



The Firing Line

Cherry Creek Gun Club News for August, 2006

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2700

- The 2006-2007 season for 2700 Matches begins September 23; the schedule and match bulletin are posted on the web site. Contact Dave Goodlette to sign up.
- The 2006-2007 schedule for Winter Bullseye League has not yet been finalized.

Electronic Firing Line

-Bill Collins

The march toward an all-electronic *Firing Line* continues. So far, you've saved the club over \$1100 a year in printing and mailing costs. We still have nearly \$3000 a year to cover those costs for those of you that have not yet converted. That means we have to have over 19 new members every year so that the rest of us have a place to go to complain about how long it takes to receive the newsletter in the mail!

The club has other, concrete, things we can spend that money on: the Corby card system (the cards you swipe to get in) is failing and has to be replaced; we need to finish tuning the heating and air conditioning (the meeting room air conditioner failed during the General Meeting last week); etc.

Try pulling the newsletter from the web site, where it is published sooner and costs nothing to print or mail. Then send an email to FiringLine@cherrycreekgunclub.org to have your name removed from the snail mail list. After all, it's your money.

As of July 20:

Electronic newsletter subscribers: 115

Savings thanks to them: \$1104

Paper newsletter subscribers: 307

Remaining cost: \$2947

In the meantime, all new members are only getting the electronic newsletter and anyone whose newsletter is returned as undeliverable is being converted (which is better than the old way

where they just came off the mailing list completely).

Missing Rifle

-Bill Bierbach

In March of this year an inventory of the club's .22 Cal. rifles used to train Boy Scouts that are trying to earn their firearms marksmanship/safety Merit Badge was discovered missing. The right handed, bolt action rifle (Serial #0312800), is a Savage Model 1Y. A request for information regarding the location of that rifle was placed in the April issue of this newsletter. Since that appeal for assistance didn't result in the recovery of the firearm I contacted the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office by phone to make a "Lost or Stolen" report. The person I talked to said that because the item in question was a firearm she would have to send a deputy out to the club to take a "Theft" report so that the description of the rifle, including the serial number, could be entered into the National Crime Information Center computer data base. Consequently, I waited for the arrival of the deputies & signed a report for them. I was told the report would be assigned a case number and get assigned to an investigator for follow-up. The deputies explained I might be contacted later. After a few weeks went by I received a card in the mail from the investigator assigned to the case. It included the Case Number, the investigator's name and phone number and a request that I contact him if additional information relating to the missing firearm comes to my attention. I'm hoping the rifle is in a member's possession and that it turns out to be a matter of it having just been misplaced. If it turns out that way the member should contact me, or any member of the Board of Directors, so it can be returned. Once that's done, the Board can then contact the sheriff's office and have the case closed without unpleasant ramifications. Otherwise, whoever is contacted by a law enforcement officer

anywhere in the country while in the possession of that rifle will go straight to jail.

NRA Mix N' Mingle

-NRA-ILA

An NRA "Mix N' Mingle" will be held for candidate Rick O'Donnell (R) on August 28. Further information can be found at <http://www.nra.org/workshops/Register.aspx?ID=aurora06> or 800-392-8683.

NRA Memberships

-Bill Collins

Did you know that you can renew your NRA membership through the club, or join if you are not already a member? You can do this at the General Meeting or a Board Meeting, or send an email to FiringLine@cherrycreekgunclub.org for information. Do not send your credit card number in an email! When you join/renew through the club, the club benefits by receiving the \$5 or \$10 commission that the NRA remits to recruiters.

Looking for a Few (who want to be) Good Shooters

-Gary Trisdale

We shoot on Thursday evenings. As always, if you know of any young person (male or female, age 8 and up) who would like to try competitive rifle shooting, have them contact Gary Trisdale at 303-367-8733 or at gtrisdale@earthlink.net or Juniors@cherrycreekgunclub.org. No experience required and no equipment needed to start. Their parents do not need to be members of Cherry Creek.

Short Story: The Drive Home

A true story – hope it brings you a laugh.

July 16, 2006 - I was heading home. I live about 20 miles outside the metro area and was on that part of the drive where there isn't much traffic. I'd been at work for the last ten hours, outside in 100° heat. I was just enjoying the ride and the air conditioning; just looking forward to a cold beer and a warm shower.

Along the drive there is a sandy creek bed, part of a pasture where a couple of hundred head of cattle graze. The line of cottonwoods pretty well blocks the view of the creek until you're on the bridge going over it. As I drove over the bridge, I noticed smoke from the creek bed about 100

yards off to my right. There's a car down there and two people running around it.

