



## ESTES PARK GUN & ARCHERY CLUB NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2021

Welcome to the beginning of a new format for the EPGAC Newsletter. We hope to create something that will capture your interest enough that you'll log on and take a look on a regular basis. We will bring you information on current and upcoming activities and projects and a plea for extra help to make them successful, as well as a place to make suggestions for even more improvements.

Let's face it, by nature of the way our range operates, we are not the most social bunch, and that's OK. I like going up and shooting by myself as much as anyone. But when we only see other members by chance now and then, there is little communication. Unless you are able to spend a lot of time at the range you may not know much about what's going on. My hope is that the newsletter will help upgrade communication and stir interest among all members to get involved.

It will take some time to set up ways to give members a means to comment and submit content to be considered for future newsletters, a place for "Cheers and Jeers," positive reinforcement and constructive criticism. Please, no anger, vitriol or insults (however, occasional snark is acceptable). There are many people that put a lot of effort into the operation, maintenance and improvements to this club and our range facilities, and not a single person draws a paycheck for their efforts, so please be respectful.

First of all, a big thank you to a new club member, Janine Dawley, who has volunteered to take on the task of putting the newsletter together and packaging it in a form that our Webmaster can post for your viewing pleasure.

In doing orientations with new members I am hearing a lot of interest from the new members to get involved and help out as their time allows. This will hopefully help to channel that interest into progress.

I'm also thinking of things like a "Defensive Pistol Drill of the Month," and something I call "Bullet Points," a series of short essays on pertinent gun, shooting 2A, or similar subjects. Member suggestions are welcome.

Thanks for reading! Stay tuned.

Dave Jiles

## CURRENT PROJECT

Efforts are underway to add a 300-yard lane to the long-range shooting area. There is much to be done before its completed, so if you can help please speak up!

We are also working on ways to make it very clear when the long-range area is closed due to someone using the tactical range or someone working down range on the long-range plate racks or other projects in the target area. Please take care to assure it is safe downrange before shooting.

We appreciate your help getting this project underway. Contact me with ideas, questions or concerns at [davejiles@gmail.com](mailto:davejiles@gmail.com).

## BULLET POINTS



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Colorado has experienced another “active shooter” incident. Details are scarce, but that will not stop the media from spinning up a narrative that will live long after the actual facts have come out. One thing is certain; the finger of blame will be pointed at the shooting community.

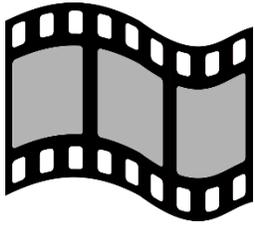
Last year saw tremendous growth in gun sales; many were gun owners adding things they fear they may not be able to buy in the future. But a large number of those gun sales were to first time gun owners who have no experience at all with firearms.

Months of lawlessness and police being told to stand down have shown the necessity of personal responsibility for your own safety and awoken many who believed “those things don’t happen here”. They need the help of experienced, competent and safe gun owners to get them started on the right path. They need to understand that the pistol they bought and put in the sock drawer is not a magic talisman that will help them morph into Chuck Norris when the front door shatters at two in the morning. Most of all, they need encouragement to train, practice and become competent handling and shooting their new gun.

I strongly encourage everyone that can find the time to find some new gun owners; help them, teach them and bring them into “our world”. We can use all the converts we can get and this may be our best chance to change the narrative about gun owners, the shooting sports and the value of being your own security detail.

## MAKE IT COUNT

Just a friendly reminder when using the outdoor range, please remember to sign in when you visit the range. The sign in demonstrates to the Rec District that we are making good use of the property. Also, if you bring guest have them sign the liability waiver as well. This helps to shield the Gun Club and the Recreation District from legal claims. The more range use we show may help to get Rec District approval for improvements and expansion of the facilities!



## VIDEO OF THE MONTH

Check out this video on Active Shooter Security Concepts.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ULvOB6LYm8>

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### *Mark Your Calendar*

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Indoor range clean up April 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Remember, annual and life members need to participate in at least one range cleanup day annually to avoid being charged a Non-Participation Fee of \$50.