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Spring Weekend

Clubhouse Hours

9am - 1pm

If the forecast high is 40 degrees or less,
the **clubhouse** will be closed.

Call first if the weather is bad.



CLUBHOUSE
303-361-9091

Shooting Hours 7:30am - Sunset

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The Aurora Gun Club is affiliated with:
Amateur Trap Association (ATA)
CMP Affiliated
Colorado State Trap Association (CSTA)
National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association
National Rifle Association (NRA)
Practical Shooting Association (PSAC)
United States Practical Shooting Assoc.

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Steel Challenge: OPEN

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES 2/11/2020

Meeting - called to order at 7pm by 1st VP Membership, Chris Baker

Present: Baker, Boyd, Caraway, Faingold, Kohler, Leiker, Quiring, Whitesides

Excused Absent: Desmond

I. CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

II. AGENDA

2.11.2020 a. Motion to approve agenda adding ATA Trap under New Business

Motion seconded and passed

III. MINUTES

2.11.2020 b. Motion to approve minutes from 1/14/20 BOD meeting with this change, noting that it was not Rich Dismisko that had wanted to see the cost of trap increase to \$5.00, but board member David Faingold that had made the statement during the last month's conversation about clay targets. David Faingold agrees it was his idea to increase the price.

Motion seconded and passed

VII. MEMBERS FORUM

Pete Benoit – He would like the Board to consider banning steel targets on the 200-yd range because it is too close to the road and huge gap in the safety. Any ricochet out of the range and the club will close. Members don't know the difference between full jacketed bullets, lead bullets and lead tips. Taking away the steel target area would not affect any of the disciplines. The distance from Gun Club Rd. shooting from the 200-yd range is not any different than berm 7 from C-470. Chris Baker stated that he is not sure how to police the ammo and that there should be something posted in the minutes before making any changes. Rules D3 & D4 would need to be revised and could be discussed at the next Member Rules Meeting.

2.11.2020 c. Motion to address at a future date to amend rules D3 & D4 to prohibit steel targets on the 200-yd range.

Motion seconded and passed

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Financial Report — AGC, Treasurer, Loren Kohler - January revenues were \$17,240 and our expenses were \$24,563 leaving a loss of (\$7,323). Our YTD revenue is \$17,240 and our YTD expenses are \$24,563 leaving a loss of (\$7,323). Account balances: Checking Account \$54,835; Payroll Account \$9,699 and Chase Savings Account \$309,448; Bank of the West Money market account \$150,869; Edward Jones CD \$128,001; Bank of the West CD \$203,753; Chase Bank CD \$ 200,408. He said there were 3 payrolls in January and received a tax return that is not due until May 15. Invoice for trap machines and shipping doc for trap machines was received.

Maintenance Update – 2nd VP Maintenance, David Faingold – Thanked Sonny and Dave for all their work on the trap field. He stated that someone coming out on Thursday to give an estimate on running a water line from club house to the range for the trees. Plan is to get trees in March and do irrigation in May/June. Wanted to know what the thought was for moving forward or not extending the cover on the 100-yd range. Will table the conversation for next month.

Sonny – Stated that the trap machines were installed on Monday and he did some work on them on Tuesday. The old machines are in the trailer on pallets and ready to be shipped back. Once they are returned the club will receive a credit for the old machines.

Software Purchase for Trap Update – AGC Treasurer, Loren Kohler – The club will receive a 20% discount for purchasing new software. Shoot Pro Beginner is a software and has network capability. The software retails for \$650 but we are getting it for \$520 + \$38 for barcode scanners. The club will also receive 25% off the barcode scanner (\$25.00 each), which will be used for check-in, and everyone will have a card to shoot. The program would save a lot of data entry. The annual fee is \$100 per year after the 1st year, which includes support and updates. Loren also spoke about PreSquad, which is a website that ATA shooters can use to register for different matches that are held and what the fees are, and can be refunded if necessary. It is a good way for the Gun Club to see who is attending for the match.

2.11.2020 d. Motion to purchase the 3S New Trap Software with the barcode system for \$600.

