



Greetings Fellow RGGC Members,

I have a couple of updates for everyone starting with our 4H shooters emailed to me earlier today by Verla Noakes.

Marc, just a couple reminders. **Our county fair competition will be held on Saturday, July 22 (Archery & Muzzle Loading) and Sunday, July 23 (.22 rifles). We will begin at 8:00 a.m. each of those days and continue until complete, usually mid-afternoon or earlier. One of our clubs will be bringing our concession trailer in for both days, and we will have a motor home to use as our stat office as well. We will practice again on July 25, August 8, and August 15. The last night of practice for this year will be August 15.**

Alas, let me break that down for everyone. **Next weekend, July 22nd and 23rd**, not this weekend, our 4H shooters and families will be using the far two west ranges for their county fair competition so please be cognizant of that and don't try to shoot on either of those ranges during the times that 4H is using them. That includes any firing PAST the main firing line. Just think Tuesday rules on this Saturday and Sunday and head east on and shoot on one of our new ranges and as always be careful driving in and pay attention while you are on the range please.

Covered Point Sponsorship Update

Congratulations to Sandy Merriam of Colorado Data Services and also to Dennis Strimbeck for sponsoring the Main Rifle Range East Range. They specialize in helping you out with all of your computer needs from sales, maintenance and refurbishing. If you are like me you know just enough about a computer to be dangerous to yourself and to others, lol. They are located at 307 Main street here in Canon City and their phone number is: 719 429-3509, please give them a call or go see them next time you blow up your computer.

Congratulations to John Jr., John Sr. and Sandy Howard of Canon Rental for becoming sponsors of our new shotgun range. Canon Rental is a great place for all sorts of things you will likely need at some point from tractors, tents, power equipment, porta- potties and pretty much everything else you can think of. They are located at 401 S. 9th street and their number is 719-275-0615. The RGGC has been utilizing their equipment for a long, long time in the construction of all of our new ranges and buildings, so please give them a call or stop by when you need something.

We have only two ranges left to sponsor and I know there are at least 3 of you out there who have enquired. If you think this is a good opportunity you better pick up the phone and call me so you don't miss out.

A special thanks to our club XO Mike Brizendine as he is the brains behind designing and building our new covered point buildings. No they are not perfectly constructed but Mike figured out how to use existing materials to help reduce the cost of construction and then figured out how to get them put up with basically a zero budget. Mike and Bubba James spent many countless hours of their own time toiling to get these things up for members to enjoy. I have been out and shot under our new covered points on several occasions and they made for a much better afternoon of shooting. When you see Mike at Lincoln Park Pawn, be sure to say thank you for all of his hard work. Members receive 10% off anything we sell from chain saws, air conditioners, guns, and reloading supplies and powder. Please stop by and see Mike and me.

New Shotgun Range

Our new range was roughed out by Lon Pennington, Jock Harmon, John Hudson and Robert Clarke and yours truly this past Saturday. Many thanks to all for helping to get this done on very short notice on a blistering hot and windy day. Lon has been helping me and your gun club out for 20 plus years as we have constructed more and more ranges for members to shoot on. Watching him operate heavy equipment is indeed impressive. When you see Lon thank him profusely for always taking one for the team.

We will be building a trap container and finishing up the new range in the next month or so and as always, any volunteers will be gladly abused and properly fed. We will even let you go home when we are done, lol!

Membership Update

We had a few existing members disappear that we never heard from this year and we have replaced them with new members from our existing waiting list. We may have another couple of membership slots open up for this membership year but I have no way of knowing that at this time. Any of you who forgot/spaced it out/blew us off/got abducted by aliens who suddenly discover that your card no longer works if you want to be on our waiting list for next year we need to hear from you soon.

RGGC Branded Merchandise

Beretta shooting shirts, vests, coats and RGGC logo caps are still available until they are sold out. Shirts are \$38; shooting vests are \$140 each and include a gel shooting pad which is switchable internally to either shoulder. The only color they are available in is a dark green and ladies and gentleman, these vests are very nice. Obviously I can't stock a bunch of these do to the cost so they are on a special order basis. Fabric is rain resistant and they have lots and lots of pockets inside and out. MSRP on the Beretta website for these vests without the very cool gel pad recoil reducer or our awesome new logo on the back is \$199.

Our new Beretta shooting coat is the same color as our new vest and it contains insulation similar to Thinsulate and is rated between 25 and 65 degrees. They are awesome and also have the switchable gel recoil reducer pad and our new RGGC logo. Price on our extremely limited coats is \$199 each, vs an MSRP on the Beretta website of \$275. Please see attached pictures.

We also have RGGC logo caps for \$15 each and they are vented which is great for this hot weather we have been experiencing. We encourage all members to show their pride in their club and come get a hat, shirt, vest or coat. Proceeds go right back into your club for new projects and range development.

Electricity is here at last!

I hope everyone is excited about bringing in electricity as I and the rest of the Executive Board is. It makes a lot of things possible that we have only dreamed of previously. Many thanks to John Hudson our club VP for lending his skill set and experience to making this a reality. Sometime in the next couple of weeks we will finally have electricity!!!

New Silhouette Targets

Many thanks to members Mel Watkins and Jock Harmon for welding and cutting new silhouette targets for the club, and also to member Jay Seavy for graciously donating us an entire plate of AR500 steel in which to make our new targets. Once finished we will be hauling several of them over hill and dale to place on our 800 plus rifle range. I am still waiting for some of you rangefinder operators to let me know when you are available so we can carry targets, posts, water and cement way out into the north 40 so we can shoot further than 562 yards, lol.

RGGC Sponsored Training

We aren't quite ready to launch our new firearms training division just yet, but it is firmly on the horizon. RGGC members will be able to attend firearms training classes for discounted rates in a host of disciplines including concealed carry classes, handgun, shotgun, urban rifle, and long range rifle disciplines. We will also allow non-members to come to classes at the RGGC. Classes will be informative and creative, giving shooters classroom instruction combined with live fire practice all on the best venue in Fremont County for shooting and firearms training. I predict that this will be a popular and welcome addition to our range amenities.

We look forward to seeing you all at the range, best wishes from your Executive Board!

Sincerely,

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