

American Bowman

January, 2005

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What's New With the Club?

Annual Awards Banquet

The Awards Banquet will be held on February 12, 2005 at Bear Creek Archery. Setup will be at 6:00 PM, social hour starts at 6:30, dinner at 7:00 PM. Awards to follow dinner. We request that people will stick around to help clean up after the awards ceremony. Ballots for the awards will be included with renewal notices in January. Please return your ballot promptly so that the votes can be counted before the banquet. As usual the American Bowman will supply beer and pop; members should bring a covered dish.

2005 Shoot Dates

April 21	ABC Open Shoot	July 10	Members Only Picnic & Shoot
June 12	Joseph's Journey Shoot	August 7	ABC Open Shoot
June 19	Father's Day Shoot	August 21	Joseph's Journey Shoot
		October 9	ABC Open Shoot

Sign Painter Needed

The American Bowman is looking for a sign painter to repaint the existing sign for the Stage Stop Campground. Full work party credit will be applied. Contact Morgan Montgomery if interested (303) 420-1639.

Note: Let Records Chairman Ron Rockwell know about any animals taken ASAP!

NOTE: Club shoots are at 7:00 PM Wednesdays at Bear Creek Archery. Cost is \$5.00

Pheasant Hunt

The pheasant hunt has been confirmed for Feb. 5. We'll be practicing with clays in the morning and pheasants in the afternoon. If you are planning on attending please RSVP by January 27 so we can get the birds ordered. If you have pop bottle launcher and you wouldn't mind bringing it along for target practice please do.

Free GPS and Map/Compass Classes

Friday, Jan. 14 - at the USGS. Resuming now for 2005, these free classes will be given the second Friday of each month at Building 810 (near Map Sales) on the Denver Federal Center, Lakewood CO (main entrance on Kipling just north of Alameda). Morning sessions (9-11 a.m.) are map & compass reading, and afternoon sessions (12-4 p.m.) are on how to use a GPS. You may register for either the morning, afternoon, or both classes by calling 303-202-4640.

Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2004

The meeting was called to order by President Morgan Montgomery at approximately 7:20 pm, the secretary arriving late owing to a plumbing problem (not his, in his house!). An unusually high turnout at the meeting may be attributed to all those attending who did not want to be elected president in absentia.

Old business

The treasurer reported account balances, expenses, and income, including \$.61 interest (for the past four months). We operated at a loss of approximately \$1200 last year, an improvement over the previous year, but not nearly as good as the surpluses of three and four years ago. The treasurer reports that he has been on no extensive, expensive vacations during the past year. A subcommittee has been appointed to check on this. Shoot income increased over the past year and the food sales at shoots brought in additional money but costs for target purchases were up. Never-the-less, we need to do better on both memberships and shoots this year to return to a cash-flow positive situation. The treasure's report was approved.

The minutes of the last meeting were highlighted by the secretary and approved.

The October last shoot/benefit shoot/beast feast resulted in 9 paid shooters, approximately 50 people from Comcast for the benefit, and approximately 25 kids shooting. The auction and other activities were a success for the benefit.

New Business

The CBA banquet committee has requested that each member bowhunting club donate \$35 towards the legislative fund. A motion to do so was made and approved.

Morgan will send a sympathy card to Dale and Wendy Petefish.

Shoot dates were tentatively set for Joseph's Journey benefit shoots on June 12 and August 13 or 14; Father's Day shoot June 19; members only shoot and picnic on July 10; other shoots on April 17, Aug. 7, and Oct. 9. The ABC Banquet and Awards program was set for Feb. 12.

"Buggs" Baker (dat wascally wabbit) is to schedule a rabbit hunt in early January. He had reported that the bunny population in NW Colorado is quite good this year.

Morgan will inquire about dates for a pheasant hunt in February or March at the same place where we hunted last year.

Dale will purchase a gift certificate for Ann.

An attempt to elect officers failed because most of the likely candidates for president attended the meeting and were able to successfully defend themselves as to why they shouldn't be elected. Lacking candidates, a motion was approved to table the election until the January meeting.

New Members

Brian Mackey has been shooting since he was a little kid. He now works for Level-3 Communications and shoots a compound. He met Scott last spring and has attended some shoots with him this summer. Despite knowing Scott, his clean good looks prevailed and he was voted in.

Erin White has been bowhunting for 12 years. Actually he reports that he has been 'bow hiking' for 12 years. (The membership didn't let on that there are some 'bow hikers' among us too, but not by choice.) Erin works for Wells Fargo, shoots a compound, and puts meat on the table with a rifle. He also knows Scott and Brian and shoots with them but these facts shortcomings were ameliorated by the fact that he has three children, 11, 8, and 5, the two older of which shoot JOAD at Bear Creek. He will also join the CBA. After a close contest, he was voted in 27 to 0.

We welcome these new members, remind them to sign in on each trip to the outdoor range, invite their full participation in the activities of the Club, and wish them happy hunting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. Come to the January meeting with nominations for officers or you may be one!

January 12, 2005

The meeting was called to order by President Morgan Montgomery at 7:07 pm. A continuing extremely-high interest in electoral politics again brought out a large crowd of members who considered attending the best defense against being elected President in Absentia.

Old business

The minutes of the last meeting were highlighted by Secretary Ivan James and approved.

