



February 2015

# BULLET

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Fellow Club Members,

We held the January Club meeting on the 22nd at the Beckley State Police Office and I am proud to say twenty four members were in attendance. During the meeting nominations were made for the 2015 Executive Committee Office's and I encourage all to cast their ballots. At the advice of the one and only Bill Miller all of the candidates have written a short bio of themselves for the election. This will help many who are not familiar with any and all of the candidates.

Weather permitting, we will be having a work day on Saturday, March 14th, and we normally average about ten (10) people that volunteer to work and that number is usually the same people that help. I am asking for many more to volunteer which would help make the work day finish sooner and many of the people that normally help are in their 50s, 60s, and 70s. None of the senior people complain but it would be nice to have a lot of the younger members help out. I have always respected my elders but when the older members do most of the work I always respect their opinions and requests when they give it.

This year we will be holding another Media Day at the Range, numerous pistol and 3 Gun matches, hopefully another club picnic, and many firearms classes. If you are a certified NRA instructor please let the Executive Committee know because there have been times in the past we needed more instructors, Jim Cozort and Tom Lilly work extremely hard organizing and teaching 99.9% of the classes and they could use the help. Mr. Cozort will be put the class schedule on the club's website calendar page and if you are able to volunteer your time for one of those dates please let us know.

Bob Front has been the clubs Secretary/Treasurer for the past several years but he has volunteered his time for many other jobs for the club. He cleans up the trash at every range at least twice a month and hauls it to the land fill. To lighten Bob's and the clubs work, Lusk Disposal has donated a dumpster for us last year and but we have also found trash placed in it that was not trash from the range, such as building materials not used or purchased by the club, large amounts of trash bags that come from the home. WE do understand that a large quantity of the trash is not just old paper targets, cartridge boxes, and including trash from people's lunches and someone cleaning out their automobile. Those things are acceptable but bringing your residential trash to the gun club is not acceptable and "Unauthorized use of a dumpster" is a crime and members could be expelled from the club for such use. So please use the dumpster within reason.

WE are still having problems with members shooting things that are not meant to be targets or target stands. Last year we did expel a member for doing the same, so again, please, use common sense, and use proper targets and proper back stops.

Use CAUTION when leaving the gun club. Even though there are signs placed at the gate that prohibits the discharge of firearms at that area there have many persons setting targets on the gun club roadway and they shoot down the same. Please listen for gun shots from the gate before you approach it and if someone is discharging firearms please get a registration plate number and possible names and provide them to the Executive Committee. Criminal charges will be filed for such acts. Our main concern is club members, their families, and guests safety.

James Long, President

## BOB'S RANT

Ah, rats! The problems continue: Idiots shooting down the road at the gate; we catch 'em, they'll be charged! Could be a felony!

Our beloved legal beagle and former President Kevin Burgess had back surgery at WVU this past week. Prayers, best wishes and support will be appreciated!

Either club email's not working properly or we have a 1D-10T error on my part. Speaking of email, the Board of Directors (not Executive Committee) voted to have member's "opt in" rather than "opt out" of receiving newsletter by email. In other words, you'll have to send us an email if it's OK to send you the newsletter by email rather than snail-mail. Sending all members by

USPS & printing is costing about \$350/month. We do realize not everyone has email. Bill Miller says the NRA has spent tons researching this and lost lots of members trying it the other way. Follow that?

We'll continue USPS until we're sure we have the club's email working, and then we'll give you the email address to send your reply to. I don't want more stuff coming to my personal box. The newsletter is also available on the website.

Tim Boyle (candidate for VP) is fixing our website. Big problem now is time. He has a real job! See his bio, he really is a "computer geek"!

ELECTION FEB. 19! GET YOUR BALLOTS IN OR GET TO THE MEETING (6:30 @ the WVSP Office).

## CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHY'S

### **James Long for President**

As per the advice of the members who attended the January monthly meeting wanting the members who are running for positions on the Executive Committee to provide a short biography. After High School I enlisted in the US Army and was stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado. After the Army I attended Fairmont State College and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. I eventually joined the West Virginia State Police and I am certified through the State of West Virginia as a pistol, shotgun, and rifle instructor, and I have been a competitive pistol and 3 gun shooter for several years.

I am also a Board of Directors Member for the West Virginia Troopers Association for the past six years. And I have been a member of the Beckley Gun Club for five years and have previously held the position of Executive Officer and currently the President. I have also been the club's liaison for the Glock Sport Shooting Foundation Match that has been held at the gun club for the past four years. And I accepted the nomination for president for the 2015 year.

I want to thank everyone for making the Beckley Gun Club a nationally recognized gun club and supporting 3 Gun Nation making its way to the gun club this coming August.

