



NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2021



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WINTER HOURS (8A-4P) IN EFFECT OCTOBER 15TH

UPCOMING MAJOR EVENTS

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CORRESPONDING RANGE CLOSURES

IDPA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP -
SEPTEMBER 13-27



-BAYS 7-20



**- 1ST ANNUAL "CAMEO CLASSIC"
SPORTING CLAYS
COMPETITION
OCTOBER 1-3**



-SOUTH
SPORTING
CLAYS

CAMEO KIDS' TRGG-R-TREAT HALLOWEEN EVENT -
OCTOBER 22

-BAYS 5-6

FREE HUNTER SIGHT IN DAYS AT CAMEO

October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16 X
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November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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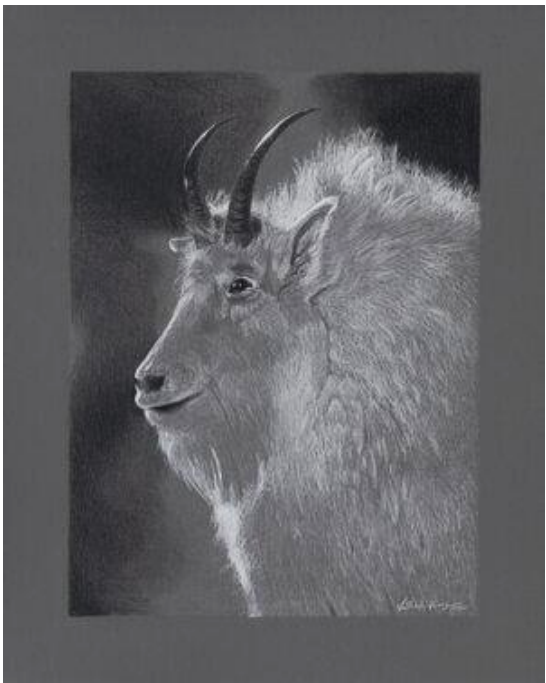
MAKE SURE YOU'RE READY THIS SEASON!

The Saturday before 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th rifle seasons, three 50-200 yard rifle ranges will be open to the public for sight-in preparation for this year's hunting seasons! FREE for sighting in hunting rifles only.

You must show a valid big game hunting license for the upcoming season.

Day-pass required for all other shooting.

VALLERIE'S GALLERY



Featured at CSEC
in the Range Office

"Mountain Goat"

Black and White
Charcoal Pencil Drawing

Photo reference by
Tom Soucek

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valleriekunz.com

A UNIQUE CLASS

VETERANS' INTRODUCTION TO ARCHERY THERAPY CLASSES

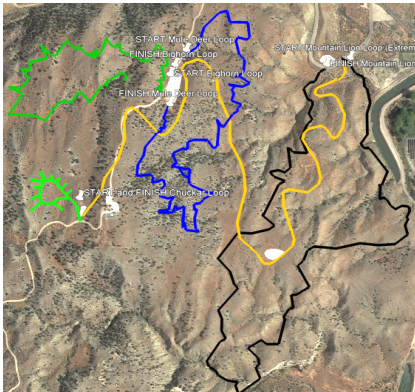




Ryan Keyes is a recreation therapist with the VA Western Colorado Healthcare System. He teaches therapy classes for our local veterans here at CSEC. Twice a week they come for one on one archery instruction with some of our key archery-specialized volunteers.

FACILITY FEATURE


3D ARCHERY LOOPS x4

Cameo is home to many disciplines of shooting, and not all of them involve firearms. Many people who come to CSEC love archery just as much or more than shooting firearms and we've got just the place for them! Cameo features four 3D archery hiking loops for all shooting levels: the "Mountain Lion" (Extreme) 2 Mile, the "Mule Deer" (Intermediate) 1+ Mile, the "Bighorn" (Moderate) 1 Mile, and the "Chuckar" (Family/Traditional). This past August, Yeti Total Archery Challenge hosted a TAC Experience shoot on the courses during the Cameo CompExpo, and will continue to do so in the following years. Get the full experience with natural terrain and a multitude of different sized animal targets and distances to practice at. Archery hunters can prepare and train for the hunt with a more realistic course, or just have a fun day out shooting!



