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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE AURORA GUN CLUB

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## JANUARY CALENDAR

- 4 PSAC  
Blackpowder 10am
- 7 Trap Practice
- 11 Trap Trophy Shoot
- 13 AGC Board Meeting
- 14 Trap Practice
- 17 Rocky Mountain 3-Gun  
Centerfire Rifle Benchrest  
Cowboy Pistol Cartridge Silhouette (10am)
- 21 Trap Practice
- 24 PSAC  
Cowboy Smallbore Silhouette (10am)
- 25 Cowboy Action Cabin Fever Shoot  
NRA Silhouette
- 28 Trap Practice

## NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

All newsletter submissions need to be received by the 20th of each month. Send articles to me any way you wish. Refer to the box in this newsletter for office phone, FAX, email information or use US mail (which is the return address on this newsletter).

*-Karen Sudduth, Administrative Assistant*

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# BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES 12/09/03

*The Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm,  
Clubhouse (members are welcome)*

Present: Rob Rathburn, Al Doyle, Fred Hamblen, Jim Ashmore, Jess Adams, Jim Winchester, Terry Humbargar, Dave Allen, Tom Matthews, Cary Smallegan, Karen Sudduth, Roger Briden, Steve Fowler, Jim Kochenour, Bill Hall. Absent/Excused: Matt Walker

Meeting called to order at 7pm. Minutes Correction: Dave Allen to take care of lock box.

Discussion of basis for waiving membership dues for work performed for or on behalf of the club. It was clarified that members are awarded \$8 per hour for general club work. Where special effort and contributions are made a member's dues may be waived in recognition for their contributions. This is done on a case by case basis as brought to the Board.

Discussion of random audit by CO State Dept. of Labor. Dave & Karen will follow based on comments from the club's external accountant.

There are 8 spouse cards pending receipt of documentation of having received appropriate range orientation information. It was agreed that we would continue to require such orientation before issuing these cards.

Jess reported about the water pipe breaks. Jess agreed to being 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. He will accomplish the duties by committee. Terry and Jim A. will help along with others.

Tables and chairs are in the new trailer. Rob has donated an overhead and screen.

## REPORTS

**Treasurer:** Club is solvent and all bills are paid.

**Administrative:** Presented by Karen. Discussion of what requires collection of State and or local sales tax and how it is remitted will be addressed by Karen and Dave. There are about 350 on the membership wait list.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Jim A. is reviewing financial statements and hopes to be done in Jan. 2004.

Jim W. reported on legal action and status. The city/county have responded to our complaint. For the

Denver V State, there has been no significant change in the last 3 weeks. E-filing of documents is not being used so it is hard to timely track activity as paper court records are backlogged.

Tom M. reviewed our property insurance coverage. He will review based on the Boards input and ask for quotes including the premiums if we have high deductible amounts ( 5000 & 10,000). The need for any change will subsequently be presented to the Board.

Fred attended the CSSA meeting as AGC's club representative. No significant information to report.

Jess handed out copies of the By-laws for comparison to those published in the Board members handbooks provided by Steve Palka. Also handed out were the job responsibilities for various Board positions. Further discussion is deferred till Jan. 2004.

Jess handed out copies of a law titles "Chapter 5 – Government- Local" and presented background on the land surrounding AGC, in particular the land directly behind the rifle/pistol berms.

***12.09.03.a - Motion: Shooting on the 100 yd range by the General membership must be only from a standing or bench rest position. Matches or activities having there own Range Officers may shoot from other positions providing targets are properly positioned for each shooting position. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed.***

The Board understands that this action may inconvenience some members however not all members are as conscientious about target placement when changing positions as they should be. The action was therefore taken as a safety measure to assure rounds impact the berms appropriately. Changing shooting positions without reassessing where round will impact can result in rounds skipping off the berm floor or impacting higher on the berm than desired.

It was suggested that information about target placement be presented on the first page of the bulletin. Information regarding this issue (target blindness) is available on the AGC web page.

The gate combination will be changed Jan. 31. Meeting adjourned at 9:27pm.

*-The above minutes submitted  
on behalf of Jim Kochenour by Roger Briden.*

## FOR SALE

10.14.03.a - Motion: Members are limited to five items that can be listed, if space is available. Keep use reasonable. No businesses allowed.

- \* 12 GA BROWNING CITORI O&U TRAP GUN. 32" FULL & MOD. BBLs. PORTED. ADJUSTABLE. COMB & BUTT PLATE. \$850
- \* CV-500 DILLON CASE CLEANER WITH EXTRAS. LIKE NEW. \$80
- \* REM MODEL 41-P .22 RIMFIRE TARGET RIFLE WITH PEEP SIGHT AND HOODED FRONT SIGHT. EXCELLENT SHOOTER. MADE FROM 1936 TO 1940. \$150
- \* HIGH STANDARD 12 GA. PUMP WITH 18 1/2 BBL. EXCELLENT CONDITION AND GOOD WOOD AND NEW PAD \$200.
- \* ROSSI .357 LEVER ACTION WITH 20" BBL. LIKE NEW. \$300. -Deak Flinchpaugh 303.934.2748
  
- \* M1 GARAND WITH NATIONAL MATCH STOCK AND SIGHTS, EXCELLENT CONDITION. \$800
- \* 03-A1 WITH C-STOCK. \$400
- \* SKS 20" BARREL, 7.62 X 39, SCOPE AND MOUNTS. \$250
- \* 1911-A1 SPRINGFIELD 45 ACP, WITH 5 CLIPS STAINLESS 8 + 1. \$450
- \* BERETTA SXS SILVER HAWK 20 GAUGE, 28" BARREL, NEW IN BOX. \$2000 -Dale Fields 970.468.9078
  
