

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

December 2003

**Our next meeting is
Tuesday, December 16th at 7:30**

The Meeting November 18, 2003
This month we have 6 new members.

President's Report; we owe a debt of gratitude to Jack Reid, Don Varenhorst, and Wayland Moore. We now have a public address system that works, thermostats on the heater and a silhouette trailer that doesn't go down the road like a drunk. We still need some one to run for Vice President and Secretary. (The Secretary position really isn't that hard anymore. Lavita Hawk, our membership clerk, has taken the worst of it and done a great job.) We have had some volunteers to run for the two Board positions. Let the President or an officer know if you would like to participate.

Treasurer's Report; we still have money in the checking account. (Even with the range improvements.)

Concealed Carry Report; if you want to find out how the regulations came down check the DPS web site at www.dps.nm.org they have been posted. They dropped the serial number requirement but there are two lawsuits waiting to hit the law. One lawsuit is from a children's advocacy group and ex-Albuquerque mayor Baca may be in line after that. We have 6 possible instructors for the concealed carry class.

Gun Show Report; the mailers went out the 1st of December to the vendors for the February show. It will be held February 6, 7, & 8. Jack will be doing this show but it will be his last one. If there is anyone interested in taking over, please call Jack. Now is the best time to volunteer because you will get in at the

beginning. (If someone doesn't come forward, there probably won't be anymore gun shows and that's a lot of income for the club. Income = safety improvements = range improvements.....)

Jim Doer passed out Certificates of Appreciation for some of the volunteers who didn't get them at the Sports Fest.

New Stuff; The West end "Shotgun" area will require about \$1000 worth of dirt work to finish. This is in addition to the \$2000 already spent for the dirt work for the berms and the East end "Pistol Canyon". The road has already been cut and we can cut several more pistol ranges in the canyon area (I think there will be 10 or 11 pistol ranges in the canyon). The permanent cowboy props will be moved down which will free up the pistol areas above. This will also permit the cowboys to shoot more often. With the state match scheduled, the improvements will make it so the whole range won't have to be closed for the whole weekend.

The Board was poled at the meeting to determine if we should spend money to put down road base on the road, parking areas and range areas. The Board forwarded it to the membership to vote the money.

Dave Brooks (Steve Brooks' brother) spoke to the meeting about starting a shotgun facility. He has some impressive credentials from the Oklahoma Trap and Skeet range. He also has some good ideas for building up our range and how to do it. He talked at length about starting trap leagues and the money it can bring in. He knows the equipment and what is needed to get started as well as where to find resources. He is also willing to help. The Board is planning to talk with him some more.

The final numbers came in on the Fair Raffle.

\$ 4381 Ticket sales

1427 Expenses

\$2954 Profit

Steve said that not as many tickets were sold at the fair this year and a lot of the tickets that were sent out weren't returned. Still, it's a good fund raiser. Thanks again Steve for all of your hard work!

P.S. If you shoot, pick up your brass!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The deadline for the newsletter is the first Friday of each month. You can reach me at 564-3651, or email me at ptnopt@fisi.net. If I'm not home, I have an answering machine and I read my email every day (almost).

Range Improvements

The improvements to the berms were very much needed! Our Executive Range Officer Wayland Moore had the foresight to improve the shotgun area even before Dave Brooks spoke at the meeting. Wayland had gone out on his ATV and discovered that the area of the east canyon, "Pistol Canyon" was much larger than previously thought and would support several pistol ranges if the shotgun area was moved to the west end. This will also allow expansion of the shotgun facilities. I'd like to thank Wayland for taking the initiative to pursue these improvements to our range. It will make our range better for all shooters.

From the Outdoor Range Officer

While dumping the trash last month, there were several Coors cans and Rolling Rock beer bottles. Some of these still had beer in them. (I could make a joke about alcohol abuse, but I won't.)

Glass bottles are not allowed as targets on the range! PERIOD! If you want to bring "alternative targets" you must clean them up. (Picking up little bitty glass shards is a dicey situation.)

