



NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2018

WE HAVE A NEW HOME

The Colorado State Land Board has approved a five-year lease for the American Bowmen Club to occupy 51 acres of State Trust Land at McArthur Gulch starting February 1, 2018.

How did we get here?

After club elections in January 2017, the property committee immediately began investigating and reviewing possible range sites with the knowledge of searching only property properly zoned to allow an archery range. After reviewing limited private and public land options, a new formed relationship with Colorado Parks and Wildlife revealed a possibility on Colorado State Land Board property.

In April, discussions with the SLB (State Land Board) progressed rapidly when appropriately zoned property was located within the SLB inventory. The zoning of "conservation/recreation" allows for a shooting range with the addition of a Conditional Use Permit from Park County..

On May 17th, the American Bowmen Club's board and officers met and decided to pursue the required permitting for the club to operate on the McArthur Gulch State Trust Land property. Through November, ABC leadership, most notably President Pete Timpano, worked tirelessly to obtain the permit. At the second public hearing on the subject, the Park County Board of County Commissioners approved the Conditional Use Permit on November 30, 2017.

Several generous members stepped forward to finance the permit process as it required extensive funds the club did not have. Their generosity allowed for paying the application fee, as well as an engineering firm, geologist, surveying company and other associated expenses. This allowed the ABC team to address all 14 components of the Conditional Use Permit application successfully.

In December, attention shifted to work out the details of a lease with the State Land Board. The club received a draft lease from the SLB in late December. Changes were requested and a revised lease was received on January 11, 2018. The SLB met on January 18th and voted to approve the lease without any issues, questions or special stipulations.

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American Bowmen Club

BANQUET

The 2018 Banquet is set for Saturday, February 17th at Bear Creek Archery. Setup from 5:00 to 5:30, social from 5:30 to 6:00, dinner at 6:00pm. Potluck – bring a main dish, salad or dessert. If you have never attended, come for a great night of sharing hunting tales and great food.

2017 big game awards will be awarded for all current members. Our financial obligation for awards is substantial and we ask all inactive members (not a member in 2017) to pay \$5 per plaque for 2017 big game awards. For awards, your responsibility is to contact Ron Rockwell at 303-880-0625 or ron-karen@comcast.net or any Pope & Young certified measurer to have your animals scored. Report the final scores to Ron **before** Wednesday, February 7th.

Also, please send in nominations for the **Crooked Arrow Award** as well as the **Bowhunter of the Year Award**.

Send both nominations to Larry Baker at bakerlo73@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you at the banquet. Information about our new range property will be available. Membership applications will be accepted at the party. Bring your 2018 dues.

WHERE IS OUR NEW RANGE?

Address: 1015 County Rd 64 Bailey, CO

From Junction of US Hwy 285 and C470 in Morrison, CO:

- Take US Hwy 285 South to Bailey, CO (approximately 31 minutes).
- Continue on 285 past Platte Canyon High School for approximately one mile.
- Turn Left on County Rd 64 (at the VFW).
- Continue East on CR 64 for one mile to McArthur Gulch.

