



AGC NEWS - MARCH 2004

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MARCH CALENDAR

2 Hunter Education 7-100pm
 3 Wednesday Trap
 Hunter Education 7-10pm
 5 Hunter Education 7-10pm
 6 Hunter Education 8am-noon
 7 New Member Orientation 10am
 Range Officer Meeting 12pm
 Trap Trophy
 PSAC
 Black Powder 10am
 9 Board of Directors, 7pm
 10 Wednesday Trap
 13 CCW class 8:30am
 New Member Orientation 10am
 303.400.9401
 16 Hunter Education, 7-10pm
 17 Wednesday Trap
 Hunter Education, 7-10pm
 19 Hunter Education, 7-10pm
 20 Hunter Education 8am-noon
 Benchrest Centerfire
 Rocky Mountain 3-Gun
 Cowboy Pistol Cartridge Silhouette
 21 Magnum Handgun 10am
 New Member Orientation 10am
 24 Wednesday Trap
 27 PSAC
 Cowboy Silhouette
 New Member Orientation 10am
 28 Cowboy Action
 NRA Silhouette
 31 Wednesday Trap

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BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES 02/10/04

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

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

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

Ms. Paula Ray presented an update on the status of AGC's interest in the lawsuit. There is a trial scheduled for, 12 October, 2004. The NRA has issued a first check in the amount of \$4,000.00 to aid in the covering of \$6,000 in lawyer fees incurred to date. The Aurora Gun Club is involved in a case involving preemption. This is about CCW and Assault Weapons Ban, as in SB-24 and SB-25. Questions were fielded by Ms. Ray from the BoD, as well as from the membership present.

Minutes from the January, 2004 BoD meeting were read and accepted with a minor correction. This correction was written by Roger Briden.

REPORTS

1st VP Report: Definition of a Spouse; disputes on interpretation of the meaning as to membership spouse cards.

02.10.04.a - Motion: *The definition of a Spouse is as Webster's Dictionary defines the word. Husband or Wife. Seconded. Passed.*

2nd VP Report: Drilling of new well at AGC. Wayne Ard spoke as to the costs and nature of the drilling. \$10.50/foot for drilling and casing to 350 feet, \$480 for a permit, logging of the well is \$1.00/foot. The new well is estimated be 1,050 feet at approximately \$14.00/foot. Questions were fielded by Mr. Ard from the BoD and the membership present. The Arapahoe Aquifer is the probable destination depth of the new well, which has plenty of water flow potential.

02.10.04.b - Motion: *Jess Adams, acting in capacity as 2nd VP of AGC is to contract with, Wayne Ard Can Am Drilling Company to proceed with drilling a new well at AGC. Jess Adams is to review the contract and is authorized to act on it on behalf of the Aurora Gun Club. Action to proceed on the consent of Jess Adams. Seconded. Passed.*

Dave Allen has made contact with a Water Attorney.

02.10.04.c - Motion: *Aurora Gun Club to approve fees incurred by a Water Attorney in getting the paper work required for a new well through the system and for the State fees levied. Seconded. Passed.*

Chief Range Officer Report: Problem with ricocheted bullet strikes on a steel plate during the last 3-Gun Match. Jess Adams has addressed the problem and a decision/agreement has been reached on the issue.

NOTICE: There will be a meeting for "ALL" Range Officers of AGC on 7 March, 2004 at 12 noon. The meeting will be at the Clubhouse of AGC and will be conducted by Jess Adams. Jess has asked that all AGC range officers be present at this meeting.

NOTICE: New Shooters Orientation Dates: 2-28-04, 3-7-04, 3-13-04, 3-21-04, and 3-27-04.

Treasurers Report: Karen Sudduth needs to be added to all money market accounts, BELLCO, etc., and remove Steve Palka from those accounts.

02.10.04.d - Motion: *To remove Stephen J. Palka from all Commercial Federal Bank accounts. To add Karen Sudduth to the Commercial Federal money market account. Seconded. Passed.*

02.10.04.e - Motion: *To remove Stephen J. Palka from all BELLCO credit accounts and to add Karen Sudduth to the BELLCO Credit Union checking account and money market account. Seconded. Passed.*

The idea of a prerecorded message to be put on the AGC club house telephone was presented. Message to include hours of operation and days of week the club is open. The message to be done via the phone company rather than a recorder. Further discussion on the matter is required.

Kathy Knapp spoke to the need for AGC to start accepting credit cards for transactions with club counter sales. Mr. Tom Bower presented an overview of services offered by Transaction Merchant Services. This company can handle full service transactions involving credit cards, check cashing and check guarantee. Terry Humbarger will look into the matter. Further discussion of the matter is required.

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The Education Trailer is now ready for use. Please, stop by and check it out.

