

December 2004

**Our next meeting is
Tuesday, December 21st at 7:30**

The Meeting November 16th 2004

Elections! All Officer positions will be up for elections at the January meeting. These are two-year terms. They include; President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Officer, Indoor Range Officer, Outdoor Range Officer and Chief Instructor. Additionally, three of the six Board member positions will be open. Two full terms of three years each will be open and one partial term of two years needs to be filled. The Federation can not exist without members stepping forward to meet the challenge. Please consider running for a position that suits your interests and abilities.

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation will have their annual fundraiser Banquet February 25th. We will be donating \$250 for the purchase of a tent to be raffled in order to raise funds. George Horvath will see to it, that their flyer for this event will be distributed with our newsletter.

Treasurer Report Don Varenhorst covered the financial aspects of the SJWF. You can get a full sheet from Don.

Gun Show Signup To help make the show a success, we will need around forty members to signup for volunteer service. If you can possibly help out, please contact Billy Stalcup at 326-6397. You do not have to sign up for a full day, as smaller blocks of time would be a big help!

Trap League Shooting Dave Brooks says that the week of November 15th is the last week of the fall league. After this, there will be no shooting on Thursdays. Shooting will still occur at noon on Saturdays. A skeet range is also in the works, and if Santa is good to us, it may be open for business by Christmas!

22. Bench Rest Standings Twenty shooters participated in the six matches through out the season. The top ten shooters by points accumulated were;

1. Marcos Tafoya 250
2. John Leonard 235
3. Matt Gusdorf 233
4. Bob Jackson 215
5. Jeff Tafoya 202
6. Fred Haskill 153
7. Jim King 113
8. Frank Ortiz 110
9. Wayland Moore 93
10. Chip Snap 82

Please note that not all of the above shooters participated in all of the six matches. Their points reflect only those accumulated during each match that they attended.

Gila Trappers Rendezvous Fund at Silver City. Charles Phelan has raffle tickets available for a chance to win a stainless Ruger .22 rifle! See him to get your tickets

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The January newsletter will be the last one for me. I am resigning from the board to have time to pay more attention to my family and spinning related interests. I am now the Department Head for Spinning and Weaving for the San Juan County Fair and will also be taking on official duties for the Wool Festival of the Southwest. Also my spinning and weaving business has taken off to a point where I need to be spinning and weaving more.

The deadline for the January newsletter is January 7th. 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).

Elections will be held in January

The positions of President, Vice-President, Indoor Range Officer and **three** board members will be vacated this year. The other officers' will run again for their positions but if there is an officer's slot that is near and dear to your heart, we welcome you. Please make your interests known to Mike Freestone.

From the Outdoor Range Officer

The range will be closed for maintenance December 23rd.

Someone took the celetex and other debris from the 100 meter target stands and built a **camp fire down range** behind the stands. We don't know who did it or when this happened, but "brilliant" is not their middle name.

There are a few people leaving large amounts of brass on the ranges. Please pick up your brass and put it in the brass buckets provided. Close the gate when you come in and out.

Be sure of your target down range! We have kids driving pick-up trucks down range while shooting is going on! Thank you.

Email your newsletter

Our new secretary Ken Kempa knows of a way to finally send the newsletter by email instead of snail mail. We have been saving your email addresses but haven't been able to do anything with them till now. Please keep sending in your email address though. We want to make sure the address we have is correct. Some of the addresses were hard to read so if you keep sending them in I'm sure we'll get it straight eventually.

Range Rules

The mesa top pistol ranges are for paper targets only. We don't want any metal

targets, or target stands. In the past there were wheel rim stands that were on loan from IPSC. These will be removed and wood or paper will be used instead. The range just west of the clubhouse is for straight walled cartridges ONLY.

We need volunteers for the February 4 – 6 Gun Show

We are going to have our February gun show and need volunteers to sign up. This will be a three day show starting Friday evening and ending Sunday afternoon. This will give the vendors more time to sell and it's better for repeat customers too.

New Mexico Shooting Sports Association Membership Challenge

NMSSA has a membership drive going on till the end of December. The club that signs up the most new members with NMSSA will get a rifle or hand gun. Only \$15 a year. If you are interested, there will be membership applications on the secretary's desk at the meetings.

Concealed Carry

The Club is still offering classed for \$125. You will need 200 rounds of factory ammunition and you must have a strong side holster. Classes will be scheduled for two night sessions 6:30 – 10:00 and all day either Saturday or Sunday. For further information on dates and times, call Mike Freestone at 325-5355 evenings.

Shotgun

Dear Members,

Well, a year has come and gone and things are looking good for the trap range. We now have two more trap houses ready to be completed and a set of skeet houses. We have two more Pat traps waiting to be installed when the houses are complete, and today I ordered another new Pat trap for the number one trap field so we will have all Pat traps in the trap field to insure every thing runs smoothly with the start of the spring league. Our first registered shoot will be the end of April. We will be using the Intertek machine for the Five stand that we are also putting in. It probably won't be totally complete for another year but you can still shoot your over head targets, the trap and skeet and the doubles. Remember that the January meeting is when elections are being held; I have nominated Bill Thompson and Billy Stalcup. It doesn't matter who you vote for as long as you show up and vote. The thing I want to stress is that we get people in there that have a vision for the future of the club.