Motion seconded and passed

Manny had asked what the spending limit without Board approval was that each discipline had to use for their discipline. Chris told him that it was \$150.

Minutes Continued

Quilts of Valor Foundation – Randy Still – Announced that guest, Jan Weber from Quilts of Valor Foundation could not attend the meeting but she will come to the next meeting. He stated that it can take up to 60 hours to make 1 quilt and asked if the club would be willing to make a donation of \$200 for supplies to give them for quilt supplies. Loren said he would like to wait until next month when Jan was present to give a check for the \$200 donation. Randy stated that most expenses come out of their own pocket and thinks it would be nice to help them out, especially when several members have been recipients of a quilt.

2.11.2020 e. Motion to make a \$200 donation to Quilts of Valor Foundation on the day that Jan is able to attend.

Motion seconded and passed

New Membership Update - Carla shared that she and Nicole had processed 80 Member applications and about 20 Spouse member applications. Still have almost 40 that have not been sent in. The first Orientation was held on Feb. 8th, but had to cancel the Orientation on Feb. 9th due to the weather. Chris had an interesting comment, from a new member on the 8th, about a binary trigger, which is an artificial way to increase the rate of fire. Chris contacted the member to let them know that it is not allowed here.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Incident Report – Pete Benoit – Reported that there was an incident where a firearm was destroyed and the guest of a member had a couple of cuts. The guest's 9 mm carbine experienced a severe malfunction causing the carbine to fire out-of-battery; the unsupported case head then ruptured and resulted in significant damage to the weapon leaving it in pieces. The guest declined medical attention.

Maintenance Budget – 2nd VP Maintenance, David Faingold – Stated that he and Loren went over some figures and determined that \$45,000 for the year for regular maintenance would be a good budget. There is a requirement to have well water tested. We are looking into running a water line for irrigation of the new trees after planting. Chris asked if the budget would be retroactive back to the first of the year and David said, yes it would and explained the budget would cover things such as maintenance on tractors/vehicles, rental of porta-potty, trimming trees and other small items. This budget would not include the pavement, target stand replacements on the 100-yard range or additional covers on the ranges. It was discussed that if something comes up that is going to be \$5,000 or more that the board needed to discuss it.

Chris found out that the aluminum target stands may not happen, as the price of aluminum and labor has gone up and suggested steel will be a lot cheaper. David Faingold talked about another type of stand that could be used. David also asked if the club pays for the water here since they have a well, as to why the water has to be tested. Manny explained that it is required because members consume the water so it must be tested.

2.11.2020 f. Motion to set a Maintenance budget of \$45,000 for the calendar year of 2020, with the understanding that anything more than \$5,000 needs board approval.

Motion seconded and passed

Hunter Education Classes – Carla said that Stuart Davis emailed asking if he can hold his Hunter Education Classes in the Educational Trailer on Saturday, 3/28, 7/18 and 8/8. Chris asked Carla to confirm with Stuart that those dates did not conflict with the matches on the 100-yard range.

Additional Orientation Dates - 1st VP Membership, Chris Baker – Asked about the members that missed this past Sunday and how many needed a Sunday date. Carla said that at least 10 people needed a Sunday Orientation. It was decided that Sunday, March 8th would be the next Sunday Orientation. Carla will email those new members with the information.

ATA Trap - AGC Treasurer, Loren Kohler – He received a package about the ATA program printed ad. He would like to request funds to put a full-page ad in the program for \$150.00, which would have information to let ATA shooters know about the new machines and software and voice sound system. In the past we have done a half page ad for \$100 but would like to do a full-page ad this year.

2.11.2020 f. Motion to approve a \$150.00 for Loren to place an ad in the ATA program ad

Motion seconded and passed

Review of March Calendar – March calendar approved

X. ROUND TABLE

Mel – Asked if the club has considered telling guests what the rules are and adding something on the guest envelopes. It was discussed that Members bringing out guest should be responsible for making sure that their guests know the rules.

Manny - Stated that he has personally experienced that even the members themselves do not read the rules. Adding something on the envelope may help, but only if people read it. The board will write something up to add on the envelope and discuss it at next month's meeting. It can be added the next time envelopes need to be printed.