Alcohol is strictly forbidden on this range. Anyone found drinking on the range (*whether they are shooting or not*) will be expelled from the club! signed: The Board of Directors and Executive Officers (It's just not safe people!)

2004 Range Calendar

Anyone who needs to get an event on the 2004 calendar needs to call Wayland Moore no later than **December 15th**. This includes 4H and Hunter Safety as well as shooting and non-shooting events. Remember, if it's not written on the calendar, it isn't going to happen.

Officers Needed

We are still looking for candidates for next year's Club Elections. We will need a Vice-President and Secretary and are currently working with out people in those positions. (You should have seen Denver fill in as secretary.) There will be 2 openings on the board next time. If you are interested call Mike Freestone.

Put up or Pay up

We are finally going to finish the addition to the storage building and we need help to keep the price down. It will cost us \$1500 to finish the construction if we get some volunteers to do the work. Please call Wayland Moore to find out when. If we don't get the help, it will cost \$7,795.04. It's your call.

Concealed Carry

Tuesday, November 18, 2003

Concealed Gun Permit Rules Set

By Kate Nash

Journal Capitol Bureau

SANTA FE— The Department of Public Safety has finished writing the rules governing how New Mexicans will train and apply for concealed handgun permits.

Sen. Shannon Robinson said he's happier now with the rules than he was after a hearing on the regulations last month.

"This is like a green light, it's good ... instructors know what to expect now," said Robinson, D-Albuquerque, who sponsored the new state law.

The Legislature this year approved the gun law, which allows qualified residents over 25 to apply for the permit. To apply, residents must complete an application and a handgun course from a department-approved instructor. Now that the rules are finished, instructors can apply for approval. The department can begin issuing permits Jan. 1.

The department plans to post a list of department-approved instructors on its Web site as they are approved. To see the completed rules online, go to www.dps.nm.org.

An earlier version of the rules had several clauses which drew ire from gun enthusiasts, including one that would have required instructors to carry a \$1 million liability policy and another that would have required instructors to give the department the serial number of guns used by permit seekers to train for the license.

Those have been removed, as has a measure that would have added a \$31 fingerprint fee to the \$50 license renewal fee. Gun activists including members of the National Rifle Association regarded those proposals as obstacles to getting a license, they said at the October hearing.

"I think there's a lot of common sense in how they've set this up," Robinson said.

One part of the department's proposal defined places where gun classes could be taught, requiring them to have a blackboard or flip chart, a stable writing surface for each student, as well as "adequate space, lighting, heating and ventilation."

Instructors, in particular from rural parts of New Mexico, said such places aren't always available.

The revised requirements for the classroom portion of gun training call for instructors to teach classes in a place that complies with all federal, state and local laws relating to persons with disabilities, public health and safety.

To get the permit, applicants must pass a criminal background check and pay a first-time fee of \$100. He or she also must demonstrate gun competency by firing 15 rounds from 3 yards and 10 rounds from 7 yards with the category and caliber of gun for which the applicant wants a license.

Whether the state will start issuing permits as planned depends on the outcome of a state Supreme Court lawsuit over the law. New Mexico Voices for Children and Santa Fe pediatrician Victor La Cerva have sued the state, saying the law violates the New Mexico Constitution.

Scott Scanland New Mexico Government Affairs

(taken from the Albuquerque Journal November 18, 2003)

We currently have 5 instructors who have completed their shooting qualifications. We hope to have some Basic Pistol classed scheduled soon and we will be offering the concealed carry course if the law suits don't stop us, again.

Advertising to be sold starting in the February newsletter.

In an effort to reduce the cost of publishing the newsletter, we are going to start selling advertising in the newsletter. Several businesses have asked about advertising and I finally got my *^#@*^ together and found out about it. If you would like to advertise a business, contact any of the officers or board members for more information. This will not affect the Swap Shop in any way! Members are still welcome to buy, sell or trade their personal stuff.

