredibly grateful to our board members who dedicate countless hours, without wages, to preserve this range.

Our membership has nearly doubled in the past ten years, and the range's wear and tear has doubled, too. We ask all members to consider the structures, target frames, and safety. I am asking all of us to clean up, pick up our brass, and not leave trash on the ground. There are trash cans available. Don't shoot until the range is safe.

Read our range rules, and don't shoot at metal or buildings. Shoot pistols only on the pistol range. Shoot 22 caliber only at the .22 range. Do not shoot 50 cal rifles or 338 Lapua on any range. If you see any dangerous activity, let them know, but do not risk reprisal—take down their license plates and call us. Phone numbers are of the Gate.

Happy shooting, and be safe.

Mike Upchurch, President

Membership News

- Current Member count is 455
- **NEW!!** Memberships run 12 months from time of enrollment. Dues are \$65 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!! Jennifer 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: 4cornersrifleandpistol@gmail.com or text/call him at 970-739-4572
- 4. Electronic Gate is LIVE!!!:** Go to calendly.com/4CRPtraining to schedule your Gate and Safety Orientation

CORTEZ GUN SHOW

Friday April 19: 4 pm—8 pm

Saturday April 20: 9 am—5 pm

Sunday April 21: 10 am—2 pm

To reserve a booth, look on our website—bottom of the main page or call Gayle Alexander (970) 529-3747.

To volunteer, contact Gayle Alexander ASAP (970) 529-3747.

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 Mike @ marinevet66@hotmail.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.***

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.



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

BULLS EYE PISTOL LEAGUE

The 4CRP Club sponsors two Bulls Eye Pistol Leagues. One runs from July thru September, and another runs from November through April. We shoot at the Indoor Pistol Range which has nine 50' shooting lanes. Shooters are grouped according to the type of sights used and skill level.

We shoot on Saturdays 9 am—12 pm. Check the event calendar for times and contact information. Come out and join us, new shooters as well as experts welcome!



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

OTHER NEWS

In an attempt to inform the public regarding the current drug crisis in Montezuma County, the following are stats of total drug seizures in the year 2023. These seizures are all the result of countless hours put in by the amazing team at the Montezuma/Cortez Narcotics Investigation Team. This team is comprised of members of the Montezuma County Sheriff's Office and the Cortez Police Department. Their tireless efforts to rid our community of these dangerous narcotics speak volumes to their dedication to community and service. These seizures are from large drug trafficking organizations and do not include narcotics seized from traffic stops or other scenarios where narcotics are seized by patrol officers/deputies.

Methamphetamine-126,542.812 grams (278.98 pounds)

Fentanyl-878.485 grams (1.94 pounds)

Fentanyl Powder-28 grams

Cocaine-7.4 pounds

Illegal Marijuana-5.711 pounds

Firearms-13 with 6 being stolen

Fentanyl/Marijuana Mixture-36.390 grams

Ketamine-26.896 pounds

LSD-33.805 grams

MDMA-52.700 grams

GHB-131.485 grams

Mushrooms-125.530 grams

This is concerning given that law enforcement only intercepts roughly 15-18% of narcotics introduced into a community.

Additionally, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to our federal partners who help make these long-term investigations possible. The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Drug Enforcement Administration, and Internal Revenue Service.

There are several gun laws currently being considered in Colorado:

Assault Weapons Ban: A renewed effort to ban so-called assault weapons is moving forward at the statehouse. The bill, House Bill 1292, is sponsored by Representatives Elisabeth Epps and Tim Hernandez. It would have a wide-ranging impact on semi-automatic weapons, which were used in the Aurora, Columbine, and Club Q mass shootings. The bill would define an assault weapon as a "semiautomatic rifle" that uses detachable magazines and has one of a number of features.

Senate Bill 24-1312: This bill would ban guns — whether they're carried openly or concealed — from "sensitive spaces" such as public parks, community centers, churches, and adjacent parking areas.

Senate Bill 24-0032: This bill would authorize the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to investigate illegal activity involving guns, including illegal sales and possession.

House Bill 11742: This bill would change Colorado's requirements to obtain a concealed carry permit to include attending a class with at least eight hours of instruction that includes a live-fire shooting exercise where at least 50 rounds of ammunition are fired. Note: Montezuma County Sheriff currently requires a CCW class to include 8 hours with a live-fire portion.

Please note that these bills are still being debated and have not yet been passed into law. For the most current information, please refer to official Colorado legislative resources.

Here are some of the most recently passed gun laws in Colorado:

Raising the Buying Age: The buying age for all firearms has been raised from 18 to 21.

Three-Day Waiting Period: A three-day waiting period has been installed between the purchase and receipt of a gun.

Safe Storage Requirement: People are now required to safely store firearms.

Reporting Lost or Stolen Firearms: There is now a requirement to report a lost or stolen firearm.

Restrictions for Certain Offenders: Restrictions on gun ownership have been put in place for certain domestic violence offenders.

Office of Gun Violence Prevention: Colorado will have an office of gun violence prevention.

