



# HARDHOLDER – SEPTEMBER 2013

## BUFFALO CREEK GUN CLUB, INC.

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### **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

Greetings: What a Season!!! I would like to that everyone that has been a gatekeeper. This has always been one of the hardest jobs to get people to volunteer for, but in reality this is probably one of the easiest ways to get your workday. Again thanks to all the 2014 gatekeepers!!

New News: **We have a graded road...!!!!!!??**

We are unsure who did it, it is suspected the US Forest Service came in and made a pass up and down the road. This is a Major thing for us. The road was bordering on impassable for some folks that do you own a truck. We still need to do some touch up on the road and fill in some of the really bad spots, but overall the road is 100% better than it was last week.

We had a great season of shooting. The range will close at the end of October. We held a lot of fantastic events and I know I had a great time at all the ones I participated in. I shot last week against my son in the State Garand Championship match. I beat him by 9 points, but if he would have not had two saved rounds, I wouldn't be gloating, like I am doing right now. This is an amazing series of matches and a great way to get into competitive shooting. If you have a military style rifle, you could participate. We held 3 Appleseed Events. This is another way to hone your marksmanship skill, and it is a great program to boot. We are working on becoming an anchor range for Appleseed. We closed out the competitive season with the Soviet Rifle Championships-- Congratulations to Devin and Sam. Check out the Buffalo Creek Gun Club Facebook page for pictures from this match. At the end of the Presidents Corner I have included a few articles on some of our Colorado Shooters that participated at Camp Perry this year. The articles and YouTube videos are very complimentary to shooting sports.

Congratulations to all Colorado Shooters and to all of the Buffalo Creek Gun Club shooters!! Congratulations to Dave S., he set a record at Camp Perry. Congrats to Pete J for his award winning shooting. Congratulations to Isaac Dow, please read the attached documents. This young man is an accomplished Colorado shooter, and an up and comer to be watched.

**We are working on one last work day, more details later, stay tuned. If you don't have your workday, this is an opportunity to get one of them before the end of the year.**

I am also working on reviving the Bailey Challenge. If you are interested in this match, which will consist of shooting with a hunting rifle and a .22 caliber rifle, let me know. We need a minimum of 12 shooters to make this event happen. I am also looking into holding a CMP Vintage Sniper match next year. More info here- <http://www.odcmp.com/Competitions/Rulebook.pdf> Again if there is something you are interested in, let us know and we can work with you to hold or host an event.

It has been a great year at Buffalo Creek and I have enjoyed working with many of you. Good Shooting to you and Go Broncos!

Below are links to three recent (last few weeks) videos covering Camp Perry.

The first one is an *excellent* piece by a local Ohio ABC TV affiliate that shows, in general, the National Matches at Camp Perry and the history of the facility. You can read the article and/or view the embedded video at the following link (be sure to "maximize" the video to full screen size for the best viewing):

[http://www.newsnet5.com/dpp/news/local\\_news/my\\_ohio/Camp-Perry-in-Port-Clinton-plays-host-to-worlds-largest-gathering-of-rifle-and-pistol-marksmen](http://www.newsnet5.com/dpp/news/local_news/my_ohio/Camp-Perry-in-Port-Clinton-plays-host-to-worlds-largest-gathering-of-rifle-and-pistol-marksmen)

The next two videos are NRA Media coverage of the Long Range Championships. The two commentators do not seem to know all that much about the event, but at least there is some decent footage of the competition and competitors.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?list=UU9O0kIKAoWqS6v8Zq34R0QQ&v=CHFqX8shork>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tIX7gbHmMbl>

## **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 September 17, 2013**

### **Attendees**

- Gavin Weekley
- Barrett Benson
- Dennis Conlon
- Jeff Monroe
- Greg Hawke
- Mike Brazell
- Ken Haxby
- Sam Morris
- Dabney Crump
- John Conley
- Tom Petersen
- Frank McKeon
- Bruce Kessler

1. The monthly board meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm.
  - Prior Months Meeting Minutes-- no issues to discuss from last month's meeting
  - Prior Months Newsletter? nothing
  - Any changes, corrections? none
  - Motion by Mike, seconded by Jeff to accept the Minutes.
2. **MAIL CALL**
  - Owen couldn't make the meeting. No report.
3. **TREASURER'S REPORT - Sam Morris**
  - Club financials are available at the head table
  - Current BCGC checking account Balance: \$19,482.33.
  - Current BCGC savings account Balance (NRA Grant): \$3,500
  - Current Juniors Account Balance: \$222.89
  - Current Raffle account: \$4,290.77
  - Motion by Jeff, seconded by Mike to accept Treasurer's report as presented.
4. **MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Owen Maddox**
  - 1 new member: Bruce Kessler  
After a brief intro he was voted in unanimously by the Board.
  - Motion by Jeff, seconded by Mike to accept Membership report as presented.
5. **NEWSLETTER REPORT – Mike McCabe**
  - Mike couldn't make the meeting. No report.