"Now that ain't right." (Pretty astute observation, don't you agree?)

Should I pull over and see what's going on? I can play it safe and just go home but... no, they may be in trouble. I'll turn back.

I head back and pull off onto the shoulder. There are two guys down there, now walking up toward the road. The closer guy is wearing shorts, carrying his shirt, walking head down like he's dead tired. He looks up toward me, grins, waves his arms and his pace picks up a little. His buddy is kind of lagging behind. "Frat boy" is the term that comes to mind.

I'm still wearing my blaze orange range vest. Thinking that a range vest full of NRA patches is probably not the ideal greeting, I step out, toss the vest on the passenger seat, and grab the cell phone.

"You OK?" I asked.

"Oh, man, you stopped! We've been here four hours! We were four wheelin' down there and got stuck and we tried to wave people down and nobody stopped so we tried putting some wood under the car and" [Punctuation by the author – it really came out as one run-on sentence.]

"Got any water?" he blurted, grinning.

"Yup, Frat Boy," goes through my mind as I stare at him, somewhat unbelieving.

"You know, that's private land down there," I said.

"um... yeah, I guess your right," was the answer, as if the thought had never occurred to him. Probably hadn't occurred to him nor had he thought how he'd feel if somebody spent the afternoon four-wheeling through his back yard.

"Can you tow us out? Or maybe call a tow truck?" (The grin was back.)

"Uh, I don't have a tow chain with me. Let me call someone." More to the point would have been telling him that trespassing wasn't what I had in mind nor was interested in joining he and his buddy down there way off the road. I called the sheriff's office; Frat Boy explained what happened to them – they'd gone four-wheeling and gotten stuck, they'd tried putting wood and an old pallet under the wheels with no success and burned the wood & rubber and now this "really nice guy" had finally stopped to help.

The wood under the car explained the smoke I'd seen: they'd burned rubber and caught the wood on fire.

We waited for the sheriff and talked. They were medical-school bound and decided to go have some fun today, despite the fact that Frat Boy #2 was having, shall we say, some digestive difficulties. He soon tired of getting eaten by mosquitoes and retired to the car in the creek, where he took two more trips to the woods while we waited. This brings up an interesting question – if you were Frat Boy #1 and your buddy needed to be close to the bathroom, would you take your car four wheeling with him? I didn't ask if there was a plastic sheet on the passenger seat.

Pretty soon, we saw the Deputy pull over to the side of the road on the other side of the creek, pause for about a minute, then turn back and head the other direction! He didn't see us, he probably thought he had gone too far, and didn't notice my truck ¼ mile ahead of him with the flashers on.

I call the sheriff's office again as I get in the truck and head down the road in the direction he went. I offer to meet him at the next intersection, or could they ask him to turn around or whatever else works and then... zoom! ... there he goes, back the way I had come from. He'd gotten the call to head back that way. OK, I tell the office, ask him to stop, I'm turning around too and going the same way as he is. If he'll stop for a minute, I can lead him in. By the way, I have a carry permit, I'm carrying, and I'm not a threat.

Let me tell you, there was a pause on the other end of the phone after that statement.

"You're behind him?" she asks, after the pause. OK, yeah, I see this now. In her mind, the question she really wanted to ask was, "you're armed and chasing my deputy down a country road?!?!" Great, now I've got law enforcement thinking I may be a nut case. Rest assured that I don't want or need that.

"Yes, ma'am. If he can stop, I can show him where these guys are stuck. I'll leave the firearm in the vehicle."

He stopped very soon. I stopped 20 yards away (far enough, I figured, that he could watch me), put the gun in the console, and got out with wallet in hand. When I got to his car, I took out the permit, gave it to him, told him that the firearm was in the truck, and told him about how far we were from the Frat Boys. He looked at

the permit front & back as if he'd never seen one from his own county before. He looked at me the same way I'd been looking at Frat Boy. He said for me to lead the way and we'd deal with the firearm at the scene.

On arrival, he parks on the shoulder behind me. I meet him in between the vehicles; he says he'll unload the gun while I wait. OK, I'm good with that, so I unlock the truck and tell him where it is and which direction the muzzle is pointed. He returns momentarily and tells me the ammo is in his pocket. Another weird look from the deputy as I lift my shirttail and hand him the other mag from my belt (Hey! I'm playing nice!).

Now, you should see the look on Frat Boy's face! He's standing looking dumber than ever with his jaw roughly in line with his knees. "What's going on??" (Hmm, country road, basically all alone, maybe the city boy has seen Deliverance?)

"Oh, I had my gun with me and I figured that he'd like to know about, that's all." (Dumb look continues but jaw slowly returns to socket.)

