

HARDHOLDER - APRIL 2000

BUFFALO CREEK GUN CLUB, INC.

BUFFALO CREEK GUN CLUB MEETING MINUTES - April 18, 2000

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM.

2. CMP REPORT

* Kent Beach reported receiving information on the club's ammo allotment: 5600 rounds of .30 ball @ \$.09; 2160 rounds of .30 Carbine @ \$.04 for a total of \$590.40 in CMP ammo purchases.

* Prices of M-1 rifles are rising on June 1st; \$500 for a Service grade rifle, and all other grades will be more expensive as well.

* All .22 target rifles are sold except the Mossbergs.

* WW II vets will receive a one-time discount on the purchase of an M-1.

* 2 courses are available for Garand Matches, a 50 shot NM course and a 30 shot Garand Course; BCGC will use the 50 shot NM course.

* Kent suggested running a newspaper ad for the May 13 M-1 clinic stressing the opportunity of buying an M-1 before prices rise.

* Ray Barrett said his table at the gunshow on 4/29 and 4/30 would draw more sign-ups for the May 13 clinic; he suggested that another clinic be planned for 5/14.

* A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the CMP report as presented.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

* The Treasurer's report showed a checking account balance of \$10,656.98 and \$11,630.99 in CD's.

- * George Kruger reported few expenses for the last few months.
- * George reported receiving a thank-you note from the Whittington Center for the club's donation.
- * A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

4. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

- * Dan Gabel opened discussion of possible changes/corrections to several items on the Membership Application form. The form continues to be amended.
- * New members who join in the fall after the September Board Meeting will have their memberships carried over into the following year. This information will not appear on the Membership Application.
- * Copies of the application and a map to the range will be placed in the Bailey Gun Shop.
- * Dan will also create a "map" of the range layout to be posted for new members.
- * A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Membership report as presented.

5. NEWSLETTER REPORT

- * 172 April newsletters were mailed, and none were returned.
- * A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Newsletter report as presented.

6. HIGHPOWER REPORT

- * Mike Snyder reported that 4 matches have received NRA approval.
- * A "summit meeting" of Highpower match directors in the region is being planned to eliminate conflicts in match schedules for the 2001 calendar.
- * Mike Snyder is still in the process of scheduling line and pit officers for this seasons matches.
- * A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Highpower report as presented.

7. CLINIC REPORT

- * Mike Bevelhimer reported that fliers advertising the clinics are being printed.

- * 45 shooters and 15 coaches are the current limits on clinic participants.
- * Reports for all 4 of last year's clinics were sent to the CMP in March.
- * All 21 clinic M-1 rifles have been cleaned; copper removal is under way.
- * The club website is receiving few visits. A half-dozen or so new links have been added recently. Members are encouraged to visit the website and consider getting their newsletter information there instead of through the mail.
- * A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Clinic report as presented.

8. SMALLBORE REPORT

- * 21 persons attended the annual dinner/meeting at the Country Buffet restaurant on April 5th. This year's league officers and course of fire were approved for next season without any changes. Numerous awards and prizes were given to competitors.
- * Minutes of the annual dinner meeting will be mailed to this year's participants along with an information card to update the smallbore database.
- * The possibility of getting the Arvada Gun Club to resume participation in the Winter League was discussed. The annual dinner/meeting minutes and a copy of this year's course of fire and procedures will be sent to Norm Austin, who will then scout the interest of Arvada's officers and shooters.
- * A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Smallbore report as presented.

9. RANGE OFFICER'S REPORT

- * Work planned for week #3 of construction has been completed...after 6 weeks.
- * The retaining wall is done and back-filled.
- * Positions 1 and 2 have been built up to prevent ricochets.
- * On April 22 18 yards of concrete will be delivered and the pit floor will be poured.
- * Board members split up the alphabet and agreed to call the membership for volunteers to help on the 22nd.

- * Targets still need to be stripped and replaced before a match can be conducted.
- * The club has enough materials on hand for target preparation; more pasters will have to be purchased before the season is over.
- * A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Range Officer's report as presented.

10. SILHOUETTE REPORT

- * None

11. JUNIORS REPORT

- * None

12. OLD BUSINESS

- * George Kruger is still working on the Club Policies document.

13. NEW BUSINESS

- * Larry Hawkins asked what the club is doing to sponsor juniors. A discussion followed in which it was determined that (1) the club usually pays for 2 new barrels each year for the Juniors' rifles, (2) the club currently has \$1600 in its Juniors fund, (3) range rent fees are deposited in the Juniors fund, and (4) some match fees also are deposited in the Juniors fund.

