

*"A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed."*



# The Crack Shot

Newsletter of the Four Corners Rifle and Pistol Club

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## **Monthly Club Meetings**

Held the last Tuesday of each month at the Indoor Pistol Range on Lebanon Road.

## **Next Club Meetings**

January 31, 2012 7:30 p.m.  
February 28, 2012 7:30 p.m.

**NOTE: Club Election Meeting**

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**ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICERS: Here is your chance to make a difference in the club's operation and direction. The annual election of officers is coming up at our February meeting. Please make sure to attend, participate in your Club and vote. If you cannot attend, make your voice heard by using the enclosed ballot; mark your vote and send it in to the Club Secretary. See you there!**

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**The Junior Shooters are requesting \$3100.00 for equipment. The club will vote on this expenditure at the February meeting.**

**Gun Show Manager and Budget will also be voted on at the February Meeting.**

## **President's Message**

**The annual Club election is during the February meeting. The mail/hand in ballot is included in this Crack Shot. Get involved in your club – vote for your officers.**

Great news! The Friends of the NRA has approved our grant request for the Junior 22 Rim Fire Range for \$5,500.00. This amount is in addition to a \$1,000 grant from SCI. We have also submitted a grant request to CDOW for \$5,170.00 for additional funding for the range. Donations of contract work are also expected. The State Lands office has approved the range location so we should be set to advance the project to a membership vote for expenditures.

To date, Grant funding totals at least \$30,000. These grants have been based upon projects specifically benefiting the public youth community.

The search for a Gun Show manager is ongoing. We have had three possibilities fall through. However, there are a couple more that, if one works out, we should be able to hold a vote on the show at the end of the February meeting.

**Please mark on your calendars that the annual elections are coming up at the Member meeting in February. This is a very important part of the functioning of your Club. If you cannot attend the meeting, please make sure you cast your votes by the enclosed ballot.**

Rich Davis, President

## **Election Information**

### **FOUR CORNERS RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB** **PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICERS**

#### **Nominating Committee Report:**

The December/January issue of the *Crack Shot* included a request for nominations for Officers to serve on the Club's Executive Committee next year. The Mail-In Ballot that is included in this issue of the *Crack Shot* now includes all of those folks who said yes. As you will see, the list is disturbingly small. In our Club of over 400 members, only 10 individuals stepped forward. With this limited participation in Club governance, the future is not bright. Our Club needs active participation, both in volunteers for various activities such as clean up days, hunter sight-in, etc, -- and for **Club Officers and Directors**. Come to the Annual Meeting, Tuesday night February 28, express yourself, -- and **Vote**.

#### **Rules for the Mail-In Ballot:**

1. If a REGULAR member wishes to vote by mail instead of in person at the ANNUAL meeting, the Mail-In Ballot must be returned to the Club Secretary prior to that meeting.

**A MEMBER CAN ONLY VOTE ONCE,  
EITHER BY MAIL-IN BALLOT OR IN PERSON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.  
HOWEVER, YOU WILL BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO WITHDRAW YOUR MAILED IN BALLOT BEFORE THE  
VOTE IF YOU WISH TO VOTE IN PERSON AT THE MEETING.**

2. The following procedure must be followed for the Mail-In Ballot to be verified and counted:
  - a) Using black or blue ink, clearly mark your vote on the Mail-In Ballot that was included in the *Crack Shot*. Do not sign the Ballot.
  - b) Insert only the Ballot in an envelope (not provided) and mail the envelope to the Club Secretary.
  - c) Include your return address on the envelope clearly stating your name and mailing address. This information will be used to verify your vote. It is vital that the return address and name be clearly legible.
  - d) Print the word "**BALLOT**" on the lower left hand front corner of the mailing envelope.
  - e) Seal the envelope and sign your name across the sealed edge on the back of the mailing envelope.
3. The envelopes will be received by the Club Secretary, will **not** be opened by the Secretary, and will be delivered **unopened** to the Election Judge at the ANNUAL meeting.

#### **Election Night Voting Procedure:**

**Note: This procedure is intended to formalize the proceedings for election of Club Officers, but not supplant, modify, or alter the Club By-Laws in any fashion.**

1. First, there shall be a Quorum Call, with an attendance sheet signed by all attendees. The mail-in voting members shall also be duly recorded.
2. The President shall appoint a three person Election Committee responsible to conduct the proceedings of the Election of Officers during the ANNUAL Meeting. The Committee shall normally be Chaired by a member of the Nominating Committee and include an Election Judge and a Poll Watcher who are REGULAR members. The duties of the three Committee members shall be:
  - a) The Chair shall act as moderator for the business of the Election, and shall record each vote count and tally in a manner visible to all members in attendance, and shall formally announce the results of each vote..
  - b) The Judge shall receive the ballots, including those mailed in or handed in at the meeting.
    - i) Before opening any ballots or beginning the voting process, members who did submit a Mail-In ballot and who are in attendance at the meeting will be given the option of withdrawing their Mail-In ballot and thereby vote in person.