That's about the end of the story - we headed down toward the car and stopped at the barbed wire fence that was down. Frat Boy and I looked at it to see if it could be closed (yes) – I know darned well that a lot of cattle graze here and if they wander off due to trespassers, the owner will not be very happy. The Deputy was wondering if they could figure out who owned the land. He confirmed one last time that I had just stopped to help and wasn't one of the joyriders (at which point Frat Boy starts up again with what a nice guy I was to stop for them), then handed me back my ammo and told me I could go if I wished.

There are some lessons here:

- Trespassing is bad.
- Diarrhea and four wheeling are probably bad though I never got close enough to find out.
- Don't chase the sheriff down the road.
- Do be nice to the sheriff if you were chasing him.
- When looking for a doctor, check and see if he's smart enough to consider the first two bullets, above.

I hope you enjoyed the story. If nothing else, it filled some newsletter space!

CHERRY CREEK GUN CLUB Board of Directors Meeting

June 30, 2006, 7:00 PM at the Club House

Attendees: Wright, Bierbach, Calve, Eyser, Thrush, Johnston, Towne, Shearer, and Trisdale.

1. The meeting was called to order by George Wright at 7:03 PM.
2. The minutes to the last board meeting were approved as published.
3. Bill Bierbach reported that Lee Ormiston had four boy scouts at the last session and that the janitorial volunteers are filled through July.
4. Clark Calve is holding seven access cards pending the safety course.
5. Don Eyser reported very few workers at the last work party.
6. Gary Trisdale reported that five of the juniors won eight metals at the last match and that six juniors will be going to Oregon for the next match.
7. George Wright said that the board did not approve the offer for the storm drain easement from the contractor to the east. The issue is still unresolved pending the next planning commission meeting.
8. George Wright reported that the church across the street has expanded their parking lot on their west side by 200 spaces. The impact of this is unknown.
9. George Wright reported that the testing don to date on the Corby system improvement is inconclusive. Options are to modify our present system or go with a known new system. The former would require new cards at \$1.95 each plus having a system unlike any other with a cost of some \$2,000. A new system would run about \$4,000 but would have a known track record.
10. George Wright reported that several applications are pending.
11. Match dates for the 2006-2007 pistol 2700 matches as submitted by Dave Goodlette were approved.
12. The schedule for the smallbore winter league starting September 20 through March 28 on Wednesday evenings were approved.
13. The boy scouts will continue on the third Friday of every month starting at 7 PM.
14. Bill Bierbach reported that John Kelly has appraised the firearms donated by Harold Houston. The board discussed ways of turning them into money to benefit the Juniors.
15. The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM.

CHERRY CREEK GUN CLUB GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING

July 14, 2006, 7:00 PM at the Club House.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Pres. George Wright.
2. The minutes from were approved
3. Board:
 - (a) Bill Collins reported that 107 Members are currently getting the Newsletter electronically from the Club's Website and encouraged others to sign up. The newsletter now costs the club the equivalent of 20 new members to print and mail each year.

4. Old Business:
 - (a) Bill Bierbach reported that the Club is selling some guns that were donated. The proceeds will go to the Junior Program.
 - (b) George Wright gave a report about the proposed Townhouse project adjacent to the Club's property on Dayton Street. The Developer no longer wants to obtain an Easement across the Club's property. The Club is monitoring any new developments that may come up on this Development.
 - (c) George Wright reported that the Club has gotten a bid on replacing the entire Corby Card System, and also replacing all of the Cards.
 5. New Business:
 - (a) George Wright read the applications from three applicants. The applicants spoke of their experience shooting and their interest in the club; their sponsors spoke of their experience shooting with the applicants and the applicants' safety habits. A motion to accept the new members was made and passed. The new members are Robert Sheperd, Ted Whalen and Colleen Pluchek; all new members needing to complete the safety course with Clark Calvé.
 6. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM
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CHERRY CREEK GUN CLUB Board of Directors Meeting

July 28, 2006, 7:00 PM at the Club House

Attending: Calvé, Bierbach, Collins, Thrush, Johnston, Trisdale, Shearer, Ormiston, Pritchett, Towne and Wright.