6. **ARMORER'S REPORT**

- Sam: All rifles are accounted for and STILL locked in the safe.
- Dan Gable still has the AR.
- Gavin – motion to sell 4 Kimbers via silent auction at the Annual Dinner. Seconded by Jeff. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by Jeff, seconded by Mike to accept Armorer's report as presented.

7. **CLINIC REPORT – Pete Jend**

- Pete couldn't make the meeting. No report.

8. **HIGH POWER REPORT – Greg Hawke**

- September match had 17 shooters; 8 with Range Passes. Competition won by Josh Harliss.
- Soviet match – 10/5.
- Memberships can be had @ Cherry Creek Gun Club for \$80 for 20 winter weeks. For info on the Small Bore Winter League (Wed nights @ Cherry Creek; Saturdays @ Boulder Club) – Great Opportunity – CONTACT GREG
- Motion by Mike, seconded by Jeff to accept the High Power Report as presented.

9. **JUNIORS REPORT – Mike Brazell**

- Only 3 kids at last practice.
- Matt Sanders will now handle all the shooting & instruction, now on Saturdays.
- Mike will be responsible for Juniors admin.
- We will begin charging \$5 per session rather than \$50/year. If participation does not increase, we'll consider youth clinics.
- Mike has the 8 Savage Juniors rifles at his house. They will be transferred to Matt.
- Motion by Jeff, seconded by Barrett to accept the Juniors Report as presented.

10. **RANGE OFFICER'S REPORT – Denny Conlon**

- County Roads 68 & 550 are in extremely poor condition. It's impacting shooters' ability to get to the range.
- The canopy over the booth has collapsed & will be replaced on the 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Frank put up some yellow jacket traps. We need to put EPI pens in the medical kits.
- Motion by Mike, seconded by Jeff to accept the Range Officer's Report as presented.

11. **OLD BUSINESS**

- Gavin has one addition to the letter for the noise complaint lady. Apparently, NFS land shooters are the problem. Public shooters are restricted to 8 – 6 through mid-October.
- Discussion re: where to hold annual banquet. Dabney will investigate the VFW hall south of Cinderella City.
- Per Brian, the stock issue is resolved.

12. **ASSIGNMENTS**

**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
- **No Status:** A new Lease Agreement form was created and will be routed to Board Members for review.

13. **NEW BUSINESS**

- Mike – only 3 members attended the 5-year plan meeting.
- Anyone interested in doing ACTUAL WRITING WORK on the plan should contact Mike.

- Mike is investigating the use of a Grants Coordinator (Gary Nichols). The guesstimate for putting together a Grant Proposal is \$1500 @\$60/hr.
- We MUST have a viable project plan in order to enlist grant partners. Our GOAL is to make a presentation of the plan at the Annual Dinner.
- We are looking into running some special events and promotions (e.g. .50 BMG shoots, machine guns). Gavin will talk with guys at Machine Gun Tours. We need to generate more \$\$ and positive PR.
- Denny: Oct 13 will be a Road Work Party. We have adequate fill material at the range. The club will have a barbecue for all workers. The Long Range will be closed. Donny will be contacted to post that info.
- Sam: Dabney has been receiving loan repayment checks from the BCGC account, but the loan was to Camp Fickes. The bookkeeper will straighten out the payments/accounts.
- We will attempt to have the RSO training in two sessions – Jan and Feb., with two training teams.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

**The next regular BCGC BOD meeting will be held on Tuesday October 15, 2013 at the Golden Community Center, 1470 10th Street, Golden, CO 80401 (303) 384-8100 from 6:00 to 8:00pm.**

**Following is a special section to highlight a young man who is an amazing asset to shooting sports:**



Grand Valley Marksmen

***“Mister National Champion”***

*Isaac Dow Wins Big At the National High Power Rifle Championships*

**August 23, 2013**



### **Information provided by GVM Staff**

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For those who compete in sports, winning a national championship, while a goal of many serious athletes, is something that few will ever experience. For those fortunate and skilled enough to attain such heights in their chosen disciplines, the questions of “Can I do this again?” and “How do I accomplish it?” come to mind.

Isaac Dow is one of the select few who not only knows the answers to both of those questions, but also what it takes to go above and beyond to reach the pinnacle of competitive excellence. Having held on to his title of “Junior National Champion” from last year, he has experienced the feeling of what it is like to go down in the record books as one of the most successful competitive marksmen in the history of his sport: High Power Rifle Shooting.

Dow, who is a member of the Grand Valley Marksmen (GVM) shooting team in Grand Junction, recently returned from three weeks of competition where he bested his previous win and set a new national record as part of his unprecedented performance at the 2013 National High Power Rifle Championships, which were conducted from July 27th through August 14<sup>th</sup> at Camp Perry, Ohio.

The championship matches are sponsored by both the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) and the National Rifle Association of America (NRA.) The competitions are held on the ranges of Camp Perry, Ohio, which is an Ohio National Guard facility on the shores of Lake Erie. These same matches have been conducted on an annual basis at Camp Perry since 1906 and are considered to be the “World Series of Rifleman”. The matches are contested by the top civilian and military shooters from the United States, including the very best marksmen from teams in the

US Army, Marine Corps, Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard, as well as their reserve and National Guard components.