- * Larry also asked if the club could sponsor a particular Junior shooter; a discussion followed in which all agreed that the club should sponsor the Juniors at large, rather than any individuals. The board is open for suggestions about what more the club can do to support Juniors.

- * Stan Todd reported that the work day on April 15th was very worthwhile, both in work accomplished and associations with other members. He would like to see more members participating on work days.

- * Ray Barrett reported that Richard Bowman of CSSA has offered table space at gunshows to distribute BCGC materials.

- * Bill Schwab will be given a complimentary membership in return for the target materials he acquired for the club.

- * Mike Snyder has been unable to get in contact with the Arizona Company that produced the club's Buffalo Pin awards.
- * Dan Gabel reports that shelf space and job boxes in the target houses are filled with materials; more storage space will be needed.
- * A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize Perry Welch to buy 2 lock boxes high enough to store ammo, which is currently not stored securely.
- * Impending changes in the club's M-1 clinic program due to dwindling supplies from the CMP were discussed.
- * Unknown numbers of M-1's are still stored outside U.S. borders, but import of these is currently prohibited by the Clinton administration.
- * The availability of AR magazines was discussed; both 20 and 30 round types are becoming scarcer and much more expensive.
- * Ray Barrett suggested that the club could make more money by running more matches and reducing the amount paid out in awards.
- * The importance of computer/internet/e-mail access by the board and club membership was discussed.
- * Stan Todd asked about the possibility of posting "No Trespassing" signs and also about contingency plans for handling media or protesters; discussion followed with the conclusion that the club cannot post such signs, and that no plans will be made for dealing with media or protesters until an event makes it necessary to do so.
- * Kent Beach asked that Bill Chin be given free participation in a Garand Match in return for his help in servicing the club's M-1 rifles; the board agreed without voting on the proposal.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

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NOTICES

NEW NEW NEW

VISIT THE BUFFALO CREEK GUN CLUB WEB SITE @ WWW.BCGC.COM FOR UP-TO-THE-MINUTE INFORMATION ABOUT MATCHES, EVENTS, & OPPORTUNITIES. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE BULLETIN BOARD TO READ AND POST NOTICES AND WANT-ADS. READ ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE CLUB AND ABOUT ONGOING PROJECTS. READ YOUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER ON-LINE AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR "LINKS" TO SURF THE INTERNET FOR HIGHPOWER RELATED SUBJECTS. PLEASE HELP US MAKE THIS WEBSITE A SUCCESS.

For questions, comments, or problems with this web site, contact Mike Bevelhimer @ beve@bewellnet.com

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WYOMING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

LARAMIE WYOMING JULY 15 and 16

Contact Howard Jensen 1308 Park Ave. Laramie WY 82070

307-742-2787

M16 Clones and Open Bolt Indicators

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National Rifle Association Highpower Rifle competition has an exceptional safety record going back to the founding of the organization. Beginning nearly a decade ago, except when on the firing line during the preparation and firing periods, all rifles must have an Open Bolt Indicator ("OBI") in place. The NRA distributes a bright yellow plastic device, with a long stem that goes through the chamber, with a flag at the action end. Designed for use with 30 caliber barrels, this device won't go down the bore of M16 clones. Other devices for the M16 arose, including one that inserts between the charging handle and upper receiver, and a block that inserts up through the magazine well. Both keep the action from closing, but do not reach into the chamber.

The NRA Highpower Rifle Committee made a small but significant change in the safety rules for the

2000 season. There were several recent incidents where a cartridge was left in the chamber of the M16 clone rifle, and fired during the preparation period. At Camp Perry in 1999, I had the experience of having the case from the last round of a slow fire string stick in the chamber of my AR-15 Service Rifle, where it remained unnoticed through the preparation period for the rapid fire stage that followed. When it came time to fire, I couldn't chamber the first round. To address these problems, the OBI rule was made more specific-part of the OBI must extend into the chamber, thus assuring there is no cartridge in the chamber. Perhaps the name of the device should be changed to Empty Chamber Indicator.

This means that the charging handle and magazine well blocking devices are no longer allowed, as they do not extend into the chamber. Dropping a NRA flag through the ejection port so the stem sticks out the bottom of the magazine well won't meet this standard. Many competitors will need to come up with a new Open Bolt Indicator. I see a couple of ways to go. The first is to obtain a new style of OBI; the second is to modify a NRA OBI. The new style device made by JFS, Inc. of Salem, Oregon is yellow plastic, has a curved stem small enough to enter a 22-caliber barrel, and is available through DPMS, Sinclair and others. However, the flag portion of this device may not be large enough to comply with the rules.

