

Greetings Fellow Gun Club Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to announce a couple of huge range improvements that are underway currently, that should be finished within the next three to six weeks that will make all RGGC members shout OoooRah.....Before I delve into these improvements I would like to say a special thank you to several gun club members who have been absolutely instrumental in making these improvements happen for the club. Special thanks to Andy Neinas for donating a lot of very nice wooden chairs for the membership to use, as well as some new metal chairs for all our bench rest positions. For those of you who do not know, Andy owns and operates Echo Canyon River Expeditions, the very nice Echo Canyon campground and the 8 mile bar and grill. I encourage members to visit Andy and his great venues and be sure to thank him for his generous donation.

Special thanks to Jeff Ritter and his son, Mel Watkins, Mike Brizendine, Dave Racine, John Hudson, Nick Ball and Bubba James for helping me make a huge dent in all of these ongoing projects. If you see any of these individuals please go out of your way to thank them for all they do for your club. In the next 2 to 3 weeks, members will be able to shoot **from a bench rest WHILE UNDER A COVERED POINT on 9 of our ranges SIMULTANEOUSLY!**

That's RIGHT...**EACH of our 9 ranges** on the main firing point will now have covered shooting points and this project is well underway as you read this. Until they are completely finished, **PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.**

We spent numerous hours this weekend auguring holes for canopy supports around the existing bench rests on every range and until we get the posts set into cement, members need to be careful while using the bench rests to not step into one of the holes. We have taken the time to put **orange painted pieces of wood into each hole to mark them for members**. If you read this email and pay attention where you step you won't have any trouble navigating to the bench rests until the canopies are finished...

For those of you who didn't understand that the first time, here it is again. **DON'T STEP INTO ANY HOLE THAT HAS AN ORANGE PIECE OF WOOD STICKING OUT OF IT; THAT WOULD NOT BE SAFE OR PARTICULARLY INTELLIGENT.**

New Canopy Locations

- **50 Yard Pistol Range (Far West) 1 covered bench rest)**
- **100 Meter Range (1 covered bench rest)**
- **250 Yard Main Rifle Range (2 covered bench rests West side)**
- **250 Yard Main Rifle Range (2 covered bench rests East side)**
- **NEW 66 yard Pistol Range (2 covered bench rests)**
- **NEW 500 yard Rifle Range (2 covered bench rests)**
- **800 yard Rifle Range (Far East range, 4 covered bench rests, 2 West & 2 East)**

PLEASE DO NOT MOVE or Tamper with any of the bench rests or holes, the benches are all where they need to be as are the holes. We have also augured holes on several ranges for new target stands, STAY AWAY from them too please...

New Electronic Gate and Electricity for Club

We are also working on bringing in power to our new building and to our property; John Hudson is spear heading this as our resident Master Electrician. The last guy we were using got electrocuted lol.... We are working towards putting in another electronic gate by our new building and Buddy Moore and Mel Watkins are helping make this happen this spring.

4H Update

Jeff Ritter, Dave Racine and our very helpful 4H members are working on the new parking area and it looks like their first night shooting on our range is likely going to be **Tuesday April 11th**. Members are reminded that from **April 11th**, until **Labor day** in September, our 4H members will be using the far west pistol range and the 100 meter range right next to it, from 5 pm until dark on every Tuesday night, and **BOTH OF THESE RANGES WILL BE CLOSED TO RGGC MEMBER SHOOTING** during these time periods.

ONCE again, when entering the RGGC to shoot on these nights during these times, if the gate is open and an attendant is present, you will need to **HOLD UP YOUR 4H BADGE OR YOUR RGGC GATE CARD FOR ATTENDANT ... THIS IS NON-NEGOTIABLE SO JUST DO IT!**

Membership Cap Now in Place

Things have been brisk so far this year and we are rapidly closing in our membership cap of 375 members, in fact I think we only have 11 memberships left to the RGGC. If any of the existing members out there are not planning on renewing your membership, we would appreciate knowing in advance. I suspect we will be at capacity before the end of this month and at that point we will start a waiting list. Existing members are reminded to renew by June 30th and I have enclosed an application for those of you who would like to renew now and get it out of the way. Members will be given a 10 day grace period in which to pay their dues from June 30th and by July 10th if we have not received your dues we will assume that you are not interested in remaining an RGGC member and we will go to our member waiting list. This is not the year to forget to renew your RGGC membership on time and you can always do it early. RGGC Life members are REMINDED that they need to pay their \$10 annual security officer dues and thank you to those who have already paid this. Numerous life members did not pay last year and yes we are keeping track. If you are one of those Life Members who did not pay the \$10 security guard dues, please pay \$20 this year. You can mail it in to the address below or bring it by Lincoln Park Pawn, 1345 Elm, 719-276-3030.

RGGC Work Days

We have two work days coming up in the next 6 weeks, and I could certainly use some more help with all of these projects. Our two work days are:

Saturday, April 8th, 9 AM to 1 PM

- **Placing 4 new bench rests into place**
- **Raking weeds off of all firing points**
- **Burning weeds and wood**
- **Picking up and bagging trash**
- **Stringing more wire on covered point range**
- **Welding up chains to broken steel targets**
- **Hanging new steel on new ranges**
- **Making new Target Frames**
- **Treating wooden uprights on new covered point canopies**
- **Erecting new bench rest canopies**
- **Treating wooden benches**
- **Fencing new gate entrance road**
- **Painting steel targets**

Saturday May 13th, 9 AM to 1 PM

- Spreading crusher fines and leveling on all shooting lines
- Finishing fencing
- Painting steel targets
- Burning weeds
- Making new Target Frames
- Emptying storage buildings and putting back in order
- Placing long range silhouette AR500 target
- Building elevated shooting station
- Working on long range target pits

I will provide pizza and drinks for everyone so please mark your calendars and come help us out if you at all possibly can. Bring gloves, a hat, sun screen, shovel, rake, power tools, whatever you have that would help with any and or all of the above.

We still have tickets available for our Friends of NRA Raffle and I would like to see a gun club member win this raffle so please buy a ticket or two and help out the NRA and your club, we get half the money and I spend it all on your range.

Sincerely,

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