



The Firing Line

Cherry Creek Gun Club News for September, 2004

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U.S. Olympics Shooting Success

-Gary Trisdale

By the time you read this, the 2004 Olympics are over. The U.S. shooting team was successful in bringing home 3 medals. Kim Rhode took Gold in women's double trap. This is her 3rd medal in this event, having won a Gold in 1996 and Bronze in 2000. Matt Emmons won a Gold in men's prone. Michael Anti won Silver in men's 3-position. Michael shot the best score in the final to move from seventh to second place. It looked like Matt Emmons would win a Gold in men's 3-position. On the last shot of the final, Matt only needed a little better than a seven to take the Gold, but he cross-fired onto another competitors target. In international competition, this counts as a miss. Matt finished in 8th place. If you would like more information on how the U.S. shooting team did, go to the USA Shooting web site at www.usashooting.org.

One of the fun things about shooting sports is that Juniors and Olympians frequently shoot against each other in matches. Can you imagine a high school basketball team getting to compete against the L.A. Lakers? It just doesn't happen. In the shooting sports, it is different. During the past year, several of the Cherry Creek Gun Club juniors have shot side by side against members of this year's Olympic team, former Olympic medallists, and members of other National Olympic Teams. One of our juniors even went and shot at the Olympic trials. What a great experience. If you are aware of any juniors who might enjoy this experience, contact Gary Trisdale at 303-367-8733.

Cherry Creek Gun Club Fees to Increase

-Gary Trisdale, Don Shearer

At the August Board of Director's meeting, the Board voted to increase the

membership dues from \$100 per year to \$150 per year. While everything else has been going up in price (including guns and ammunition), we have been able to hold the membership fees at the same cost for over 20 years. However, there have been several changes during past the past year or two that are driving up the expense of the club. These include the probable loss of our property tax exemption, significant increases in the cost for electricity, and the need to make repairs to the facility.

The probable loss of our property tax exemption is the major driver for the increase. As most of you know, we enjoyed tax exemption on our property for a long time; however, the state has changed how they look at all property tax exemptions and is doing reviews of these exemptions. We have been going through the process of trying to preserve our exemption, but it looks like we will likely lose our appeals. The taxes on the property are about \$20,000 per year. With somewhere around 400 regular members, this works out to be \$50 per person. This increase in dues will just cover the tax on the property.

Like everyone else, we have been seeing an increase in our electrical costs. During the winter months, our electrical bill frequently exceeds \$1000 per month. With the increases being proposed by Public Service, we need to ensure that we have sufficient funds on hand to cover this increase.

There are areas where repairs need to be made to the facility. The first is the range heating system. This system has decayed to the point that it was not providing adequate heat and could potentially allow dangerous fumes back into the range. This condition must be repaired soon. In addition, while the roof over the range was replaced several years ago, the roof over

the clubhouse is old and will need to be replaced in the next year or so.

We should all remember that even at \$150 per year, this club is quite a bargain. Where else can you can you shoot for only \$12.50 per month?

Editor's note: Per the Club's Bylaws, dues for other membership types are a percentage of Regular dues; hence, these will increase proportionately. Refer to the Bylaws for details.

Newsletter Advertising

-Bill Collins

At the July Board of Directors Meeting, the Board approved accepting advertising for members' businesses in the newsletter. The advertising is subject to the following guidelines:

1. It is intended for legal, commercial purposes of the member.
2. The unit of space will be the equivalent of a business card.
3. 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).
4. The editor retains discretion in accepting or rejecting advertisements.

If you are interested in advertising, contact the editor at williamcollins4@comcast.net. Copy should be submitted in text, MS Word, or OpenOffice Text Document formats. Graphics should be in jpeg format, and clearly visible in black and white print.

The more complex your advertisement is, the more time I will need to incorporate it in the newsletter. Please allow two weeks prior to the publication deadline for new ads.

Clean Your Club!

-Jim Bailey

I need janitors for September 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.

