

HARDHOLDER - DECEMBER, 1996
BUFFALO CREEK GUN CLUB, INC.

BUFFALO CREEK GUN CLUB MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 17, 1996

1. A quorum of the directors was not present due to the inclement weather. No business was conducted.
2. Correspondence was received from the DCM concerning the availability of M1903A3 rifles. See attached letter.
3. A list of parts and accessories was received from the CMP (DCM). See the attachment for the list and order form.
4. The 1997 BCGC HIGH POWER RIFLE and 1997 COLORADO HIGH POWER calendars were presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 12/17/96

BEGINNING BALANCES			
11/19/96		BCGC GENERAL FUND (10)	\$4,681.61
11/19/96		BCGC RANGE FUND (14)	\$ 300.00
11/19/96		BCGC PAVILION FUND (16)	\$1,514.00
11/19/96		CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE (11)	\$6,495.61
INCOME			
11/19/96	CHECK	Silhouette Match Income	\$ 447.00
11/19/96	CHECK	Membership Dues	\$ 240.00
		TOTAL INCOME	\$ 687.00
EXPENSE			
11/19/96	495	Jan Wells - Stathouse Stove	\$ (350.00)
11/19/96	496	BCGC - JHP Raffle Prize Purchase	\$ (600.00)
11/19/96	497	BCGC - JHP Roger Noland Memorial	\$ (100.00)
12/11/96	498	USDA - Forest Service 1997 Lease	\$ (75.00)
		TOTAL EXPENSE	\$(1,125.00)
ENDNG BALANCES			
12/17/96		BCGC GENERAL FUND (10)	\$4,143.61
12/17/96		BCGC RANGE FUND (14)	\$ 400.00
12/17/96		BCGC PAVILION FUND (16)	\$1,514.00
12/17/96		CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE (11)	\$6,057.61

NEWS FROM CAMP PERRY

The Eagle Comes Home - Steve Benninghoven

The Colorado Highpower Rifle Team again made the annual pilgrimage to Camp Perry, Ohio for the National Highpower Rifle Championships. For highpower shooters, the National Matches consist of five days of service rifle only matches sponsored by the National Board for Promotion of Rifle Practice and the Director of Civilian Marksmanship, followed by eight days of NRA team, individual and long range matches with service and match rifle categories.

After arriving, inprocessing and moving into the "hutments" (14' square shacks that sleep 4) all new juniors and several adult shooters completed the two day Small Arms Firing School. This consists of lectures, demonstrations and familiarization firing at 25 meters and 200 yards. Despite having to shoot "60"s vintage M16A1's most cleaned the full silhouette and all scored well on the head and shoulders target at 200 yards. The rest made hut repairs, visited the merchants on commercial row and renewed acquaintances with friends from other states.

Formal competition began with the President's Match, which is 10 shots standing at 200 yards, ten shots prone rapid fire at 300 yards, and 10 shots prone at 600 yards. This is a service rifle only match, so you must shoot an M1, M14, or M16 type rifle. There are no sighter shots - you have to know your rifle and ammo. The top 100 shooters are designated as members of the President's Hundred. Among the Colorado contingent junior shooters Shawn McKenna (Broomfield) was 24th and Nick Gardella, (Erie) was 76th.

The National Trophy Individual (AKA "leg") match is ten shots standing at 200 yards, ten shots sitting rapid fire at 200 yards, ten shots prone rapid fire at 300 yards and 20 shots prone at 600 yards, again with service rifles and no sighters. Gold, silver and bronze metals are awarded to the top ten percent by a formula; all civilian medalists earn ten points toward the Distinguished Rifleman badge. Gardella won a gold medal, McKenna went silver, and Stewart Leach (Boulder) earned a bronze.

Nick Gardella was the high scoring junior in the National Trophy Individual match, earning the Golden Eagle trophy. In the past ten years four other Colorado juniors have won this prestigious trophy.

We didn't "three-peat" as winners of the Whistler Boy Match, which is the fifty shot course for two person junior teams. This one is tough, because you must shoot ammo issued on the line. Ever try sighting in your service rifle offhand, knowing every shot counts? Two of the teams earned bronze medals. Congratulations to our teams of Eric Ehler (Arvada) & Shane Harless (Colorado Springs), and Gardella & McKenna. Alicia Trujillo (Brush) & Jeremy Hurd (Conifer) were just below the cutoff. Aubrey Trujillo (Brush) paired with a Montana junior, and so had a great experience but no official score. Coaching were Chris Hatcher (Grand Junction), John Volk (Ft. Collins), Bart Bobbitt (Loveland) and Matt Healey (Grand Junction).

In the six person National Trophy Team match we didn't get any medals, but the adult team composed of Jim Starr (Broomfield), Stewart Leach, John Volk, Hedi Volk (Denver), Matt Healey and Mike Bogard (Broomfield) managed to beat the junior team for the first time in several years.