- ii) With the help of the Club Secretary using the Club's current Membership list, the Judge will verify that the sender and return address of each mailed in ballot is legitimate from a Club member.
  - iii) At the appropriate time, the Judge will open the ballots, whether mailed in or handed in at the meeting, and announce each vote which will be duly recorded in a visible manner.
  - c) The Poll Watcher shall assist in the handling of the ballots, and oversee their disposition to further assure a fair election.
3. There will be pre-printed ballots available election night. Each Candidate previously identified and vetted by the Nomination Committee will be shown on the pre-printed ballot, and there will be space on the ballot for a write in candidate who may be nominated at the meeting.
  4. Voting by proxy will not be allowed.
  5. Additional nominations may be submitted by the members in attendance, including late mail-ins. Provided that the nominee does attest a willingness to serve if elected, the nominee's name will be visibly recorded and may be added to the ballot as a write in candidate as any member may desire.
  6. Before voting commences, each candidate will have the opportunity to make a brief "campaign speech", extolling his/her qualifications and willingness to serve.
  7. Voting will be by secret ballot, unless there is only one candidate for a specific office in which case a voice vote of acclamation will be called, provided there is no objection from the electorate.
  8. The order of voting will proceed beginning with the office of President, then Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Indoor Range Officer, Outdoor Range Officer, Junior Shooting Program Director, and finally three (3) Club Directors.
    - a) For each position, except Club Directors, the vote will be one vote for one candidate until a winner is decided by majority vote.
      - i) If there is no winner by majority vote on the first ballot, the top two candidates will be immediately entered into a runoff election. Mail-in ballots will be counted in the runoff as in the initial vote.
      - ii) If the runoff vote ends in a tie, the winner will be decided by coin toss, either heads/tails or "odd man out". The coin will be handled by the Election Judge.
    - b) For election of the three (3) Club Directors, members may vote for three candidates on the ballot. The top three vote getters will be named as winner, provided a majority vote. If necessary, a runoff with tie breaking coin toss will be used.
  9. If there is no candidate put forward for an office, then as per the By-Laws, the incumbent office holder shall continue to hold office until a successor is elected or appointed by the Executive Committee.

## **Member News**



**Congratulations to Leslie Hopkins for winning the Stainless Savage 17 HMR**  
 in the Four Corners Rifle and Pistol Junior Shooters Raffle.  
 Leslie's son, Hunter, is a Junior Shooter.

### **Regional Junior Shooters Competition Dates:**

Montrose Prone Shoot	February 4 & 5
Cortez 4 Position	March 3 & 4
Montrose 4 Position	March 10 & 11
Grand Junction Prone Shoot	April 14 & 15

### **E-mail Addresses Needed**

John McHenry has an e-mail list that he uses to send out important announcements and news. If you have not been getting John's e-mails, please send him a message with your e-mail address at [4corners.rifleandpistol@gmail.com](mailto:4corners.rifleandpistol@gmail.com) so he can add you to his address book.

## Member's FYI Notes

### The Four Corners Friends of the NRA Annual Banquet, June 2, 2012, Elks Club 5:00 pm

The Four Corners Friends of the NRA Annual Banquet is the major source for funding for our local Junior NRA and 4H shooting sports programs. Join us as we raise grant money to support local youth shooting sport programs. Spend an evening playing games and participating in raffles. Bid on items in the silent auction. The highlight of the evening will be the live auction. Some of the fantastic auction items can be viewed at <http://www.friendsofnra.org/2011-merchandise.aspx>. More information on the program is available at [www.friendsofnra.org](http://www.friendsofnra.org). Contact Tim Hunter for more information.

## OUTDOOR RANGE ACTIVITIES

**\*\*\*\*\*There have been several reported incidents concerning the danger of ricochets at the outdoor range.** It seems the majority of them come from the vicinity of the pistol range, and it has been determined that there are some practices that **must be avoided** in order to minimize ricochets.

1. **Avoid shooting at ground targets.** That includes shotgun shells, beer cans and bottles, tires, clay birds, and hanging targets (attach them to one of the metal sawhorses to get the trajectory in a more direct line with the berm).
2. **Avoid shooting at targets placed near the top of the berm.** The shotgun shells come into play again, as well as bits of broken clay targets, and anything else that happens to be lying around. This category would also include shooting over the top of the berm for whatever reason.

If we all act responsibly, use a little common sense and use the pistol range for what it is intended, I am sure the danger of ricochets will be reduced considerably.

It is a safety issue, and we all agree that safety comes first when it comes to the enjoyment of our shooting sports.