Gun Shows

- October 16 & 17; Merchandise Mart (Tanner, www.tannergunshow.com)
- October 2 & 3, Loveland (Wasatch)
- October 20 & 21; Holiday Inn, Aurora (Crossroads)
- October 23 & 24; Lincoln Center, Ft. Collins (Wasatch)
- October 9 & 10, Colorado State Fairgrounds, Pueblo (ETS)
- November 13 & 14, Douglas County Fairgrounds, Castle Rock (ETS)

http://www.cssa.org/events_gunshows.2004.html contains a partial calendar, promoter contact information, and links to directions. To confirm show dates, contact the promoter or visit the promoter's web site.

CHERRY CREEK GUN CLUB General Meeting

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

1. Minutes of July 2004 meeting approved as published.
2. Reports from Board Members:
 - a) Tom Thrush - nothing to report.

- b) George Wright - requires volunteers to repair rifle tube backstop August 14 or 28.
 - c) Clark Calvé - still holding cards for 2 unsponsored members who have not taken the safety course.
 - d) Brian Hunter - nothing to report.
 - e) Gary Trisdale - nothing to report.
 - f) Jim Bailey - janitors required.
 - g) Lee Ormiston - had a good showing at the last Boy Scout marksmanship night; next is Friday, August 20.
 - h) Sandy Rudolph - nothing to report.
3. Old Business
- a) Lead removal - Howard Glasier is organizing a work party list for Saturday, August 21 to move lead out of trenches onto floor.
 - b) Air circulation - Howard Glasier reported that the furnaces have been inspected and replacement costs are being estimated to enable a repair or replace decision. Also, air circulation / extraction fans on the pistol ranges have been / are being modified to increase effectiveness. Thanks to Ralph Brown, Mark Lilley and Don Eiser.
 - c) East range magnum plate - no armor plate presently available for the conversion.
 - d) County Planning Committee Meeting - Duncan Harlow will liaise and report.
4. New Business
- a) Applications for membership were received from and approved for 3 sponsored candidates (Victor Padilla, Mac McDonald and Steve Recknor) and 3 unsponsored candidates (Brian Haug, Eladio Faigal and Mark Hetzfeld).
 - b) Newsletter editor - a volunteer is required to be newsletter editor.
 - c) Don Shearer reported that the club property is to be mowed sometime in the next few days.
 - d) Don Shearer reported of plans to build more townhouses in the vicinity of the club. Reminder: Please keep all firearms cased outside of the club buildings.
 - e) It was noted that Gary Trisdale will, at the next Board meeting, open for the discussion the topic of annual membership dues increases which may be necessary to pay the property taxes.
5. Meeting adjourned at approx. 8:15 p.m.

CHERRY CREEK GUN CLUB Board of Directors Meeting

August 17, 2004, 7:30 PM at the club house

Attendees: Bill Collins; Norm Rose; Don Shearer; Dave Goodlette; Lee Ormiston; Clark Calvé; Sandy Rudolph; Tom Thrush; Gary Trisdale; Dave Epps; George Wright; and guests Howard Glasier; Jim Schwartz; Chuck Towne; Steve Murdock (Wheelin Sportsmen & CCGC), Richard Ray (Wheelin' Sportsmen), Dan Lichtenwähler.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:25 PM.