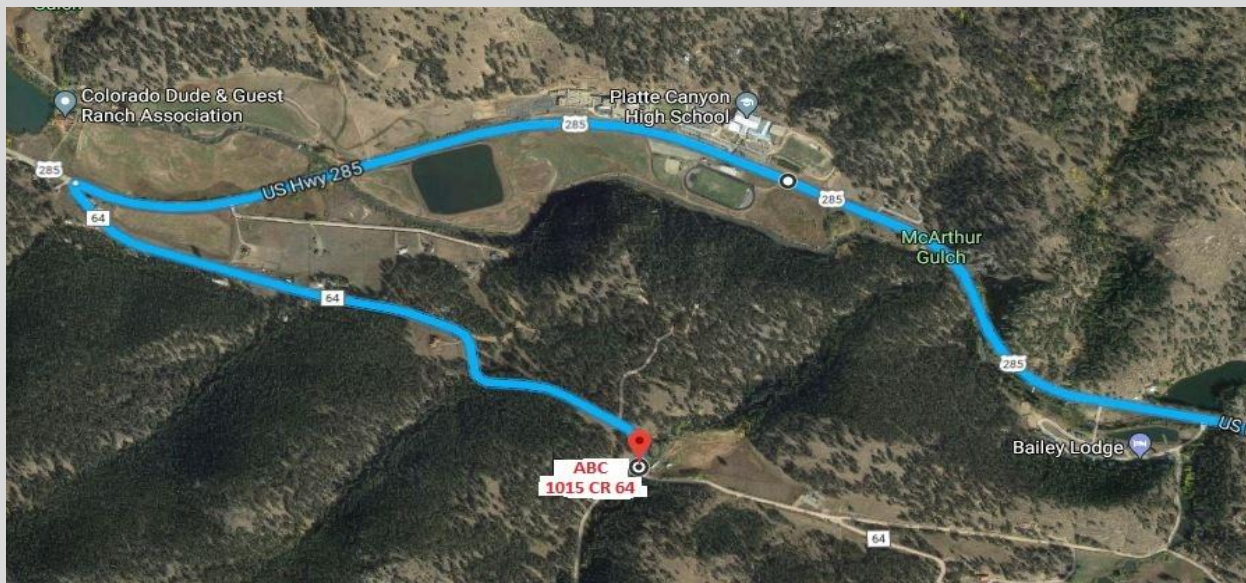
From Fairplay, CO:

- Take US Hwy 285 North to County Rd 64 at the VFW (approximately 38 minutes)
- Continue East on CR 64 for one mile to McArthur Gulch.

Parking is inside the locked gate, South of CR 64, next to the house.

The American Bowmen Club archery range entrance is behind the locked gate to the North of CR 64.

Please note, there are several alternate routes to the ABC archery range from US Hwy 285; however, please **DO NOT** use **Mooredale Rd** (by Bailey Lodge) as this is not a publicly dedicated right-of-way.



JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

American Bowmen Club

Meeting Minutes



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MEETING DATE: 1/10/18	
MEETING START	6:46PM
TREASURER'S REPORT	JEFF REPORTED NO ACTIVITY.
MINUTES	PETE READ THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER MEETING. MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED.
OLD BUSINESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DRAFT LEASE RECEIVED FROM STATE IS BEING REVIEWED.• PETE T. MET WITH THE AG LESSEE ON 12/15, SEES NO CONFLICT.• PETE CONTINUES TO PUSH THE KING SOOPERS PROGRAM.• PROPERTY NEIGHBOR TO PROVIDE US WITH A GATE KEY.
NEW BUSINESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ELECTIONS. IT WAS VOTED TO VOTE IN AS NOMINATED;<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PRESIDENT: PETE TIMPANO• VICE PRESIDENT: PETE KOPCHIK• TREASURER: JEFF FLEISCHER• SECRETARY: JIM KEMPER• BOARD: LARRY BAKER, PHIL BELCHAR, KEN SWANSON• PETE T. PROPOSED OFFERING A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTOR TO THE CLUB'S SUCCESS A MEMBERSHIP WITH FULL WORK PARTY CREDIT. DALE PROPOSED WE GIVE HIM A FIVE-YEAR MEMBERSHIP. JEFF SUGGESTED ONE –YEAR AND VOTE ON EACH YEAR FOLLOWING. JEFF'S SUGGESTION APPROVED.• DALE PROVIDED A TENTATIVE SHOOT SCHEDULE FOR 2018 STARTING WITH A GRAND OPENING MARCH 25TH. HE ALSO SAID THAT IT LOOKS LIKE THE RMAA IS LOOKING FOR A SHOOT LOCATION.• THREE NEW MEMBERS VOTED IN, ONE FORMER MEMBER AT WINDY POINT, TWO REFERRED BY BEAR CREEK ARCHERY.
MEETING CLOSE	7:15