



# HARDHOLDER – JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2004

## BUFFALO CREEK GUN CLUB, INC.

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### BUFFALO CREEK GUN CLUB MEETING MINUTES January 13, 2004

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:10PM.
2. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the December minutes as presented in the Newsletter.
3. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
  - The club's checking account balance is \$20,059.40.
  - The club sustained a \$1904.80 net loss of income in 2003.
  - The club has not yet been reimbursed for Junior raffle expenses.
  - Forest Service fees for 2003 and 2004 have been paid.
  - The High Power clinics were the club's most profitable activity, earning \$7759.00 with approximately \$2000.00 in expenses.
  - A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.
4. **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**
  - A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept Graham Clough, Jerry Corley and David Worth as new members.
  - Mail has been returned from Frank Campbell; he hasn't paid dues and will be dropped from the club roster.
  - Annual membership dues for 2004 are now payable as well as work bonds for 2003. Dues are \$40.00. Please send a note regarding your workday for last year. If you did not satisfy your workday, please submit \$50.00 work bond. Mail payments to BCGC, PO Box 16280, Golden, CO 80402
  - A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Membership report as presented.
5. **NEWSLETTER REPORT**
  - 198 newsletters were sent out; 2 were returned.
  - A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Newsletter report as presented.
6. **ARMORER'S REPORT**
  - Kent Beach has painted club magazines to make them "theft-proof."
  - Kent will purchase additional magazines to be used as spares.
  - Kent is cleaning the new uppers purchased from Rock River.
  - Rock River has recently received a 5 year contract from the government to supply service rifles and parts. Jon Copenbarger reports that there may now be as much as a 3 month delay on civilian orders for Rock River products; Jon also raised some questions about the quality of recently delivered parts from the company.
  - The club currently has one AR available for use by a Junior.
  - A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Armorer's report as presented.
7. **CLINIC REPORT**
  - No report
8. **SILHOUETTE REPORT**
  - No report
9. **HIGH POWER REPORT**
  - The High Power mailing list needs to be updated, and address labels need to be printed for the season's match mailing.
  - Jon Copenbarger will see to it that BCGC Clinic fliers get placed on the CSSA gun show tables.
  - Jon is taking inventory of High Power supplies and will order replacements as necessary.
  - A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the High Power report as presented.
10. **JUNIOR REPORT**

- No report

11. **RANGE OFFICER'S REPORT**

- Darrell Evig will set dates for the 2004 workdays and notify Mike Bevelhimer for listing them on the club calendar on the website.
- Jim Starr will be authorized to purchase some plastic target boards to test their durability. Further discussion is needed regarding the size of the order, as the plastic boards are expensive.
- A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Range Officer's report.

12. **SMALLBORE REPORT**

- No report

13. **OLD BUSINESS**

- Greg Harmon has volunteered to help in the preparation of the Environmental Stewardship Plan.
- Mike Bevelhimer repeated his earlier requests for job descriptions from all club officers.
- On January 13, 2004, Mike Bevelhimer, Kent Beach and Mike Walton met for several hours with Forest Service officials, including District Ranger Randy Hickenbottom, at the FS offices near Windy Point. Discussion focused on the status of the club's current permit and the new or updated permit the Forest Service is currently preparing. The meeting served to clarify the situation of the club and the purposes and processes involved in establishing terms of the new permit. Forest Service officials are currently researching matters discussed at the meeting to determine which options may be considered in specifying the type of permit to be issued and its terms, including fees.
- Dabney Crump reported that, although attendance was down at the annual banquet, most who did attend thought the change of venue was a good idea. (Had the banquet been held at County Line Barbecue, even with reduced attendance, the club would have paid \$200 more than the cost at Le Peeps.) The food at Le Peeps was adequate, and the facility was better. 42 members and guests attended.
- The club offers special thanks to Dick Gavin for donating a large assortment of fishing gear, which was given away at the banquet as door prizes.

14. **NEW BUSINESS**

- Ray Barrett suggested that the club contact members serving in the military to get their assistance in researching the military history of Camp Buffalo/Camp Fickes. He also suggested contacting VFW posts around the state to locate any who remember shooting at the range while in the military. Finally he suggested using GPS coordinates to identify old latrine locations and plot roads on the property.
- A motion was made, seconded and passed to appoint Steve Smith Clinics Co-executive. (Jon Coppenbarger abstained.)
- A motion was made, seconded and passed to appoint Kent Beach as President of BCGC. Kent will continue to serve as Armorer.
- A motion was made, seconded and passed to appoint Mike Bevelhimer as Vice President of BCGC. Mike will continue bearing primary responsibility for managing the club's relations with the Forest Service.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn at 9:12PM.

