

Estes Park Gun & Archery Club

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2017 February Newsletter

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Annual Meeting Results

This year we tried a different location to hold our Annual Meeting, January 19, 2017, Moose Lodge in Longmont due to the difficulty of accessing Highway 34. The Club wanted to reach out to those members in the Front Range that truly like to use our Common Point Outdoor Range. Our Estes Park members did not appreciate the move to this location but they forget that a majority of our members do come from Fort Collins, Loveland, Berthoud, Longmont and other flat land areas to use this outdoor range. This maybe the only time we hold the Annual meeting in Longmont. Since the Club was only able to gain access and the Concession to this range in September, 2016, our membership needed to know of the improvements & changes made to the outdoor range. Your board member, Jim Cozzie developed a power point presentation with Sharyn narrating to explain the improvements done by the Club. A map was provided to further explain the 100yd rifle and 25yd pistol ranges.

Election of Officers:

Sharyn Gartner	President	970-586-2426	president@epgunarchery.com
William (Bill) Conger	1 st Vice President	970-577-9393	wlconger@estesvalley.net
Douglas Miller	2 nd Vice President	303-875-0624	secondvp@epguarchery.com
William (Bill) Howell	Secretary	970-586-5455	lycanman0187@me.com
Treasurer Position is still OPEN			
Jim Cozzie	3yr Director	970-586-1191	jccozzie@earthlink.net

Those fulfilling their terms:

Randy Buchanan	2yr Director	970-577-9287	ryellowlabs@msn.com
Rick Tekulve	1yr Director	970-577-8588	judyrick53@aol.com
Doug Tabor	2yr Director	970-577-1157	dtabor@estesvalley.net

Our board encourages our members to attend our board meetings on the second Monday of each month in Estes Park to familiarize yourself of the workings of the Club Board. Please note that the officers in the position of President, 1st VP and Secretary are term limited (3yrs) and this year will be the last one for them to serve in these positions. The tough time is over now with the signed Concession but physical work and planning still needs to be done for the Common Point Range. The Board wants you to be involved and know how the system works to achieve these goals.

Indoor Range Work Day

Eleven members answered the call to clean-up the missed Indoor Range day scheduled for last October on Feb. 4th. We had shovels, rakes, a pickup to move solid lead buckets to the outdoor range for sorting in the summer to recycle, and removed the trash bags to the outdoor dumpsters. They removed the solid lead found at the backstop, HEPA vacuumed the floor and picked up the hidden brass behind our stored target stands. A total of 27 in-kind service hours ended up with a more organized indoor shooting range that these workers were proud of.

For Indoor Range scheduled workdays, we will not be limiting the number of workers. If we find that we have enough to do the projects required at the Indoor Range then we will have projects lined up at the Outdoor Range as well. Our next scheduled Indoor Range clean-up will be Saturday, April 22nd and remember we need enough workers to be assigned to the Indoor before we send anyone down to the Outdoor Range to receive a clean-up credit.

Trap Range Restoration

For the past three years from 2013, the Club could not access our shot curtain panels still tied to the 50ft poles. Three panels were damaged and are in repair. When access was finally allowed by the District, their novice contractors did not know how to handle the operation of the shot curtains. Therefore, the deployment ropes & lanyards were cutoff being left still tied to the poles. In order to be ready for our Trap Season, we will be asking for helpers to help organize the curtain panels in regards to the positions noted on each panel to the pole sections. We will need to remove the cut ropes and secure the cleats used for the tie downs and replace the lanyard rope to prevent curtains from losing their positions with the wind.

When the panels are set to be hung, the Club will rent a bucket truck to attach the curtain panels to the new pulleys installed at the same time to allow an easier deployment of the curtains. The board has approved the purchase of 6- 45ft long panels to be used on the creek side. In this area, the Club can insure that low flying shot will be caught and preventing any chance of shot entering the creek.

This is an opportunity for those trap members wanting to be involved to answer the call for these workdays. We plan to inventory and be ready to install in May and have our Trap RSO's trained for our planned Public Event days starting in June. The preparation work needs to start now as ordering needed equipment does take time to arrive. Watch for workday announcements, hopefully during the week & weather permitting and yes, you will receive clean-up credit.

Archery Trail Restoration

The Archery Trail along side Noels Draw Creek below the trap range embankment, has been washed away. A make shift bridge is still there but somehow we need to plan a path to that bridge from the existing and usable 25 yard archery range. Our archery members are invited to help with these plans. We have plenty of bridge materials to build a more durable walking bridge but we would like archers in on the planning and restoration of the archery trail before and then after crossing Noels Draw Creek.

Contact Sharyn, president@epgunarchery.com or call 970-586-2426 and let's set up a committee to start working on these plans.

Combination to Noels Draw Lane Gate

The gate combo has changed as of Feb. 4th. If you have not renewed or filled out the proper application form for your 2017 membership then you may be stopped from accessing the range at the gate for not having the correct lock combination.

If you have not received a 2017 membership card, then you may want to contact our membership chairman, Bob Mitchiner and receive an update toward your membership standing. membership@epgunarchery.com or 303-772-7438.

New Sign-in Table

Since the Club would like to know how many people use the Common Point Range, Bill Conger will be constructing a table for members to sign-in and have their guests sign a release of liability form. The table will be able to withstand the weather and keep the records dry. Bill has asked everyone to be patient as the construction may take some time. This is also important for us to keep good records for the landholder, the Estes Valley Recreation & Park District and the Club serving as the Concessionaire. Thank you, Sharyn Gartner, President