### **Dr. Terry Kourey for Vice President**

As past president of the Beckley Gun Club who likes helping and shooting in the 3 gun matches and other club sponsored events, I realize there is still the important aspect of maintaining the road, ranges, and keeping the clubs financial affairs in order for our membership. This is our responsibility since our club is membership based and supported, thus financial stability and accountability is of utmost importance. Currently I am taking the NRA club leadership and development training course to help me become a more informed leader. During the past 10 years, I have chaired the Friends of NRA fundraising committee in Beckley which continues to grow every year. I am also on the WV Friends of NRA steering committee and the funding committee. I have been a member of the club for over 20 years and I am a NRA certified firearms instructor and NRA range safety officer. I am a member of the WV State Rifle and Pistol Association. I have served in the club as president for 6 years and held other offices such as vice president and chairman of the pistol committee. I am on the BGC Board of Directors. I graduated from WVU Dental School in 1980 and have practiced dentistry in Beckley since 1993.

If elected, I will do my best to see the club continue to grow and prosper and to keep our club financially stable.

### **Tim Boyle for Vice President**

My background

- Computer software developer for the last 30 years plus for various type of businesses from manufacturing to financial. My duties have included budget planning and tracking, manager and my best position a worker.
- Cub and Boy Scout Leader of troops with 70+ boys. This included fund raising, planning, guidance of young boys.
- NRA member
- NRA Certified pistol Instructor

My family and I spend a great deal of personal time at the range for shooting, talking to other members, learning a variety of things or just saying HI. Besides the personal time, I have attend all BGC meetings, range events as a Range Officer, setup, support, participate or all of these at the same time with the full support of my family. In fact, my wife and daughter are the cooks for majority of the range events and my son is doing the same things I do

I have very strong feelings around certain areas.

1. Strongly feel as elected Vice President of the BGC, I should attend all events that the range has. You have to be active to understand, manage and grow the range.
2. Find and maintain other forms of income besides club dues. Keep memberships dues reasonable and maintain the same level or better availability of the range to our members.

I would make a good Vice President for the range with my background around business, since the range is a business. My desire to make ensure the range is always SAFE, fun and available. More importantly, a place to teach others interested in shooting how to properly own, maintain and effectively handle any type of firearm.

I hope to be your new Vice President.

### **Bob Front for Secretary / Treasurer**

Hey, Gang: Most of y'all know me, if only because of "Bob's Rant" in the newsletter. I've been Secretary/Treasurer for the past several years. The club's checkbook has reconciled to within a couple of cents every month and bills are paid in a timely manner.

When I took over we had over 800 members on the roles. The roles hadn't been purged in years. Drop outs were still listed and many of us were on these two or three times. The rolls are now current and we call members when newsletters are returned to correct mailing addresses.

I've taken care of obtaining and issuing keys, changing locks, procuring the last Conex, lights and shelves in the first one, ordered and installed the 500yd shelter,(Mike Vick & I poured the 16'x32' concrete pad), arranged the purchase of the tractor, done repairs, organized work days, and hauled trash. I've helped with logistics for all of the club's events, including our Annual Media Day and all the matches.

Finally, it looks like this year will be much better. Dave Gruver has been nominated for Executive Officer so all the Sec/Tres will have to do is be Sec/Tres. I'll continue to attend all the events at the range as I have in the past. Somebody's gotta win the Super Senior honors!

### **Chuck Orange for Secretary / Treasurer**

The club is in the business of providing the membership with a great place to shoot. At present the club is trying to figure out where we spent our money last year. The club spent significantly more than our income. Should I be elected as Secretary Treasurer of the club it is my goal to keep good financial records so that we know where we are losing money and can reduce or eliminate the losses. As an engineer who has managed million dollar projects, I know the importance of detailed accurate records. I have been the Treasurer of both enthusiast and social welfare organizations in the past and have successfully handled club finances to work with others on executive boards to achieve club goals within budget. I can help provide the careful control we need to maintain and improve our facilities while we enjoy the club's benefits.

### **Jim Cozort for Education Officer**

I am currently education and training officer of the club and have been for the past several years and am running unopposed. In the past thirty or so years that I have been a member, I have held every club office at one time or another and, as a former club president, I serve as a member of the board of directors. I am an NRA Instructor and Training Counselor as well as a Regional Counselor for the Refuse to be a Victim program. I work with a team of instructors who are also club members in teaching NRA classes for the club.

### **David Gruver for Executive Officer**

Prior to retiring from the construction industry, moving to the Beckley area and joining the BGC, I held positions at gun clubs in other states including the membership chairman at ORCO Sportsman Association in Geneva, OH for 10 years. At BGC I've enjoy shooting and helping with set-up and running the 3-gun matches and other events such as media day. Maintaining the ranges in a condition for all to use and maintaining the road for safe access is key to providing a great place to shoot; growing our club membership and giving visitors such as those who attend the media day, a positive experience. I'm currently the Secretary of the Southern West Virginia Friends of NRA committee and I served on the Capitol District Friends of NRA committee. I'm an NRA Life Member, NRA Certified Firearms Instructor and NRA Range Safety Officer. I am the District 9 Director for the West Virginia State Rifle and Pistol Association. Annually I compete at the NRA National Matches, Camp Perry, OH and I competed at Wadcutters in Summersville for nearly 30 years.