



The Firing Line

Cherry Creek Gun Club News for August, 2003

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CCGC and the Boy Scouts

Starting in August, CCGC will be the "southeast metro"¹ site where the Boy Scouts (BSA) can earn their shooting merit badge. The first sessions are scheduled for August 22 and September 19, using one range each night.

The Boy Scouts have some rifles, but they are spread out at various BSA sites. If you've got a .22 Long Rifle, single shot bolt action rifle that is collecting dust, please consider donating it to the Boy Scouts to be used for this qualification. (Magazine-feed that can be single shot is OK but no tube feeds.)

The BSA requires a NRA certified instructor during the shooting phase toward a merit badge. The BSA is ready to supply personnel but the program must be a club activity and therefore a club representative must be at each shooting session. If you carry an instructor rating and might be interested in using your skills to help the club be of more service to these shooting enthusiasts, we can use your help. If you're not certified but want to be, the BSA can help with that.

Please call Bill Bierbach at (303) 346-3330 if you've got rifles or time to donate.

Legislative News

Just a quick note this month, though it has been a busy one at the Federal level (much of this month's news is directly quoted from <http://www.nraila.org>):

- Following the recommendation of a 12 member advisory jury, Judge Jack B. Weinstein ruled in the Brooklyn Federal courthouse that the NAACP had failed to make its case against law-abiding firearms manufacturers and distributors.
- The "District of Columbia Personal Protection Act," a bill that seeks to restore the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding D.C.

¹ OK, I admit it, I made up that term.

residents, was introduced today in the United States Senate. This legislation was introduced by Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT). Under D.C.'s current gun laws, all handguns are banned unless they were owned and registered in the District before 1977.

Residents of the District, even the few remaining legal handgun owners, are *prohibited from carrying their handguns in their own homes*. Rifles and shotguns that can be legally registered and owned in the District must be stored unloaded, disassembled or locked, rendering them useless for self-defense, unless the gun is kept at a place of business.

- As noted in previous Alerts, one of NRA-ILA's top legislative priorities in Congress continues to be the passage of a federal law to block reckless lawsuits against the firearm industry. We cannot over-emphasize the need for you to remain actively engaged in your efforts to ensure passage of S. 659– the Senate version of reckless lawsuit preemption. It is critical that you continue to contact your U.S. Senators in support of S. 659 and urge them to preempt predatory, meritless lawsuits designed to wipe out the firearm industry, or impose nationwide gun control "laws" by local judicial fiat.

Give George a Break - Tube Class

On the third Friday of every month (see calendar), George Wright drives 40+ miles to run the tube class for new tube users. Several times, he has arrived to find no one there, even though people were signed up. If you sign up, please call George on the day of the class to confirm that you'll be there – otherwise, no calls will mean no George. You can contact him at 303.761.2664. Thanks for your help, folks.

The classes start at 7:00 PM. You'll need to sign up for the class (and call to confirm on the

day of the class). The sign-up list is posted on the tube door. Members will need to bring a rifle, ammo, targets, eye protection, and hearing protection.

More on George...

Take a look at the handicapped ramp on the west range – George Wright built this to support the Club's effort with the Wheeling Sportsmen. Thanks to George for the solid (literally) work he's done there.

Attention: NRA Applicants

-Dave Epps

Many of the new members have not yet supplied their NRA numbers. These are needed as soon as you get it. Contact and give the number to Dave Epps: 303.693.2483 (home), 303.680.9364 (fax), or ccginfo@aol.com.

Missing a Newsletter?

-Bill Collins

I've gotten A LOT of returned newsletters recently. If you move or know anyone who is not getting a newsletter, contact me! (And thanks to the one member that has left me voice mail about his temporary address – that saved both of us time and frustration.) Returned newsletters are expensive - triple postage to have return service - and deleted from the next mailing. If I have time, I may try to contact you if

your newsletter is returned but let's face it – time can be hard to come by. You really need to contact Dave Epps or Bill Collins to update the address. I can be reached at williamcollins4@comcast.net or 303.204.7696 (leave a message if necessary).

If you haven't receive your newsletter within 10 days of the Board of Directors meeting, be suspicious and call me. They generally hit the mail no later than the Friday following the Board meeting.

Gun Shows

- August 2-3 (shows at the Merchandise Mart and in Leadville)
- August 16-17 (Adams County Fairgrounds in Brighton)
- August 23-24 (Boulder County Fairgrounds in Longmont)
- August 30-31 (Larimer County Fairgrounds in Loveland)
- Sept 13-14 (Holiday Inn at I-70 & Chambers in Aurora)
- Sept 20-21 (Merchandise Mart in Denver)
- Sept 26-28 (1801 N. Union, Colorado Springs)

See http://www.cssa.org/events_gunshows.html for a complete calendar and links to directions.

