

# ESTES PARK GUN AND ARCHERY CLUB

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## Guns 101 -- Winning the War on Gun Control

Dave Jiles, EPGAC Member

We all know that there is constant movement in the arena of new and wonderful ways to discourage gun ownership. Most often it is well funded by very wealthy people who incidentally happen to be protected by armed security, and sheltered from the realities and concerns of the common man or woman.

We will never argue our way out of this but I believe we can successfully beat it back. It is not so much the wealthy donors I worry about. People in positions of power tend to want to remain in power. When “the peasants” are armed and involved, powerful are less likely to overstep their boundaries. It’s the people that have consumed the Kool Aid who vote to give the powerful more power. It is them we must convince.

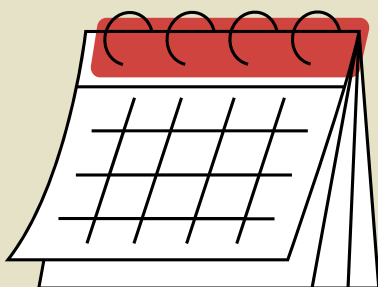
So how do we do it? We immerse them in information. A lot of “anti gun” people simply didn’t grow up around guns and have had nothing but negative input. Many of them, if given the opportunity under controlled conditions, may love a chance to learn about and actually fire guns. This would be a good endeavor for EPGAC to consider, give the general public a chance to come out see the range, talk to knowledgeable people, get an understanding of guns, and try shooting in a safe environment.

If nothing else maybe they would be willing to have a two way conversation about it. We know, and so do they, that gang violence, mass shootings, carjackings, home invasions, and armed robberies are not a product of the NRA, and all of us that enjoy the shooting sports. Our right to protect ourselves, our families, and other innocent people is written in our Constitution. We know that the criminals do not and will not obey the laws, no matter what politicians tell you. We also know that a disarmed populace has not fared well throughout history. The films of executions of men, women, and children at the edge of mass graves should make you furious. North of 100 million were killed by their “leaders” in the 20th century, many of them, in my lifetime. We should never forget what happens when the powerful no longer respect or fear the citizens.

Befriend someone that is unfamiliar with and a little afraid of guns, take them out to the range and show them that shooting can be safe, fun, and very enjoyable. See how long it takes before they’re asking you to take them again, you may have just changed a vote. Now get out there and start changing hearts and minds.

## Gun Club Annual Meeting

January 19th is the annual EPGAC (Estes Park Gun and Archery Club) meeting to be held at the American Legion, at the intersection of Hwy 7 and Hwy 36. Doors open at 630pm, followed by the meeting at 7pm. Come socialize and meet your neighbors, who you may not realize are also EPGAC members. Please join us!



**January 19th**

## End o' The Year

You are reading the final newsletter for 2022. Next year this will be a quarterly feature, rather than monthly or bi-monthly. Our hope is to get it out so that information pertinent to the next quarter is available so everyone can plan and mark their calendars for upcoming events. As always, we welcome input from all members, including submissions to be considered to be printed in the newsletter.

We will soon be choosing volunteers for a few positions on the Board of Directors as well as things like Public Day coordinator, and New Member Orientation. We will need folks to fill RSO positions, clean up day coordinators, and people to come up with special projects and range improvements. We all have access to a great facility and we can continue to make it even better with good participation in volunteer activities, please help if you can.

Annual meeting is January 19th at the American Legion, 7pm.

### Estes gun and archery clubhouse is built

A little over two years ago, a group of residents in the Estes Park area decided to start a project that they had thought about for quite awhile. They formed a gun club.

The newly formed gun club, in its initial search for members, found out that there were a number of people interested in archery. Thus the Estes Park Gun and Archery Club was born.

The first problem to be dealt with was obtaining the necessary membership to keep the club alive. The second problem was money and facilities.

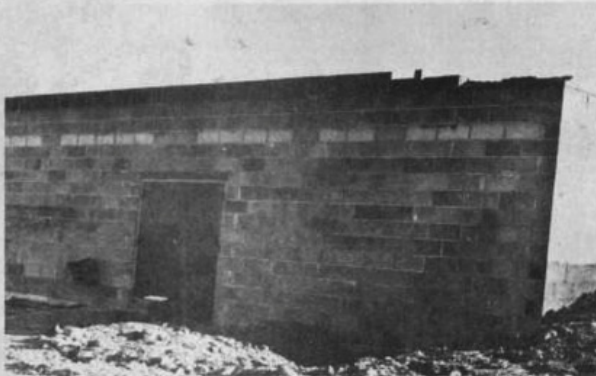
To solve the first problem, a membership drive was started and a lifetime membership was offered at a special price. This drive served to let area residents know that such a club now existed and also helped to get the people interested in the organization. The community responded to the membership drive and the Gun and Archery Club now has over 50 members.

The second problem of money and facilities was partially overcome when, through the Estes Park Recreation Board, a plot of ground on which to build a new clubhouse and shooting range was approved in Stanley Park. After much hard work by club members and donations of time, labor and materials from many people in the Estes Park area, the club building was finally built.

The building was finished and the Club held its first meeting in it on Jan. 28, 1971, when a group of Boy Scouts and other interested young persons, participants in a Club sponsored "hunter" safety course, fired the first shots in the new structure.

Gun and Archery president, John Page, wishes to express his thanks to the many people who have participated in this project since its inception. Page feels that a start has been made thanks to the many people who have helped so far but that there is much work that remains to be done. He is hopeful that future plans and goals can now proceed past the wishful thinking stage.

One of the first of these planned future events is an open house which is tentat-



New Archery and Gun Club Building

ively scheduled for March 1 at the club's new building and will serve to kick off a new membership drive. Other plans call for the formation of an archery club, periodic instruction courses in hunter safety for young people and competitive shooting events, with prizes being awarded, for members of the Junior Rifle Club.

These junior rifle club members deserve a special pat on the back for saving money during the Gun and Archery Club's money and membership drive and then donating \$125 to their parent organization to buy light fixtures for the new clubhouse.

Gun and Archery Club meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month, starting at 7:30 p.m., in the club's new building at the northwest

corner of Stanley Park just off the Hodge Grounds road. Interested persons are welcome to attend and if there are any questions about the club are urged to call or contact either John Page, Mike Michael or Jack Gartner.

Junior Rifle Club is the youthful arm of the Sr. Gun and Archery Club. It is in its second year of existence and functions on a year round basis for boys and girls from about 12 to 15 years of age.

February 1971 article from The Estes Park Trail

The first meeting in the new building at Stanley Park was held January 28, 1971.

First to fire shots in the new building were the local Boy Scouts.

John Page was the club president at the time

Fun Fact: No state requires a dog to have a carry permit.



## Christmas Gifts Ideas For EPGAC Members

- Made in Estes Park by EPGAC member Denny Schall
- Shop at our online store: <https://dennys-wood-sign.square.site/>
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