NOTICE: Bill Hall needs keys and or combinations to all buildings and storage units on AGC property. These will reside in a lock box in the club house. Each of the BoD will have a key to the lock box.

The "new" Magnum Handgun Chair Person is: Greg Watson Phone: 303-430-8188.

OLD BUSINESS:

Gun Racks have and are being made. Cost will be small due to donations of materials and labor for the project. It is OK to cement the racks in place. Mr. Don Phillips has donated substantial amounts of angle iron for use on this project.

A big "Thank You" from the BoD of the Aurora Gun Club, goes out to Mr. Don Phillips.

Arbitration of fees billed by the 1st Lawyer, employed by AGC.

02.10.04.f - Motion: Mr. Jim Winchester is authorized by the Aurora Gun Club, BoD to handle the arbitration procedure on behalf of the Aurora Gun Club.

*****This is to attempt the recovery of moneys paid to the 1st lawyer, due to his nonperformance of duties.

Jim Winchester volunteered to do this at no charge to AGC for his time and services.

NRA Litigation Training Seminar: The Aurora Gun Club has been asked to sponsor Ms. Paula Ray with hotel and airfare costs to attend this seminar.

02.10.04.g - Motion: Aurora Gun Club authorizes Ms. Paula Ray to spend up to \$600 of the retainer fees allocated to her by AGC, for her expenses, to attend the NRA Litigation Training Seminar. Seconded. Passed.

Roger Briden will be holding classes at AGC, to train Range Officers to be used in upcoming NRA Instructor Training Classes. Details at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Minutes recorded by: Jim Kochenour, AGC Secretary

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

02/10/04

Meeting called to order at 9:20pm. Pledge of Allegiance opened the meeting.

02.10.04.h - Motion: Richard Smith is authorized by AGC to bring Boy Scouts from Cherry Creek to the Aurora Gun Club property for range use. This range use is for merit badge qualification with the .22 caliber rifle. Seconded. Passed.

Because of the nature of the prior BoD meeting having been conducted in an open manner, allowing input and interaction from the membership in attendance; this meeting was conducted as an open discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.

Minutes recorded by: Jim Kochenour, AGC Secretary

FEBRUARY MAGNUM RESULTS

SINGLE RESULTS

1	Bob Shigemura	17	10	Perry Cade	10
2	Phil Mortensen	15	11	Randy Still	9
3	Steve Schleu	15	12	Dave Dankowski	8
4	Bud Bond	14	13	Ethan Unger	8
5	John Burkholder	14	14	Randy P	7
6	Rick Geist	13	15	Emmanuel Boyd	7
7	Karl Buike	12	16	Greg Riggs	7
8	Bob Steil	12	17	Greg Watson	6
9	Steve Hopkins	11	18	Terry Humbargar	5

TEAM RESULTS

1st place: Greg Watson/John Burkholder

2nd place: Randy Still/Bud Bond

SPEED MATCH RESULTS

- 1 Greg Watson/John Burkholder
- 2 Bob/Terry Humbargar

Had a nice turnout with several new faces. Glad the weather held out! Remember the match is at 10am with setup starting at 9:15am. Set up takes more time, especially in the winter. So please show up early and help, to start on time. Thanks to all!
-Greg Watson 303 430 8188

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MINUTES 01/13/04

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, Matt Walker, Bill Hall. Absent/Excused: Jim Kochenour

Meeting called to order at 7pm. Minutes Correction: Stand as issued.

Rob presented for discussion having an Open House for members & family with each discipline being represented. Food would be provided. Date was set as June 13, 2004.

Rob proposed a "University of AGC" where various clinics would be held at the club. This would include such things as reloading, gun work, black powder, etc. They would be available at no cost or minimal cost to participant members. It was suggested that clinics be open to non-members but that classes have at least 50% of all slots reserved for members. Open slots would then be filled from first come first served. Ideas for classes should be sent to Rob.

There have been cases of people using membership cards of other members. It was proposed that we consider using picture ID cards to accompany the annual membership card. Steve Fowler will check further into cost and availability of equipment to have member Picture ID cards taken over a one-year period.

REPORTS:

2nd VP: (1) That the furnace in the new building had been re-jetted. (2) The well pump burned out when the well water level dropped below the pump. A new pump was installed. It took some time for the water table to reestablish the wellhead water level. Well is now at 792 feet and the pump at 690 ft. A new well would have to go as deep as 12-1400 feet at a cost of \$11 per foot. (3) Instructions for the sand filter are missing. It was suggested that they might be available from the web site of the manufacturer. (4) the septic system needed pumping. It was placed on an automatic pump schedule of three times per year.

Treasurer: Club is solvent and all bills are paid. We however need to generate a budget for anticipated expenses and improvements for 2004.

Jim Ashmore reported: The financial review was completed over the holidays. He will provide suggestions to Dave and Karen for changes to make tracking of some items easier.

