



# The Firing Line

Cherry Creek Gun Club News for August, 2004

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## **Clean Your Club!**

-Jim Bailey

I need 2 janitors for August to do your work bond by cleaning the clubhouse one hour a week during the month. Do some shooting and some cleaning. Call Jim Bailey at 303-912-8520 or email me at [ja8ba@aol.com](mailto:ja8ba@aol.com).

## **Looking of a Few Good Juniors (No Experience Needed)**

-Gary Trisdale

As students prepare in August for the next school year, the Juniors begin preparation for the next shooting season. This is an excellent time for young shooters to join the CCJC Junior Rifle team. It gives new shooters the opportunity to prepare for the spring shooting season. The following are some of the questions I am most frequently asked about joining the team:

*What does it take to join the Junior Rifle team?* A desire to shoot. Previous shooting experience is not required. We will provide the needed instruction. If a kid has a desire to shoot and is willing to work at it, then they will do well.

*How old does my kid need to be?* A good age is 10 – 12 years old. Some kids are ready earlier. The important thing is that the kid be able to focus/concentrate on a specific task for an hour or two at a time. Kids can also shoot up until the year they turn 21. One recent Olympic medalist did not start shooting until she was 16.

*What kind of rifle does my kid need to bring?* No equipment is needed. We provide good quality rifles. Most of the rifles we have for

the kids to use are precision German made rifles. Once a kid reaches a high level of proficiency, then he/she may want to purchase his or her own rifle.

*What is the cost?* The first night is free. After that, there is a \$25.00 fee to join and a \$3.00 fee every time that they shoot. These fees help cover the cost of ammunition, targets, upgrading equipment, etc. We provide everything that is needed to shoot. We recommend that the shooter bring a sweatshirt to use under the jacket and ear protection if they have it. We do have ear protection available at the range.

*How many matches are there?* This is an interesting one. Most of the local matches are held in the winter or spring. There are four matches we encourage most kids to shoot. These are all held either at our club or in Colorado Springs. There are numerous other matches held locally. It is possible to shoot as many as 10 – 20 matches locally every year and several outside the local area. Kids are free to shoot as many or as few as they like.

*Does the parent have to be a member of CCGC?* No, while it is nice for the parents to be members, it is not a requirement. That said, most parents do end up joining the club at some point.

*How do I get started?* Show up on Thursday night at 6:30 pm. We shoot every week except Thanksgiving or if a holiday falls on Thursday. (My wife does not let me hold practice on Christmas Eve.)

If you know a kid who might be interested in rifle shooting, bring them by on a Thursday

night. The first night is free and there is no obligation.

## **Lead Toxicity**

-Gary Trisdale

Recently, several club members have been asking about the risks of lead exposure and what steps can be taken to reduce lead exposure. The following lists some of the dangers of lead exposure and steps that can be taken to reduce exposure for shooters.

Lead is a toxic metal. High levels of lead in the blood can result in anemia, high blood pressure, infertility, decreased resistance to infection, kidney damage, gout, hearing loss, seizures, balance problems, and dementia. It is believed that the ancient Roman Empire collapsed because of lead poisoning due to the widespread use of lead for water pipes and tableware.

Lead exposure at a shooting range results for either breathing of lead fumes or ingestion of lead particles. This exposure comes from several sources, including handling of lead bullets, breathing the fumes of lead based primers, breathing the fumes resulting from hot propellant gases vaporizing the base of lead bullets, and the fragmentation of the bullet when it impacts the target backstop.

Following some simple rules can reduce lead exposure significantly.

- Always shoot with the ventilation system on. This is especially important for pistol shooters because the smoke right in front of your face probably contains lead. We are making improvements to the range system to increase the flow of the air.
- Wash your hands with soap and water immediately after shooting. If shooting in short sleeves, consider washing your arms also.

- Do not smoke or eat on the range. Lead collects on the fingers and can be ingested when eating or smoking.
- When sweeping the range, keep the ventilation system on and be careful to not kick up any dust.
- Change and wash your clothes after shooting. Shooting may contaminate your clothing.
- If you shoot frequently, have your blood tested. Testing for lead in your blood is not part of a standard physical – you need to ask your doctor for it specifically.
- If your blood levels are elevated, wear a protective air filter while shooting.
- Wash your hands after hand loading.
- Do not eat while reloading.
- If you cast your own bullets, do so in a well-ventilated area.

