



# HARDHOLDER – FEBRUARY 2013

## BUFFALO CREEK GUN CLUB, INC.

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### PRESIDENTS CORNER

Greetings.

I would like to start off by thanking the Board and the Club Members. It has been one year since I was elected. I believe we, as a group, have done some great things to benefit the Club and Colorado shooting sports over this past year. I would like to thank- Ron Smith, Jack Gaynor and Dan Gable for their service to the Club. I would like to thank John Williams, Owen Maddox, Mike McCabe, Ken Haxby and John Conley for stepping up to fill vacant Board Positions.

I would encourage each and every Club member to call or contact a Board Member if you have any questions. You can also attend a Board Meeting, they are open, public meetings and anyone can attend. We meet on the third Tuesday of every month, at the Golden Recreation Center. Meeting starts at 6:00pm.

I don't have the BCGC budget dollar amounts available, as I am writing this, but they are available. I would like to commend Owen Maddox. He was recently elected to serve as the Membership Director for the Club and has done a FANTASTIC job. In the past we had folks paying dues well into the year. Owen has actively worked on getting folks to send in their dues. This has helped the club tremendously. A few years ago, we had an issue with the company that covered us for insurance. We shopped around and went with a new insurance provider. We also opted to get Directors and Officers insurance and to beef up our other policies. Each year the insurance bill comes around the end of the year and it virtually depletes our bank account. Through his dedicated efforts Owen has replenished the coffers and this will allow us to keep the lights on - so to speak.

As with everything else, insurance premiums have risen. Your payments will help us to covers operating costs for the coming year.

While we are talking about club Dues. According to Article VI- DUES....All dues shall be payable at the beginning of each calendar year.

On to the coming year. We have lots of exciting matches and events planned this year. Last year we held the State Garand Championships and will do so again. This is a great event. You get to watch folks shoot one of the greatest battle rifles ever designed. We are hosting pistol matches, mid range/F Class and Benchrest matches. If there is a match or event you are interested in let us know. We have had a lot of interest in a black powder match, we just need someone willing to run the event. Appleseed is back, they are going to hold 3 long range shoots and 1 two day full Appleseed event. We always need help running events.

I hope to see everyone at the range this year. Good Shooting to you.

Thanks,

Gavin

## **BCGC NOTICES**

### **1. New Member Orientation**

- Frank McKeon is available for new member orientations at the range. New members should contact Frank at 303-838-4026 to make an appointment.

Visit the **BCGC website at [WWW.BCGC.COM](http://WWW.BCGC.COM)** for an up to date list of all Camp Fickes and BCGC club events and notices.

## **BUFFALO CREEK GUN CLUB MEETING MINUTES February 19, 2013**

1. The monthly board meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

- Prior Months Meeting Minutes-- no issues to discuss from last month's Dinner meeting
- Prior Months Newsletter? nothing
- Any changes, corrections? none
  
- There was a very quick question on elections and why we did not have any at the annual dinner. None of the Board members were up for elections, we have all be in the position less than the 3 year term. Sam's position comes up next year?

### **2. MAIL CALL**

- No Mail Call
  
- A motion was made by Jeff Monroe and seconded by Barrett Benson to accept the Mail Call report as presented.

### **3. TREASURER'S REPORT**

- Current Balance: \$2,112.54

### **4. MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Owen Maddox –**

- 6 new members:

Alex Brewster  
John Glasner  
Alex Kay  
Keith Bowles  
Newt Williams  
Johnny Ortega

After a brief intro from each, they were voted in by the Board

- 40 people are still outstanding on Dues and fees for Range Access Pass (RAP)
- Dues have been coming in at a steady pace. Owen has done a great job of getting club members to pay dues in a timely manner.
- March 1 is the cut off for sending in your dues.

- We will send one letter to the people who did not re-up prior to 1 March, checking on their intention of remaining a club member.
- We have 80 people out of 140 club members who did not perform any work days.  
This is unacceptable. Part of being a member is doing the 2 required work days. If you choose not to do your work day the fee to remain a member is increased by \$150.  
The \$150 is the payment due for the work bond. So, to remain a member you would need to remit \$210 and then your membership card would be released.

We will be sending bills to former club member who did not perform any work days last year.