Clarification on the East Canyon

I would like to clear up any concerns about the "Cowboy Town". The new "Pistol Canyon" will not be for the exclusive use of the Cowboy Action shooters. This range is open to all shooters no matter what discipline they are interested in. As long as you shoot the proper fire arm safely on the proper range there are no exclusions.

NRA Shotgun Certification Still Open

Charles Sylvia has been trying to gather enough people for shotgun but there are a lot of other classes available. And we are still trying to get enough people together to have a set of NRA certification classes held here.

Range Planning Committee

The Range Planning Committee would like to get together with anyone who has ideas about the range or safety issues they'd like to discuss. They are planning regular meetings and those meetings are open to everyone. Call Denver at 320-7212 to find out more.

Board Meeting Schedule

The Board of Directors and Executive Officers meet every 1st Monday of the month at 7pm. The members at large are welcome to attend.

WE'RE ALL IN THE SAME BOAT . . . Consumer Freedom is a campaign launched by the food/restaurant industry as it faces the same kind of junk

lawsuits brought against the firearms industry. Like the manufacturers and sellers of legal, non-defective firearms that are lawfully retailed but then misused by irresponsible criminals, food companies fear their properly operating business can be destroyed by vindictive lawsuits brought by those seeking to enrich themselves at the expense of hard working and productive Americans. The organization's Web site resonates with the same kind of messages gun makers have been sending for years now. (Taken from the NSSF newsletter)

Enforcing Existing Laws, One Thousand Cases

The Salt Lake City Tribune reports that Utah recently passed a milestone, referring its one thousandth case of gun law violations in the past three years to Project Safe Neighborhoods prosecutors. But there is more work to be done in the program, which seeks to prevent criminals from carrying guns by increasing the penalties for doing so. According to the paper, a survey of Utahans reveals 55 percent of the respondents did not know that defendants convicted of a federal gun crime have no possibility of parole, while 76 percent were unaware that, on average, one person a day in Utah is sentenced to federal prison for a gun-related crime. A media campaign, featuring Johnnie Cochran in public service announcements, was launched this fall to better spread the word about the consequences of criminals using guns and the importance of enforcing our existing laws. (Taken from the NSSF newsletter.)

Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act stalled

Despite assurances of a timely vote and broad bipartisan support, S. 659/S. 1806 has become stalled in the Senate. Thanks to the dedicated grassroots efforts of millions of NRA members and gun owners across the country, S. 659/S. 1806 is now widely acknowledged as having enough votes to overcome a filibuster by anti-gun Senators. But we can't stop a filibuster until one starts, and the process can't begin until the bill reaches the Senate floor for debate.

On November 6, pro-gun leaders in the Senate attempted to bring the bill to the floor with a proposed "consent agreement" to govern the length of debate and the number of amendments each side could order. Anti-gun Senators sent their representative to the floor to object. After much discussion, and failing to gain "consent," Senate leaders moved to other business, but vowed to bring S. 659/S. 1806 to a vote early next year, without regard to the objections from the anti-gun corps. That sets us up for a full-blown brawl in the New Year.

In the end, it all boils down to politics, but you can help break the logjam. In the coming weeks, your Senators will likely be traveling around your state, holding

town hall meetings, where they can report on what they've been doing in Washington, and take questions from their constituents. These meetings offer a tremendous opportunity for you to personally voice your strong support for S. 659/S. 1806. Your Senators need to know that this bill is about saving jobs and protecting our rights. If you can't attend a meeting, send a letter, an e-mail, or make a phone call to your Senators' offices. Tell them it's time to stop playing politics with the Second Amendment. Urge them to fully support S. 659/S. 1806 without any anti-gun amendments! Ask them to do everything in their power to end these merit less lawsuits and ensure that this essential legislation is approved as written. Tell them it's time to pass S. 659/S. 1806! Make no mistake? with your help, we will win this fight and see this critical legislation signed into law. (copied from the NRA newsletter)