Local Gun Laws: Cities will be allowed to pass stricter gun laws than the state.

Ban for Certain Misdemeanors: People with certain violent misdemeanors will be banned from buying a firearm for five years, including child abuse convictions, domestic violence, and sexual assault.

April 2024

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

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
				(I) 6:30pm Jr Shooters Shoot	(I) 6:30pm Jr Shooters Shoot	(I) 9am Pistol League Practice (I) 1pm Sheriff's Office Training
(I) 1pm Women at the Range Shoot	8	9	10	(I) 6:30pm Jr Shooters Shoot	(I) 6:30pm Jr Shooters Shoot	(I) 9am Pistol League Practice (O) 9am 3 Gun Match
14		16	17	(I) 6:30pm Jr Shooters Shoot	(I) 6:30pm Jr Shooters Shoot	(I) 9am Pistol League Practice
21		23	24	(I) 6:30pm Jr Shooters Shoot	(I) 6:30pm Jr Shooters Shoot	(I) 8am Brandi CCW Training Classroom (I) 9am Pistol League Practice
(I) 9am Brandi CCW Training Range	29	(I) 6:30pm Gun Club Meeting	30			(I) Indoor Range (O) Outdoor Range

May 2024

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5 (I) 1pm Women at the Range Shoot 	6	7	8	9 (I) 6:30pm Jr Shooters Shoot	10 (I) 6:30pm Jr Shooters Shoot	11 (I) 9am Pistol League Practice (O) 9am 3 Gun Match
12 (O) 7am Centerfire Benchrest 	13	14	15	16 (I) 6:30pm Jr Shooters Shoot	17 (I) 6:30pm Jr Shooters Shoot	18 (I) 9am Pistol League Practice
19 (O) 7am Rimfire Benchrest	20	21	22	23 (I) 6:30pm Jr Shooters Shoot 	24 (I) 6:30pm Jr Shooters Shoot	25 (I) 9am Pistol League Practice
26	27 	28 (I) 6:30pm Gun Club Meeting	29	30 (I) 6:30pm Jr Shooters Shoot	31 (I) 6:30pm Jr Shooters Shoot	(I) Indoor Range (O) Outdoor Range

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	\$65.00	NEW	Renewal
Associate Member (Non-Voting): A spouse and/or family member(s) of a Regular Member who meets the above criteria. Can use range key. One fee includes spouse and all junior family members.	\$10.00		
Lost Key Charge: Replacing personal key access to Outdoor Range	\$25.00		
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID			

⇒ Annual Dues effective 12 months from time of purchase

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

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

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

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

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

◇ 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

FOR SALE Glock 26Gen5 semi-auto

Brand new in the box with 2 magazines. \$450. Includes two grip extensions. I am a FFL dealer so can take care of all of the paperwork.

Jack Robbins jackr@farmerstelecom.com (970) 882-1444

Sinclair International Benchrest Competition Shooting Rest with 3" Edgewood bag:

This is the new generation model. See web page

<https://www.brownells.com/gear/range-gear/shooting-rests/sinclair-benchrest-competition-shooting-rest/>

\$400 or best offer. Phone Gary (970)560-5090. Please leave message.

Trius One Step clay pigeon thrower:

Older but basically unused. \$70. Doug Galinsky dgalinsky2014@yahoo.com (970) 882-1531

Winchester .38 Special semiwadcutter target ammo

Winchester .38 Special semiwadcutter target ammo. \$10.00 per box of 50. This is a great price! Since I have gone to 9mm, I have no need for this ammo anymore. Have a number of cases.

Jack Robbins jackr@farmerstelecom.com (970) 882-1444

S&W M&P 40

Full size 15+1 Original case 3 mags Like new 350\$ or b.o. text 802-299-6344

7.62, .45 Ammo for sale

7.62 mm NATO Ball PMC. Two 500 round sealed and banded original wooden crates, \$350 each. Also have about 300 rounds in 20-round boxes, \$15 box.

.45 Auto Hornady Frontier 230 grain FMJ Flat Nose. 1000+ available. 20 round boxes, \$15/box.

Contact Allen at 434-987-1628 or allen.hawley@gmail.com

Ithaca Model 37 Featherlight 12 gauge for sale

Ithaca mod37 featherlight 12 gauge. Comes with original stock and pistol grip. Make offer 802 299-6344

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Notes from the Crack Shot Editor:

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FRI·SAT·SUN APR 19, 20, 21 2024

CORTEZ GUN SHOW

THE ORIGINAL AND TRADITIONAL GUN SHOW OF MONTEZUMA COUNTY

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Fri, Apr 19th 4PM–8PM • Sat, Apr 20th 9AM–5PM • Sun, Apr 21st 10AM–2PM



ADMISSION
\$5 per day

Children under 12 free when accompanied by an adult

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR
VENDOR APPLICATIONS, **CONTACT**

Gun Show Manager: Gayel Alexander
970.529.3747 • 970.882.2150 • lkgalexander2012@gmail.com

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