



ROYAL GORGE GUN & PISTOL CLUB

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To: All Gun Club Members
From: Mark Bunch/President Royal Gorge Gun Club
Date: January 16, 2016
Re: Annual Gun Club Meeting Minutes

Fellow gun club members,

On behalf of the Executive Board of the Royal Gorge Gun & Pistol Club, I would like to say thank you for all your support over this past year. I would also like to take this opportunity to let everyone know what business was addressed at our annual gun club meeting.

First of all, many thanks to Lon Pennington for taking several for the team and redoing the entire 9/10s of a mile gun club road. Lon has forgotten more about running heavy equipment than anyone else I have ever met even knows. He will be fixing the one section that washed out late last summer later on this spring.

Last weekend, myself, Bill Herlth, John Hudson and Buddy Moore represented the Royal Gorge Gun Club at the NRA Foundation Grant meeting in Florissant Colorado. That meeting was the culmination of an entire year of planning, hard work, dedication and sacrifices that numerous club members made for the benefit of your club.

Special thanks to the following people. First to my long-time friend and business partner Mike Brizendine, Nickless Ball and Linae Smith, Bill Herlth, John Hudson, Jeff and Chantay Belanger, Buddy and Sheri Moore, Dan and Rita Hamilton and Bill and Lori Kimack for all their hard work in helping me run the Fremont County Friends of NRA dinner event last June. Many thanks to our NRA field rep Brad Dreir who was also instrumental in helping us have such a successful event.

Our Friends of NRA fund raiser generated approximately \$20,378 in profit, half of which came back to your gun club in the way of an NRA foundation range grant. As the Fremont County Friends of NRA Chairman it is my decision who to award range grant money to. I decided to fully fund the Fremont County 4H club grant request to the tune of \$2,000 and then wrote the balance of \$8,189 to the Royal Gorge Gun Club.

With this range grant we are going to build a new classroom/administration building adjacent to the east of our 1100 yard firing point. The new building and associated things such as water tap, septic system, and power drop are all being explored currently so we can begin this project May 1st. While we have a great start on the amount of money required to build this new classroom/administration building, we still need approximately \$14,000 more in funds to complete it. Club members who are looking for tax deductions your donations toward our new

building will be graciously accepted and appreciated. Every penny of your donations to your gun club is now 100% tax deductible as we are now a 501C3 non-profit organization.

It took more paperwork than launching the space shuttle to accomplish, but I finally got us accepted for this prestigious designation late in 2015. Your donations will also be recognized in our new building on our donor wall.

Another completely 100% tax deductible thing for members to consider is to come out and support our next Friends of NRA dinner on Friday, February 12th, 2016 at the Abbey Event Center. Doors open at 5pm with dinner beginning at 6:30pm. There are lots of great guns and other items to bid on and play games to win and HALF of all the money we generate at this fund raiser will come back to YOUR gun club. Tax deductible, great fun AND we get half of the money raised back to improve the place you shoot at!!!!

Dinner tickets are still available as are raffle tickets for some great giveaways. Please come out and support us, tickets can be purchased at Lincoln Park Pawn, 1345 Elm Ave or call us at: 719-276-3030. We ask you to join us for a memorable night of great food, great fun and for two great causes. The NRA AND your Gun Club.

I would also like to request that members send in their dues for this year now if at all possible so we can get our insurance and taxes paid for the year which have not been done as of yet. That expense is right around \$3,500. Lifetime Gun Club members are only required to send in a check for \$10 to cover each life time membership for our security guard fee.

What can you do as a gun club member to help your club cover expenses and raise enough money to finish our new club house and handicapped accessible bathrooms? It's simple; there are only 3 things.

1. Send in your membership dues for the upcoming year now, the application is attached with this email.
2. Come by Lincoln Park Pawn and buy dinner tickets and raffle tickets to our Friends of NRA dinner which is February 12, 2016 at 5 pm at the Abbey event center
3. Make a charitable donation to the Gun Club it is 100% tax deductible and you will have your name enshrined in our new classroom/clubhouse.

I would also like to mention that around Thanksgiving we lost a fellow gun club member, Dick Shockey who was not only a wonderful man but a good friend. Dick helped out us out when we were short on funds completing our electronic gate a couple of years back. He will be sorely missed by all. I salute you my friend, may you rest in peace.

Sincerely,

Mark Bunch/President Royal Gorge Gun and Pistol Club