- There were 316 workday performed in 2012 versus 224 workday performed in 2011.  
We are trending in the right direction but we need every club member to do his/her part.  
Gate keeping is the easiest way to meet the 2 day work bond requirement. This helps us stay compliant with our Forest Service Lease. Remember you need to act in a professional manner and refrain from shooting while there are users on the range.
- We are currently at 180 Club members. We had 42 new folks join the club in 2012.
- A motion was made by Denny Conlon and seconded by Jeff Monroe to accept the Membership report as presented.

## 5. **NEWSLETTER REPORT**

- Mike McCabe had expressed interest in helping the club, he presented himself to the board and was voted in as our new Newsletter Editor.
- A question was asked as to why we have a Secretary and a Newsletter Editor--  
The Board felt it was better to have 2 sets of ears at each meeting, this also helps if one person is absent, we can still produce the Club Newsletter.
- A motion was made by Jeff Monroe and seconded by Jim Mc to accept the Newsletter Report as presented.

## 6. **ARMORER'S REPORT**

No report was given. A motion was made and seconded to accept.

## 7. **CLINIC REPORT – Pete Jend**

- Pete stated that the clinics had been scheduled and will be set to the Webmaster for posting on the Club's website.
- We will offer a \$10 discount to Club members if they participate in the clinics.
- All of the ammunition for the clinics is done.
- The lost scope is back in Club possession.
- The first events of the years are:

Appleseed 1 day long range shoot	April 6
Soviet Match long range	April 7
M9 pistol clinic short range	April 21
600 yard Any long range	April 28

Check the website for further details and other clinic/match dates

- A motion was made by Jeff Monroe and seconded by Barrett Benson to accept the Clinic Report as presented.

**8. HIGH POWER REPORT – Greg Hawke**

- 2013 High-Power calendar mostly done, some new dates are being added.
- There was a question of how many Adults and Juniors are planning on going to Camp Perry.
- Mentioned to Pete that we could sell the remaining High Power/4th of July T-shirts at the gun show.
- A motion was made by Jeff Monroe and seconded by Jim M to accept the High Power Report as presented.

**9. JUNIORS REPORT – Mike Brazell**

- Mike was absent for the Club meeting, but emailed us the following. They are shooting at The Shootist on S. Broadway.
- Ammunition has been ordered
- If any Juniors are interested in going to Camp Perry, deposits for lodging are due in March.
- A motion was made by Jeff Monroe and seconded by Jim M to accept the Juniors Report as presented.

**10. RANGE OFFICER’S REPORT – Denny Conlon (RO) and Jerry Fischer (Asst RO)**

- The Roof on the Large Target Shed is done, a few more screws need to be put in the field and the south edge dressed, other than that it is done. Thanks to Kirk for all of his help in getting this much need project completed!!!
- 4 new concrete benches were installed at the Short Range. The wooden benches were taken to the 300 yard line.
- We have a good supply of plastic backers for the Long Range.
- Denny reported that there are still instances of vandalism occurring. Someone shot a bunch of clay birds and left the debris on the range.
- THE MAD SHOTGUNNER IS STILL AROUND-- If this person is caught, and he/she will be caught, it is only a matter of time-- they will be expelled from the Club and we, as a club, will press charges against the person. Shot shells are expressly forbidden and this information is posted in conspicuous places and is in the rules, so there cannot be any claim that they did not know this was not allowed. We have a number of Law Enforcement Officers in the club and we have asked for their help in this matter. We have saved all the incriminating evidence-- empty hulls, destroyed target frames, broken clays. The Buffalo Creek Gun Club CSI unit is on the case.
  - The actions by this person cost the club money. Each time the Mad Shotgunner destroys a target frame it costs you, the club member, \$5. We are not talking one or two target frames, we are talking 8-10 target frames over the past 3 years.
  - Again, we will find this person and they will answer for the destruction of Club property.

- If you happen upon him/her, Do not confront the person. Take a picture of the car/truck or license plate and contact a Board Member.
- We will offer up a reward for information leading to the identification of this person.
- A motion was made by Jeff Monroe and seconded by Jim M to accept the Range Officer's Report as presented.