Most of the information for this came from an article written by Wm. Lane M. Robson, MD, published at:

<http://www.gun-test.com/performance/feb97lead.html>.

## **Ramp and Parking Reminder**

Please keep the base of the wheelchair ramp in the west range free of obstruction. Members coming down the ramp in a wheelchair are hard pressed to move chairs, trash cans, debris, etc. out of the way when negotiating the ramp. When able, a box will be painted on the floor to indicate a reasonable amount of clear space.

Also please avoid parking in the handicapped spaces, especially ON the concrete pads. These pads were designed to support the weight of people, not vehicles.

## **Gun Shows**

- August 7 & 8; Merchandise Mart (Tanner, [www.tannergunshow.com](http://www.tannergunshow.com))
- August 7 & 8; Leadville (ETS)

- August 14 & 15; Adams County Fairgrounds, Brighton (Wasatch)
- August 28 & 29; Holiday Inn, Aurora (Crossroads)

See [http://www.cssa.org/events\\_gunshows.html](http://www.cssa.org/events_gunshows.html) for a partial calendar, promoter contact information, and links to directions. To confirm show dates, contact the promoter or visit the promoter's web site.

### **Editor's Notes**

-Bill Collins

**B**e sure to read the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes in this newsletter. There

are several items of particular interest to all members including, but not limited to, the following:

- In light of anticipated expenses such as heater repair, property taxes, and legal fees, a proposal to increase dues will be brought before the Board at the next meeting.
- Commercial advertising from members will be accepted in the newsletters (refer to the guidelines below).
- Changes to the heating and ventilation system in the pistol ranges.

### **CHERRY CREEK GUN CLUB General Meeting**

July 9, 2004, 7:30 PM at the club house

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:28 PM
2. Minutes for May and June were read and approved.
3. Clark Calvé is holding 2 cards for unsponsored members. He has 2 lockers available.
4. Lee Ormiston reported that the Boy Scout's will meet next Friday (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month); he expects 9-12 to attend.
5. Lee Ormiston reported on political activity: keep sending to candidates concerning our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights.
6. Dave Goodlette has submitted the Winter Pistol League and Bullseye League schedules for next year. The dates were approved and Dave will submit them to the NRA.
7. George Wright: tube qualification class next Friday, 6:30 PM. Bring gun, ammo, ears, eyes.
8. Sandy Rudolph has requested a copy of our insurance policy; the commercial crime bond has been renewed.
9. Jim Bailey needs August janitors; 1 hour/week for a month and get work bond refunded.
10. No correspondence to report.
11. Old Business:
  - 11.1. Lead toxicity: Gary expects to present at the next BOD meeting.
  - 11.2. Lead salvage: Howard is ready to have the lead raked out to drain. This work qualifies for a work bond and can be done off-hours from the regular work party schedule (coordinate first with Norm Rose to ensure your refund). He expects to have a price from the recycler next week.
  - 11.3. Armor Plate for Position 10: Howard has been unable to locate any currently.

- 11.4. Air flow test: Howard is arranging a test to determine flow volume and whether it is adequate (next Monday). We may also want to set up fans so they come on when lights come on.
  - 11.5. Rifle Tube Backstop: a member has located 30' of conveyor belt that can be installed after the next clean out. George Wright will try this in place of creosote lumber previously used.
  12. Don read the applications for new membership from six applicants. Vadim Phillipov, Larry Eckblad, Jim Weese, Michael Tarzwell, Sherri Ghilarducci, and David Faltot. The applicants spoke of their interest in the club and in shooting; they were accepted into the club by unanimous vote subject to the unsponsored members completing the Safety Course with Clark Calve. Faltot, a returning member from 2001 who has been overseas in support of the war effort for most of the year, will not be charged the initiation fee.
  13. Don received a card from *Arapahoe County Four Square Mile Area* to plan the area's future. If a member can attend the meeting and report back to the BOD, their work bond will be refunded.
  14. The NRA ILA is hosting a Grassroots Training in the area – check the ILA web site if interested.
  15. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.
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### **CHERRY CREEK GUN CLUB Board of Directors Meeting**