Thank you,  
Chuck Wark  
Outdoor Range Director

**3 GUN TACTICAL SHOOT - 2nd Saturday of each month:** Start time is 9 AM. There is a **\$5.00** fee to participate. **For more information, call Tim Hunter at 749-3665.**

### **RIFLE RANGE COMPETITION SHOTS BEGIN APRIL 1!!**

If you have never attended one of the clubs rifle range competitive shoots, you owe it to yourself to come down to the range and check it out. This year we will kick off the 2012 season with the **Centerfire Bench Rest** competition, shooting for score at 300, 200 and 100 yards. The centerfire bench rest shoot, coordinated by Marlo Cota, will be on the first Sunday of every month starting in April and running up through the first weekend of October.

The second Sunday of each month will be the **Rimfire Bench Rest** shoot co-coordinated by Rick St John. This is a 50-yard competition with three divisions: Heavy guns (over 11 lbs.), mid-weight guns (under 11 lbs.) and iron sights/peep sights and tube sighted guns.

This year we have moved the **22 Plink Off Sucker Shoot** to the last Saturday of every month, April through September. This is a fun shoot and anyone who owns any kind of 22 rifle can participate.

All shoots for this year will begin at **8:30 am** and will normally run about three hours. Everything starts in April (weather permitting) and will run all the way through the summer.

Check the Clubs' calendar and if you have questions in regard to any of the shoots don't hesitate to call Marlo at 882-7170 or Rick at 565-1902.

On the last Sunday of the month is the **Tactical Pistol Shoot**. This shoot starts at 2:00 p.m. and usually lasts until 5:00 p.m. Call Don Phillips at 970-739-5679 with any questions.

- **Safety Reminder to all members – *Keep the gate at the outdoor range closed and lock it when you leave.***
- After you finish shooting at our outdoor range, please remember to put the target stands away, sweep up your cases, and dispose of any trash in the barrels provided. ***Please do not leave a mess for others to clean up.***

- **Do not shoot 50 BMG or armor piercing rounds at gongs or metal targets. Do not shoot incendiary or tracer rounds. These rounds destroy metal targets and can cause fires. Your Club membership depends upon your cooperation. Ricochet Danger - No shooting at ground targets on the pistol or rifle ranges.**

## **INDOOR RANGE ACTIVITIES**

### **Concealed Carry classes**

Contact Don Phillips at 970- 739-5679.

February	18	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
	19	2 p.m. – 6 p.m.
March	31	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
April	1	2 p.m. – 6 p.m.
May	12	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
	13	2 p.m. – 6 p.m.
June	9	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
	10	2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

### **Fall Pistol League**

Fall Pistol League is over and the Spring League has started.

Results for Fall League:

Team 1 members Bill Vicary, Chuck Wark, Charlie Dunsworth and Roger Lawrence, scored 100 points more than Team 2 comprised of John Camponovo, Dion Hollenbeck, Don Schwartz and Charlie Dunsworth, to take the Fall Pistol League.

We had a lot of fun doing the team scoring, which we haven't done in quite a few years. 100 points is not a very big margin over 8 weeks. The lead changed almost every week, with Team 1 leading the last 2 weeks. The Fall Pistol League session was highlighted by John Camponovo's first 590 score. He now joins the ranks of the 590 Club. Larry Percell also shot his first 550 score, he now joins the 550 Club. Congratulations to John and Larry!

We are now into our spring session and having lots of fun. If you are interested in shooting, call Roger Lawrence at 882-2636.

### **Members Only Open Handgun Shoot**

The Range is open the third Saturday of each month from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Members only - \$2.00 fee for six targets. **For more information contact Marty or Jerri Robbins at 970-565-4429.**

## **OTHER NEWS**

**Check out the on-line version of the newsletter at [www.cortezgunclub.org](http://www.cortezgunclub.org)**

### **Gun Broker Service Now Available to all Club Members**

Richard St. John, who has been an active club member since 1999, has just received his Federal Firearms License and is now accepting guns on consignment to sell on GunBroker.com. In addition to selling used guns on consignment, he is selling new guns at wholesale and offering background CBI InstaChecks at a very low rate. For more information call: 565-1902

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Consignment sales w/ 10% commission  
New Guns at 10% over actual wholesale  
Background CBI InstaChecks.....\$10.00  
Call: Rick St John 565-1902

**SELL IT ON E-Bay** If you have gun related items that you would like to sell, (Scopes, parts, or collectables) bring them to Rick and he can sell them for you on EBay (No actual firearms or ammunition please). For more information call: **Rick at "EBay at Clay Mesa" 970-565-1902**

If you have any club related news or classified ads for the newsletter, please submit them to Jerri Robbins by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in March at [mj2006@live.com](mailto:mj2006@live.com) to ensure they get included in the next issue.

**CLUB ELECTION FEBRUARY 28, 2012**  
**GET INVOLVED IN YOUR CLUB**

**VOTE!!**