



HARDHOLDER – JANUARY 2014

BUFFALO CREEK GUN CLUB, INC.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings

I do have to remind everyone of some of the rules right up front. You the BCGC member are responsible for ensuring that ALL the range rules are followed and that SAFETY is the number 1 job. We cannot have people shooting out of bounds, shooting trees, rocks, wildlife or touching their guns during a cease fire. All it takes is one slip, one error in judgment and someone could get hurt. Please remind yourself and everyone around you that guns safety rules are not meant to be ignored or even bent slightly, because no one can afford to be hurt slightly. We must remain vigilant and use courtesy to remind others around us that Guns are not toys and one instance could have a lifelong impact.

I believe we had a banner year. Lots of new folks came out and joined the club, many new public shooters experienced out little bit of heaven. With that we have many more shooters now and will need much more maintenance and upkeep, wear and tear on the range will increase. We need more people to build targets, pick up trash, kill weeds, move dirt, help at clinics, cook brats, and work the gun show.

Please volunteer. Gatekeeper-- we were able to staff the gate each weekend, but we will need more gatekeepers as the public comes into shoot. We will need 3 each weekend.

Keep an eye on current federal regulations in the forest, the FS is trying to tighten up the public shooting process and in some place make it near impossible to shoot in the forest. With that, our range will see more and more use. Get involved at a grass roots level and help protect our shooting sports and shooting rights.

We need folks to help with the Strategic plan. This is our face to outside agencies-- we are judged by this, the application and our members. We have had a few folks step up and help, but this is going to be a continual process. Refining and sharpening our paper image.

We as a board have discussed many future plans, -- a new tactical range, archery, and maybe even shotguns--- Is the mad shot gunner here-- ???? He costs the range money each time he destroys our targets.

We are looking at co-oping with the Division of Wildlife and hosting Hunter Safety. We are planning and designing a new Pistol clinic curriculum.

We have worked with the folks from Appleseed, and we hope to broaden that partnership and become a Anchor club for them in the front range. We can get national exposure with this group and good media attention can only help

We had the road graded, a new berm installed, steps fixed, benches repaired, new benches installed, signs went up. But there is still stuff to do.

If you have a special skill or talent, let us know. We might not need that help today, but maybe in the future we could use that skill. I preach this every month in the newsletter. Volunteer. Become active and come to a board meeting.

My thanks go out to the Board, the Members, their families and friends, and the guests who visited us. Without everyone's interest and help, we would not be the great club we are today. Over the past few years we have moved faster, done more things and added more people than ever before. We have over 200 club members. I remember when we had way less than 100.

I have some exciting news to share. As many of you know I am a long time federal employee. I am currently a 1st line supervisor here in the Denver area. I have applied for and recently been selected for a new position in the Sacramento, California area. I will be resigning from the board at the conclusion February Board meeting.

It has been a pleasure and an honor to be affiliated with a great group of folks. I remember sitting in Kent's basement as a regular member and volunteering to be on the board. They all laughed and asked me if I was for real. They even joked that they had a live one. I was board member at large, then I was elected to be the Executive officer and then your president. I have enjoyed most of my time as president, there are things that go along with this position that are not much fun. But overall my term as your president has be great. I don't want to leave and move to California, but I am at a point in my career where I have to move to move up. I wanted to thank each and every one of you in this great club. Again it has been a honor to be a part of this great organization.

Please dig deep-- think hard, if you have any desire to be a board member now is the time. Let us know you interest.

I hope everyone has great plans for 2014. Stay safe and good shooting to you!!

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 for an up to date list of all Camp Fickes and BCGC club events and notices.

BUFFALO CREEK GUN CLUB MEETING MINUTES January 18, 2014

Board Members, etc in Attendance

- Gavin Weekley
- Barrett Benson
- John Williams
- Mike Brazell
- Dennis Conlon
- Owen Maddox
- Ken Haxby
- Sam Morris
- Frank McKeon
- Dabney Crump
- Jim Madere
- Dean Barr
- Mike McCabe

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC

- Dabney:in 2013 we had 424 day passes, 160 family passes, & 11 military passes.
 - Dan Bassett was elected to the board. Sam Morris & Owen Maddox were re-elected to the Board.
 - Gavin has taken a new job in Sacramento, CA, and will be resigning after the February Board meeting.
1. The monthly Board of Directors Meeting/Annual Banquet was called to order at 7:30 pm. (Great food, by the way.)
 - Prior Months Meeting Minutes-- no issues to discuss from last month's meeting
 - Prior Months Newsletter? nothing
 - Any changes, corrections? none
 - Motion by Jim, seconded by Barrett to accept the Minutes.
 2. **MAIL CALL**
 - NA
 3. **TREASURER'S REPORT - Sam Morris**
 - Club financials are available at the head table
 - Current BCGC checking account Balance: \$19,288
 - Current BCGC savings account Balance (NRA Grant): \$3,502
 - Current Juniors Account Balance: \$216
 - Current Raffle account: \$2,209
 - Motion by John, seconded by Barrett to accept Treasurer's report as presented.
 4. **MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Owen Maddox**
 - 207 members on the books; 7 waiting for approval
 - 14 Life Members, 3 Charter Members

- 283 work days completed in 2013, with 115 free days donated
 - New member:
Les Jackson
After brief intros all were voted in unanimously by the Board.
 - Motion by John, seconded by Jim to accept Membership report as presented.
5. **NEWSLETTER REPORT – Mike McCabe**
- Mike expects to publish our 1Q14 newsletter in February.
 - Motion by Owen, seconded by John to accept Membership report as presented.
6. **ARMORER’S REPORT**
- All but one of the AR-15s are in the safe.
 - Motion by Denny, seconded by Jim to accept Armorer’s report as presented.
7. **CLINIC REPORT – Pete Jend**
- Pete didn’t attend the meeting. No report.
8. **HIGH POWER REPORT – Greg Hawke**
- Greg didn’t attend the meeting. No report.
9. **JUNIORS REPORT – Mike Brazell**
- Matt has a core group of 4 kids. Let’s get more.
 - Motion by Denny, seconded by John to accept the Juniors Report as presented.
10. **RANGE OFFICER’S REPORT – Denny Conlon**
- Currently, you need a decent vehicle to get to the range through all the snow.
 - Motion by John, seconded by Owen to accept the Range Officer’s Report as presented.
11. **OLD BUSINESS**
- Owen – the berm report was sent into the NRA 3 weeks ago.
 - The modified By-Laws have been voted upon and accepted.
 - We’re working on an April date for RSO training.
 - Owen: everyone should sign up for the NRA through the BCGC web site. It costs only \$25, and the club gets a cut.
12. **ASSIGNMENTS**
- Owen spoke with Jeffco about using the County building conference room for our Board Meetings. The cost is \$55/month – less than we’re currently paying in Golden.
- Owen will follow-up with Jeffco, & the membership will be informed if/when we change the venue.
13. **NEW BUSINESS**
- Mike is organizing another meeting regarding the 5-yr plan. We need help with marketing and costs estimation.
 - The next BCGC development meeting will be held in the Bailey library on February 6th at 7:00 PM. All members are encouraged to attend. We need expertise in marketing and excavation quotation. Contact Mike Brazell if you can provide assistance in these areas. mikebrazell2@gmail.com

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

The next regular BCGC BOD meeting will be held on Tuesday February 18, 2014 at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th Street, Golden, CO 80401 (303) 384-8100 from 6:00 to 8:00pm.

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