



The Buffalo Creek Gun Club

The Buffalo Creek Gun Club (BCGC) came in existence in approximately 1961 through the efforts of Ed Harvey, the club's first president. The club was formed after the discovery of an old World War II rifle range in the Pike National Forest. This range, after 5 decades is still the home of The Buffalo Creek Gun Club.

The original range has shooting lines at 200, 300 and 600 yards. The range is used for NRA high power competition matches as well as CMP (Civilian Marksmanship Program) sanctioned match and other special BCGC matches and high power clinics throughout the shooting season.

In 2008 as a concession to the National Forest Service, the range was made open to the public on a "limited basis". With the arrival of the general public, we utilized the services of the boy scouts to create a new shorter range with a distance of 100 yards down to 25 yards.

In 2012 the short range was expanded almost doubling the capacity to 22 positions.

This was primarily and still is the range mostly used by the general public.

Membership in the BCGC requires membership in the NRA. Requirements for membership are:

- 1. NRA membership.**
- 2. Background experience in shooting, attending a scheduled BCGC shooting clinic or you can be sponsored**

- by an active BCGC member who can attest to your ability to shoot safely.
3. Membership applicants must appear before the BCGC board at a monthly board meeting with application and payment. After the applicant describes his shooting history the board will vote on his acceptance into the club.
 4. Once accepted, the new member will be put in contact with the club's New Member Orientation Officer for an overview of the club's range protocols & safety policies.

Members will receive a membership card and a range access pass (if paid for but not required) with the code to the main gate member's lock and the code to the lock on the small target shed containing targets, pasters and spotters for the long rifle range. This shed must be locked when not in use.

Courtesy is a major key when shooting at the long range. Lack there of will result in a member driving for miles to arrive and have no target fit to shoot at.

There are two types of target frames for the long range. There is one with a cardboard backing on which an NRA type bullseye target is pasted. There are three of these, a 200 yard target (SR), a 300 yard target (SR3) and a 600 yard target (MR), each on a cardboard backing. These targets, located in the small target shed, are used for highpower competition practice or by those proficient in long range shooting. These targets are NOT to be used to staple or stick targets brought to the range. This destroys perfectly good targets preventing them from being re-used by others.

The solution for this has been implemented. The second type of target frame is that with a plastic backing. These were primarily intended for the shooting public with no access to the small target shed so must bring their targets with them. A few of these target frames are left out in the pits for public use. These or others like them in the shed are to be used by members not using the NRA bullseye targets.

The long range requires a spotting scope to allow the shooter to see his hits on the target. Without one the only option would be to bring someone to stay in the pits with a walkee talkee and tell you where you are hitting. Any range past the 200 yard line will require two people anyway unless you have an outstanding spotting scope and at 600 yards, you'll never see a bullet hole.

Both ranges were designed for rifle or pistol shooting. There are no facilities provided for shotgun shooting therefore they are prohibited on this range.

BCGC is always looking for qualified members and we encourage all to visit the range and speak to one of the members present about joining and shooting with us.

For more information about the history of BCGC and Camp Fickes, go to this web page:

<http://campfickes.com/history.html>

For a BCGC membership application with the current fees, go to this web page:

<http://bcgc.com/pdf/app.pdf>

Examples of the range in action and the pit crew scoring targets can be found on our Photo Albums page:

<http://bcgc.com/PhotoAlbums.html>



The Range Policy is No Smoking on the range! Smoking is allowed only in your vehicle.