Dietrich – Stated that he had attended Chuck Wedow's memorial service and wanted to share the memorial program with the board.

Loren – Brought up the email about the gentleman that came in and walked around to take a look at the club.

David Faingold - Stated that a visitor must schedule an appointment to view the club. Do not let visitors in the gate or walk around on their own. Can address at a later date about writing up information that could be handed out to visitors as to what they need to do.

Loren – Asked what was happening with the electronic equipment that was left on the table in the clubhouse? Dave Leiker said that usually when someone brings things in, if they are not gone within a few days the stuff goes in the trash.

Chris – Asked for Approval of \$200 for new paper target for the muzzleloaders.

2.11.2020 g. Motion to approve \$200 for paper targets for the muzzleloaders

Motion seconded and approved

XI. RECESS & ADJOURNMENT

XII. NO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Announcements

ATA Trap

ATA Trap Chairman, Loren Kohler is in need of a Co-Chair for ATA Trap. If you would be interested in assisting in running the ATA shoots or have any questions, please contact Loren. The matches are typically the third Sunday from March to September. It's about six hours per shoot. Contact Loren Kohler at lorenkohler@yahoo.com

Classes Offered in March

US Service Rifle Classes in March.

Saturday, March 7th—M1 Carbine and Saturday, March 14th – M16/AR15 (*Please note the date change for the M16/AR-15 class from what the email that was sent out previously stated. The class is now on the 14th of March).*

Classes will be from 9 a.m. till noon. Classes will cover history, loading/unloading, field strip and cleaning. You may bring your gun, but please NO AMMO! You can bring a non-member guest. Class is FREE. You don't need to reserve or RSVP. Classes are held in the Education Trailer.

Any questions contact Pete at 720-939-5396 or peter2694@hotmail.com

Hunter Education Classes

AGC Members,

The next Hunter Education internet conclusion class will be held on Saturday, March 28th in the Education Trailer from 9am-3pm. The students complete most of the work online and finish the course in person.

The listing on the Colorado Parks and Wildlife website is not active yet. We want the members of AGC to have the first chance to register. Please contact me via email, sdavislkn4elk@gmail.com so I can save your spot.

Thank you, Stuart Davis

NRA Action Pistol

This was the third month in a row where the weather was a challenge for the NRA Action Pistol Match. In fact, it was bad enough that we decided to cancel, much to the disappointment of some shooters. Clearer heads prevailed! It sure is nice to have some adult supervision. Thanks Bob!

Days like this give me pause to reflect on, well, shooting for one thing. Last month I shot particularly well, for me anyway. Steve Knoll, in a rare moment of charity, commented on my good fortune. Steve is a great guy and without a doubt one of the best marksman in our NRA Action Pistol group. He shoots a 1911 .38 Super without all of the bells and whistles like compensators, shrouds, porting and optics. He doesn't need it!

The last comment that Steve made to me was, "If you'd learn how to shoot the plates, you'd be good." Lizard! But you know what? He was right! I started looking through past match results and I noticed an obvious but disturbing trend across the board. My plate scores are anywhere from 20 to 60 points lower than my "paper" scores. That's a lot. So, I wanted to figure out why I was having trouble with the plates. After all, I shot the other stages pretty well, most of the time.

Let's look at the plate event. You have anywhere from 6 to 9 seconds to shoot at and hopefully hit 6 eight-inch plates. Distances range from 10 to 25 yards. That doesn't sound all that hard, does it? I can clear the holster and get the shots off in time, even when I shoot prone at 20 and 25 yards. No, time limit isn't really a big issue.

Then I went back and looked at the score sheets and my notes for NRA Action Pistol. I saw that my rim-fire plate scores were higher than my center-fire plates but yet I seemed to have a higher center-fire score on the stages in which we shoot paper targets.

I like shooting my .22 in both practice and competition. Less recoil, less noise, cheaper and I don't have to worry so much about losing a casing like I do with my 9mm. Nothing beats a good practice session with other rim-fire competitors. When we practice, we actually "practice with a purpose" to the point of even making notes and taking still and video pictures so we can see what we are doing (right and wrong).

