

**February 2004**

**Our next meeting is  
Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30**

**The Meeting** January 20<sup>th</sup> 2004

Treasurer Don reported that he will have everything for the 2003 audit report by the next meeting.

Gun show Jack called for volunteers. Lighted signs will go out Monday before the show and will be picked up the Monday after. There were still 11 tables left to sell. Thanks to Don Varenhorst we got insurance for the show. Jack said that he sent Don's picture into last year's insurance company and they rejected us! The NRA will insure us this year. Thanks again to Don. Jack wanted to thank the volunteers ahead of time for their help and don't forget you get in free.

Charles Sylvia will take it over next year. Thank you Charles.

Dave Brooks is now the Shotgun Match Director. He reported that the ground work for the first shotgun house has been done. He's hoping to start building February 1. He is looking for a caterer, carpenter, and someone who knows how to work cement. League shoots should start April 1 or there about.

They will be ATA regulation houses and he will run league matches by those rules. Spring league will last 10 weeks and will be wheelchair accessible. All shoots and leagues will be open to the public.

Richard Moore briefed us on the Concealed Carry classes. The first class will be held the first week in February. Wednesday from 6:30 – 10, Friday from 6:30 – 10 and Saturday 8am to finish. We are still addressing an all weekday night class for those who work weekends. Classes will be limited to 10 people. The \$125 fee will benefit the club and is the lowest price in town. You must be at least 25 years old to apply for a permit. (That's the way the law was written.)

To qualify you must use a .32 caliber or larger, have ear and eye protection and a minimum of 200 rounds of factory ammunition. Fingerprints can be done at the sheriff's office or go to the county jail in Aztec on Saturday afternoons after 3 pm

Call Mike Freestone to sign up. The state has already issued some permits. If you are interested in finding out just what the law and regulations say, check it out on the DPS web site at [www.dps.nm.org](http://www.dps.nm.org).

The range schedules are here!!

New Business

Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife in the person of Gino Attardi gave a presentation on this new sportsmen's group. The group started in 1993 in Utah and has 15,000 members in Utah now. SFW is conservation and politically geared. As Geno explained it; your money pays for hunting but you don't have a say in the way the state manages the fish and wildlife. There are 6 wildlife zones in this state and great quality animals but there is also a lot of mismanagement. He was not bashing the Game and Fish Department but sometimes you have to go higher. Part of the purpose of SFW is to take that extra step higher and make

sure your voice is heard in the political arena. The first chapter was started in Carlsbad. Your dues money will stay here in New Mexico and be used for New Mexico conservation projects and voice. A Banquet is planned for mid-May. If you are interested in more information or to join contact Gino Attardi at 330-9417 or 327-5267. There is also a web site at [www.sfwsfh.org](http://www.sfwsfh.org).

Since elections were to be held, speeches were given by Anna Kinney, Jim Doerr, Mike Reitz, and Charles Sylvia for the two Board positions. Clay Jones and Skip George were running for Vice President. There was a write in space for Secretary. Ballots were handed out and voting commenced.

While the votes were being counted, Leah Ray spoke about the Friends of the NRA Banquet April 30, a Friday night. She asked us to pledge a sponsorship of \$300. With all of the grants that we get from the NRA we will get the money back many times over. The sponsorship comes with 2 banquet tickets that will be raffled off at the April meeting. This request will be voted on at the next meeting per the bylaws.

Please note; dues have gone up \$10 as of January 1 to \$55. Check your renewal form below for special rates.

Jim Doerr presented some information on a raffle held by the Business Students at Farmington High for an Elk hunt. Tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100.

Drawing will be held February 5<sup>th</sup>.

Shotgun Match Director Dave Brooks is looking for a couple of 16 year olds who would like to trade some work for shotgun rounds. He needs someone to set clay targets for the league and Sunday shoots in exchange for free rounds of shooting. If you are interested contact him at 334-3398 or be at the March meeting.

**And the Winners are;**

Mike Reitz and Anna Kinney won board positions. Skip George won the Vice Presidency. Several people wrote in Leah Ray and Anna Kinney for Secretary however Anna Kinney got a couple more write-ins than Leah. (Looks like I might be stuck with it.) There was one other name written in; Angela Linkous. I'm trying to find out who she is.

Mike Reitz moved that priority be given to a Cowboy Acton facility in the East Canyon development. He also had two other motions that he presented but I didn't write these down because of the uproar that happened after the first motion was presented. (I was included in the debate and I'm getting too old to write and talk at the same time.) While some of the dirt work for the East Canyon was being done, Board member Carl Peskor changed the directions that had been given to the dozer operator thereby making some of the range space unusable for a cowboy action facility. Jack Reid and Skip George moved that the whole issue be tabled and that the board revisit the subject. My compliments go to President Mike Freestone for managing the debate safely.

Has anyone had any fire arms stolen recently? One of our members over heard a transaction at the flea market. Someone sold a Glock .40, a Ruger .22 mag

bolt action with a Savarski synthetic stock, and a Saco .306 with a Leopold 3 x 9 scope for \$200.

