

February 2003

Our next meeting is

Tuesday, February 18th at 7:30 pm.

The Meeting January 21, 2003

We have four new members this month. We keep growing a little at a time. The treasurer's report was that we are still solvent. Leroy mentioned that he got his sign out on the main highway and had signs ready to put in the back of a pick-up but needed a place to park the trucks. Big Bear had already given the OK to park one at their place. Dana Clevenger from East Main Trade said we could park one out at their place too. Jack Reid said that there were still 13 tables to be sold and would open it up to shooting disciplines to spread the word about their sport. (I understand that by the time the gun show started, Leah had been turning people away people for 3 days.) To the great relief of President Dick McGuire, the new by-laws were passed without incident. Elections were also held for officers and board members.

And the winners are.....

President: Mike Freestone, Vice President: Tony Churchwell, Secretary: Donna Churchwell, Treasurer: Don Varenhorst, Executive Officer: Wayland Moore, Indoor Range Officer: Frank Blackmer, Outdoor Range Officer: Bond Kinney, Chief Instructor: Richard Moore. The Treasurer cast a ballot and it was seconded and passed. (In other words we all agreed to vote for his vote.) All Officers have a 2-year term now. New Board Directors were also voted in. Myron Crockett and Carl Peskor were voted in to 3-year Board positions. Denver DeWees was voted in to a 2-year position.

Jack Banovic announced that it was again time to send off for the grant from the NRA for the Youth Sports Fest. He also reminded us that he would not be able to run the Sports Fest this year. We also need a Chairman for this event and Jack has offered to help all he can. Jack just won't be in town to run the event. If you have any interest in helping with this Youth event, please call him. The date for the Youth Sports Fest is October 4th this year. Leah Ray asked on behalf of the Friends of the NRA if the club would be willing to be a sponsor of the banquet again. There will be a vote on it at the February meeting.

Jim Dorn encouraged everyone to watch the NRA television show that comes on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

President Dick McGuire said that the last thing he got to do as president was something he was going to enjoy. He presented the "Member of the Year" award to Anna Kinney. (Shocked the *#@?&* out of me!!!) I had no clue and no words. I'm still embarrassed. Thank you! I took the plaque home and immediately nailed it up on the wall. Thank you, again.

Letter From the President

As I write this letter I have learned that Bob Burress has passed away. All of us have and will benefit from his work and vision for this club. He pulled the Federation onto solid financial ground and got things organized. He will be deeply missed and I think I speak for the whole club that our prayers are with his family.

There are many people who were instrumental in moving this club from a group of guys looking for a safe place to shoot to around 500 members we have today. I won't mention specific names for fear of leaving someone out, but we know who you are and we appreciate your sacrifice.

Now, I would like to take a moment to address the “younger folk” as Leroy Ransom would say. The “old timers” have put a lot of sweat and blood into building this facility and they are still here to help with their experience and guidance. It will be up to us, the “younger folk” to carry the Federation forward. We need to step up and volunteer for leadership positions. We need to fill the work parties to maintain the current range and to help build the new range.

It is also up to us to make sure that hunting, firearms related sports and activities survive and are taught to the generations following us as we were taught by the generations before. Our children are being taught ideas and values by others; the media, school teachers, their peers. Do your children know what you believe and why? If we don't pass on the traditions and knowledge to the generations behind us it will be lost and our children and their children will suffer because we failed them.

I ask that the members of this club participate. Come up and shoot! Bring your families! Teach them safety and responsibility and have fun with them! And while your teaching your family help build the club by service.

We have a great future in store! We have the opportunity to build a new range that will be equaled only in the Whittington Center. I see great things ahead, all we have to do is stand up and make it happen.

Mike Freestone

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All shooting disciplines take note!!

The Board of Directors is requiring all shooting disciplines to submit a quarterly financial statement to the Executive Officer, Wayland Moore. This statement is to contain income lists, expense lists and copies of participant sign in sheets. The statement is due to Mr. Moore no later than March 31st.

ATTENTION ATTENTION ATTENTION

Parts of the range or all of the range will be closed off until April 1st. This is for range maintenance. If you have any questions about which days, contact the Outdoor Range Officer, Bond Kinney at 564-3651

Concealed Carry is on a roll again!!!

(This was copied from the NRA Alert that was sent to me. It is important that you call and get involved in this issue.) On Wednesday, February 12, the New Mexico State Senate Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing on Senate Bill 23, NRA-backed Right to Carry legislation, sponsored by Senator Shannon Robinson (D-Albuquerque.) This bill resolves the constitutional problems that led the New Mexico Supreme Court to throw out the state's old Right to Carry law. A hearing was held at 2:30 p.m. in Room 321 of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

Please call the following key committee members and urge them to support SB 23 and law-abiding citizens` right to protect themselves responsibly.