2. Proposal by Steve Murdock, Richard Ray, and Dan Lichtenwahrer: that Dan be allowed to use the facilities to train Richard, a blind person, in the use of firearms; starting with an unloaded firearm. Richard's goal is to pass the Hunter Safety course, and ultimately to hunt with Dan as a team. Richard has shooting and archery experience; Dan is well-qualified in handling firearms. They will use a modified scope mount allowing Dan to sight the target for Richard.
A motion was made to allow the activity and waive their membership dues for 2004. The motion passed.
3. Minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.
4. Board Members' Reports:
 - a) Clark Calvé still has two outstanding cards for new members in need of his safety class.
 - b) George Wright: the tube backstop was cleaned out and the conveyor belt installed. So far, it appears to be essentially self-sealing as hoped. The belt is 5/16" thick. The condition of the belt backstop will be monitored closely over the next month.
 - c) George found a source for armor plate and will provide the information to Howard Glasier.
 - d) Dave Goodlette reported that the first 2700 Match will be held on September 26. He has notified last year's match participants. Dave will be unable to assist in running the Winter Bullseye League on Monday nights but expects that Steve Locatelli will continue to do so.
 - e) Lee Ormiston: eight Boy Scouts attended last week.
 - f) Lee Ormiston: Congress has been in recess; he encourages all to contact their legislators indicating that the Clinton gun ban should be allowed to sunset. Also, many political surveys are being done by telephone and he hopes that all will make pollsters aware of your support for Second Amendment Rights.
 - g) Gary Trisdale: the USA took 3 medals in shooting at the Olympics. A fourth medal was lost when the shooter scored on another competitor's target, dropping him from first to eleventh position.
 - h) Sandy Rudolph tendered his resignation from the Board, effective immediately, citing conflicting obligations. Sandy recommends that the club engage a bookkeeping service to establish and maintain a proper set of books: assets, liabilities, income, and expenses.
 - i) Norm Rose reported that the last work party included 19 people. The lead was cleaned out of both pistol ranges, the ramp was painted, floors washed down, et al. Howard will attend to recycling the cleaned-out lead.
 - j) Correspondence: NRA Whittington Center Founders Club banquet; NRA Women On Target announcement; First Freedom Fund request for donation.
5. Old Business:
 - a) Don Shearer, concerning the attorney's fees: still under discussion with the attorneys.
 - b) Tom Thrush has drafted a release form for use by the Juniors and other organized activities, and explained the potential value of such a form.
A motion was made to require the form be signed by all participants in club-organized activities. The motion passed.

6. New Business:

- a) Gary Trisdale led a discussion of a dues increase. The property tax potential liability is on the order of \$20,000 per year. A \$50 dues increase would cover this amount given the current membership size. In addition, other expenses such as increased energy costs and building maintenance must be accounted for. (The current dues have been in place since 1980.) An increase in regular membership dues will automatically increase Associate and Junior member dues proportionately, per the Club Bylaws. A motion was made to increase regular member dues by \$50 per year effective January 1, 2005, and make no change to work bond or initiation fee. The motion passed.
- b) Chuck Towne requested a reservation of the east range for March 12 & 13, 2005 for a Sectional. A motion to accept the request passed. Chuck has closed out the pistol match checking account and presented the Board with a check for \$939.68.
- c) Howard Glasier reported that the property to the east of the club is slated to become a townhouse complex.
- d) Don reported on a proposal to refurbish and/or replace the heating & AC system. Howard is also pursuing another bid. The club has committed to a minimal amount of repairs to the system (approximately \$330). The longevity of those repairs is unknown at this time.
- e) Dave Goodlette suggested that certain activities of the club should be contracted out rather than be volunteer efforts: important items involving professional services such as the bookkeeping, HVAC repair; perhaps to include janitorial services or newsletter publication (where there has been a lack of volunteer support for the activities).
- f) There was a discussion of the need to recruit new BOD candidates as 2 existing BOD members will not be on the Board next year and at least one more must cut back on his commitments.
- g) Clark Calvé reported that the clubhouse roof is showing signs of age.

7. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

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>	open	<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 & Instructors:</i>	George Wright

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Work Party Schedule (by last name)

3rd Saturday (subject to change), 8:00AM- Noon.

Contact: Norm Rose

(Format: Date and initial of your last name)

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

Mondays, 3:30 PM – 10:00 PM

Tuesdays, 6:00 PM- 9:00 PM

Wednesdays, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

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

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

Thursdays, 5:00 PM- 10:00 PM

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

3rd Friday, 6:30 PM- 10:00 PM

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

Sunday after BOD meeting, 5:00 PM

Various Saturdays or Sundays

Winter Bullseye League, October 18, 2004 – March 14, 2005

Action Shooting (Pins), Handgun (west range)

Winter Smallbore, September 15, 2004 – March 30, 2005

Action Shooting (Pins), 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

2700 Matches, 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM: September 26, 2004;

October 30, 2004; November 28, 2004; December 18, 2004;

January 30, 2005; February 26, 2005; March 27, 2005;

April 23, 2005.

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Friday, September 10th, 7:30 PM**