## 11. OLD BUSINESS

- Dabney reported that the range was visited by two Forest Service Zone Silver culturists for the Pikes National Forest. **Dabney was waiting on a return call from the USFS regarding possible dates from them to cut timber/sunlight on our road.**
- The club will have a booth at the Colorado Military Collectors Swap Meet on January 20, at the Jefferson County Fairground. (colomilitaria.com) **We had 12+ people come and talk to us about the Club at the show. We received some free advertising at the show.**
- We still need help at the range to put up signs, to perform road work, we need match and clinic directors. Please contact a board member if you can help in any of these areas.
- At the Annual Dinner, Ken Haxby had expressed interest in becoming a Board Member, specifically the Club Secretary. Ken presented himself to the board and was voted in as our new Secretary.
- At the Annual Dinner, John Conley expressed interest in helping the club, he presented himself to the board and was voted in as additional Member At Large.

## 12. ASSIGNMENTS

### Open Issues Assigned prior to 4/2012

- The issuance of stock certificates still needs to be done.  
**Feb. status:** No report.

### Open Issue Assigned prior to 7/2012

- Gavin said we needed a new form for tracking AR's, the new and old 22's. Gavin is waiting to hear from Brian, our lawyer  
**Feb. Status:** A new Lease Agreement form was created and will be routed to Board Members for review.

## 13. NEW BUSINESS

- There was a discussion about performing a Background Check on all new members. We need to do some Due Diligence and see what other clubs are doing and what our liability is if we start doing this. Mike McCabe is going to contact other ranges and clubs to see what their protocol is with new members.
- Barrett made a motion to waive the 3 year Club Membership requirement, in order to allow the 3 new Broad Members to serve. The Motion was made and a vote taken, The 3 year Club Membership was waived for -- Mike McCabe, John Conley and Ken Haxby-- Welcome to the Board.
- This is an item we still need to discuss:  
We discussed a policy of limiting guests to no more that 3 visits to the range before they have to pay for a daily guest pass. **This is still an actionable item that will need further discussion.**
- There have been some issues with the Club website, Dabney stated they have been resolved.

- Dabney is working on the Standard Operating Procedures for the Club, this is in preparation for presenting Range Safety Officer training to interested club members.
- A new member stated that he was unable to print the application documents directly from the website. The Webmaster will be notified.
- Owen Maddox advised all parties, that we are now a NRA Gold Member Club. Our website now has a link to the NRA membership site, and from this link, everyone who uses it to sign up or renew their NRA membership, the club get a portion of the proceeds.
- Owen also has information on the \$300 lifetime NRA membership. Please contact him directly for this information. This is a huge savings on the lifetime membership.
- Owen Maddox made a presentation to the Board, asking that he be selected as the Grants Coordinator. Our previous Grants Coordinator, Brian K, moved to Arizona. A vote was held and Owen was selected to be our Grants Coordinator.
- Owen then presented information on different types of wall/dividing options for the Short Range. He gave us an update on the NRA grant and the deadline to use the \$3500 grant.-- Our original deadline was March 8, 2013, Owen was able to secure an extension until mid August 2013.
- Owen presented a product from the Hesco company. These are wire baskets with cloth liners. This product is similar to the barriers used by our Armed Forces, they take very little time to erect, but do need large amounts of a fill product (dirt) to make them work. This option would run approximately \$30,000.
- An option using logs was presented and that option would run approximately \$6000 for material.
- Owen then presented an idea to hold 2 raffles and generate some revenue to help pay for the wall. After lots of discussion we decided not to do a raffle.
- Gavin discussed a quicker, easier way to generate some additional funds for the wall project-- selling the Club .22 rifles. Pete made a motion to sell all but two of the rifles. Then Barrett made a motion to sell all of the rifles. Pete withdrew his motion and we voted on Barrett's motion to sell all of the adult sized Club .22 caliber rifles. The vote passed and we will sell all of the Club adult sized .22 rifles.
- Before we can proceed with any modification/changes/construction we need to get approval from the USFS.
- We will be changing the Gate combo in early April

A motion was made by Jeff Monroe, seconded by Mike McCabe and passed to adjourn at 8:28pm.

**The next regular BCGC BOD meeting will be held on Tuesday March, 19, 2013 at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th Street, Golden, CO 80401 (303) 384-8100 from 6:00 to 8:00pm.**

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