

January 2003

**Our next meeting is
Tuesday, January 20th at 7:30**

The Meeting December 16th, 2003

We have six new members this month.

Denver was acting secretary last month and President Mike interpreted the hieroglyphics as best he could for the minutes. The minutes of last month's meeting were accepted. Thank you Denver for pitching in.

Treasurer Don reported that we have money in the main checking account, 4 CDs, and some savings. (If you would like a more complete report, come to the meeting. He spells out all of the numbers.) Don also said that in February or March he will be giving a full accounting for the 2003 year. Where the money came from and where it went to. (Stay tuned for more details.)

Gun Show Jack. The show will be held February 7 & 8. There are 3 hour shifts and free entrance to the show for all who work. Call Jack to volunteer. Jack is not doing any more gun shows and we need someone to step up and take over. The dates have already been reserved for the next few years, (You have to reserve well in advance to get the civic center.) but will have to be canceled if no one takes over. These shows bring in \$5 – \$10 thousand each. Leroy will have all the advertisements and vendors addresses listed out so there really isn't that much work to do. "The old bunch is getting kinda tired." Leroy said. The gun raffle at the shows offsets the insurance and the other thing to consider is that if we give up the gun shows, a lot of kids coming up won't have the opportunity to even attend and event like this.

Executive Range Officer Wayland Moore says the Calendar is set for 2004. Cards are being printed and will be available at the January meeting. Wayland also requested appropriations be authorized for:

\$ 2000 for dirt work that has already been done on the berms and the road to the pistol canyon.

\$2000 for additional dirt work on the shotgun range and expand the pistol canyon.

\$1500 to finish the storage shed in progress.

\$1000 for road base on the parking areas and up the hill.

The motion passed to authorize these funds.

Please remember that all the shooting sports will benefit from these improvements.

A gentleman in the audience offered the use of a backhoe for some of the dirt work. It will be greatly appreciated!! (My apologies, I didn't catch his name.)

The term of office for Jack Reid, Leroy Ransom and Anna Kinney will be up in January. Jack and Leroy will not be running again. With the new bylaws there will be only two board positions open. Jim Doerr, Mike Reitz, Charles Sylvia and Anna Kinney will be running for the two openings. The candidates had a chance to give a speech.

Jim Doerr spoke about his qualifications. He is a retired Boeing engineer, and ran the Sports Fest last year. (and ran it very well.) He is a life member of the NRA, a member of the club since 1992, likes to shoot trap and skeet and would like to contribute to this club.

Mike Reitz was not present but Wayland Moore spoke for him. Mike is a life member of the NRA and SASS. He is well organized and has served on the board before. He is chairman of the indoor and outdoor hunter pistol matches. He believes in the expansion of all the shooting sports and the safety of the sport. He is highly respected and Wayland endorses him.

Anna Kinney said that it is still her first interest that this club is here for the children coming up. (I have two of my own) It is our Constitutional Right to keep and bear arms and it's for those kids that she wants to see this club succeed. Shortly after her term started she took on the newsletter (never done one before). She believes that the club has to look forward to preserve what it has and that all disciplines are equal. (Only the kids should have an edge.)

The Vice President position is also open due to a vacancy. Clay Jones is running for the position but was not present. He owns his own business and Mike spoke for him.

Skip George is also running for VP. He is a long time member and has volunteered at the Sports Fest, gun shows, and fair booth. He also does Hunter Education. He has supported the club in many ways.

We still need a secretary!!!!

Dave Brooks, the trap and skeet man, reported that Construction Supply will supply all the materials needed to build the shotgun towers. The NRA has rebuilt Winchester machines available for \$150 each. He also checked out the old 4 Corners Trap Club equipment. They have a 24 x 45 metal building, folding chairs and tables, 3 halogen light sets, a 20 x 30 canopy, and about 50 cases of targets. The cost is \$1194 for back taxes. After January 1 the cost could go up as much as \$900. This is a "perfect starter kit." We could be up and running with league competitions by April 1. The Board was poled to purchase the equipment and it passed. Charles Sylvia said Winchester and Remington all have programs for shotgun shooting sports. It's best to start small and build up.

