

Bears Ears Sportsman Club

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REMEMBER:

Don't forget you need to work two events to get full \$20 credit off of next year's dues.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPECIAL EVENT

BE MEMBERSHIP MEETING: December 8th, 2015, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. At the American Legion Hall, you can attend to renew your membership and hear what's going on in YOUR club and be a part of the process.

IDPA 3-GUN: AN UPDATED SCHEDULE WILL BE POSTED LATER FOR 2016

REMINDER: THE CALENDAR OF EVENTS IS BEING SET UP NOW FOR 2016. IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT OR A SERIES OF EVENT FOR THE YEAR PLEASE GET THE EVENT, DATES AND TIMES TO ALVIN LUKER VIA PHONE OR EMAIL.

*Range is open to the public the 1st Friday and Saturday of each month. The range will be open to the public from Dec. 1st to Feb. 29th. Range gate will be locked beginning March 1st. Contact Alvin Luker @ 629-1767, (email: alvinluker@gmail.com) to schedule dates for classroom or if anyone has an event that they are going to hold at Bears Ears Range to get it on the calendar.

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Bears Ears Board Members

Effective Sept. 9th 2015

President: Craig Rummel

Vice President: Jody Lee

Treasurer: Mike Beldon

Secretary: Alvin Luker

Membership Director: Jim Hixson



Skill Set: .22 Training

"What about .22's for practicing?" (Referring to the .22 long-rifle.) This question pops up frequently during classes. "It's good stuff," is my response. For example, it doesn't matter what you're firing, you have aim, hold, press, and follow through to score accurate hits. The same sequence applies for shooting while moving or engaging a moving target. With .22's - even though right now even it's difficult to find and more expensive than it used to be - you can get in more practice on the same skills for less money.

At one time practicing with a .22 meant using a weapon that was radically different from what you normally carry or shoot. Today you have the option of setting up your normal platform for .22's with a conversion kit, or there are dedicated weapons built that are almost direct copies of what you normally use.

Since I've started carrying Glocks more often, specifically their 19, I purchased an Advantage Arms .22 conversion kit, a complete upper slide assembly that attaches to your pistol frame. (Two of my instructors had thoroughly tested these out so I knew it was a good piece of kit.) Installation is easy. Remove the slide and install the .22 slide. The kit lightens up the trigger pull slightly, but that's

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The Web Master has put a link on the website to the club **Calendar of Events:** (<http://www.bearsars.org/calendar.html>). This calendar is updated as events are added by members.



If any member wants to contribute to the newsletter with an article or any notice, please forward this to Alvin Luker at alvinluker@gmail.com

Membership:

If you know of anyone seeking membership for the club please direct them to Jim Hixson at NW Pawn or call at 824-2962.



Meeting Minutes

6/9/15

The regular meeting of the Bears Ears Sportsman Club was called to order at 19:00 hrs on 6/9/15 at the range classroom in Craig CO by Craig Rummel.

Present

- Craig Rummel – President
- Alvin Luker – Secretary
- Jim Hixson – Membership Director
- Jody Lee – V. Pres.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

Old Business

1. Old Range trailer- the trailer has been moved and some items were saved such as targets and moved into the classroom.
2. Range closure- The range will be close Sept. 14th through the 18th in order for the National Guard to conduct a survey for ordnance mitigation. The Guard is going to contract the work out and will be doing the work sometime in the spring of 2016.
3. The Erosion control work got done and the berms were raised on the sight in bay and the south bay and road base was laid on the road in the Silhouette bay.
4. Fall Range cleanup was scheduled for September 26th.
5. 4H Update- Hunter Rummel appeared and gave the board an update from his experience at the 2015 4H National Shooting Competition.
6. The 4th of July Fun Shoot went well with expected number of participants. They plan to have another shoot in 2016.

New Business

1. Hunter Safety- Colorado Laws have changed and they are looking for volunteer instructors. Contact State Parks and Wildlife for info on becoming an instructor.
2. 2016 is the 40th anniversary for the Bears Ears Club
3. Friends of the NRA is having their annual banquet on October 3rd. Andy Bullen asked the club to donate \$5000 to the banquet. It moved, 2nd and passed. As a \$5000 donator the club can choose a gift gun that we can use to raffle or give away. It was decided to let the board choose the gun from a list.
4. The Board Vice-president and Secretary positions are up for re-election. Alvin Luker was nominated to remain as the secretary and Jody Lee was nominated and accepted to remain as the Vice-President.
5. Hunter Sight-ins are coming up and Mike Beldon and Howdy agreed to run them.

Agenda for Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for the second Tuesday in December at 19:00 hrs at the American Legion Hall on County Rd. 7..

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 19:54 hrs by Craig Rummel. The next general meeting will be at 19:00 hrs on December 8, 2015, at The American Legion Hall..

Minutes submitted by: Alvin Luker

Approved by: Craig Rummel

no problem because we know to press the trigger until the weapon decides it's time to fire, and then reset the trigger during follow through. With this kit the slide locks to the rear on an empty mag. Old mag out, new mag in, cycle the slide. And, it all fits your regular holster and mag pouches.

For AR training it's hard to beat S&W's M&P 15-22. This carbine gives you the same ergonomics as your standard AR; the only difference is the charging handle doesn't cycle as far back as with a .223/5.56. These carbines come in several styles, and you can equip one to be a twin of your standard weapon. The M&P's are affordable, and it doesn't take much shooting to pay for it in the difference between the cost of 5.56 and .22 ammo. I've been practicing with mine a lot.

Learning how to operate a weapon requires repetitions. With a .22 setup like these you're getting the same repetitions you would from your normal weapon. "But," you ask, "what about recoil?" Use your normal stance and grip, and then, just as with any weapon, concentrate on recovering from the recoil as opposed to trying to control it, which never turns out well. Your sight picture dictates your rate of fire; with a larger caliber it takes a fraction of a second longer to recover from the additional recoil to acquire your next sight picture.

.22's are also a great way to introduce new shooters to firearms. We always have new shooters start with a .22 to learn the fundamentals of marksmanship and manipulations. There's no loud noise to deal with. The reduced recoil means they don't develop a flinch response in anticipation of the shot. After becoming familiar with these skills transitioning into a larger caliber is a piece of cake.

Success with .22's is having good kit. Keep in mind .22's are more sensitive to ammo than other calibers. For example Advantage Arms recommends specific ammo, as well as ammo not to use. Beneficial training/practice relies on having everything set up as close to your normal gear as possible. Then, practice. It's fun, affordable, and you're developing skills you need.

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