The High Power Championships are divided into three phases, each of which have their own particular courses of fire and awards. The first phase, known as the National Trophy Rifle Matches, are sponsored by the Civilian Marksmanship Program and see over 5000 entrants over the course of a week's worth of firing competition.

The rifle which Dow used in the first two phases is an accurized version of the popular AR-15 semiautomatic rifle. Chambered for the .223 Remington cartridge, and equipped with precision sights, a stainless steel match-grade barrel, and a custom tuned trigger, the rifle is capable of placing a string of twenty shots into a group no bigger than six inches in diameter at a distance of 600 yards from the muzzle, which happens to be the longest distance that the matches in the first two weeks are conducted at.

This year Dow repeated his 2012 win to hold onto his title of CMP National Junior Champion. The title comes from placing first in an aggregate of several of the National Trophy Rifle Matches. The matches, which include the President's Rifle Match, The National Trophy Individual Match, and the National Junior Trophy Team Match, involve rifle shooting at paper targets located at distances between 200 and 600 yards from the shooters.

As with last year, Dow managed to win his Junior Champion title, in part, by securing the top spot amongst all other junior competitors in the President's Rifle Match. This year he improved his final standing in the event by placing fourth overall out of 1243 competitors entered in the tournament, eclipsing his finish from 2012, where he placed sixth overall in the match. His final score of 391-11X this year is a new junior national record high score for the course of fire.

Dow was also awarded the coveted "President's 100" medal for finishing in the top 100 spots of the overall competitor ranks in the President's Rifle Match. Three other former GVM shooters have earned President's 100 medals, those being Kyle Alstatt and Matt Sigrist in 2003, as well as Kyle Fiegel in 2006.

In the National Rifle Association sponsored portion of the National Championships, Dow most decidedly did not rest on his laurels from the previous week and last year's junior championship win. Over the course of the four day competition, which features a 2400 point aggregate, Dow managed to outshoot his previous best score in the event by 39 points. When the smoke settled on the final day of competition, his score of 2359-91X, was good enough to make him not only the NRA Junior Champion, but also the Collegiate and Civilian Champion as well.

For his wins in the NRA High Power Championship, Dow was presented with the Jackson Arms, Civilian Club, and VFG trophies, as well as gold National Championship medallions.

During the NRA Long Range Championship, which is the third and final phase of the National Championships, Dow used a .308 caliber bolt action rifle to shoot at targets located at distances of 800, 900, and 1000 yards from the firing line. Using only non-telescopic sights (aka.: "iron sights") to aim at the black colored bullseyes in the centers of the targets is quite a challenge, but for Dow, and his sharp young eyes, it was a challenge successfully overcome as he placed first in the Junior category of three of the individual matches, earning him three more NRA trophy plaques, and another personal best aggregate score for himself in the Long Range Championship.

The Grand Valley Marksmen team has had its share of championship winning junior shooters over the fourteen year history of its high power rifle competition program. During that time, members of



the team have won numerous tournaments at the local, state, and national levels, as well as having set and tied national records. Several of the individuals from the GVM have been members of teams which have won national championship team titles in years past. Isaac Dow, however, managed to eclipse all of those awards from all of the previous GVM shooters combined in the course of three weeks' worth of competition this year at the National Championships.

Even though this year was the last one of eligibility for Dow to be able to compete in the Junior category, it will not be the end of his competitive shooting career. He will again attend and compete at National Championships in Ohio next year, as well as at the World Long Range Rifle Championship, which will be held in 2015, and hosted on the same ranges at Camp Perry.

Dow will compete both for himself in the individual matches, and also as a member of the USA Young Eagles, which is a team composed of young American high school and college aged long range rifle shooters like himself. Dow and his teammates will go up against teams from across the world at the championship in 2015, with Australia, Canada, Great Britain, and South Africa being some of the nations who will field teams at the event. There the USA Young Eagles team will be the one to beat, as the team won the same event, and took the World Championship U25 title in Australia in 2011, which was the last time the World Championship was held.

As for his immediate future, Dow has already put down his rifle and picked up his textbooks as he began his sophomore year at Colorado Mesa University this week. While his courses will be challenging and studying will no doubt consume most of his time in the "off season", thoughts of his incredible experiences at the nationals this summer, as well as of future success, will no doubt always be present as a reminder that he has accomplished, and can again accomplish the goals he has set out for himself, no matter how hard the challenges have been, or will be.



Above: A table full of the trophy plaques, medals, and other awards presented to Isaac Dow for his wins at the 2013 National High Power Rifle Championships. Photo courtesy of the Grand Valley Marksmen.

First page photo: GVM shooter Isaac Dow with his rifle on the firing line at the National Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio. Photo courtesy of the Civilian Marksmanship Association.

**The Grand Valley Marksmen (GVM) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation based in Grand Junction, Colorado. Its purpose is to train youth, aged 10 to 20, in the aspects of firearms safety and marksmanship skills.**

**Questions about the information in this article, as well as about the GVM program in general should be directed to GVM Head Coach David Andrews (970) 623-1507 / [dave@kjol.org](mailto:dave@kjol.org)**

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