CHERRY CREEK GUN CLUB General Meeting

July 11, 2003, 7:30 PM at the club house.

1. The meeting was called to order by President, Don Shearer, at 7:30 PM.
2. The minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.
3. Lee Ormiston reported that the state legislature is out of session so there is no anti-gun legislation to worry about. In the congress, there are two bills pending to ban firearms, SB659 and HB2038. Both are bad and everyone needs to write a personal letter to their congressmen to kill these bills.
4. Clark Calve reported that there is one new member from last May who has not taken the safety course. Clark will call her.
5. Bill Bierbach reported that he still needs one volunteer to fill a janitorial spot in December. Bill said that the carpet has been cleaned and that the stains are mostly gone. Bill said that he talked with Frank Sturgis of the BSA and suggested a mini Board meeting after the general meeting. New brooms have been purchased.
6. George Wright said that the next rifle tube usage class will be on the third Friday of the month and that those wishing to take the class should sign up on the list on the tube door. George will be working on the west side gutters and on the ramp for wheelchairs in the west range this week.
7. Bill Bierbach is working on setting up a pool of certified instructors to be available to assist the BSA in their merit badge shooting.
8. The secretary reported on the correspondence received which included two letters from the Whittington Center and a letter from the Firearms Coalition of Colorado about concealed carry.
9. Don Shearer reported that there is no hearing date set for the tax exemption request and that plans to organize programs for the BSA and Wheeling Sportsmen are moving forward. Work is ongoing to provide a ramp and stub side walks in the parking lot for wheel chair access. Remotes for the carried controls and a hand rail in the bathroom are also needed.
10. Don Shearer commented on the recent tube damage. A meeting was held with all but one suspect present and all were innocent. A report is being prepared for the BOD. Don reminded all that members are responsible for their guests and that guests must fire their first shot from the crutch. Reports of lights being left on and the tube door left open were stated. Remember, inspect the tube before you shoot and report what you find. This protects you should the next shooter find what you didn't which makes you the suspect.
11. Don Shearer read the applications for new membership from four new applicants. The applicants talked of their interest in the club and in shooting, their sponsors talked of the applicant's merits, and they were accepted into the club by unanimous vote. The new members are: Ramsey Breitweiser, Louisa Smith, Jerry Moellering, and James McCosby. All but Ms. Smith must take the safety class.
12. Bill Collins said that eight to ten of the last newsletter have been returned due to members moving or a bad address.
13. Don Shearer talked about the passing of long time and very good club friend, Joe Marosy. Flowers from the club were sent. Ideas for a memorial for Joe are requested.
14. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

CHERRY CREEK GUN CLUB Board of Directors Meeting

July 25, 2003, 7:30 PM at the club house.

Attendees: Goodlette, Wright, Towne, Collins, Shearer, Calve, Trisdale, Johnston, Ormiston, and Thrush with guests Howard Glasier and Frank Sturgis.

1. The board meeting was called to order by President, Don Shearer, at 7:32 PM.
2. Don Shearer introduced Frank Sturgis of the Boy Scouts (BSA) with the comment that it takes time to get a new program organized to the BSA requirements. The BSA requires a NRA certified instructor during the shooting phase toward a merit badge. The BSA is ready to supply personnel but the program must be a club activity and therefore a club representative must be at each shooting session. A discussion followed concerning the equipment needed for the program. A suggestion was made to ask the membership via the newsletter for donations of .22 rifles. The first session will be on Friday night, August 22 from 7 until 10 PM and the second session on September 19.
3. The minutes to the last board meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.
4. Tom Thrush reported trying to set up a meeting with the tax people to consolidate the requirements which the club must meet. Copies of the original (1992) tax exemption request documents have been found.
5. Clark Calve has not heard from any of the last set of new members who need to take the safety class.
6. Dave Goodlette said that he had e-mailed the request for match dates and that he is now a distinguished pistol shot.
7. Warren Johnston announced the next work party for August 16.
8. George Wright reported the completion of the west gutter replacement and the completion of the ramp in the west range for wheel chair bound members. George said that he has been stood up too many time for the tube class and that he now requires a phone call for reservations for the class.
9. Gary Trisdale reported receiving a check for last years winter small bore league income.
10. The secretary read the requests for match dates for 2004. The Pistol Winter league starts October 20 and runs with out a break through March 15. The Pin Shooter normal times were approved. The Winter Small Bore League was approved for Wednesday evenings. The Thursday evening Junior sessions were approved. And the Pistol 2700 matches were approved. All dates will be printed in the newsletter as will as on the east bulletin board.
11. Don Shearer said that he has contacted the handicapped people and is arranging a tour of the facility. George Wright will be making a cement pier in the parking lot for wheel chair access.
12. Don Shearer suggested a committee be formed to access the problem of damage control of the rifle tube. The committee selected is George Wright, Chair, Bill Collins, Clark Calve, and Norm Rose.
13. Don Shearer said that Dave Lees is drafting new articles and bylaws for the club.
14. Don Shearer asked about the watering of the lilacs.
15. Clark Calve reported that his Corby card (together with his wallet) was stolen and asked that his old one be deactivated and that he get a new card.
16. The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM.