I started looking at my notes and again going back to old score sheets. The trend that I saw was that everyone's plates scores were generally lower. Rim-fire plate scores were usually higher than center-fire scores but still lower than "paper-stages." Could the .22 have something to do with it?

In NRA Action Pistol, with a centerfire you must knock down the plate to receive 10 points and an X. Close doesn't count, a glancing hit that don't knock down the plate doesn't count, and a miss doesn't count. But with rim-fire, you hit the plate, or nick the plate and you get 10 and an "X." OK, I am starting to see a trend here.

On paper targets if you cut the line you get the higher score. But not with a centerfire on plates! A plate is 8 inches in diameter. That's a pretty big/small target, depending on who you are and how far the plates are away. 8 inches! Hum?

When you are shooting paper the X ring is four inches, the 10 ring is eight inches and the eight ring is 12 inches. The five "ring" is a lot bigger. So, let me get this straight. I nick a plate with my .22 and that's 10 points and an X. I nick a plate with my 9mm and it doesn't fall down that's a zero. And on paper I miss the 10 ring by a quarter inch or inch and three-quarters and I still get 8 points. Sign me up!

So, there you have it. Why I think that our plate scores often look dismal compared to our paper scores. Now that we know the "why" what can we do to correct it? I suggest that you dry-practice, go to the range for live-fire when you can and come out to the match!

Until next time, shoot safe, shoot straight and shoot often.

Bob Daneke, Alex Ragulsky and the entire NRA Action Pistol group

Match Results Cont.

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Black Powder

A warm day brought out 15 shooters for some buffalo targets. Despite the wind some real good scores were recorded.

50 Yard

Double bull buffalo

Scott Turnage 46
Jimmy Jeffreys 43
Tom Shulz 42

50 Yard

Single bull buffalo

Gene Snyder 42
Rachael Baker 40
Jimmy Jeffreys 40

25 Yard

Big Buffalo

Gene Snyder 46
Jim Flagg 45
Chris Baker 42

25 Yard

Baby buffalo

Chris Baker 41
Scott Turnage 38
Charlie Jones 38

The rest were: Tim Miller, Zane Miller, Mike Barnard, Dave Allen, Les Lokken, Tom Wengh, and Dietrich Whitesides.

Chris Baker 720-936-4218

Monthly AGC Trap Shoots Starting in March

Our 2020 monthly trap shoots will start again in March with the first scheduled for March 8th. Registration will start when the clubhouse opens at 9AM and shooting will begin shortly after. The program will follow the same format as in previous years with 50 singles, 50 handicap, and 25 pairs of doubles. You can choose to shoot all or some of these events. Classes for singles and doubles will be based on the shooter's established AGC or ATA (if the shooter has one) class and handicap yardage will be similarly set - AGC or ATA handicap yardage.

New shooters who do not have either an AGC or ATA class or yardage will start in B class for singles and doubles and 20 yards for handicap. Ladies who do not have an established handicap will start at 19 yards. We will also again have optional prize pots for singles and handicap based on the shooter's class. We will also have the handicap progressive pot - if a shooter breaks all 50 handicap targets, they will win 70% of the progressive pot. In the event that there are multiple shooters breaking 50 targets, that 70% amount will be equally divided. Costs for targets will be standard target rates and the optional prize pot fee are \$2 for each event the shooter wishes to enter.

The 2020 schedule dates will be: March 8, April 12, May 24, June 14, July 12, August 9, and September 13. October has not been scheduled yet due to potential big game hunting season conflicts.

It looks like we can expect to see some new shooters based on several conversations I have had with members and I'm looking forward to a fun season. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions.

Rich Dimisko

For Sale

Marlin XL 7 30-06. Nearly new condition with 152 rounds total fired. \$260.00.

