

BULLET

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hey Everyone,

This is the beginning of a new year for the Beckley Gun Club. We had a pretty good year as far as matches and increase in membership and putting money in the bank. The 2016 Annual Meeting will be held at the Beckley State Police Detachment's Conference Room on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 630 PM. All club members are encouraged to attend. Also, attached to the News Letter are the ballots for the election of Executive Committee Officers. If you intend to vote please follow the instructions that are provided fully. If you intend to mail your ballots you must follow the mailing instructions completely or you vote will not count. This is a family membership, the spouse of a member also has a vote. So please, read the Biography's of each member that is running for a specific office and vote however you may choose.

Thanks,

James Long, President

EDUCATION

Education committee will continue with First Steps Classes in January & February. Watch Facebook and Web Pages for schedules and for any changes that may be made necessary because of weather. Some classes may be held at Athena Farms making for easier access with winter weather. The Beckley Gun Club Personal Defense Class will definitely be offered in Beckley by early February. Final details are being worked out at this time. The first classes will be for women only and will be limited to no more than ten students per class. To enroll, students must have proof of prior training (First Steps or similar) or have some shooting experience. This class will include defensive shooting as opposed to target shooting, unarmed self defense, conflict avoidance, non lethal defense devices and an introduction to defensive rifle and shotgun.

WEB PAGE

The web page is up and running. We are in need of a **Web Page Coordinator**. The job entails being the liaison between the WebMaster and all club members who wish to have information posted on the webpage. The idea being only one person to contact the WebMaster to avoid confusion. The job takes an hour of two a month to complete. If you are willing to volunteer to take over this position, please contact either Bob Front or Dave Gruver.

NEWSLETTER

We are in need of a **Newsletter Editor**. The job entails putting together the monthly newsletter from information provided by the club officers. Once the newsletter is finalized, it is forwarded to the printer for printing and mailing. It takes an hour or two a month to complete. If you are willing to volunteer to take over this position, please contact either Bob Front or Dave Gruver.

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHY'S

James Long for President

I have a been a member of the Beckley Gun Club going on seven years, I am a former Executive Officer of the club and have been the President for the past two years. I am former soldier, and have been a Trooper for nearly twenty years. I am also a certified pistol, rifle, and shotgun instructor for the state of West Virginia and the NRA and I have trained K9 and Swat Officers for several years and I have been the 3 Gun Match director and the club's liaison for the Glock matches for the past four or five years.

David Gruver for President

I am a retired Construction Executive with many large and prominent projects to my name. 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. 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 (Albany, NY). I'm an NRA Life Member, NRA Certified Instructor for Pistol, Rifle, Personal Protection Inside the Home and Refuse to be a Victim. I'm also an 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.

Dr. Terry Kourey for Vice President

For a little background, I grew up in Charleston WV. I attended undergrad at WVU, then went on to WVU Dental School, graduating in 1980. I became associated with a dental practice in Beckley in 1993 and still practice there. This is how I became involved with the Beckley Gun Club..

I have been a member of the club for well over 20 years now. I am a NRA Certified Firearms Instructor and a NRA Range Safety Officer. I have served in the club as president for six years and held other offices over the years, such as Vice President and chairman of the Pistol Committee. I am also on the Board of Directors of the club.

I also have chaired the Southern WV Friends of NRA for many years to promote the shooting sports and preserve the 2nd amendment. Also I am a member of the State Rifle and Pistol Association.

If elected, I will do my best to see that the gun club grows and prospers in the years to come.

Billye Sue Front for Secretary / Treasurer

Most of you know me as Bob Front's (the current Secretary/Treasurer) wife. Over the last few years I have helped Bob with his duties as Secretary/Treasurer and I am very familiar with how the club's business is run. I have been a Medical Laboratory Technologist for 45 years; currently I am the Laboratory Manager and Supervisor for an Office in Princeton. I'm an active member of the gun club, I do all the registration and scoring for the matches held at the Gun Club, both 3 gun and pistol matches. I work hard to make sure all activities run smoothly that I am involved in. I regularly attend the clubs monthly meeting. If I am elected as Secretary/Treasurer, I will work hard to keep accurate records and make sure the activities run smoothly and efficiently. With the knowledge I already have of the clubs business I can help make this a bigger and better club.

Chuck Orange for Secretary / Treasurer

After hearing Joe McDougal's Director Audit report during the Nomination Meeting putting the importance on the club having financial reports as we look towards the future I know that there is much I can do to help. Computerized monthly and annual income reports, activity reports, budget reports help us make sure that we spend the necessary money on necessities such as road maintenance, range maintenance, committee income and expense reports so that committees know how much money they have raised and can spend on their activates. There is much more I can do to help. Hopefully the club will continue to grow and that only increases the need for timely financial records and reports.

If the club decides to use QuickBooks that program can be used for both financial and membership records. I am ready to go on day one transforming the clubs records to a computerized system.

My professional background as well as my experience doing this for other organizations will help the club with their continue growth for the future. Please vote for me.....

Michael Vick for Executive Officer

Army Ranger, Vietnam Vet, Endowment - Lifetime Member of the NRA, Airline Transport Pilot - Fixed wing and Rotorcraft, EMS Helicopter Pilot and ENG Pilot/Reporter, A&P Mechanic. I graduated from Colorado Aero Tech. Medically retired. Life Long Sailor.

