

HARDHOLDER -APRIL, 1997

BUFFALO CREEK GUN CLUB, INC

BUFFALO CREEK GUN CLUB MEETING MINUTES - March 18, 1997

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:11PM.
2. The minutes of the February 18, 1997 meeting were read and accepted.
3. TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

BUFFALO CREEK GUN CLUB TREASURER'S REPORT 03/18/97

BEGINNING BALANCES			
2/18/97	BCGC GENERAL FUND (10)	\$4,653.37	
2/18/97	BCGC RANGE FUND (14)	\$500.00	
2/18/97	BCGC PAVILION FUND (16)	\$1,514.00	
2/18/97	CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE (11)	\$6,667.37	
INCOME			
3/5/97 46133	NRA Membership Fee Rebate	\$10.00	
3/5/97 CHECKS	Membership Dues and Work Bond Fees	\$2,215.00	
3/5/97 CHECKS	Mike Bogard - Bullet Sales	\$477.00	
	TOTAL INCOME	\$2,702.00	
EXPENSES			
2/18/97 510	Jack Gaynor - Bulletin Expense	\$(187.28)	
2/18/97 511	Tanner Shows - Show Table	\$ (80.00)	
2/18/97 512	BCGC-JHP - Donations to Juniors	\$(100.00)	
2/28/97 BANK	Service Charge for February	\$ (0.72)	
3/18/97 513	BCGC-JHP - Donations to Juniors	\$(120.00)	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ (488.00)	
ENDING BALANCES			
3/18/97	BCGC GENERAL FUND (10)	\$6,717.37	
3/18/97	BCGC RANGE FUND (14)	\$650.00	
3/18/97	BCGC PAVILION FUND (16)	\$1,514.00	
3/18/97	CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE (11)	\$8,881.37	

4. MEMBERSHIP REPORT
Applications for membership were received from Tom Kurchunoff, Mike Johnson, and Ross Ryan. The applicants were accepted into the club by unanimous vote. One membership was reinstated and two members upgraded to life membership.
5. RANGE OFFICER'S REPORT
The combined BCGC & SASS work party is scheduled for April 5. The major BCGC work party is scheduled for May 3 and 4.
6. AT LARGE REPORT
The supply of Sierra blems is exhausted. A suggestion was made to pursue purchasing

bullets from Hornady since they support our Juniors. Jim Starr will look into the possibility of purchasing Hornady bullets. Steve Benninghoven is able to purchase 4895 powder in 20 lb. kegs at a significant savings. Twenty pound kegs will be purchased for the Juniors. If any club member is interested in taking part in this purchase they should contact Steve at 303-838-7015. **NOTE: Orders will only be for full twenty pound kegs.**

7. HIGH POWER REPORT

Stan Todd prepared a letter concerning "Technical Advisors" for new shooters to be published in the newsletter.

8. NEWSLETTER REPORT

Two hundred newsletters were printed and mailed in March to members of record on January 1, 1997. A new membership list is needed to update the mailing list.

10. JUNIORS REPORT

The M1's are being worked on. Juniors are needed to sell raffle tickets at the April 26-27 Tanner Gun Show and the April 12-13 Crossroads Gun Show.

11. COWBOY'S REPORT

The SASS rule changes will be reviewed.

12. OLD BUSINESS

- 420 Clinic flyers need to be printed for the gun shows.
- The discussion on the purchase of the air rifles for the Juniors was tabled.

13. NEW BUSINESS

- A motion was made, seconded and passed to donate \$100.00 to the Whittington Center.
- The DCM is requiring the CSSA to either purchase or return the 17 M-1's and 6 Kimbers currently in their possession. The critical nature of this request was discussed as the M-1's are the ones used in the BCGC Clinic. A motion was made, seconded and passed that if the CSSA did not want to purchase these weapons then BCGC would purchase them through the CSSA to support our marksmanship training program. Jim Starr was authorized to commit to the CSSA for the 25% down payment of \$682.50 if necessary.
- A discussion was held on the possibility of holding a classic military bolt action rifle (pre 1945 open sight only) match at the end of August. This would be a 200 and 300 yard 30 or 40 round match. If you would like to participate in this type of match please contact Ray Barrett at 303-424-4925. If there is enough interest, the Board will pursue setting up such a match.
- A discussion was held concerning creating a Work Bond Form that would be used by individual members to report completion of their work bond. This form would be published in the news letter and would be returned directly to the Membership Chairman by the member upon completion of their work bond requirement. This would eliminate the problems now being encountered where work bonds were reported as not complete when they actually were completed. The Membership Chairman will prepare a form for review at the next meeting.
- A discussion was held concerning a list of BCGC Board recommended candidates for the NRA Board of Directors. A motion was made, seconded and passed to prepare and mail a list of recommended candidates to the BCGC membership.
- Three PORTA POTTY's will be needed for the 1997 Regional.
- The 35th year BCGC anniversary books will be distributed to the membership soon.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50pm.