- \* BUSHMASTER "D C M" COMPETITION RIFLE .223 FIRED LESS THAN 50 ROUNDS. \$850
- \* NAVY ARMES MODEL 1892 LEVER ACTION .45 COLT 20" BBL. "TEXAS SPECIAL" \$425
- \* RUGER BLACKHAWK ADJ. SIGHTS 7 1/2 BBL .45 COLT WQLF SPRING KIT INSTALLED. STAG GRIPS ALSO FACT. GRIPS. \$250 -Richard Elsea 303.466.0833
  
- \* PRE 64 WINCHESTER MODEL 70. 270 CAL FEATHERWEIGHT WITH 3X9 LEUPOLD SCOPE. RCBS DIES - WITH 2 BOXES BRASS. GREAT SHAPE. \$900 OR BEST OFFER.
- \* DIES 257 WEATHERY MAG. MAKE OFFER.
- \* DIES 7MM WEATHERY MAG MAKE OFFER.
- \* 3 BOXES BRASS FOR 257 W.M. MAKE OFFER.
- \* 7 BOXES BULLETS 25 CAL NOT FULL. MAKE OFFER. -Ted Forsythe 303.366.8211

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN MEN

It was a very nice day weather wise for the twenty-one shooters we had on hand for the December monthly shoot, which was a Bench Match. The next day was my day to play golf and of course it snowed. Colorado weather, you got to love it. We shot two targets at 100 yards and two at 50 yards. Here are the aggregate scores for all the shooters.

A.J. Davis 195xx	Dave Allen 173x
Don Philips 192x	Ron Abbott 170xx
Al Main 189xxxx	LeRoy Arntson 169x
Rick Geist 189	Derek Bratton 166
Dwight Bratton 188xx	George Crouter 163x
Bill Hensley 185xxx	Bob Howard 163
Jerry McWhirter 184xx	Michael Eisnach 144
Bill Chinn 183xx	Mike Miller 132

Terry Humbarger 183  
 Jim Harter 181xx  
 Deak Flinchpaugh 174xx

Tim Miller 125x  
 Don Westwood 104

The first four places were the Aggregate winners. The target winners were:

100 yard 7 Ring Bull Jim Harter 46x  
 100 yard 8 Ring Bull Dwight Bratton 44 (Beat Deak on the tie breaker)  
 50 yard Slug Gun Jerry McWhirter 49xx  
 50 yard 6 Bull Bill Chinn 54x (This was a 60 point target)

The first shoot of the New Year will be a Gong Match on January 4. Don't forget to bring those Blanket Prizes. See you then. -Al Main

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## CLUB PRIZE SHOOT REPORT

### SINGLES 16 YD

CLASS AA .....	Ron Walker .....	50
.....	Bob Doyle .....	50
CLASS A .....	John Graf .....	49
.....	Bill Findley .....	48
CLASS B .....	Gary Norton .....	49
.....	Guy Harmon .....	45
CLASS C .....	Sun Young .....	44

### HANDICAP

19-21 YD .....	Ron Schuchardt .....	47
22-24 YD .....	Ted Okuno .....	45
.....	George Godfrey .....	44
25-27 YD .....	Claude Hemi .....	49
.....	Ron Walker .....	48

### DOUBLES

CLASS AA .....	Bob Doyle .....	49
CLASS A .....	Ron Walker .....	46
CLASS B .....	John Graf .....	47
CLASS C .....	Jim Bailey .....	47
.....	Jeff Bailey .....	42

**HIGH OVER ALL ..... Claude Hemi ..... 147**

*-Kathy Knapp, Cashier*

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN MEN

Twenty-two hungry shooters came out for the Annual Ham Shoot on December 21. The pig targets seemed to provide a challenge for the shooters as the scores were somewhat lower than usual for this group.

Here are the results of the shoot. There were a couple of glitches, so these scores might look a bit different from those announced at the shoot.

### AGGREGATE WINNERS

Deak Flinchpaugh 129

Don Philips 127

Jerry McWhirter 126x

Jack Giampapa 126x (Lost the tie breaker)

### TARGET WINNERS

50 yard Smiling Pig Jim Jeffreys 37

50 yard Standing Pig LeRoy Arntson 45

25 yard Pig Face Bill Hensley 36

25 yard 4 Pigs Ron Abbott 36x

Those who won a "charity" ham in the draw were Mike Miller, Chuck Steinman, Willie Conradson, and Tim Miller.

Those of us who didn't shoot too well or receive any charity: Rick Geist, Jim Harter, Jerry Farringer, A.J. Davis, Tom Rock, Dave Allen, George Crouter, Jeff Puetz, Josh Hanson, and Al Main. Josh and Jeff were first time shooters.

This shoot will be the last for Jack until about May as he heads for Florida for the winter months. We will miss having Jack around, well, maybe not. *-Al Main*

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## GUN SAFETY

Some safety issues are still a problem. It is imperative all spent rounds from rifles and handguns remain on club property. SEE RULE 22. Most abide by this rule, but the occasional laps in conciseness allows a round from the 100 yard range to escape over the top of the berm and onto our neighbor's property. It is unfortunate this carelessness of a few penalize the many. As noted in the minutes of the board's meeting, only standing and bench rest positions will be allowed on the 100-yard range. The only exception will be during a scheduled match that allows prone, kneeling and sitting position shooting. All other times these positions are prohibited. The match range officer is still responsible for all rounds impacting the back berm. All it would take is for one

round to be found off club property and we could loose the club forever. KNOW WHAT IS BEHIND THE TARGET BEFORE PULLING THE TRIGGER.

*-Tom Matthews, Board of Directors*