



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

- Aug. 27, 2024 @ 5:30 pm at the Outdoor Range
- Sep 24, 2024 @ 6:30 pm at the Indoor Range

President	Mike Upchurch	970-560-8343	Vice-President	Ron Serabia	619-549-4787
Secretary	Evan Bronson	970-529-0191	Treasurer	Anita Mayhew	970-903-5120
Outdoor Range Officer	Bobby 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	John Swanson	970-559-0669

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

With gratitude and after ten years of reflection on being part of the Four Corners Rifle and Pistol Club Board, I have witnessed Board members and many members sacrificing their time, vigor, and talent. I am deeply grateful for your support and participation, which has been instrumental in our club's growth and success. Together, we have created a fantastic place where you, me, our families, and the surrounding communities can safely shoot at our indoor and outdoor ranges.

At our board meetings, we stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance with our hands upon our hearts and our minds upon the freedoms that you and I cherish. The mission of the club is to be a non-profit community organization to promote and preserve the gun ownership and usage rights of the citizens of the United States of America as protected by the Second Amendment of the United States of America and section 13 of Article 11 of the State of Colorado Constitution. We always emphasize safety first, ensuring that our range facilities are maintained to the highest standards. Our commitment to safety extends to all our activities, from hunting and competitive shooting to youth education and support for law enforcement.

Mike Upchurch, President

New Gun Laws Passed in 2024

Safe Storage in Vehicles: Starting January 1, 2025, Colorado gun owners must secure firearms left in their vehicles. Unattended guns must be locked away and out of sight, with violators facing fines up to \$500.

Tracking Gun Purchases: This law tracks firearm and ammunition purchases across payment networks to identify suspicious transactions. Some provisions take effect on September 1, 2024, and others on May 1, 2025.

Investigating Firearms Crimes: The Colorado Bureau of Investigation now has authority to investigate certain firearm crimes, including illegal transfers, starting August 7.

Ban on Guns in Sensitive Spaces: Effective July 1, 2024, carrying guns in sensitive places like government buildings, schools, and polling locations is prohibited. Local governments can opt out of this ban.

Concealed Carry Permits: From July 1, 2025, concealed carry permit applicants must complete live-shooting training and achieve an 80% test score.

Rules for Firearms Dealers: Dealers must obtain permits before selling guns.

Membership News

- Current Member count is 508
- **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!! Evan Bronson will be at the Monthly meeting at 5:30 to allow people to renew memberships early.

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 Evan Bronson at evanbronson@proton-mail.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

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 call or text Bobby @ 970-529-6048 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

Reminder:

Summer is the Outdoor Range's busy time—check the calendar to make sure your favorite range is going to be available before heading out to shoot—or even better—join in on the fun!!! Some great events you can take part in during the summer are:

- **Centerfire Benchrest**—rifles .308-caliber or less without muzzle brakes. The Target class has few other restrictions - typically heavy-barreled precision rifles with any optic supported by a mechanical rest. Sporter rifles must have a muzzle diameter less than the size of a dime and use a bipod front rest. There will be matches at 100, 200, and 300 yards. The entry fee is \$3. This event takes place the 2nd Sunday of the month.
- **Rimfire Benchrest**—22 Long Rifle and 22-caliber air rifles, using standard velocity ammunition only. There are matches for rifles with scope and unmagnified sight. Target class is essentially unrestricted - typically heavy rifles, any scope or aperture sight, mechanical rests, and premium ammunition. Sporter class is restricted to equipment with definite sporting character and has a long-range shooting component. Sporter rifles must have repeater action, scope magnification is limited, and the front rest must be a bipod or simple bag. Sporter class will shoot a spec ammunition provided at the event. Target Class matches are at 50 and 100 yards, and Sporter Class matches at 50, 100, and 150 yards. The entry fee is \$3 for Target Class and \$15 for Sporter Class (which includes the ammunition). This event takes place the 3rd Sunday of the month.
- **Plink Off/Sucker Shoot**— uses 3 22 Caliber Rifles. Each must have the following sights: 4x Scope, aperture, and iron sights. Shooters will compete at various stations with a variety of targets from precision targets to suckers. The entry fee is \$5. This event takes place the last Saturday of the month.

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

Upcoming Training Opportunities

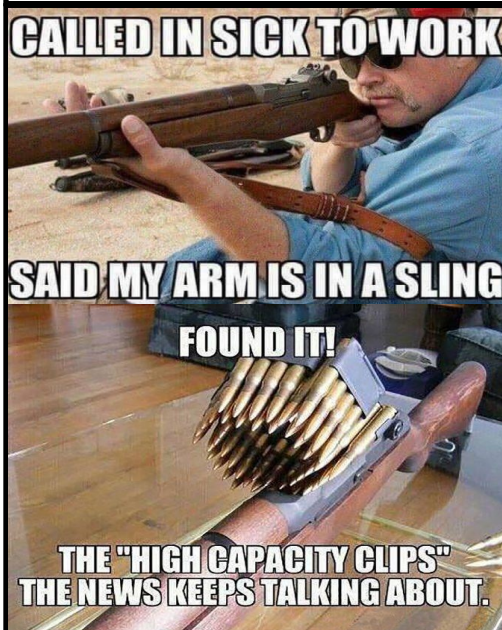
Please visit coloradohighmark.com for class and clinic information or email highmark44@gmail.com.

Four Corners Women at the Range—Monthly Shoots

This monthly shoot is for experienced to expert shooters. For information, contact Anita Mayhew at mayhewanita@gmail.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.



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: Evan Bronson, Secretary: Text - 970-529-0191 or email: evanbronson@proton-mail.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

4CRP ANNUAL PICNIC

Anxious to see all of the “old timers” and greet the newer members. Your chance to ask questions and talk with members of your Executive Board

Tuesday, August 27th 5:30 pm

Outdoor Range

\$10.00 for members and their guests /

\$15.00 non-members

Must RSVP by Aug. 22nd with choice of

Entrée (so we have plenty of food)

Anita – 970-903-5120 or mayhewanita@gmail.com

Order BBQ Brisket OR Smoked Sausage

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1	2	3 (O) 10am Windygap Cowboy Action
4 (O) 10am Windygap Cowboy Action (I) 1pm Women at the Range Shoot	5	6	7	8	9	10 (I) 8am Brandi CCW Class (O) 9am 3 Gun Match
11 (O) 7am Centerfire Benchrest (I) 9am Brandi CCW Class Shoot	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 (O) 7am Rimfire Benchrest	19	20	21	22	23	24 (O) 7:30am Plink Off / Sucker Shoot
25	26	27 (I) 6:30am Gun Club Meeting	28	29	30	31 (I) Indoor Range (O) Outdoor Range

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29	30					(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

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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