2003 Duties and Responsibilities

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| <i>President:</i> | Don Shearer | <i>Maintenance Coordinator:</i> | Warren Johnston |
| <i>Vice President:</i> | Bill Collins | <i>Membership Coordinator:</i> | Dave Epps |
| <i>Secretary:</i> | Chuck Towne | <i>New Member Indoctrination:</i> | Clark Calvé |
| <i>Treasurer:</i> | Jim Nielsen | <i>Newsletter Editor:</i> | Bill Collins |
| <i>Budget Coordinator:</i> | Bill Collins | <i>Pin Shooters Chairman:</i> | Joe Edwards |
| <i>Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP):</i> | Gary Trisdale | <i>Pistol Matches:</i> | Chuck Towne |
| <i>Corby System Manager:</i> | Dave Epps | <i>Pistol Winter League:</i> | Steve Locatelli, Dave Goodlette |
| <i>Guest Fee Manager:</i> | Joe Edwards | <i>Pop Machine Manager:</i> | Chuck Towne |
| <i>High Power Chairman:</i> | Gary Trisdale | <i>Programs:</i> | Dave Epps, Clark Calvé, Chuck Towne |
| <i>Historian:</i> | Fred Crowle | <i>Safety Course Administrator:</i> | Clark Calvé |
| <i>Janitorial Coordinator:</i> | Bill Bierbach | <i>Senior Small Bore:</i> | Gary Trisdale |
| <i>Junior Small Bore:</i> | Dennis Fluman, Gary Trisdale | <i>Telephone Message Manager:</i> | Chuck Towne |
| <i>Legal Advisor:</i> | Tom Thrush | <i>Tube Custodians & Instructors:</i> | Howard Glasier, Don Shearer, George Wright |
| <i>Legislative Coordinator:</i> | Ron Burgy | | |
| <i>Locker Administrator:</i> | Clark Calvé | | |

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Work Party Schedule (by last name)

3rd Saturday, 8:00AM- Noon.

Note: the dates listed below are subject to change.

Contact: Warren Johnston

July 19 – M

August 16 - N, O

September 20 - P, Q, R

October 18 – S

November 15 - T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z

December 20 - Last chance for 2003!

Ongoing Events

Tuesdays, 6:00 PM- 9:00 PM

3rd Tuesday, 6:00 PM- 9:00 PM

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 6:00 PM- 9:00 PM

Thursdays, 6:30 PM- 10:00 PM

2nd Friday, 7:30 PM-9:00 PM

3rd Friday, 7:00 PM- 8:00 PM

Last Friday, 7:30 PM- 9:00 PM

Sunday after BOD meeting, 5:00 PM

Wednesdays through March 19, 2003

Pistol 2700 Match

Sunda mornings, west range

Action Shooting, Handgun (west range)

Action Shooting, Handgun Matches

Action Shooting, Rifle (west range)

Juniors Rifle Practice (both ranges)

CCGC General Meeting (meeting room)

Tube Qualification

CCGC BOD Meeting (meeting room)

Newsletter publication deadline.

Small Bore Winter League

Last Full Weekend, Sep. through April

Calve's Round Table & Discussion Group

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | |
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| 24 | 25 | 26 <u>Action – Handgun</u> 6:00PM - 9:00PM West Range | 27 <u>Action – Rifle</u> 6:00PM - 9:00PM West Range | 28 <u>Junior Practice</u> 6:30PM - 10PM BOTH Ranges | 29 <u>Board of Dirs. Mtg.</u> 7:30PM-9:00PM <u>Meeting Room</u> | 30 | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| September, 2003 | | | | | | |
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