Certified Police officer in Ohio and Texas. Army Criminal Investigator, Texas District Attorney Investigator. Public Safety (Police) Diver and among the first PADI certified Public Safety Dive Instructor. PADI Instructor, ERDI Instructor.

I have flown and dove all over the world - all seven continents. I have sailed two circumnavigations in two different Westsail 32's. Flew Tuna boats in Guam for three years and flew from a Russian Icebreaker for three years, Antarctica in the Southern summer and the High Arctic in the Northern summer. I am a Range Safety Officer and an NRA instructor in pistol, rifle & shotgun.

John Given for Executive Officer

Began shooting in 1972 at the age of eight. Joined Charleston Junior Rifle Club in 1977.

In 1978 Earned NRA Smallbore Distinguished Expert badge. WWSRPA High Power Rifle State Junior champion. Member of the WWSRPA team to compete in the Whistler Boy match at Camp Perry. Team finished third in the nation.

In 1979 Attended the NRA junior Olympic shooting camp at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, CO. Earned Master qualification in NRA Smallbore indoor position.

In 1980 Won the WWSRPA Smallbore Outdoor Prone junior state championship.

Former small business owner. Graduate of West Virginia State University. AAS computer aided drafting and design. Graduate of Marshall University/Marshall Community and Technical college/Robert C. Byrd institute. AAS machinist technology.

Former Cub Scout Den Leader. 10 year employee of Phillips Machine Service. Master CNC machinist/programmer. Beckley Gun Club 3-gun/ Action pistol competitor.

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.

Board of Directors audit results for 2015 of the Beckley Gun Club.

Article X of the clubs bylaws requires that the Board of Directors serve as an audit committee. Club records are to be turned over to the BOD one month prior to the Annual Meeting. They are responsible for auditing all club records, determining their accuracy and completeness, and seeing that all past records are kept in an orderly fashion. Additionally, the board shall be responsible for accounting for the disposition of all club property. Any discrepancies shall be published in the clubs newsletter.

The audit shows our club funds are accurately accounted for- with no financial discrepancies. Club financial records were reviewed and every check written could be traced to a receipt and all checks were posted to the checking account except that one vender had never cashed an August check written to them. The beginning and ending balance for the year in the computer accounting program and in the check book were balanced after adjusting for a check that was never posted. The deposit records now specify when each individual's dues are deposited. Match reports are completed to allow a good audit trail from event to deposit ticket and to the club account. Great records Bob and Billy Front!

The current computerized accounting method, while accurate is not providing some of the reports the club needs as we look toward the future. Yearly summary income reports divided monthly for matches, educational activities and membership are only available by physically totaling income and expenses from the transaction records. Individual deposit tickets must be reviewed to separate the deposit amounts into the proper income categories to prepare event reports. The yearly budgeted items are essentially totaled on another ledger to keep a running total of each category identified on the yearly budget. The membership list is being kept on a separate data base and is not directly tied to the accounting program. Income and expense items are not assigned to specific events, for example the regional Glock match records are mixed with local 3 gun match records. The program does not run quarterly or yearly balance sheets. These issues need to be addressed to take advantage of anticipated future opportunities.

We started the year with \$4,784 in the bank and ended the year with \$14,637. A great year! Our club is designed so that each of the shooting committees must pay their own way and that any profit they earn can be used to further their activities. This year, the education committee has spent all their income on an educational building. The three gun committee and Glock match proceeds helped get a generator for the educational building and still saved \$1,958 surplus for their group's future use.

Our club membership has remained strong. The current administration's new attack on gun owners is helping gun clubs increase membership everywhere! On January 17th we had 275 paid members and 54 members who had not yet responded to their renewal notice. Our club exists for our shooting member's daily use. Keeping our membership numbers up pays the bills. Good job on maintaining membership.

Updated club assets and equipment Inventory. Most of the club belongings have been inventoried. It has been a few years since the club had worked on updating its inventory. So far about seven pages of items have been cataloged and their current location identified. This effort will protect the club's property and as values are assigned give us the ability to obtain an accurate balance sheet.

Notice

Our club has grown and our members needs have changed since the last time we did a business plan. In addition the amount of time members have to volunteer working at the club is significantly less. We need to examine how our club operates to make sure we are meeting today's needs and the future needs of future gun owners. One of the uses for our business plan is to approach the people who own our land about buying the property.

For example, currently our club is a 501c4 organization which means it is a not for profit social organization. We are examining changing our organization to a 501c3 tax exempt organization. This move would allow us to receive donations and the donors receive a tax break. It will also allow members which leave all or part of their estate to our club additional tax breaks. It might not be important to everyone but our members for which this is important are looking forward to giving us money.

In addition to members donating money, we will need to increase our outreach to businesses seeking donation when we are doing large projects on again a tax preferred basis. That might include working with someone for donations for a larger classroom building, one of these electronic, pneumatic, computerized target systems, or the land owners that we rent the gun club property from.

We plan to have a presentation during the Annual Meeting of Members so that we can start the process of gathering information from our members to better help us develop this business plan. Your input will be valuable and helpful. In addition to this presentation, as we better define the plan we will want to again have a meeting with a presentation so we again can gather additional input of everyone.

The planning group consist of Bill Miller, Kevin Burgess, Dave Gruver, Joe McDougal, and Jim Cozort.

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SCHEDULE:

Next Meetings February 11- ANNUAL MEETING (election of officers), 6:30 PM
@ Beckley State Police Detachment Conference Room