MAY 3-4 WORK PARTY (REGARDLESS OF WEATHER)

Forty to 50 members are needed at the May 3-4 work party to get the range and targets into shape for the coming year. Bring gloves, rakes, hoes, shovels, trowels, hammers. Power tools necessary to rebuild the outhouses, several wheel barrows and three or four chainsaws will also be needed.. As usual a delicious dinner will be served by Ray Barrett and Staff.

FROM THE SHOOTING BENCH OF STAN TODD

Hello fellow BCGC members. I am happy and proud to announce that I have been nominated to the position of High Power Executive Officer for 1997. I would like to introduce myself as a life long shooter, raised in a family that put marksmanship and the handling of a weapon as a prerequisite to being a male member of the family. I shot my first handgun at the age of 10 and got my first high power rifle - a 8mm Mauser - at the age of 12. I washed windows, kept the fuel oil in the stove and sundry other tasks at the Chicago Gun Center in Chicago for the privilege of hanging out in the back of the gunshop with the gunsmiths. I went to work there, eventually becoming a gunsmith specializing in pistols and shotguns. From there I went on to pursue a career in the Tool and Die field. (The paychecks were larger and arrived on time.)

I was introduced to high power competitive shooting when I moved to Colorado. I was looking for the comradeship of fellow shooters when I noticed an ad stating that a high power match was being held at Buffalo Creek and to contact Jim Starr. I contacted Jim and (probably like many of you) was told that all I needed to do was to show up with some type of M-1 rifle and ammunition. On the day of the match and at the appointed time, I showed up with a Woolworth's Special Korean M-1 rifle; a can of Frankford Arsenal 1960 ammo, and a piece of rug for a shooting mat - no sling, shooting jacket or spotting scope. Needless to say, my expert pistol and shotgunner ego was rapidly deflated. In one fine sunny afternoon, I was shown that my natural talent for high power shooting was zero. I had no understanding of the discipline and practice that high power competition requires. I did however learn that the experienced high power shooters will bend over backwards to help someone just starting out. With the assistance of the more seasoned shooters, I found a riflesmith to "supermatch" my M-1, obtained a list of basic items needed for high power competition, and the best places to buy them. I know there are others just starting out in the sport who are filled with apprehension and have a multitude of questions that need to be answered and that can only be answered by someone that has been there.. These are the same questions that we all had in the past and that someone else answered for us. I would like to suggest that we establish a volunteer group of "Technical Advisors" that the new shooters can contact for advice. All new shooters need help. They need your help. If you would be willing to serve the roll of technical adviser (and do not go to bed before 8:30pm) Please call or write me. Stan Todd 890 Everett Street, Lakewood, CO 80215-5448. (303) 232-8045.

FOR SALE

100 C.F.M. Worthington Air Compressor; 25 H.P. 220 volt 3phase motor. Complete with magnetic starter and breaker box. Asking \$1500.00. Contact Stan Todd @ 303-232-8045

SHOOTING TIPS

NEW BARREL BREAK-IN PROCEDURES

A firearm is a "free piston" internal combustion engine. The barrel is the cylinder and the bullet is the piston. Like any new engine, the new barrel on your rifle must be broken in properly to provide the best service.

Equipment and Supplies Needed

- Cleaning cradle or padded vise to hold the rifle upside down and muzzle low.
- Cleaning rod guide.
- Top quality, one piece cleaning rod, spear or wrap type patch holder, and plenty of patches.
- Bronze bristle brush, for use with powder solvent only.
- Plastic bristle brush, or bore mop, for jacket solvent.
- Powder solvent: Shooters Choice, Hoppe's, or similar.
- Copper solvent: Sweet's 7.62, Shooter's Choice or similar.

PROCEDURE

1. Before firing the first shoot, clean the barrel with powder solvent, brush and patches.
2. Fire one shot, then clean as follows:
 - Clean with powder solvent, brush and patches.
 - Apply copper solvent with plastic bristle brush or mop. Apply liberally, and let work for 5 to 10 minutes.
 - Patch dry. The copper residue (green or blue) is proof the solvent removed the jacket deposits from the barrel.
 - Repeat the copper solvent cleaning until the first patch no longer shows any color. The barrel must be cleaned down to the bare steel.
3. Fire another shot and repeat Step 2. Repeat the one shot and clean procedure 8 to 10 times. Each bullet will act like a razor strop, wiping away minor roughness in the barrel. As break-in proceeds, fewer copper solvent treatments will be needed to get the first patch through with no color.
4. Fire three shot and clean. Repeat this step 3 to 5 times.
5. Enjoy top accuracy, easier cleaning and longer barrel life.