July 30, 2004, 7:30 PM at the club house

Attendees: Collins, Calvé, Goodlette, Shearer, Bailey, Epps, Rose, Thrush, Wright, Trisdate, Rudolph, Hunter and guests Howard Glasier, Duncan Harlow, Ralph Brown.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.
2. Minutes from the previous meetings (May and June) were accepted as published.
3. Jim Bailey continues to need janitors. Jim also reported that Jim Schwartz has donated a new vacuum cleaner.
4. Board Member Reports:
  - 4.1. Tom Thrush has spoken to Bob Lees concerning his invoice. The invoice was (verbally) in error. There is no new information on the Scheffels invoice. New actions: Don Shearer will draft a letter to Bob Lees voicing our concerns and clarifications.
  - 4.2. Clark Calvé is still holding the cards for 2 new members needing to complete the safety class.
  - 4.3. Dave Goodlette has sent next season's match dates to the NRA.
  - 4.4. Sandy Rudolph reported:
    - a) He has a first draft of an accounting software setup using MS Money.
    - b) The escrow account for potential back taxes has not yet been established.

- c) Year to date, the club has approximately \$65,000 revenue, \$32,000 expense. This is typical for this part of the year as most revenue comes in during membership renewal.
  - d) Property insurance has been paid for the period August 2004 to August 2005.
- 4.5. Dave Epps has received no returned checks this year. Three members qualified for the rifle tube.
- 4.6. Norm Rose corrected work party dates as shown on the newsletter calendar. Thanks to Howard Glasier and Ralph Brown for their work on the electrical and HVAC.
- 4.7. Brian Hunter raised a discussion of offering Hunter Safety Classes. Brian will flesh out requirements and explore proposals as appropriate.
- 4.8. George Wright has received conveyor belt for rifle tube backstop and needs a work party to assist in installation.
- 4.9. Correspondence received was Peterson's Hunting Magazine and a Citizen's Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms newsletter; both will be posted.
5. Old Business:
- 5.1. Gary Trisdale continues to gather information on lead toxicity.
  - 5.2. Howard Glasier and Ralph Brown have increased the air flow in the pistol range 25%; and the fans come on with the light switch (west range). The heat exchangers are nearly worn out though Ralph thinks that they can be rebuilt. A motion to recognize Ralph for the 30 hours work to date was approved.
  - 5.3. Howard found new magnum armor plate for position 10 but it will cost approximately \$1000. The expenditure is not authorized at time.
  - 5.4. Duncan Harlow reported in the County Planning Committee/zoning meeting (*Arapahoe County Four Square Mile Area*) which he attended on behalf of the club. The county has no specific plans for the area but is seeking local business and resident feedback in expectation of a comprehensive zoning plan sometime next year. Duncan reported that the consensus opinion was in favor of the "semi-rural" atmosphere of this 4 square mile area and that the atmosphere was friendly. There will be another meeting August 11. A copy of his report is available from the Club Secretary.
  - 5.5. Tom Thrush and Bill Collins proposed allowing members to advertise in the newsletter; the Board approved. The advertising would be subject to the following guidelines:
    - a) It is intended for legal, commercial purposes of the member.
    - b) The unit of space will be the equivalent of a business card.
    - c) The rate will be \$5.00 per month or \$50.00 pre-paid for an entire year (this is estimated to be a reasonable offset of the costs of printing and postage).
    - d) The editor retains discretion in accepting or rejecting advertisements.

6. New Business:

- 6.1. Don Shearer reported on a small powder fire in the tube (extinguished without incident). The fire extinguisher will be recharged.
- 6.2. Sandy Rudolph requested the grounds be trimmed (weeds); Don Shearer will arrange it.
- 6.3. Proposals for the upcoming year's calendar were accepted:
  - a) Monday Night Bullseye League: October 18, 2004 through March 14, 2005, 3:30 PM (setup) until 10:00 PM; both ranges.
  - b) Winter Pistol Matches: both ranges, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM; September 26, October 30, November 28, December 18, January 30, February 26, March 27, and April 23.
  - c) Juniors Practice: both ranges, every Thursday, 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM.
  - d) Action Pistol (Pins): west range, every Tuesday night, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.
  - e) Action Rifle (Pins): west range, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM.
  - f) Winter Smallbore: east range, every Wednesday from September 15, 2004 through the end of March, 2005, 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM.
- 6.4. Gary Trisdale will bring a proposal for a dues increase to the next meeting. There was a preliminary discussion concerning dues and work bonds.
- 6.5. Bill Collins will miss the next General and possibly Board meetings. He also announced his intent to step down as newsletter editor next year. There was a discussion of how to handle the newsletter.
- 6.6. Dave Goodlette will reserve the cgc.org domain name. This will facilitate development of a club web site and electronic newsletter distribution.
- 6.7. A motion by Sandy Rudolph to authorize \$200 for labor to specify heating system repairs was passed. The report is due at the August 13 General Meeting.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