Modifying a NRA OBI may be a better solution. Simply shortening one to an overall length of 3.75 inches lets it enter the chamber, but the rear of the flag can get crunched between the bolt and the channel for the bolt carrier key. It took me over 30 plus minutes to clear such a jam, using a pocketknife and Gerber Multipliers. To prevent this problem, install a 45 ACP case or cut down 308 or 30-06 case on the rear of the OBI. Slit the case to admit the flag or slit the flag to accept the case. Roughen the inside of the case, and the plastic of the flag, then secure together with epoxy or hot melt glue.

The best way to use the JFS, Inc. 22 caliber OBI or a modified NRA OBI is, lock the bolt back, install the OBI, then ease the bolt forward to hold it in place.

The NRA should arrange with MTM (manufacturer of the NRA OBI) for redesign and production of the NRA device with a large back end.

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RAY BARRETT NEEDS HELP

Ray needs help passing out BCGC literature at the Gun Shows. Get into the show free, help Ray for four hours and satisfy your work bond. If you can help, please call Ray at 303-424-4925.

BCGC 2000 MATCH SCHEDULE

DATE EVENT CONTACT

9 April Smallbore Silhouette Steve Hawks

13 May M1 Qualifier Clinic Mike Bevelhimer

20 May Spring HP Match Mike Snyder

21 May Smallbore Silhouette Steve Hawks

27 May John C. Garand Match Mike Bevelhimer

4 June Summer Match Mike Snyder

11 June Smallbore Silhouette Steve Hawks

24 June M1 Qualifier Clinic Mike Bevelhimer

25 June Anniversary Match Mike Snyder

30 June State Championship HP Jim Starr

1&2 July

22 July M1 Qualifier Clinic Mike Bevelhimer

29 & 30 July Teddy Roosevelt Smallbore Silhouette

Championship Steve Hawks

13 August Smallbore Silhouette Steve Hawks

19 August M1 Qualifier Clinic Mike Bevelhimer

20 August Family Picnic & Ed Harvey Match Mike Snyder

3 September Fall HP Match Mike Snyder

10 September Smallbore Silhouette Steve Hawks

23 September John C. Garand Match Mike Bevelhimer

8 October Smallbore Silhouette Steve Hawks

19 November Bailey Challenge Turkey Shoot Charlie Lavelle

OTHER MAY & JUNE HIGH POWER MATCHES

6 May CRC 303-986-5740

21 May Ault 970-346-9934, 970-330-0516

27 May CRC Clinic 303-986-5740

27 May CRC any-any 303-969-7603

28 May Ben Lomond, CMP Highpower 719-541-2255

16-19 June CRC, State Long Range Highpower Championship 303-456-8227

17-18 June Byers, Long Range 303-986-5740

18 June Ault 970-346-9934, 970-330-0516

24 June CRC Clinic 303-986-5740

25 June Ben Lomond, CMP Highpower 719-541-2255

25 June CRC any-any 303-969-7603

WHERE CAN I GET

The following are three of the more popular catalog sales outlets for High Power shooting equipment and accessories. Others are listed on the website.

Champions Choice Mo's Competitor Supplies Champions Shooters Supply

201 International Blvd. 4 Delmar Drive 42 N. High St.

LaVergne, TN 37086 Brookfield, CT 06804 New Albany, OH 43054 (615) 793-4066 (203) 775-1013
(614) 855-1603

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Membership cards for year 2000 continue to be mailed with the newsletter to those who have paid their dues. If you paid your dues prior to April 18th and have not received your membership card, please call the Membership Chairman. Payments received after April

18th will be processed and membership cards mailed with the May newsletter. If your dues have been paid and you did not receive your card please call the Membership Chairman.

Have a complaint or question - contact a club officer.

President Perry Welch 303/697-0955

Vice President Norm Austen 303/467-9757

Secretary & Small Bore Mike Walton 303/757-4304

Treasurer George Kruger 303/798-5985

Membership Chairman Dan Gable 303/429-8041

Newsletter Editor Jack Gaynor 303/721-0742

Junior Executive Jim Starr 303/466-2525

Silhouette Executive Steve Hawks 970/532-3432

C.M.P. Coordinator Kent Beach 303/279-2668

Range Officer Mike Bogard 303-452-0832

Clinic Coordinator Mike Bevelhimer 303/816-9002

High Power Executive Mike Snyder 303-238-5310

Cowboy Executive Steve Madzo 303-838-7832

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