There have been some bounced checks: **01.14.04.a - Motion: To charge a \$25 returned check fee. 2nd by Tom Matthews, Passed.**

Membership cards will still be issued upon receipt of checks rather than holding them till the check clears however any member who's check bounces will be sent a bill for \$25 and their membership will be flagged with a "hold till clear" note for next years renewal.

Legal:

-Our current lawyer has identified a case that should have been discovered by our prior attorney and which might have changed our approach. The prior attorney had been paid \$5000 retainer and was asking for an additional \$2500. Based on the above case finding it is felt that no additional payment is warranted and that some refund is due. Resolution is currently at the arbitration stage.

-No billing has been received to date from our current attorney.

-There is a different judge for our case than for the case of Denver Vs State of CO.

-Jim Winchester spoke to the Pikes Peak Firearms Collation in Colorado Springs about the legal action AGC has taken. They were supportive of our actions. Contact will be made to solicit contribution from their organization or members in support of AGC's actions.

Tom Matthews::

-Insurance on property will be renewed with Ohio causality. We have expanded coverage that will increase our cost about 5% to about \$1400/year. That includes a \$500 deductible. Our fire rating went from area 9 to area 5 which resulted in some premium reduction. Property insurance renewal is Jan. 20, 2004.

-The general liability insurance with ATA is due for renewal in July.

-A Philadelphia firm also writes liability but won't without also carrying the property insurance.

Fred reported the lock box for keys is installed. Dave is trying to get keys that work. He will take the lock itself to the shop.

The clubhouse door lock isn't working well. Some Board members do not have keys.

Fred raised pointed out that Lou Beltowski contributed very significantly to the Wed. Trap activities and needs to be recognized. Lou already has his membership paid by virtue of being a senior and an activity chairmen. Fred to provide Karen something for placement in the newsletter.

Jess reported that the new signs about prone shooting have been posted. A letter from a member expressing concern that this new rule will restrict his ability to practice for national matches was discussed. It is a shame that the actions of a few cause restriction that must apply to all; even though they are not the cause of the problem.

Jess asked if the By-laws information handed out last month had been reviewed. It was felt that the pages of duties were generated in the past as information and not as part of the actual By-laws. Rob to meet with Dave & Jess to discuss as they have the most historical perspective of the source of these definitions of duties.

The water to the caretaker's house comes direct from the well. It should at least come after the sand filter. Jess will look into re-plumbing it. The installation of filters at the residence will also be investigated. It was pointed out that all wells in the area suffer from odor issues and odor is not a unique issue to AGC's well.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cowboy shooting "Cabin Fever shoot to be Jan. 25 and a ladies shoot the 4th Sunday in Feb.

Cary reported that the next basic safety handgun class will be March 11, 12, 13. Subsequent classes are planned each subsequent month for the third Sat of the month (Thur., Fri. Sat).

Real-estate Update: Jess stated a letter had been sent to the realtor. The NRA Range Office has been asked for input. They suggested three people in Colorado. Two have sufficient history of conflict that they won't be used. They third will be contacted for a range review in Feb. There is a Range Development class being held in Whittington Center in Raton NM in March. Several people expressed interest in attending. Cost was not available.

There was a range improvement suggestion to put a cover on the 100 Yd range.

Tom Mathews:

Motion to purchase 7 gun racks for the shotgun ranges at a cost of \$1475 + tax) 1-20 gun, 1-10 gun, 1-5 gun per

trap house. A \$.25 per round increase in fees for non-members was proposed to pay for the racks. 2nd by Jim Ashmore. Discussion followed and no vote taken. Discussion covered the need to update racks for all ranges not just the shotgun. Two members offered to fabricate needed racks for the cost of the materials. Rack needs for the entire range to be reviewed during the Range review meeting Matt is setting up. These should be entered into the proposed budget.

Tom Mathews:

Motion to purchase 46 yds of indoor/outdoor carpet for \$198 + tax for the single wide trailer. 2nd Jess Adams. Motion failed. Discussion concerned whether that would be the best floor covering based on the various activities conducted there. E.g. reloading could result in an accumulation of powder in the carpet with a resulting increased fire hazard. That we did not yet have a good 2004 anticipated expenditures for range improvements budget was a primer reason for the motions rejection.

Tom Mathews:

Moveable shooting benches should be considered on a couple of the ranges. After discussion no specific action was taken.

Tom Mathews:

01.14.04.b - Motion to authorize purchase and delivery of a range shed for the silhouette range. A 10X12 Ted Shed at \$1685. Motion 2nd by Dave Allen. Motion Passed. Discussion presented concerns for authorizing the money without the budget being completed however there had been general agreement to approval of this expense previously therefore it was authorized.