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## 2004 Duties and Responsibilities

<i>President:</i>	Don Shearer	<i>Legal Adviser:</i>	Tom Thrush
<i>Vice President:</i>	Tom Thrush	<i>Legislative Coordinator:</i>	Lee Ormiston
<i>Secretary:</i>	Bill Collins	<i>Locker Administrator:</i>	Clark Calvé
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Sandy Rudolph	<i>Maintenance Coordinator:</i>	Norm Rose
<i>Boy Scout Program Coordinator:</i>	Lee Ormiston	<i>Membership Coordinator:</i>	Dave Epps
<i>Budget Committee:</i>	Lee Ormiston, Bill Collins, Don Shearer	<i>New Member Indoctrination:</i>	Clark Calvé
<i>Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP):</i>	Gary Trisdale	<i>Newsletter Editor:</i>	Bill Collins
<i>Corby System Manager:</i>	Dave Epps	<i>Pin Shooters Chairman:</i>	Joe Edwards
<i>Guest Fee Manager:</i>	Joe Edwards	<i>Pistol Matches:</i>	Dave Goodlette
<i>Handicap Program Coordinator:</i>	George Wright	<i>Pistol Winter League:</i>	Steve Locatelli, Dave Goodlette
<i>High Power Chairman:</i>	Gary Trisdale	<i>Pop Machine Manager:</i>	Clark Calvé
<i>Historian:</i>	Fred Crowle	<i>Safety Course Administrator:</i>	Clark Calvé
<i>Janitorial Coordinator:</i>	Jim Bailey	<i>Senior Small Bore:</i>	Gary Trisdale
<i>Juniors Small Bore:</i>	Dennis Fluman, Gary Trisdale	<i>Telephone Message Administrator:</i>	Jim Bailey
		<i>Tube Custodians &amp; Instructors:</i>	George Wright

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## Work Party Schedule (by last name)

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 8:00AM- Noon.  
Contact: Norm Rose

August 21: N, O  
September 18: P, Q, R  
October 16: S

November 20: T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z  
December 18: Last Chance for 2004!

## Ongoing Events

Tuesdays, 6:00 PM- 9:00 PM  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 6:00 PM- 9:00 PM  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 6:00 PM- 9:00 PM  
Thursdays, 5:00 PM- 10:00 PM  
2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, 7:30 PM-9:00 PM  
3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 6:30 PM- 10:00 PM  
3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 7:00 PM- 10:00 PM  
Last Friday, 7:30 PM- 9:00 PM  
Sunday after BOD meeting, 5:00 PM

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  
Boy Scouts  
CCGC BOD Meeting (meeting room)  
Newsletter publication deadline.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>August, 2004</b>						
<b>NOTE: There were errors in the august calendar as printed in your july newsletter. The errors have been corrected here: use this calendar.</b>						
1	2	3 <u>Action – Handgun</u> 6:00PM - 9:00PM West Range	4	5 <u>Juniors Practice</u> 5:00PM - 10PM BOTH Ranges	6	7
8	9	10 <u>Action – Handgun</u> 6:00PM – 9:00PM West Range	11 <u>Action – Rifle</u> 6:00PM - 9:00PM West Range	12 <u>Juniors Practice</u> 5:00PM - 10PM BOTH Ranges	13 <u>General Meeting</u> 7:30PM - 9:00PM Meeting Room	14
15	16	17 <u>Action – Handgun</u> <u>Match Night</u> 6:00PM - 9:00PM West Range	18	19 <u>Juniors Practice</u> 5:00PM - 10PM BOTH Ranges	20 <u>Tube Qualification</u> 6:30PM – 10:00 PM <u>Boy Scouts</u> 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM East Range	21 <u>Work Party</u> 8:00AM – 12:00PM
22	23	24 <u>Action – Handgun</u> 6:00PM - 9:00PM West Range	25 <u>Action – Rifle</u> 6:00PM - 9:00PM West Range	26 <u>Juniors Practice</u> 5:00PM - 10PM BOTH Ranges	27 <u>Board of Dirs. Mtg.</u> 7:30PM - 9:00PM Meeting Room	28
29	30	31 <u>Action – Handgun</u> 6:00PM - 9:00PM West Range				

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<b>September, 2004</b>						
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**General Members Meeting:  
Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM**