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[HTTP://BCGC.COM](http://BCGC.COM)

Dear Member,

The Forest Service is trying to tighten up the public shooting process and in some places 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.

To get involved and help build important partnerships that will help ensure the survival of our club, please contact Mike Brazell. mikebrazell2@gmail.com

Sign up now to volunteer.

For those of you who want to ensure you get your choice of "work days" in for 2014, you can go to the BCGC website: bcgc.com. Click on the "GunShow Schedule" or "GateKeeper Schedule", pick your desired work days & email them to Sam Morris or Dabney Crump. The 2014 "GateKeeper & GunShow Schedules" are posted on the website.



Upcoming Events

May 24

Camp Fickes will re-open to the public the weekend of May 24 & 25 and Memorial Day, May 26th.

Important Announcement

If you are cutting trees anywhere on our leased Range area -- STOP!

We are not allowed to cut trees without a Permit, even dead ones. We can lose our Range Permit over this type of action.

If you have any questions on this issue or have been advised otherwise, call me or Dabney Crump for clarification.

Thanks,

Owen Maddox
President, BCGC



Safety First!

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 gun 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.

Gunsmithing Tip:

Check those scope base & ring screws. All too often I am at the range and see someone with a brand new rifle that can't manage a group of less than ten inches. Time and time again, when I see the frustrated new owner struggling to keep their shots on the target at 50 yards, I offer to inspect the rifle for them. Invariably, what I find is that either the scope base screws or scope ring screws are loose. Sometimes both!

There seems to be a recurrent theme; the rifle and scope were recently purchased at the local Big Box store as a package deal with the scope pre-installed. The scope installation duty usually falls to one of the clerks, the one that knows what a screwdriver looks like. And, while they do manage to affix the scope to the rifle, they rarely torque the screws properly. Frustrating as this is, it is easily rectified and easily avoided.

Before firing the new rifle I recommend the owner check the mounting screws and ensure they are properly torqued. Luckily for us, Leupold publishes their recommendations for tightening scope bases and rings: They recommend the following: 14 in/lbs for the scope base screws, 15-17 in/lbs for ring screws, and 45 in/lbs on the windage screws. Do not over tighten, the screws used for scope mounting are small and can be stripped easily.

In the Community

NRA Membership

Be sure to renew your NRA membership through the BCGC website.

If you want a multi-year extension for a much better deal, call Owen Maddox, NRA Recruiter, at 720-250-6075.

Not only do you save a lot on the membership, but the Club also gets a good rebate.

Three-year: \$70

Five-year: \$100

LIFE: \$750

65 or older Distinguished LIFE: \$375

Visit BCGC.COM

How many of you visit your club's website on a regular basis? If you don't, maybe you should change your habits. If you have ever driven from Denver all the way to Camp Fickes dreaming of a great day in the Forest shooting a box or case of newly found or reloaded ammunition just to find that the range is closed due to whatever event YOU SHOULD DEFINITELY CHANGE YOUR HABITS! Every event that closes the Range (either Long or Short Range will be posted on the website. You should check the site prior to driving to the Range every time.

Have you ever wondered what the "BCGC Tradin' Post" tab is on the front page of our website? It's for you to list and sell your guns, ammo, reloading equipment and any other gun related item (at the Web Master's discretion). If you have pictures to accompany the item(s) for sale, you have to send them to the Web Master. If we get crazy with this free service to you and overwhelm the Web Master, we will have to come up with a different procedure, but for now, it is a valuable tool available to you, for FREE, as a Member.

If you have questions on anything in this article, please email me at bcgc777@gmail.com

Thanks for reading,

Owen Maddox

President, BCGC

T-Shirts are available:

You can take a look at our T-Shirts on the tab "BCGC Tradin Post.

Short Sleeves: \$15 each Long Sleeves: \$20 each



Match Schedule

May 24

Anniversary Match 80 shot
Regional Course

June 7

Spring Match 80 shot
Regional Course

June 8

High Power Clinic 200 yds All
Positions

June 21

High Power Clinic 200 yds All
Positions

June 22

Summer Match 80 shot
Regional Course

July 3

Jim Starr Memorial Weekend
High Power Practice Match

July 4

CO State NRA Hi-Power Rifle
Championship, and Pistol EIC
Match