The service rifle only events end with the National Trophy Infantry Team Match, Popularly known as the "Rattle Battle". Eight targets are exposed for fifty seconds, during which six shooters try to get as many hits as possible. The shooters are guided by a coach and captain who can only use binoculars to watch the supersonic bullet trace. Firing is prone at 600 and 500 yards on the full silhouette target; with the sitting and offhand positions used at 300 and 200 yards on the head and shoulders target. Scoring scales down from four points at 600 yards to one point at 200 yards. There are bonus points for targets with more than six hits. The Colorado adults and juniors combined to field a strong team which finished in the top twenty five percent despite a couple of rifle problems. This is the first year we have actually trained for this event, and it clearly paid off. Next year we will rock and roll our way to a medal. In a sidelight, it must be noted that military and civilian teams firing M16 type rifle dominated this event, with two teams beating the former national record. The winning team scored over 20 hits per target from 600 yards.

Colorado fielded mixed service rifle and match rifle teams for the NRA Team Match, so we were called match rifle teams. No medals were earned, but the newly arrived bolt gunners got good local zeros. Sight settings are quite different at a 5000 foot lower elevation. In the NRA individual Championship series we all shot well, earning many award points and merchandise prizes. The series is twelve twenty shot matches with sighters fired across four days. It adds up to three times across the 80 shot offhand, sitting rapid, prone rapid and prone slow course, and is somewhat grueling. Up before dawn, and then shoot, score, move gear hundred of yards, and pull targets in 95 degree / 95 percent humidity weather.

The Colorado juniors were the highlight of the NRA matches. Nick Gardella is the Junior Service Rifle Champion and overall Junior Champion. Alicia Trujillo is Sub-Junior Champion. At twelve years of age, Alicia shot a 200-7X sitting rapid fire string! Former Colorado Junior Matt Healey, now a computer science student, is the Collegiate Champion. New Juniors Alicia Trujillo, Aubrey Trujillo, Eric Ehler, Shane Harless and Jeremy Herd all went to the National Matches as Marksman class shooters, but they all came home reclassified to Expert. Adult shooter Mike Bogard also classed up to Expert and Randolph Constantine (Bayfield) moved up to master.

Many thanks are extended to the Hornaday Manufacturing Company, whose generous donations of Frontier brass and Hornaday bullets allowed our Juniors to train and compete with consistent, best quality ammunition. Hornaday is really making a mark among competitive shooters with new design 30

caliber match bullets, and a great new 75 grain bullet for the M16/AR15 fans. When buying bullets for your Elk Rifle, please get the ones in the red boxes.

DIRECTOR OF CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP

1. M190A3 RIFLE LOTTERY

The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) has recently acquired fifty M1903A3 rifles, National Stock Number 1005-00-004-1202 from the Department of Defense depot system. Title XVI, the United States Code authorizes the CMP to sell these rifle through our rifle sales program.

The M1903A3 rifle is a World War II era version of the 1903 Springfield rifle. They were manufactured by the Remington Arms Company and the Smith-Corna Typewriter Company to supplement M1 rifle production. In recent years these rifles have become highly sought after by collectors. Sale of M1903A3 rifles by the Director of Civilian Marksmanship (DCM) have not taken place since 1967.

Rifles now offered for sale may include examples of either manufacturer. They may be "as manufactured" or arsenal rebuilt configuration. Condition of individual rifles may vary and there is no guarantee all parts will be by the same manufacturer.

Applicants for purchase of an M1903A3 rifle must conform with four requirements: 1) be a citizen of the United States, 2) be at least 18 years of age, 3) be a member of either an DCM affiliated club or state association, and 4) comply with all provisions of the 1968 Gun Control Act. Application and purchase are limited to one per person. Purchase of an M1, M1D, or M1C through the DCM sales program does not preclude an individual from buying an M1903A3.

The M1903A3's will be allocated for sale using a lottery system. Each applicant will be assigned a random number and a drawing will be held on January 30, 1997. Persons whose name is drawn will be notified by mail and at that time should send a cashiers' check or Postal Money Order in the amount of three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350.00), made payable to the Civilian Marksmanship Program. This payment should be mailed to:

The Civilian Marksmanship Program
PO Box 576
Port Clinton, Ohio 43452

Upon completion of the mandatory background check, the rifle will be mailed to the purchaser.

Persons interested in having their name entered into the M1903A3 lottery should mail their application to the above address with the attention line: M1903A3 RIFLE LOTTERY.

2. CMP REPAIR PARTS PRICE LIST & ORDER FORM

Attached to this newsletter is the current listing of repair parts and accessories available from the CMP and the current prices. The order form with the necessary club information filled in may be copied and used for placing orders.

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