Key Senate Judiciary Committee Members:

District 29 -- Senator Michael Sanchez (505) 986-4487

District 10 -- Senator Ramsay Gorham (505) 986-4369

District 7 -- Senator Clinton Harden (505) 986-4260

District 9 -- Senator Steve Komadina (505) 986-4377

District 5 -- Senator Richard Martinez (505) 986-4389

District 20 -- Senator Bill Payne (505) 986-4276

District 4 -- Senator Lidio Rainaldi (505) 986-4310

Summary of SB 23 (Right To Carry) Senate Bill 23 closely resembles the House-passed version of Right to Carry which passed in 2001 (then-HB 277; available at www.state.nm.us) minus the unconstitutional local option provision. Other proposed changes from what passed in 2001 are outlined below:

Extending the period for which a concealed handgun license is valid from one to four years. Requiring license holders to re-apply for a license every year, and for DPS to process such applications annually, creates an overwhelming bureaucratic burden on the system and will ultimately discourage people from obtaining licenses. Most states have established a term of validity for licenses ranging from 3-5 years.

Removing the requirement that applicants train and be licensed for the specific caliber of handgun they carry. Applicants will still be required to complete action-specific training (semi-automatic vs. revolver). But caliber-specific training is burdensome for both experienced applicants (who may own a range of caliber of handguns) or novice applicants (who will want the advice and experience of their instructor to determine what caliber is best to carry for their particular self-defense needs and comfort-level.)

Establish time-limit on DUI disqualifier for obtaining a license. The bill currently prohibits anyone ever convicted of a DUI offense from being able to obtain a license. We feel a more appropriate disqualifier would be a DUI conviction within the five years immediately preceding application for a license to carry.

Addition of language to recognize valid out-of-state licenses from contiguous states, when the license holder travels through New Mexico. Neighboring states such as Arizona and Texas, for example, have laws very similar to proposed legislation here in New Mexico, and both states are considering legislation to streamline their reciprocity clauses so that New Mexico licenses will be recognized in those states.

Addition of severability clause.

(I personally would like to legally have the tools to protect my children if need be.)

GUN SHOW REPORT

The Final Report for the February Gun Show will be given at the February meeting, as all the expenses have not been tallied at this time. We do know we made more than we spent, and we had 30 more vendor tables this year.

I greatly appreciate the hard work of Gun Show Committee members: Frank Blackmer, Myron Crockett, George Horvath, Leah Ray, Leroy Ransom, and Don Varenhorst. You did a good job!

We had 40 volunteers this year, which is about double what we had last year. A big thanks, to all of you. We couldn't have run the show without your help.

We would, also, like to thank the following businesses for their help. Rick Mace and Big Bear Trading for the rifle we raffled, and for their contribution to the show. Sam Gonsales and Los Hermanitos for 5 door prizes. Herb Templeton and Equipment Parts and Service, for cleaning and repairing the sign on

Hwy. 64, that advertised the Gun Show.

A Gun Show is a collective effort, and I greatly appreciate everyone who contributed.

Jack Reid

Presentation on Hunting in Africa

Simon Rood, An African professional hunter and outfitter, will make a presentation about hunting in Africa at the San Juan Wildlife Federation clubhouse at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 22, 2003. After the presentation, Mr. Rood will be available to answer any questions you may have.

Admission is free and refreshments will be provided.

Rendezvous

The New Mexico Mountain Men in conjunction with the Gila Trappers will be having the "Moon Of the Crow" Rendezvous March 14-16, 2003. Location is near Skate Canyon in the Gila N.F. 17.5 miles north on NM 35 from junction of NM35 & NM 152. This will be Pre-1840 Style. For more information write, Hands, PO Box 47. Tyrone, NM 88065 or call 505-535-4316. "Always wise to call ahead if the draught continues"

Board Meetings

The Board of Directors and Executive Officers meet every 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm. (Same day as the newsletter has to be in.) The members at large are welcome to attend.

Gate change

The combination to the gate will be changing after the March general membership meeting. All members are encouraged to check their mailing labels now to make sure that their membership dues are current and they wont get locked out. If they have any questions they should contact LeVeta Hawk at 632-2550.

We still have sweat shirts and caps!!!

We will have sweat shirts and ball caps with the Federations name and logo for sale at the up coming meeting.

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RANGE SCHEDULE

2003 Range Schedules are printed and have been distributed around the county. If you would like to have your own personal copy come up to the meeting and pick up one from the Secretary's desk.