Also I have been informed that getting the road up the hill pave with blacktop is still in the works and will be, very hopefully, done in the spring.

One last thing, At the December meeting we will be having Coffee and drinks for the members and treats for the kids. It is not been confirmed as of the time of this letter being written but **there is a slim chance that Santa may stop by on his way to the North Pole, This may or May not happen**

As it is only 4 days till Christmas and we all know how busy he is this time of year, but if you bring the kids there will be a special treat for them.

If you don't make it to the meeting have a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR
Dave

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.

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RANGE SCHEDULE

IPSC match schedule is as follows; there is no match scheduled for December. **Cowboy Action** defends the territory every 4th Sunday. Set up is at 9 and shooting starts at 10.

.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 was held every Wednesday night on the indoor range. This will resume October 6, 2004. Contact Jack Reid at 632-8819.

Shotgun We now have a lighted trap range. For other times for group shoots or special times, please contact David Brooks at 334-3398 or 947-1101

Monday 4:30 till... (If Temperature is above 45 degrees.)

Saturday 10 am till it's too cold.

Please do not close the gate during these times. The match director will take care of it. Thank you for trying.

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

MATCH RESULTS

Cowboy Action

Oct. 23, Cowboy Action Long Range

Long Range Rifle, Single Shot O Bar Freddie
Long Range Rifle, Rifle Caliber Blanco Billy Bagley
Long Range Rifle, Pistol Caliber Blanco Billy Bagley

Lever Action .22 O Bar Freddie

Oct. 24, Regular Match, 17 shooters.

49er Crosscreek 1st O/A
Classic Cowboy Largo Casey 10 th O/A
Duelist Piedra Kidd 9 th O/A
Elder Statesman O Bar Freddie 3 rd O/A
Frontier Cartridge 44-40 14 th O/A
Ladies Traditional Stumble Leena 12 th O/A
Senior Cerveza Slim 2nd O/A
Senior Duelist Ward Bond 8 th O/A
Traditional El Mulo Vaquero 4 th O/A

Five of us went on over to Cortez the first weekend of Nov. to try for a turkey in The Windy Gap Regulators annual Cowboy Action Turkey Shoot. The turkeys were pretty safe. The outcome:

O Bar Freddie 3rd O/A
Blanco Billy Bagley 5th O/A
Largo Casey 10th O/A
Ol Wise Sass 11th O/A
Scutter 15th O/A

Our next shooting will be the weekend after Thanksgiving.

Found

Some magazines for were found on the range. Call Bond Kinney to I.D. 564-3651

What a Blast

Politically Correct Night Before Christmas

Twass the night before Christmas and Santa's a wreck...

How to live in a world that's politically correct?

His workers no longer would answer to "Elves".

"Vertically Challenged" they were calling themselves.

And labor conditions at the North Pole

Were alleged by the union to stifle the soul.

Four reindeer had vanished, without much propriety,

Released to the wilds by the Humane Society.

And equal employment had made it quite clear

That Santa had better not use just reindeer.

So Dancer and Donner, Comet and Cupid,

Were replaced with 4 pigs, and you know that looked stupid!

The runners had been removed from his sleigh;
The ruts were termed dangerous by the E.P.A.
And people had started to call for the cops
When they heard sled noises on their roof-tops.
Second-hand smoke from his pipe had his workers quite frightened.
His fur trimmed red suit was called "Unenlightened."

And to show you the strangeness of life's ebbs and flows,
Rudolf was suing over unauthorized use of his nose
And had gone on Geraldo, in front of the nation,
Demanding millions in over-due compensation.

So, half of the reindeer were gone; and his wife,
Who suddenly said she'd enough of this life,
Joined a self-help group, packed, and left in a whiz,
Demanding from now on her title was Ms.

And as for the gifts, why, he'd never had a notion
That making a choice could cause so much commotion.
Nothing of leather, nothing of fur,
Which meant nothing for him. And nothing for her.
Nothing that might be construed to pollute.
Nothing to aim. Nothing to shoot.
Nothing that clamored or made lots of noise.
Nothing for just girls. Or just for the boys.
Nothing that claimed to be gender specific.
Nothing that's warlike or non-pacific.

No candy or sweets...they were bad for the tooth.
Nothing that seemed to embellish a truth.
And fairy tales, while not yet forbidden,
Were like Ken and Barbie, better off hidden.
For they raised the hackles of those psychological
Who claimed the only good gift was one ecological.

No baseball, no football...someone could get hurt;
Besides, playing sports exposed kids to dirt.
Dolls were said to be sexist, and should be passé;
And Nintendo would rot your entire brain away.

So Santa just stood there, disheveled, perplexed;
He just could not figure out what to do next.
He tried to be merry, tried to be gay,
But you've got to be careful with that word today.
His sack was quite empty, limp to the ground;
Nothing fully acceptable was to be found.

Something special was needed, a gift that he might
Give to all without angering the left or the right.
A gift that would satisfy, with no indecision,
Each group of people, every religion;
Every ethnicity, every hue,
Everyone, everywhere...even you.
So here is that gift, it's price beyond worth...
"May you and your loved ones enjoy peace on earth."

Internet Web Site: www.sjwf.org

**CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL FOR YOUR DUES RENEWAL DATE!
Dues are \$55 per year. If you move, tell the Membership Clerk!
We need to keep up on changes of address, phone number and
especially NRA membership.**

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

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