

# ESTES PARK GUN AND ARCHERY CLUB

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## 2023

Dave Jiles, EPGAC Member

Welcome all to 2023, another rotation around the sun completed, another set of "new year's resolutions" slowly losing their grasp on your daily routine, and another "tax season" (BOO). Most of us are never going to change the world, but we can all do things that will have a positive effect on our little part of it.

Clear the snow from your elderly neighbor's walkway, help the stranger at the lumberyard trying to get heavy plywood into his truck, or just hold a door for someone. *Let's get back to a time when these things were common.*

Thank you to all who made the Annual Meeting a success. Club business was handled, many people won great raffle prizes, and we got to meet and hear from the new EPPD Chief of Police. And of course, a big thanks to Martha Clark for the delicious cookies.

## The Next Project

So, you stand in your workshop trying to think of what you should do next. Sure, there's the list of stuff you really "need" to do, and the things your better half wants you to do and even the absolute drop dead must finish before the first snow fall or else project, but nothing really strikes your fancy. You'll take care of them next week, you promise.

For now there are lifelong problems to be solved, chores to be simplified, and things that need to be invented. I mean, why settle for cutting a 42 inch swath of grass when you could configure those four old lawn mowers you've collected into a farm like contraption to pull behind your lawn tractor, cutting a 128" inch wide stripe of lawn at a time. (I actually saw a video of a guy that did this). Your neighbors will be amazed, and your wife will be so proud- or maybe not.

Last spring I began the task of clearing out a large collection of stuff which had somehow gathered in my garage like hungry raccoons behind a buffet restaurant at closing time. You just know that you will find a use for all of it someday, but never do. As you face the task, it's like you have an angel on one shoulder and a devil on the other. "If you got rid of that pile of junk, you could access and use your Dad's old table saw" says the angel.

"That pile of junk as you call it, Princes, could produce the invention that will make him filthy rich and as well known as me" said the devil. One thing is for sure, at least one item that you solemnly carry to the trash barrel, will someday, have been the perfect solution for a problem that affects all of humanity, and you threw it away. This is not just a "guy problem", I've witnessed a few "sewing rooms" in my day... Oh well, what's wrong with a little clutter in your workshop? It's a sign of a great imagination.



## Indoor Range to Remain Open During Construction



The Town of Estes Park is commencing work on the roundabout at Hwy 36 and Community Drive this week, expected to be closed to through traffic on Community Dr for several months. Hwy 36 traffic will be restricted to one alternating lane in May. Access to the EPGAC Indoor Range and dog park will be via Community Dr from the South (Manford Ave) for the duration. The roundabout project is scheduled to be complete in June 2023. Range hours will not change. Info link below:

<https://estespark.colorado.gov/US36roundabout>

## A Change of Heart

In today's society, attitudes vary greatly on the subject of civilian ownership of guns, and the idea of people taking responsibility for their own security. Despite the commonality of personal gun ownership, there are still many of our fellow citizens that do not own firearms, and cannot understand our "need" for the various guns that we choose to own. While most are not absolute prohibitionist, they will nearly always vote in favor of new gun control measures no matter how ineffective they are in curtailing crime. They don't know that once you remove suicides, a small number of stupid accidents, and justified shootings in defense of innocent life, what is left of the "gun violence" statistics is the activity of career criminals and underage gangs, people who are forbidden to even be in possession of firearms, let alone purchase them through legal means. So while our Federal ATF agents are wringing their hands about "pistol braces" and suppressors owned by law abiding people, teenage street gangs are posting videos of themselves shooting their stolen Glock pistols in full auto mode with the help of a cheap attachment made on a laser printer, and as available as illicit drugs.

So what can we do to stop the damage to our rights because of uninformed voters? First, change hearts and minds, what people don't understand they tend to fear. Bring your neighbor who is undecided about guns out to the range and show them how much fun the shooting sports are. Don't pressure them into things they are not comfortable with, let them grow at their own pace. Finally, once you have broken through the gun control wall of propaganda, they may start to understand our side of the issue.

Outreach is the key, it's up to us, don't wait for the NRA or Gun Owners of America to do it, they have their hands full already. Of course there will always be the idiots that only know how to chant the slogans that someone else has pounded into their heads- don't waste your time.

Instead, Make some new friends, change some minds, and give some time to make it happen.

## Range Safety Officer Training - June 10

Jim Boyd will teach the NRA Range Safety Officer (RSO) class on June 10th- lunch provided. Consider becoming a RSO to support the Club. Save the Date! More details to follow.

*Free Advice*

**Never try to teach a pig to sing...**



**...you will just aggravate the pig and you will both get dirty.**

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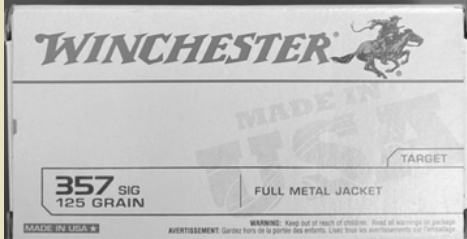


**Browning BPS Field 20ga 26" with three factory Invector Plus chokes**

Pre-owned BPS in fantastic condition chambered in 20 ga with a 26" barrel. Comes with 3 factory Invector Plus chokes (I, C, M, F), the manual, and the end of the factory box with info on the exact model. Very nice fit and finish, this gun has shot just over a box of shells. Bought it new in 2020 for a one-day released pheasant hunt with father-in-law from out of town. He shot 1 round of trap at the Boulder American Legion and then 3 shells on the hunt. Other features: satin wood, matte bluing, takes up to 3" shells, gold trigger, weighs 7lbs, and I don't see much if any signs of use. Asking \$500, must go through FFL. Email: JacksonMoller@gmail.com



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