Janet Rey, a Farmington High school business teacher presented information on a guided elk hunt on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation raffle being offered by the Career and Technical Education Department students. The money will help 50 student will be able to take an educational tour of New York City and Wall Street District. In order to qualify for the tour, the students must submit a paragraph on why they want to go. Only 50 out of 250 students will get to go. One of the students is a guide and the hunt will be for a bull and a cow. Tickets are \$20

each or 6 for \$100. Drawing will be February 5 at the Boys Basketball game between Farmington and Kirtland. You need not be present to win. We are still finding liquor bottles on the range. If you see someone take down the license plate number or a description of the car and give it to a board member or officer. Do not confront anyone. Let the board handle that. If you have trouble with the electric gate, the other side can be opened with the same combination as the key pad. When leaving, veer right to trip the sensor that opens the gate. There is a green fence post where the sensor is. Don't sneak up on the sensor. Jim Doerr said that the Sports Fest will be held August 28, 2004. He hopes we can get the Out Door Channel here for it.

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).

Elections will be held at the January Meeting

We have two openings on the board, and the vice president and the secretary slots are open too. For the Board we have running; Jim Doerr, Charles Sylvia, Mike Reitz and Anna Kinney (me). Please see the meeting article for some of their qualifications. For vice president we have Clay Jones and Skip George. They spoke at the meeting too. For secretary we have no one. Maybe some one will throw their name in the ring at election time. Remember, if you would like to run for any of the positions open, just show up to the January meeting and announce your intentions.

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 Supreme Court of New Mexico has said that it will not hear the lawsuits against the concealed carry law. This clears the way for classes to begin the 1st week of February. We have 7 instructors who will soon be certified. 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.

From the Outdoor Range Officer

Here is the next installment of the range rules:

8. Always be sure that you have the correct ammunition for the firearm.
9. Always establish one firing line.
10. Do not go down range on the Long Silhouette Range past 100 yards when shooting is in progress on the Bench Rest Range.
11. **No tracer or armor piercing** ammunition is allowed
12. **No alcoholic** beverages are allowed. There are **NO** exceptions.

I have been finding a lot of improperly reloaded ammunition on the range. If you are having problems reloading, contact Bond Kinney at 564.3651.

The range or parts of the range will be closed off and on for construction. Watch for signs.

Shotgun League Information

My name is David Brooks, and I would like to invite you to come to the meeting in January to hear about the league that we will hopefully be starting by April 1. It will be shotgun shooting at clay pigeons. If you have ever shot at a flying target before, you will find it to be a lot of fun. (All you bird hunters, I understand that this will improve your shooting 60%.) We will have teams of 4 – 5 and will shoot for ten weeks. We will shoot two rounds each week (25 targets per round, which will be fifty targets). The cost per round is \$4.00 so the cost each night will be \$8.00. There will be time for practice rounds before league shooting starts. There will be a \$20 league fee per person (\$30 for a couple, or father / son.) This money will go for a nice banquet and trophies at the end of the league.

Please invite your friends as this will be open to everyone and will be a good way to build membership in the club. I do look forward to seeing you and hope for a big turn out. Remember, the right to own guns and preserve that right for future generations of our children is up to all of us. To teach the young and old gun safety is the best way to keep it alive.

Open Letter Your SSN and the Game and Fish

The "Daily Times" December 4, 2003

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Social security numbers required on state hunt applications
The department of Game and Fish is letting hunters know that Social Security numbers will be required on all special big-game hunt applications in the upcoming year.

The requirement is to enable the department to comply with the state's Parental Responsibility Act, and other record keeping responsibilities.

The first deadline is Feb. 7 for Oryx, turkey draw hunts, wildlife management bear hunts and population control hunts.