## **BUFFALO CREEK GUN CLUB MEETING MINUTES February 10, 2004**

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:25PM.
2. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the January minutes as presented in the Newsletter.
3. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
  - No report
4. **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**
  - A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept Mike Williams and Paul Rademaker as new members.
  - Norm Austin asked for a copy of the work bond policy; a brief discussion followed.
  - A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Membership report as presented.
5. **NEWSLETTER REPORT**
  - No report
6. **ARMORER'S REPORT**
  - Kent Beach has begun test-firing the new Rock River rifles. Rock River claims their barrels do not require break-in firing as they are already properly lapped.

- Kent reports that the club's cleaning kit needs considerable re-supply; he will order need materials.
  - The CMP has announced the availability of Remington 40x .22 target rifles for sale to clubs. The rifles are in heavy and light barrel configurations, all without sights.
  - A motion was made, seconded and passed to purchase three Remington 40x rifles for check-out to club members.
  - Members who would be interested in checking out a Remington 40x from the club should contact Kent Beach; the board will consider a second purchase depending in interest.
  - The CMP has announced the renewed availability of .30 cal. M2 Ball ammunition. The club will purchase its allotment of 10,000 rounds.
  - A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Armorer's report as presented.
7. **CLINIC REPORT**
- Mike Walton is currently loading ammunition for the 2004 clinics.
  - The 2004 clinic dates have been listed on the club website.
  - All clinic forms on the website have been updated for 2004.
  - Ray Barrett distributed more than 450 clinic fliers and application forms at the February gunshow in Denver.
  - A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Clinic report as presented.
8. **SILHOUETTE REPORT**
- No report
9. **HIGH POWER REPORT**
- John Copenbarger reports that the club's match mailings are nearly ready. They will be mailed before the March meeting.
  - The club-sponsored Camp Perry Team Meeting was held at the American Motel in Wheatridge on Saturday, February 7. Attendance was down from last year's meeting, mostly due to personal schedule conflicts among team members. Many made contact by email or phone in advance. Mike Walton, Heidi Bickel and Jim Starr presented the team practice and match schedule for 2004, a regional High Power calendar, fund raising plans, and on-base housing information. Contact Mike Walton for copies of these materials if you missed the meeting and are planning to attend Camp Perry this year.
  - A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the High Power report as presented.
10. **JUNIOR REPORT**
- Jim Starr will conduct a raffle this year among club members only; no license will be required.
  - Matt Healey, former Colorado Junior High Power competitor and now coach for Juniors from the Grand Junction area, reports that Junior Kellan Allstat won the Master's class in the Arizona Service Rifle Championship in January; Kellan is the Arizona Junior High Power Champion for 2004. Congratulations, Kellan and Matt!
  - A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Junior report as presented.
11. **RANGE OFFICER'S REPORT**
- A motion was made, seconded and passed to hold the spring workdays on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, and on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, with Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup> as an alternative workday date.
  - A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Range Officer's report.
12. **SMALLBORE REPORT**
- A few more new shooters have signed up for the second half of Winter League shooting. The influx of new shooters is the big story for the 2003-2004 season.
  - A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Smallbore report.
13. **OLD BUSINESS**
- Mike Bevelhimer reported on his letter to the Randy Hickenbottom following up on the meeting with him and other Forest Service officials in January.
14. **NEW BUSINESS**
- Ray Barrett is looking for a good bulk-rate fee for duplicating clinic fliers. Any suggestions from members?
  - Mike Walton turned in to the Archivist job descriptions for the positions of Secretary, Smallbore Executive and Clinic Executive.
  - Mike Bevelhimer has two lock-boxes belonging to the club. At present they are filled with fishing gear donated by Dick Gavin. After discussion the board decided to leave the lock-boxes in Mike's possession

for storage of the club's .30 cal. M2 Ball ammo once the shipment arrives. The fishing gear will be offered to club members as prizes during the annual Ed Harvey picnic.

- Jon Copenbarger reported that the door raceway on the main target house needs to be cleared in order to operate properly.
- After discussion of procedures for leasing use of the range to law enforcement groups and others, the board decided to standardize the leasing procedure and designate the Secretary as the officer in charge of scheduling leases of the range.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn at 9:26PM.

### **The following is the text of the President's speech delivered at the annual dinner**

I want to start off tonight's meeting with a "State of the Club" address. Then we'll get on with food & camaraderie.

After the food we will have our customary "Door Prize Drawing" This year we have, thanks to Mr. Dick Gavend, a large assortment of, mostly, fishing gear to add to the drawing. I'm sure many of you hate it when the pile of prizes nears it's end and you haven't won anything so we'll add a bit of consolation. The last item to be given away will be a 4 inch, 12 volt, Black & White TV / AM, FM radio. Also compliments of Dick Gavend.