Good News / Bad News. There was a break-in at the range a couple of weeks ago. All of the buildings were broken open and the office in the clubhouse was opened too. The thieves stole air rifles, .22 rifles and a shotgun as well as some ammunition used for 4H, Hunter Ed, and Sports Fest. They messed up the place pretty good breaking some of the pictures in the hall and throwing around a bunch of clays and chairs to make it look like kids. The police believed it to be an inside job and that they were after the guns. That's the bad news. The good news is that the thieves were caught and the guns and ammunition recovered. Our SJWF was etched into the stocks and that made recovery easier. A great big THANK YOU goes out to Skip George for our range pick-up. It's a Dodge Ram 4x4 and is the perfect vehicle for fixing fences and dragging the road.

## **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](mailto:ptnopt@fisi.net). If I'm not home, I have an answering machine and I read my email every day (almost).

### **New Dues Amounts**

As of January 2004 the dues were increased \$10 to \$55 for regular family memberships. That makes seniors \$27.50 and life memberships \$550. Please send in the new amounts with your renewal forms. Thank you.

### **Concealed Carry**

The Club will offer 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 – 9:30 and all day either Saturday or Sunday. For further information on dates and times, call Mike Freestone at 325-5355 evenings.

### **Fishy Sale**

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### **Moon of the Crow Rendezvous**

The New Mexico Mountain Men in conjunction with Gila Trappers present the 2004 Moon of the Crow Rendezvous March 5-7 held near Skate Canyon in the Gila National Forest. The full moon is a little earlier this year. There will be rifle

and pistol trail walks, smoothbore match, knife and hawk, ladies shoot, mountain man run, kid's events, primitive bow and a raffle. Always wise to call ahead if the drought continues. For more information call Hands' at 505-535-4316.

### **Help pass Senate Bill 659**

The Senate is scheduled to debate in March S.659, legislation prohibiting junk lawsuits against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition from damages resulting from the misuse of their products by others. At this time Senator Jeff Bingaman is not listed as being in favor of this legislation. You can send him a letter or email at the National Shooting Sports Foundation web site at <http://capwiz.com/nssf/issues/bills>. Or you can write to his office at;

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### **COLORADO Legislation**

The General Assembly is currently considering House Bill 1208, which would increase resident hunting license fees and provide for automatic increases in the future. NRA-ILA is currently working with legislators in Colorado to find a solution to the Department of Wildlife's budget issues that is amenable to hunters. HB 1208 was reported to be out of the House Finance Committee yesterday with some favorable amendments, but will need more work on the floor. Please check [www.NRAILA.org](http://www.NRAILA.org) for updates on this legislation. Also, Senate Bill 158 has been introduced by Senator Ken Gordon (D-35). This bill concerns the mandatory storage of firearms, and has been sent to the State Veterans & Military Affairs Committee. Please call you Senator at (303) 866-2316 and ask him to oppose this measure. (Copied from the NRA legislative alert)

### **From the Outdoor Range Officer**

Here is the next installment of the range rules:

13. Follow the range rules for each range: the east ranges are for high powered rifles, muzzle loaders and .22 rifles; the west range is for straight-wall jacketed pistol and .22 rim fire ammunition.
14. When shooting at silhouettes, do not shoot at an angle, shoot straight at them.
15. No shotguns are to be fired at the celetex target boards. These are for pistol and rifles only.
16. Absolutely no shooting of any glass objects.

### **Shotgun League Information**

If you wish to sign up call Dave Brooks at 334-3398 and come to the March meeting to find out more.

### **Board Meeting Schedule**

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

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### **RANGE SCHEDULE**

The new range schedules are available at the Secretary's desk now.

**Cowboy Action** defends the territory every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. 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** 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**

### **IDPA**

Well, here are the results for the IDPA indoor .22 match for Feb.

Thanks to Rob Grossheim and Zak Payne for the scenarios. It made for a great time.

Thanks go to Mother Nature for canceling out our scheduled classifier, again. We will try to get that done ASAP.

Name	Score	total points down
1. Rob Grosshiem	41.84	(3)
2. Zak Payne	43.19	(8)
3. Tom Maddox	48.41	(24)
4. Clayton Sharpe	48.50	(13)
5. Scott Pope	53.77	(24)
6. Larry Lyons	83.58	(51)

### **Cowboy Action**

We held two special shoots, Jan 11 and Jan 18. Since the weather prevented us from practice in December and Durango's range is snowed under, we all wanted to get in some practice for the SASS National Championship held in Phoenix the last week of Jan. We had 21 shooters the 11th, 22 shooters the 18th and 11 on our usual Sat. the 24th. This netted the Club \$162 in range fees.

### **What a Blast OR You Might be a Gun Nut if....**

If 30.06 or 8x57 is just as appealing to you as 36-32-34.

**Internet Web Site:** [www.sjwf.org](http://www.sjwf.org)