Cowboy Action

February 22 is the next shoot out. That's a Saturday. Also, the Four Corners Gunslingers annual dinner and installation of officers will be that evening at the Courtyard by Marriott. Call Shane McDaniel at 327-7879 for more information and reservations.

.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 598-5400

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

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Total Match Results for 12/8/02

Name	Final Score (TPD)	Name	Final Score (TPD)
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CDP / SS

1 Larry Johnson	81.17 (19)	2 Tom Maddox	83.86 (10)
3 Michael Henderson	98.19 (4)		

CDP / MM

1 Levi Conklin	117.71 (46)	2 Anthony Rahn	130.68 (10)
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CDP / UN

1 Blackie Foutz	86.42 (11)	2 Denver Dewees	101.26 (25)
3 Bill Dutton	101.97 (19)	4 Ken Griner	147.05 (28)

ESP / MM

1 Carl Peskor	74.95 (13)	2 Floyd Gordanier	95.36 (6)
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ESP / NV

1 Darren Simpson	125.57 (65)		
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SSP / MM

1 Al Sundstrom	101.42 (27)		
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SSP / UN

1 Mason Henderson	87.37 (26)		
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SSR / SS

1 Rob Grossheim	95.82 (23)		
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SSR / MM

1 Kevin Simpson	117.28 (36)	2 Scott Pope	127.79 (20)
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Total Match Results for 2/9/03

Name	Final Score (TPD)	Name	Final Score (TPD)
CDP / SS			
1 Larry Johnson	87.48 (35)	2 Tom Maddox	89.26 (22)
3 Michael Henderson	106.88 (29)	4 Nick Baker	119.78 (41)
5 Ken Allen	134.41 (46)		
CDP / MM			
1 Levi Conklin	125.07 (42)	2 Al Sundstrom	139.85 (34)
3 Anthony Rahn	151.96 (40)		
CDP / NV			
1 Dan Rader	180.96 (38)		
CDP / UN			
1 Blackie Foutz	113.33 (37)	2 Randy Sussex	163.97 (70)
3. Ken Griner	182.26 (33)	4 Lynn Robertson	184.55 (38)
ESP / MM			
1 Harold Strube	117.52 (31)	2 Kevin Simpson	130.76 (37)
SSP / MM			
1 Floyd Gordanier	121.46 (31)	2 Chuck Wilson	133.83 (36)
3 Gary Wood	137.95 (52)	4 Scott Pope	139.11 (24)
5 Denver DeWees	145.5 (38)		
SSP / NV			
1 Barry Adams	203.77 (75)		
SSP / UN			
1 Mason Henderson	107.17 (39)	2 Larry Harreu	123.02 (36)
3 Sam Handshoe	138.08 (34)		
SSR / SS			
1 Rob Grossheim	137.95 (49)		

Cowboy Action

Fourteen shooters rang the steel hombres at the Jan. 25 Club shoot. The first five:

- 1 Long Step and Cerveza Slim tied
- 2 High Hammer Bob
- 3 Bulldog Baldy
- 4 McDraw
- 5 Digger O'Duel

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Winter Range, the SASS National Championship of Cowboy Action Shooting was held at the Ben Avery Range, Phoenix Jan. 29 thru Feb.2. 534 Cowboys and Cowgirls shot the 12 stage main match. Our Club shooters participating faired as follows: Cartridge Black Powder, Bison Butt (Paul McDonald) 7th. Men Traditional, Long Step (Gary Bacon) 17th, Largo Casey (Ken Cline) 47th. Senior, O Bar Freddie (Mike Reitz) 16th. All the results can be found at www.sassnet.com

What a Blast

You want to threaten my freedom and you expect me to be nice?

Swap Shop

Found Three rifle magazines, two in a pouch and one other one. Call 564-3651 to describe and claim.

For Sale Spanish 12 Ga. double barrel ZABALA Hinhos Bro. 3" magnum full/modified, box lock hammerless twin trigger. Call 324-0925

For Sale Winchester Model 70 Carbine, 30-06, with Redfield 2x -7x variable wideview scope with dual x cross hairs. \$400 firm.

For Sale or Trade

Mossberg, pre-ban model 590 "Persuader", 12 ga. with ghost ring sites, parkerized finish, matching speed feed stock, matching pistol grip, nine shot, bayonet lug, swivel posts and original box. \$500 Call John Taylor 326-7119 after 6 pm or email at bernieandjohn@earthlink.net

Internet Web Site: www.sjwf.org

CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL FOR YOUR DUES RENEWAL DATE!

Dues are \$45 per year. You will not receive a separate notice.

If you move, tell the Secretary!

We need to keep up on changes of address, phone number and especially NRA membership. We don't need to know your NRA number, just if your are a member or not.

Please clip the "Membership Application" on the back page and send it in with your renewal check.