Over the last three years, or so, Buffalo Creek Gun Club has moved forward in several areas. We sold all of our old, and tired, M1s to club members and used the proceeds to purchase match-grade AR15s. With the CMP program of M1 sales to civilians coming to a close there was little need for, or interest in, the old M1 clinic program we had run so successfully for so many years. We initiated a new clinic program aimed at bringing new shooters to high-power and improving the skills of many who were already involved. This program, which uses the AR15s, has been a success and appears to have a very bright future. Mike Walton picked up the baton and coordinated the clinics the last two years but is now overextended and is stepping back. The individual clinic instructional programs are written out in NRA class format and are, therefore, able to be taught by almost anyone with basic knowledge of high-power shooting. We have a pool of shooters that are available for instructing and coaching so the actual clinics are not that difficult but we are in desperate need of a couple of members to take over the supervision of the AR15 clinic program. I hope we can fill those board positions from this group here.

The lack of member participation in work days and other club activities has been a problem for several years so, four years ago we raised the work bond to \$100 hoping to increase member participation. That decision cost us 30% of our membership as many members simply abandoned BCGC in the face of higher fees or forced participation. Last year we reversed that decision, returning the work bond to \$50 a year. I'm happy to say that move, coupled with interest generated by the AR15 clinic program has resulted in our membership numbers beginning to come back up. Because of developments with the U.S. Forest Service we need member participation more than ever. Many of us currently on the Board are being required to dedicate more time to Forest Service issues which means that holding two jobs, as many of us are doing, is becoming much more difficult. Without more members serving on the board, and more member participation, we are going to be forced to pay non-club members to pick up some of the load. I'm asking those of you here, "If any of you are willing to step up as clinic coordinators or can help in any other way, please volunteer now or see me after the dinner." "If you have the time, please give us a hand."

We are faced with, possibly, the greatest challenge ever to confront BCGC. The USFS is pursuing new directions that directly affect, and possibly threaten our continued existence as a club. Last year we were told we must submit an "Environmental Stewardship Plan" to the USFS. This plan is not a mere document, but a true plan that we are required to implement, monitor, and report on annually. I'm happy to say, thanks to the hard work of our Treasurer, David Glater, we have completed the initial incarnation of this plan and have submitted it for approval. Many questions in this plan are still to be answered. The most daunting of these is how we are going to deal with EPA regulations regarding the containment and removal of lead from the impact areas of the range. This issue is going to demand ever increasing measures of both manpower and money over the coming years. Obviously, the more manpower we can solicit from club members the less we will have to increase club fees to cover new costs.

Hopefully most of you read the special mailing I sent out last month regarding a proposed fee increase by the USFS. Unfortunately I have no answers, as yet, for the questions raised by this new development. Members of the BCGC board of directors met with the district ranger and his staff on Tuesday, January 13 in an attempt to better understand the implications of this. It appears the USFS will be re-authorizing our old permit with an annual fee of, possibly, nearly \$6000. This change and what other changes, if any, are yet to be finalized. I have spent many hours pouring over Federal law and Forest Service regulations preparing for upcoming meetings and feel we have, at least, a fair chance of negotiating some of these changes.

We have also employed an attorney to assist the board of directors in dealing with this issue. As this negotiation unfolds, we will use the newsletter to inform all of you of developments and needs.

Effective this coming Tuesday night I will be stepping down as President of BCGC. Kent Beach has agreed to replace me and I have agreed to stay on as his Vice-President. I am confident that the two of us working together with the Board of Directors will be a positive influence on the future direction of BCGC and our relationship with the U.S. Forest Service.

Other changes in the Board are: Vince Carrol has resigned from the position of High power Director and has been replaced by Jon Copenberger. The club owes Vince a thank you for his fine job of reorganizing the management of the High power program over the last couple of years. Kerry Walker will no longer be able to serve as Club Archivist / Historian. This very important duty will be taken over by Norm Austen who has served as our Vice-President.

## **NOTICES**

### **1. RAY BARRETT NEEDS HELP**

**Ray needs help passing out clinic literature at the gun shows. If you can help please call Ray at 303-424-4925.**

### **2. 2004 Work Party Dates**

- **Spring - April 10 weather permitting – alternate date April 17 if April 10 cancelled**
- **Summer - June 12**

**Work parties start at 8:00AM**

### **3. Contact Phone Number for 2004 Clinics**

- **The contact telephone number for the 2004 BCGC highpower clinics is 303-588-6608**

### **4. Found**

**A pistol magazine was found on the BCGC range. If it is yours and you can identify it call Brent Brown at 303-904-0052.**