Guests: Glasier, Schwartz

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Pres. George Wright.
2. The minutes from July's Meetings were approved as published in the newsletter.
3. Board Reports:
 - (a) Clark Calve is holding 10 Corby Cards that are not claimed.
 - (b) Bill Collins announced that 117 members have asked to not receive the Newsletter by mail; as they are reading the Newsletter on the Club Website, and 305 are still receiving the Newsletter by mail.
 - (c) Warren Johnston announced that the next work party will be Saturday August 19th.
 - (d) The Junior Shooting Program made a request to use the Ranges for 2007 on Tuesday Nights, the request was granted.
4. Old Business:
 - (a) None
5. 5. New Business:
 - (a) The Developer of the Dayton Street Town home project has withdrawn his request to get an easement across the Clubs Land for water and Storm Runoff.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

2005 Duties and Responsibilities

<i>President:</i>	George Wright	<i>Maintenance Coordinator:</i>	Don Eyser, Warren Johnston
<i>Vice President:</i>	Don Shearer	<i>HVAC:</i>	Curt Lackey
<i>Secretary:</i>	Dave Pritchett	<i>Membership Coordinator:</i>	George Wright
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Lee Ormiston	<i>New Member Indoctrination:</i>	Clark Calvé
<i>Boy Scout Program Coordinator:</i>	Bill Bierbach	<i>Newsletter Editor:</i>	Bill Collins
<i>Budget Committee:</i>	Lee Ormiston, Bill Collins, Don Shearer	<i>Pin Shooters Chairman:</i>	Joe Edwards
<i>Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP):</i>	Gary Trisdale	<i>2700 Pistol Matches:</i>	David Goodlette
<i>Corby /Video Manager:</i>	George Wright	<i>Monday Night Pistol League:</i>	Marita Keeling
<i>Guest Fee Manager:</i>	George Wright	<i>Pop Machine Manager:</i>	Clark Calvé
<i>Handicap Program Coordinator:</i>		<i>Safety Course Administrator:</i>	Clark Calvé
<i>Historian:</i>	Fred Crowle	<i>Sergeant at Arms:</i>	Don Shearer & Clark Calvé
<i>Janitorial Coordinator:</i>	Bill Bierbach	<i>Senior Small Bore:</i>	Gary Trisdale
<i>Juniors Small Bore:</i>	Dennis Fluman, Gary Trisdale	<i>Telephone Message Administrator:</i>	David Pritchett
<i>Legal adviser:</i>	Tom Thrush	<i>Tube Custodians & Instructor:</i>	Dave Pritchett & (back-up)George Wright
<i>Legislative Coordinator:</i>	Lee Ormiston, Bill Collins	<i>Web Site:</i>	Bill Collins, Dave Pritchett & Dave Goodlette
<i>Locker Administrator:</i>	Clark Calvé		

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Work Party Schedule

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

Contact: Don Eyser

Work Party Dates according to your last initial: **A-B:** January; **C-D:** February; **E-F:** March;

G-H: April 15th; **I-J:** May 20th; **K-L:** June 17th; **M-N:** July 15th; **O-P:** August 19th; **Q-R:** September 16th;

S-T: October 21st; **U-Z:** November 18th; **Last Chance for Everyone:** December 16th.

Ongoing Events

Mondays, 3:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Tuesdays, 5:30 PM- 9:00 PM
Wednesdays, 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM
3rd Tuesday, 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
3rd Friday, 7:00 PM- 10:00 PM
Last Friday, 7:30 PM- 9:00 PM
Sunday after BOD meeting, 5:00 PM
Various Saturdays

Winter Bullseye League tbd, likely October – March
Action Shooting (Pins), Handgun (west range)
Winter Smallbore, September 20th – March, 2006
Action Shooting (Pins), Handgun Matches
Juniors Rifle Practice (both ranges)
CCGC General Meeting (meeting room)
Tube Qualification
Boy Scouts
CCGC BOD Meeting (meeting room)
Newsletter publication deadline
2700 Matches, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM (east range):
September 23, 2006; October 28, 2006; November 25, 2006;
December 30, 2006; January 27, 2007; February 24, 2007;
March 24, 2007; April 28, 2007

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August, 2006		1 <u>Action – Handgun</u> 5:30PM - 9:00PM West Range	2	3	4	5
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13	14	15 <u>Action – Handgun</u> 5:30PM - 9:00PM West Range	16	17 <u>Juniors Practice</u> 5:00PM - 10PM BOTH Ranges	18 <u>Tube Qualification</u> 6:30PM <u>Boy Scouts</u> 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM East Range	19 WORK PARTY 8:00 AM Last Initial O, P
20	21	22 <u>Action – Handgun</u> <u>Match Night</u> 6:00PM - 9:00PM West Range	23	24 <u>Juniors Practice</u> 5:00PM - 10PM BOTH Ranges	25 <u>BOD Meeting</u> 7:00PM – 9:00PM Meeting Room <u>Firing Line</u> publication deadline	26
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