Jim Ashmore:

01.14.04.c - Motion the practice on the .22 silhouette range with steel targets be allowed other than just to the previously designated area as long as the targets are of proper construction and are properly placed. Restricted to center fire pistol caliber's using lead ammo. 2nd by Steve Fowler. Motion Passed. Shooters need to be monitored to assure they do not abuse the application of this policy.

The Range Improvement meeting to be held in Feb. was moved to Jan. 18 to provide early input to the Budget.

Member Comments:

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The silhouette group asked for consideration of the club providing \$400 funds to purchase an additional set of NRA targets, \$700 + 91 S&H. Participants to contribute the rest of the funds. This request will be entered into the proposed budget being prepared.

Meeting adjourned about 9:xxpm.

Jimmy Jefferies 13x25 Estil Ator 12x25
Gerad 5x25

The above minute submitted on behalf of Jim Kochenour by Roger Briden.

The weather was perfect and the scores were low again. We had a new shooter Gerad, who is Jimmy Jefferies grandson, shoot trap for the first time. He learned how to load a muzzle loader and if he was shootin' for food he wouldn't have gone hungry with 5 birds. Hope to see you the 2nd Saturday in March.

-Deak Flinchpaugh, Chairman

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.

* BROWNING BT-99 TRAP SHOTGUN .32 INCH BARREL, BEAUTIFUL WOOD, 4 WAY ADJUSTABLE COMB, JONES ADJUSTABLE BUTT, CHOKE TUBES, BROWNING HARD CASE, EXCELLENT CONDITION. \$1100
-Jim Rector 303 443 5808

* SIX 28" GOOSE DECOYS \$12.50 EACH, 34 SNOW GOOSE SILHOUETTES \$2.50 EACH AND 36 UNPAINTED SILHOUETTES \$1.25 EACH PLUS SOME ASSORTED DUCK DECOYS. NEGOTIABLE OR WILL TRADE FOR ??
-Alex Ragulsky 303 883 5131

* BONANZA RELOADING PRESS \$90
* RCBS JR3 RELOADING PRESS WITH PRIMER FEED AND EXTRA SHELL HOLDERS \$65
* 10MM BLACK HILLS 180 GR JHP BULLETS \$8 BOX OF 20
* RCBS POWDER MEASURE WITH STAND \$50
-Deak Flinchpaugh 303 934 2748

* RUGER SUPER REDHAWK .44 MAG 9.5" BARREL, HOGUE FINGER GROOVE MONOGrips, WOLF SPRING KIT, RINGS. \$475
* MARLIN 1897 COWBOY LEVER ACTION RIFLE, 22LR. 24" OCTAGON BARREL, MARBLE'S PEEP TANG SIGHT. \$725
* TC STAINLESS ENCORE W/ TWO .30-30 BARRELS. ONE W/ BOWMAR/BOND IRON SIGHTS (HOODED, ADJUSTABLE, FRONT SIGHT) AND ONE W/ VIRGIN VALLEY STAINLESS WEAVER SCOPE MOUNT. NEVER EVEN SIGHTED THESE IN. \$825
-Gregory Riddael 303 665 7184

ROCKY MOUNTAIN MEN BLACK POWDER RIFLE

Weather: 2. Shooters: 0. We did not hold a February shoot because of the cold weather. Dave Allen was first because he got there first. Al Main was second because he got there second. Ron Abbott was third because he got there third. We'll try again the 1st Sunday in March. It will be a gong shoot so remember to bring a blanket prize.

-Al Main, Chairman

SECOND NOTICE

Don't forget Saturday, April 17 at 9am, the first Center Fire Bench Rest Match in 2004. Mark your calendars. Tie a string around your finger. Get those guns tuned. Come out and compete. Guaranteed a fun time. Richard and Harold need the money!

-Tom Matthews

AURORA GUN CLUB
303.361.9091
Saturday & Sunday 8am-4pm
Shooting hours: 7:30am-sunset, 7 days a week
www.AuroraGunClub.com

ATTENTION ALL AGC MEMBERS

All past AGC Range Officers and persons wanting to be Range Officers, there will be a meeting on March 7, 2004, 12pm, in the meeting room adjacent to the rifle range. Please be there!

-Jess Adams, 2nd VP, Chief Range Officer

BLACK POWDER TRAP RESULTS 02/14/04

16 YARD		16 YARD	
Tom Hart	20x25	Tom Hart	18x25
Deak	18x25	Deak	18x25
Don Phillips	18x25	Don Phillips	17x25
Estil Ator	16x25	Tom Hart	13x25

The Aurora Gun Club is affiliated with:
Amateur Trap Association (ATA)
CMP Affiliated
Colorado State Hunter Education
Colorado State Shooting Association (CSSA)
Colorado State Trap Association (CSTA)
National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association
National Rifle Association (NRA)
Practical Shooting Association of Colorado (PSAC)
Rocky Mountain 3-Gun

Single Action Shooting Society (SASS)
United States Practical Shooting Association

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