### **Buffalo Creek Gun Club - 2004 Calendar of Events**

<b>APRIL</b>
<b>10 - SPRING WORK PARTY</b>
<b>17 - ALTERNATE SPRING WORK PARTY (In case of snow)</b>
<b>18 - 600 YARD ANY/ANY (Mike Walton *303-757-4304 / <a href="mailto:bigbadgerboy@yahoo.com">bigbadgerboy@yahoo.com</a>)</b>
<b>MAY</b>
<b>4 - 600 YARD ANY-ANY</b>
<b>8 - 200 YARD HIGHPOWER CLINIC (Richard Bowman * 303-588-6608 / <a href="mailto:RJBOWMAN@qwest.net">RJBOWMAN@qwest.net</a>)</b>
<b>16 - ANNIVERSARY MATCH - (John Volk * 970-226-3061 / <a href="mailto:jhvolk@msn.com">jhvolk@msn.com</a>)</b>
<b>29 - COLORADO STATE TEAM PRACTICE (Mike Walton*303-757-4304 / <a href="mailto:bigbadgerboy@yahoo.com">bigbadgerboy@yahoo.com</a>)</b>
<b>30 - SPRING MATCH (Mike Walton 303-757-4304 / <a href="mailto:bigbadgerboy@yahoo.com">bigbadgerboy@yahoo.com</a>)</b>
<b>JUNE</b>
<b>12 - SUMMER WORK PARTY</b>
<b>19- 200 YARD HIGHPOWER CLINIC (Richard Bowman * 303-588-6608 / <a href="mailto:RJBOWMAN@qwest.net">RJBOWMAN@qwest.net</a>)</b>

20 - SUMMER MATCH (Tom Crist 303-833-4163 / [ntcris@msn.com](mailto:ntcris@msn.com))

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26 - COLORADO STATE TEAM PRACTICE (Mike Walton \*303-757-4304 / [bigbadgerboy@yahoo.com](mailto:bigbadgerboy@yahoo.com))

**JULY**

2 - COLORADO STATE SERVICE RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP (Jim Starr \* 303-466-2525 / [moresewit@msn.com](mailto:moresewit@msn.com))

3 - REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (Jim Starr \* 303-466-2525 / [moresewit@msn.com](mailto:moresewit@msn.com))

4 - REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM & LEG MATCHES (Jim Starr \* 303-466-2525 / [moresewit@msn.com](mailto:moresewit@msn.com))

10 - 300 YARD HIGHPOWER CLINIC (Richard Bowman \* 303-588-6608 / [RJBOWMAN@qwest.net](mailto:RJBOWMAN@qwest.net))

11 - COLORADO STATE TEAM PRACTICE (Mike Walton \*303-757-4304 / [bigbadgerboy@yahoo.com](mailto:bigbadgerboy@yahoo.com))

24 & 25 - TEDDY ROOSEVELT MATCH - SMALLBORE SILHOUETTE (Steve Hawks \* 970-532-3432 / [hawksfam1@aol.com](mailto:hawksfam1@aol.com))

**AUGUST**

1 - ED HARVEY MATCH (Members Only) (Ray Barrett \*303-424-4925)

8 - SMALLBORE SILHOUETTE (Steve Hawks \* 970-532-3432 / [hawksfam1@aol.com](mailto:hawksfam1@aol.com))

29 - ED HARVEY PICNIC (Members Only) (Ray Barrett \*303-424-4925)

**SEPTEMBER**

11 - 600 YARD HIGHPOWER CLINIC (Richard Bowman \* 303-588-6608 / [RJBOWMAN@qwest.net](mailto:RJBOWMAN@qwest.net))

12 - FALL MATCH - (Steve Smith \*719-283-0899 / [Steve.Smith@si-intl.com](mailto:Steve.Smith@si-intl.com))

**OCTOBER**

3 - 80 SHOT .30 CALIBER STATE CHAMPIONSHIP (Mike Walton \*303-757-4304 / [bigbadgerboy@yahoo.com](mailto:bigbadgerboy@yahoo.com))

10 - SMALLBORE SILHOUETTE (Steve Hawks \* 970-532-3432 / [hawksfam1@aol.com](mailto:hawksfam1@aol.com))

**NOVEMBER**

21 - BAILEY CHALLENGE (Hunting Rifles Only)(Bob Frahme \*303-830-1307)

**Have a complaint, suggestion or question – contact a club officer.**

President	Kent Beach	303-279-2668
Vice President	Mike Bevelhimer	303-816-9002
Secretary & Smallbore	Mike Walton	303-757-4304
Treasurer	David Glater	303-987-3950
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	Darrell Evig	303-838-3679
Assistant Range Officer	Stuart Behrens	303-816-2996

Clinic Coordinator

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Highpower Executive

Jon Coppenbarger

719-393-1221

Club Archivist

Norm Austen

303-467-9757

**The next meeting will be held at the home of Kent Beach, 13959 W. Cedar Place, Golden, CO on Tuesday March 9, 2004 at 7:00pm.**