



LA JUNTA RIFLE CLUB

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Who Are We?

- Started in **1947** by seven shooters. The club moved a total of four times before occupying the current location in 1961.
- **Mission Statement:** La Junta Rifle Club will foster the development of all shooting sports by providing opportunities for members and youth to receive shooting instruction; by providing a safe venue for shooting; by promoting organized shooting competitions; by promoting fellowship and good sportsmanship; and by providing opportunities for family activities while keeping firearm safety paramount in the pursuit of all of these activities.
- **Current range** consists of a rifle range, pistol pit, trap range, skeet range, indoor pistol range, archery range and club house.

Our Club

- LJRC is an unattended club with **membership** dues of \$45.00 the first year and \$35.00 each subsequent year. Members pay for clay targets for shot gun sports and a \$1.00 range fee. Guests of a club member pay \$2.00.
- LJRC has eight, **range safety officers** with training paid by the club. Nine members are trained leaders for the 4-H shooting sports in Otero County and hold certification in rifle, shotgun, archery, and black powder rifles. Two members hold advance NRA training and provide concealed carry classes. One current member teaches DPW hunter safety classes.

Aerial View of LJRC Looking South



LJRC Improvement Projects

2009 to April 2013

- Indoor range exhaust fan
- Drainage rifle pit (DOW grant)
- Safety berm separating rifle and shot gun area
- Common firing line for safety and installation of concrete benches with awning in rifle pit (NRA)
- Increased safety berm height and shooting berms
- Dirt work creating a pistol range

Rifle Pit - No Berms – Looking South Shooting benches at 100, 200, 300 yards



Improvements

Berm separating Shotgun & Rifle Area
Three Shooting Berms, Common Firing Line



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Rifle Pit with Shooting Benches at 100, 200, 300 yards



Shooting Benches at 100 yards



Improvements

Common Firing Line - Concrete Shooting Benches



Improvements

Common Firing Line

15 Stations and Awning



Rifle Pit Looking Towards Shotgun & Club House



Improvements

East Berm



Improvements East & West Berm Rifle Range



Improvements

Target Berms 50, 100, 200 yards



Improvements

Target Berms 50 yards and 100 yards



Improvements Rifle & Pistol Range



Improvements

Beginning Construction On New Pistol Range



Improvements

Expand Pistol Range

Increase Berm Height Separating Rifle & Pistol Range



Improvements

LJRC Pistol Range will Accommodate More Shooters
and 4-H Rifle Shooting Sports



Pistol and rifle range separation



Improvement Summary

- Created a **Safe and Secure** rifle range
- **Pistol Range** in process
- **Range Improvement Expenses = \$50,492**
 - **DOW** Grant of \$11,250
Club Match of \$3,750
 - **NRA** Grant of \$8,700
 - **LJRC** In-kind donations of \$7,200
 - **LJRC** Members \$23,342 (includes the \$3,750 match)

Thank You
Colorado Division of Wildlife
and the NRA



What Is Next?

Aerial View Skeet & Trap Field



Project 1

Barrier Safety Wall

- **Problem :** Trap shooter at position one, on trap field 3, is in view of skeet shooter at positions 1, 2, & 8
- **Problem:** Can only shoot trap or skeet
- **Solution:** A twelve foot barrier wall, seventy five foot in length will allow the Club to shoot trap and skeet at the same time

Trap and Skeet Field



Pistol Range

- The pistol range has been **enhanced by secure berms**.
- The pistol range has been **expanded** to allow for additional shooters.
- The pistol range will match the rifle range **esthetically**.

- **4-H shooting sports in Otero County** has 38 shooters:
Seventeen Seniors ages 15 to 18; Eleven Intermediate ages 11 to 14; and Ten Juniors ages 8 to 10.
- **The pistol range allows** for 5 events for the shooting of 22 rifles. Targets are placed at 50 feet and require 10 shots each from standing, kneeling, sitting, and prone positions.

- **Concealed carry classes** are held monthly requiring three hours of shooting.
- **Hunter safety classes** can now be held in a safe and secure location.

- **Construction of a concrete pad** for shooting needs to be completed.

Project 2

Concrete Pad in Pistol Range



Project 3

Solid Surface For Skeet & Trap



Trap and Skeet Field



Trap and Skeet Range Handicapped Individuals

- Twenty percent of our club members are in their late 60's and 70's and **have trouble navigating** over a sand, rock, and prairie surface. Wheel chairs cannot be used because of the roughness of the ground.
- A **solid surface** will enhance the footing and appearance of the trap and skeet range.
- It will also **compliment** the new barrier wall.

Project 4

Improved Club House Access and Replacement of 40 Year Old Concrete



Project 4

Club House Access

- **Improved access** will allow club members to have **gatherings** at the club house
 - New shooter get-togethers
 - 4-H functions
 - Fun days scheduled by the club
 - Hunter safety shooting
- **Future plans for an awning** over the concrete will provide shade for barbeques and picnics

In Summary...

- LJRC **appreciates** the financial support that it has received in the past.
- LJRC has made **significant improvements** to increase safety and create better facilities for its members.
- LJRC works closely with **new shooters** of all ages.
- LJRC has scheduled **two hunter sight-in dates** and has made arrangements for call-in appointments.

In Summary...

We Are Colorado Proud!

- LJRC has **scheduled ten practice dates for 4-H** shooters with certified trainers on site.
- LJRC is **open every third Sunday** for open shooting. The Club honors **requests for shooting** from **non-members**. Many join the club after viewing the facility.
- The **improvements at La Junta Rifle Club** have increased membership with individuals new to the region as well as past members returning because of the progress made over the past couple of years.

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