



ESTES PARK GUN AND ARCHERY CLUB

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October 10th - Be There!

Annual Meeting

Pete Maxwell, EPGAC Secretary

The EPGAC Board voted on and approved the date and time for the 2026 Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held at the lower conference rooms of the Estes Park Rec Center on Friday, October 10, 2025. The room will be open to members starting at 630pm, and the meeting will run from 7p-9p. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided.

We will have door prize giveaways and conduct Officer Elections (we need a new secretary and treasurer), as well as present on the progress of our Club over the past year. In mid-September, an RSVP email will be sent out so that we can gauge the number of members and guests who will be in attendance.

Hope to see you there!

Membership Update

Dennis Holmes, EPGAC Membership Chair

2025 has been an interesting year. For the first time in our Club's history, we have reached our membership cap – 600 members! We hit the cap on July 19. We finished 2024 with about 530 members.

Of the current 600 members, 453 of them were renewals, and 147 are new members. 122 of these new members have completed their orientations and have their membership cards, and 25 still need to complete this step before getting their cards.

In case you haven't heard, we will be making some changes to the renewal process. Existing members will have until February 15, 2026 to renew, and on February 16 we will open the portal up to both former and new members.

Stay tuned for more information about when the renewal period will begin as the Board was considering a couple of different options.

The cost of membership is also being changed for 2026. New memberships and renewals will both cost \$150, but existing members can still earn a \$50 credit by completing a workday or volunteering in some other capacity making the final cost \$100.

Communication with members continues to be a challenge. A lot of email servers like to send my messages to spam folders. If you haven't already done so, please add membership@epgunarchery.com to your list of safe senders so you don't have to conduct a scavenger hunt for membership related emails. If you need to change the email that you are using please send me a message so I am aware of it.

Thanks for supporting the club and please reach out if you have any questions.



EPGAC Board Openings

Denny Schall, EPGAC 2nd VP

The Estes Park Gun and Archery Club has two board positions to fill for the coming year: **Secretary and Treasurer**. To learn more about board member duties, you can review the Club By-Laws here: [EPGAC By-Laws](#)

If you are interested in running for one of these positions, please get in touch with a board member directly or send an email to board@epgunarchery.com. We will be happy to answer your questions and provide more information about the open positions.

Currently, we have one candidate, Dwight Pfeiffer, who has stated an interest in the Treasurer's position. Before the upcoming annual meeting, the board will provide the membership with bios of all candidates who have stepped forward in preparation for a vote by the membership at the annual meeting. Also, nominations from the floor will be accepted at the annual meeting.



NRA Basic Range Safety Officer Course Announcement

Denny Schall, EPGAC 2nd VP

The NRA Basic Range Safety Officer (RSO) Course is set to take place for current EPGAC members on Saturday, October 4, at the EPGAC Indoor Range. This will be the only opportunity this year for our club to offer this course. The training will be conducted by instructors Jim Boyd and Gordon Ulrickson.

Importance of Range Safety Officers

We are actively seeking additional Range Safety Officers to assist with club-sponsored events, such as public days at both our indoor and outdoor ranges. Currently, the availability of these events is limited due to our need for certified RSOs. It is essential to note that providing these events is a requirement of our concessionaire agreement with the Estes Valley Recreation and Park District.

The NRA Range Safety Officer program was developed in response to the demand for a nationally recognized range safety officer certification. NRA Range Safety Officers are people who possess the knowledge, skills, and attitude essential to organizing, conducting, and supervising safe shooting activities and range operations.

Special Tuition Offer

Your EPGAC board has arranged for this course to be available at a significantly reduced fee of ****\$20 per student****, compared to the usual ****\$125 - \$235**** charged for this NRA course at other locations in Colorado.

Students will be expected to utilize this training and certification to volunteer as RSOs at EPGAC events over the next few years.

Course Details

- This course is exclusive to **current EPGAC members** and is limited to ****15 students****.
- Tuition payment will be required at the beginning of the class.
- [Registration Link:](#)
- **Registration Deadline: Wednesday, September 24.**

The Big, Beautiful Dot Torture Drill

Dave Jiles, EPGAC Director

Most people that have accepted the reality that they are responsible for their own defense and that of their loved ones may know of the "Dot Torture Drill". If not, there is no time like the present.

Dot Torture is a simple 50-round drill using ten 2-inch circles printed on standard 8 ½" X 11" printer paper. Save it on your computer, and you can print out more anytime you need them. Simple, cheap, and a good drill to work on things like shooting one-handed, strong hand, and weak hand. You will do emergency reloads, fire shots on single and double targets. You will draw from holster and start from a "low ready" position, and you will make "double tap" shots, all at 2 inch circles.

There is no set yardage. I recommend starting at 3 yards and increasing the distance when good hits are easy. There are no timers in a gunfight, but speed is kind of a big deal when someone is trying to kill you. When you are satisfied with your ability to put good hits on target, work on speed. One 50-round box of target ammo and a half hour of your time, regularly may save your life.

I know that there are plenty of gun club members who are already expert marksmen, but even for them, an occasional round of dot torture will help to keep them sharp. Mostly, it's geared toward new shooters and people who live a normal life, don't go to high-dollar training classes, and just want to remain able to defend themselves and others.

As a civilian concealed carrier, it is unlikely that you will ever need to fire your gun at an attacker, but you might. It is unlikely that if you do have to shoot, you will need to reload, but you might. You probably won't have more than one attacker, but you might have two or more. You may be a great shot with a good two-handed grip on the gun, unless you are carrying your grandchild in one arm, or you have a cast on your "strong hand". All of the "Dot Torture" stages deal with skills that you may need someday.

Grab a 50-round box of ammo, your carry gun and holster, and print a copy or two of the "Dot Torture" test, and polish your skills.

Get your dot torture [targets](http://Pistol-Training.com) here from the [good folks](http://Pistol-Training.com) at Pistol-Training.com. They are free to download and you can print them off to take the range with you.



Soap Box



Don't be "That Guy"

There have been some reckless or downright stupid things happening, particularly at the upper range, both on the long-distance range and the TAC range. The barn shed was struck by bullets 3 times; there are bullet holes in the trash dumpster and some of the traffic pylons. Downrange on the long-distance targets, people have added makeshift targets and tampered with the existing equipment. If you are not part of the work team that has put in so much of their time, do not go up into the target area. This raises a major safety issue and can cause damage to the targets and other equipment.

If you cause damage accidentally, be honest, report it, and repair it. If you take responsibility, you will probably be forgiven. Cover it up and lie about it, you may be banned from the range.

As my Master Chief used to say, "Your Momma don't work here, clean up your own mess".

Dave Jiles - EPGAC Director



Reminders

Mountain Markswomen - For the ladies of the club, don't forget the Mountain Markswomen shoot is on the first Monday of each month. We shoot from 4:30 to 6:30 at the tactical range outdoors during the summer months. Club members and non-members are welcome. **Contact Martha Clark at maclark1027@gmail.com or Dave Jiles at davejiles@gmail.com for more information.**

NRA Basic RSO Course Registration Deadline - September 24

Annual Meeting - Friday, October 10, 6:30 PM

Cleanup Days - Are Scheduled - Check the club calendar

Public days at the Outdoor Range - Scheduled Saturdays 9:00 - 12:00

Public Days at the Indoor Range - Scheduled on Thursday and Friday, 6:30 - 7:30 PM .

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