Cooper Arms Model 22 .308 Phoenix. This rifle is brand new in the box and has never been fired or had a round chambered, except for the factory test firing. Included is the factory target that shows all three rounds in the same hole. Current MSRP is \$2795.00 with a six month wait. This rifle is priced at \$1950.00 and is being shown at Green Mountain Guns, 3355 S. Yarrow St. Lakewood, CO 303-985-7240.

Contact: Jim at 303-907-5721.

SAVE THE DATES FOR 2020

Work Parties: April 25th & Sept 12th

Swap Meet: TBD

Deadline to Declare Candidacy for Elections: August 25th

Annual Meeting: October 4th

Christmas Potluck: December 5th

Newsletter Submission

Newsletter submission deadline is on or before the 20th of each month by **NOON**.

You may mail, or email it to Nicole Quiring or Carla Smith, Administrative Assistants

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Please Note: The Gun Club no longer has a FAX line.

Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>
3/1	Sunday	7:30am - PSAC 10:00am - Black Powder Rifle	berms 2-6 100-yard	Matt Hess Chris Baker
3/4	Wednesday	9:00am - AGC Trap	trap	Don Phillips
3/7	Saturday	7:30am - 200-yd Military Rifle Match 9:00am - Class on M1 Carbine	200-yard Education Trailer	Bill Chin Pete Benoit
3/8	Sunday	10:00am - AGC Trap 9:30 am - New Member Orientation 11:30 am - New Member Orientation	trap #2 Education Trailer Education Trailer	Rich Dimisko Chris Baker Chris Baker
3/10	Tuesday	7:00pm - Board of Directors Meeting	Clubhouse	
3/11	Wednesday	8:00am - Cowboy Action Shoot 9:00am - AGC Trap	berms 2 & 3 trap	Bill Edick Don Phillips
3/14	Saturday	7:30am - NRA Action Pistol 8:00am - CMP 9:00am - Class on M16/AR-15	berms 6 & 7 100-yard Education Trailer	Bob Daneker Rob Lucernoni Pete Benoit
3/15	Sunday	9:00am - ATA Trap	trap	Loren Kohler
3/18	Wednesday	9:00am - AGC Trap	trap	Don Phillips
3/20	Friday	Noon: Newsletter Submission Deadline—Can send in before the 20th		Nicole Quiring or Carla Smith
3/21	Saturday	9:00am - Pistol Cartridge Lever Action Silhouette 9:30am - New Member Orientation	silhouette Education Trailer	Mike Benskin Chris Baker
3/22	Sunday	9:30am - Magnum Handgun 8:30am - NRA Silhouette	magnum silhouette	Emmanuel Boyd Michael Ehr
3/25	Wednesday	9:00am - AGC Trap	trap	Don Phillips
3/28	Saturday	9:00am - Smallbore 22 Lever Action Silhouette 9:00am - Hunter Education Class	silhouette Education Trailer	Mike Benskin Stuart Davis
3/29	Sunday	9:00am - Military Bolt Action Bench Rest 8:30am - NRA Silhouette	100-yard silhouette	Paul Lundberg Michael Ehr

Daylight Savings—Remember to Spring Forward 1 hour on March 8th or before you go to bed on March 7th!

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 7:30 am PSAC #2-6 10:00 am Black Powder Rifle 100yd 9 - 1 Trap	2	3	4 9:00 am ACG Trap	5	6	7 7:30 am 200-yd Military Rifle Match 9-12 M1 Carbine Class- Educational Trailer 9 - 1 Trap Daylight Savings
8 10:00 am ACG Monthly Trap (Trap 2) 9:30 & 11:30 am- New Member Orientations 9 - 1 Trap	9	10 7:00pm Board Meeting	11 8:00 am Cowboy Action Shoot #2 & 3 9:00 am ACG Trap	12	13	14 7:30 am NRA Action Pistol #6 & 7 8:00 am CMP 100yd 9-12 M16/AR-15 Class- Educational Trailer 9 - 1 Trap
15 9:00 am ATA Trap 9 - 1 Trap	16	17 	18 9:00 am ACG Trap	19	20 Newsletter Deadline	21 9:00 am Pistol Cartridge Silhouette 9:30 am New Member Orientation 9 - 1 Trap
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