Treasurer Jeff Fleischer **reported** income of \$.09 in interest and a couple of bills that were paid during the month. Cash flow for the calendar year amounted to a NEGATIVE \$1600, an improvement over the past two years but still not meeting our objective of at least breaking even. Apparently the increase in work party fees several years ago has reduced work party income as more people are actually making their work parties. Target costs were higher than the previous but Dale Lucio reports that the target supply is in good shape and we may not have to buy any more this year. Membership is currently at 112. The treasurer's report was approved.

As requested at the December meeting, Morgan sent a sympathy card to the Petefish's and Regina had

flowers sent for the funeral.

As requested by the CBA Banquet Committee, \$35 was contributed for the March CBA Banquet.

Dale Lucio purchased a gift certificate for Ann as a Christmas gift.

Two changes were made to the **shoot dates** established at the December meeting. The second Joseph's Journey shoot was changed from August 13 or 14 to August 21 in accordance with what is posted on the CBA web site and the April 17 shoot was changed to April 24 so as to not conflict with the Golden High-Country Archers shoot on April 17. Shoot dates are now:

April 21	ABC open shoot
June 12	Joseph's Journey shoot
June 19	Father's Day shoot
July 10	Members only picnic and shoot
Aug. 7	ABC open shoot
Aug. 21	Joseph's Journey shoot
Oct. 9	ABC open shoot

Please remember that members do not pay for any shoots except for the Joseph's Journey fund raising shoots, but please support the Joseph's Journey shoots as these proceeds provide a wonderful opportunities for seriously ill children and youth.

The first **rabbit hunt** of the season, held on January 8, was a huge success. Five intrepid hunters, attired in rabbit-confusing camo complete with snowshoes and traditional bows, crowded into Chief Rabbit Guide, Larry (a.k.a. "Buggs") Baker's SUV, for the trip to South Park. Though many tracks were seen, only one snowshoe was spotted and it met its timely demise from the sterling true shafts of the heroic members of the ABC. Consumption reports are that it was tasty but a bit tough.

New Business

Reminder, the **ABC Awards Banquet** is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 12 at Bear Creek Archery. A few volunteers are needed to assist with setup at 6 pm. Social hour starts at 6:30 and the banquet at 7 pm. Volunteers to stay afterward to help clean up would also be appreciated. Members with the 'largest animal of a species' plaques are reminded to return them to Bear Creek Archery so that they may be prepared for the banquet. Let Records Chairman Ron Rockwell know about any animals taken ASAP. Any animals entered for the 'largest animal of a species' must be officially measured by a Pope and Young Club certified measurer [Rockwell (303 660-6879) or Barry Smith (303 919-2755-cell) for example]. Ivan is to invite Rob Musser to the ABC Banquet (done).

Doy Curtis showed the new ABC shield **lapel pins** and **cloth patches** that had been produced. Both are for sale at the Banquet and shoots for \$3 each or two for \$5. A motion to give one pin to each membership attending the 2005 Banquet (e.g. one per family) was approved. Thanks to Doy taking this on and producing such fine products.

Morgan reported on a **rezoning meeting** that he attended for the property that the range is on. Ann is attempting to rezone her property to A2 which would allow her property to be divided into 6 eight acre

lots. This zoning has advantages for security from being taken over the open-space zoning that now exists and would allow her daughter to build near Ann's place.

Reminder, the **CBA Banquet** will be held at the Marriott in Ft. Collins on March 11 and 12. Tim Lawrence will check to see who is taking reservations for tables so that the ABC can have several tables reserved. Last year Carol Ashurst handled this.

Our Rabbit Meister and Chief Rabbit Guide, "Buggs" Baker has scheduled another South Park **snowshoe hunt** on January 15. Call "Buggs" at 303 753-1143 to reserve a place and get the carpool arrangements. He has also scheduled a **cottontail hunt** near Craig, CO for Jan. 21-23. The plan is to leave Friday afternoon for the ~5 hour drive up there, stay in Baggs, WY, hunt all day Saturday and Sunday morning and drive home Sunday afternoon. Again contact "Buggs" at the above phone number for more information and reservations.

Morgan will schedule a **pheasant hunt** for either Feb. 5 or 19 at Quail Valley. We will drive out in the a.m., fling some arrows at clays in the morning, have lunch, and hunt birds in the p.m. After the archers have thoroughly embarrassed themselves, a few shotgunners will try to mop up some of the remaining birds. Ken will bring clays. Contact Morgan at 303 420-1639 for more information and reservations.

Tim Lawrence, while distracted into a conversation about his deer hunting experiences this fall, was **elected President** of ABC for 2005. Scott Martin, Jeff Fleischer, and Ivan James, having found no one gullible enough to run for their positions, agreed to remain as Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary, respectively.

Former President Morgan Montgomery was given a rousing hand of applause and a standing ovation for his past two years of swinging the baton of leadership in our most important position. (Hopefully the accolades were sufficient to bring him back for an encore sometime.)

As his first official duty, the newly elected President, Tim Lawrence, adjourned the meeting.

Classified Advertisements

2 pair of 6-pocket camp pants XL, \$15 each or OBO. Contact Ivan James if interested.

To place an ad contact Ken Swanson - 303 238-3744

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