

Basketball

The past three years have seen an explosive growth in the basketball program at the Cripple Creek-Victor School District. In 2001, the boy's team had 11 players for varsity and junior varsity. Last year the program included 37 players and four managers. The girls program has expanded over that same time from 15 to 22 players. The Junior High program has also kicked up, and more interested players are expected for the future High School level.

The basketball team attends an annual training camp in Grand Junction. At this camp the players were introduced to a basketball shooting machine called "The Gun." The machine helps increase the effectiveness of the team's shooting practices.

The basketball team raised \$1100 selling candy bars during the summer to help pay for the machine. The CC-V School District limits each activity to one fundraising activity, so as not to inundate the community with pleas for funds. In addition, the families pay for the total cost of the summer camp.

The Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company donated the remaining funds to allow the School District to acquire the shooting machine. The machine is in use at the school, sporting the CC&V logo on the side. We are happy to see more kids involved with High School sports, and wish the Panthers the best of luck in their upcoming season.