STAFF FEATURE	SPECIAL GUESTS
<div><div><div>RYAN SWYGMAN - OPERATIONS MANAGER & WARDEN</div><div><p>Ryan was born and raised in Janesville, a small farm town in Northeast Iowa. He is the product of two farm families and the John Deere Corporation. Ask him about it sometime. Most of his work history in his prior life takes him from a farm hand to house construction (start to finish). He attended Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, where he graduated in 1997 with a degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Biology. He began working with the Colorado Division of Wildlife during summers of 1995-6 in Glenwood Springs as an intern, then on to summer temporary work in Grand Junction with the Area 7 Wildlife office in 1997-8. In 1999 he was hired as a game warden and was sent to Pueblo for 2 ½ years in his first district. It was here, he met his wife and family life began. He then transferred to Delta and worked on district for 10 ½ years on the Uncompaghre Plateau. In 2013, he transferred to Grand Junction to be the Rover for the Area 7 Office. This is where he became involved with the Cameo project from the beginning. His background with hunting and firearms made Cameo an easy fit. He became Operations Manager of Cameo on April 26th, 2019. This was ironically his 20th Anniversary of becoming a Game Warden (1999). His favorite aspect of the job is connecting with people, staff and industry. He is a bit of a car salesman. He is very proud of the friends and family he has made in the Colorado Parks and Wildlife agency. Ryan says that he enjoys the unknown with Cameo. Sometimes the unintended events are what keeps it interesting and surprising. These are the surprises that fuel imagination. What will the next big thing be?!</p></div></div></div> <div><div><div>ROB LEATHAM & MIKE SEEKLANDER</div><div><p>This past May, multi-time World and National Champions, Rob Leatham and Mike Seeklander taught two classes in conjunction with this year's Rocky Mountain Regional IDPA match! "Mike is a combat veteran of Desert Storm/Shield (Gulf war 1). He holds secondary MOS's of Combat Engineer and Primary Marksmanship Instructor. Mike is the recipient of numerous awards and honors in the law enforcement community, and as a semi-professional shooter. Currently Mike Seeklander is owner of Shooting-Performance LLC (www.shooting-performance.com), a full service training company, and the American Warrior Society. Mike is also the co-host of <i>The Best Defense</i>, the Outdoor channels leading firearm instructional show." Rob is a professional shooter who is a 24-time USPSA National champion and 7-time International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC) World Champion. "Rob is highly regarded as one of — if not THE — most-winning Practical Pistol Competitor in history. His sheer number of National and World Shooting Trophies make him unique. Rob's MAJOR U.S. and World Championship wins in USPSA, IDPA, IPSC, Steel Challenge and the NRA Bianchi Cup combine for a GRAND TOTAL of over 100 major championship titles!" His accomplishments have rightly earned him the nickname "TGO" (The Great One). Cameo is proud to have them as a new User Group!</p><p>Information/Quote Sources: https://americanwarriorsociety.com/meet-the-founders/#:~:text=Mike%20is%20a%20combat%20veteran.as%20a%20semi%20professional%20shooter. . https://www.robleatham.com/about-rob/</p></div></div></div>	

STAFF TIDBITS
<div>CPW / CSEC FUNDING</div> <p>Let's clear the air here. It is a common misconception that Cameo Shooting and Education Complex is being built and is funded with income tax dollars. This results in a lot of people not understanding why we charge for use of the facility, or any of our State Parks for that matter. This is untrue, so we as a staff would like to explain it to you. <u>NO state or federal income tax dollars go to CPW.</u> Colorado Parks and Wildlife is funded largely with our own License and Registration sales, Pittman-Robertson Funding and other Federal Grants, State and Local Government Grants and donations. 55% of CPW's funding comes from our own licensing and registration fees. These include fishing licenses, big and small game and waterfowl hunting licenses and habitat stamps; annual and daily park entrance passes; license application and preference point fees, and landowner voucher fees; and State Wildlife Area (SWA) use permits, access permits, camping reservations, special use permits as well as registrations for boats, OHVs and snowmobiles. CPW also receives grants from the Federal Government through excise taxes on hunting and fishing gear, boat fuel, archery equipment and ammunition. The people who buy these goods are typically the people who use CPW's facilities, so really it's all going back to you! These grants include the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act (DJ), and the largest contributor being the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (PR); "The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of September 2, 1937, is commonly called the 'Pittman-Robertson Act.' It ... provides Federal aid to States for management and restoration of wildlife. Funds from an 11% excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition are appropriated to the Secretary of the Interior and apportioned to States on a formula basis for paying up to 75% of the cost approved projects. Project activities include acquisition and improvement of wildlife habitat, introduction of wildlife into suitable habitat, research into wildlife problems, surveys and inventories of wildlife problems, acquisition and development of access facilities for public use, and hunter education programs, including construction and operation of public target ranges." https://www.fws.gov/laws/lawsdigest/fawild.html. CPW receives small grants from the State for specific projects as well. The most common form of state and local government funding support to CPW is as local partners for angling or shooting range projects through CPW's shooting range grant programs. Cameo has also received very generous donations from local groups such as Action Pistol Group who use the site for their matches and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation who hold banquets and fundraisers at Cameo, among others. For more information on how CPW is funded, visit https://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/Funding.aspx</p>

RYAN'S VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT	<div><div><div>CARL PHILLIPS</div><div><p>I would like to invite you to meet one of the nicest guys I know! If you don't already recognize this young fella on the right, this is Carl Phillips. Carl's background is rooted deeply in the Palisade/Debeque area. Being born and raised in this area he is very well versed on some of the local history, as well as, Cameo history. Carl worked at the Cameo Coal Mine for Powderhorn Coal . He still remembers the town of Cameo as it stood in the area of the future visitor's center. Carl was a SeaBee in the U.S. Navy from 1966-1969. He married his wife Jan in 1966 and had two daughters. For 35 years, he worked locally as a peach picker, coal miner and mostly a truck driver. Driving a truck was his longest endeavor, therefore, he tends to drive a lot for Cameo events, transporting patrons and competitors. He also lends his hand to Cameo as a Range Safety Officer (RSO) and gathers brass from the bays, then he sorts this brass for the Cameo Volunteer group for sale to the public. Carl sits and sorts brass in all types of weather, hot or cold. He never complains and is a big reason that the Volunteer BBQ's are so fruitful for all volunteers. It is his faith in God , love of Family and friendships that keeps him grounded and drives him through the day. Thank you Carl!</p></div><div></div></div></div> <div><div><div>Letter to the Editor</div><div><p>Your editor would like to hear from you! If you have any questions or concerns about CSEC or this newsletter, simply email Michaela Trojanovich at Michaela.trojanovich@state.co.us</p></div></div></div>
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