CALIFORNIA COURT DECISION UNDERSCORES URGENT NEED FOR S. 659 . . . The decision last week by the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to reinstate a lawsuit against Glock and RSR demonstrates the dire need for the Senate to pass the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act (S. 659) to stop "junk" lawsuits against our industry. The suit seeks to blame Glock and RSR for the heinous criminal actions of crazed, white supremacist Buford Furrow, who wounded three children at a Jewish day care center and shot to death a postal worker in California in 1999. Glock sold the pistol to a police department that later sold it to a licensed dealer who in turn sold it to a consumer who passed a NICS check, and RSR never owned or sold the pistol. "This decision is the 'poster child' for S659," said Lawrence G. Keane, vice president and general counsel of NSSF. The House passed the bill by a wide margin earlier this year and the Senate is expected to take up the legislation early next year. It is critical that industry members, hunters and shooters contact their U.S. senators and urge them to support S. 659. (copied from the NSSF newsletter)

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RANGE SCHEDULE

Cowboy Action defends the territory every 4th Saturday. Set up is at 9 and shooting starts at 10. There will be no shoot in November so the cowboys and cowgirls can go to Cortez to the "Windy Gap Regulators Turkey Shoot."

.22 Rifle Indoor is held every Tuesday. Contact Charles Phelan at 327-2029

Indoor Bullseye is held every Thursday at 7:00pm. Contact Frank Blackmer at 598-1661

Small Bore .22 Hunter Pistol is held every Wednesday night on the indoor range. Contact Jack Reid at 632-8819.

**All activities must be cleared with the Executive Range Officer
And written on the Range Calendar.**

MATCH RESULTS

Cowboy Shooting

Only two Bandidos joined the 2nd annual Cowboy Action Turkey Shoot hosted by the Windy Gap Regulators Nov 22 and 23. Saturday we were greeted by a wet snow storm and most of us opted to wait until Sunday to shoot the 8 stages. A few did shoot 3 stages but had to spend a lot of time getting the water out of their shooting irons. Sunday was bright, clear and 9 degrees! 19 braved the cold and when we finally headed indoors our own Blanco Billy Bagley aka Leon Suydam won the gold ring, figuratively speaking. He also was first senior which made O Bar Freddie second senior and fourth overall. They are thinking about holding the shoot a little earlier in the fall next year. Amen
We plan to shoot Dec. 27th, weather permitting. Better call the day before to make sure.

What a Blast

Signs that you want to have a Great Gun Christmas;

- ❖ Wondering if an H&K MP5K will fit in your stocking.
- ❖ Attempting to convince family that a progressive loading press really is "the gift that keeps on giving."
- ❖ Alphabetized Christmas-card list begins with "Ayoob, M."
- ❖ Working up a recipe for "+P+" eggnog.
- ❖ "Guns" and "Ammo" appear among your requested gifts—and we're not talking a measly magazine subscription here.
- ❖ Neckties available in wool, silk, polyester....What, no Kevlar?
- ❖ This year's Christmas lights: Aimpoint red and Trijicon green.
- ❖ Use finally found for distant relative's annual gift of fruitcake—in your terminal-ballistics testing. (Against bullets of conventional design, it's roughly equivalent to Threat-Level II body armor.)
- ❖ Q: "Honey, what's that cologne you like so much?" A: "Hoppe's #9."
- ❖ Holiday dessert treats made with ballistic gelatin.
- ❖ An annual concern: "If a fat old guy with a sleigh and eight reindeer can penetrate my home's security perimeter undetected, what else are we vulnerable to?"
- ❖ Children stay up to await the approach of Santa's sleigh, watching the skies through a 50x spotting scope.
- ❖ Your tree's ornaments are shotgun shells.
- ❖ Realization that Santa Claus is not a Class III dealer forces a drastic revision of your Christmas list.

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especially NRA membership.**

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