December 4, 2003

Dear San Juan Wildlife Federation,

I am writing to alert the membership to a new "requirement" of the Department of Game and Fish planning to require that hunters disclose their Social Security Number (SSN) on all special big-game hunt applications starting 2004. (Please refer to the enclosed notice posted in the Farmington "Daily Times" newspaper on 4 December, 2003

I object to disclosing my social security number (SSN) for the following reasons:

1. Disclosing my SSN violates my privacy. The SSN is the passkey into one's private life. The details of my personal life belong to me; they are no one else's business.
2. Disclosing my SSN greatly increases my risk of being a victim of identity theft, where an imposter armed with my name and SSN can raid my bank accounts, establish fraudulent credit cards, and ruin my credit. I have no idea to whom and how many persons will have access to my SSN. One reads and hears in the news on a regular basis how individuals' SSNs are fraudulently sold for criminal purposes. I do not know any of the people who may have access to my SSN. Why would I want to trust them with the passkey to my private life and finances?
3. The SSN was never intended to be an identifier. By the Social Security Act of 1935, SSNs were to be used only by the social security program. In 1961, the IRS began to use it as a taxpayer identification number. However, the Privacy Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-579, sec.7) makes it illegal for federal, state and local government agencies to deny any rights, privileges, or benefits to individuals who refuse to provide their SSNs. Therefore, this "requirement" by the Department of Game and Fish is illegal.

I have written to my local representatives and state senators requesting that they contact the department of Game and Fish and demand that they rescind this requirement. I urge the membership to do the same.

Sincerely,

Vick Thomas

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Gun Show

The posters are printed and available. Come and pick up one or two and post them around town where you shop.

Advertising to be sold starting in the February newsletter.

If you would like to advertise a business, contact any of the officers or board members for more information. A ¼ page will cost \$50 per issue, ½ page \$100, full page \$200 and a business card size \$20 per issue. There is a \$15 setup fee for copying your ad. This set up fee will be waived if you wish to run an ad for a whole year. This will not affect the Swap Shop in any way! Members are still welcome to buy, sell or trade their personal stuff. Advertising in the Club news letter is at the discretion of the news letter editor.

Thank you Skip George!!!

For months we have needed a 4-wheel drive pickup. Skip George has donated the Dodge Ram pickup sitting outside in exchange for a lifetime membership. (I call that one heqq of a deal!!) Thank you again Skip.

Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife

There is a new organization in the area called Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife who are dedicated to the idea that sportsmen should have more of a say in how the Game and Fish Department decides things. Geno Attardi is going to give a presentation on the organization at the January meeting. If you are curious about how they are going to do this, come and listen.

Guided Elk Hunt on the Jicarilla Reservation Raffle

There will be a raffle for a guided elk hunt on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation. The raffle is being offered by the Career and Technical Education Department students at Farmington High School. The money will help 50 student will be able to take an educational tour of New York City and Wall Street District. One of the student's parents is a guide and the hunt will be for a bull and a cow. The

permits are for the 2004 hunting season. This is a \$13,750 value. 2nd place is a hand crafted lodge pole pine queen sized bed frame worth \$1,500. 3rd place is a Navajo turquoise and silver ladies watch bracelet valued at \$350. 4th place is a hot air balloon ride for two in Farmington, a \$300 value. Tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100. Drawing will be February 5 at the Boys Basketball game between Farmington and Kirtland. You need not be present to win. For tickets contact Janet Rea at 334.8635 (leave a message) or email at jrea@fms.k12.nm.us . Or contact Farmington High School.

Rocky Mountain Elk

The club made a \$250 donation to the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Banquet with the condition that it be used to support youth activities. We make this donation each year and know that our money goes to a worthy cause.

Our Condolences go out to the Families

We recently found out that Ken Chaplin of Flora Vista and Kathy Cunningham had passed away. The members of the Board, the Officers and membership at large would like send their sympathy to the families for their loss.

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.

**Our next meeting is
Tuesday, January 20th at 7:30 pm.**

RANGE SCHEDULE

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

Cowboy Action defends the territory every 4th 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

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Total Match Results for 12/7/03

Well, despite the forecast of crappy weather, we lucked out. It was a little cold but, a good match all the same. Thanks go out to Rob Grosshiem, and Scott Pope for the great scenarios. We've also got something different in the works for the January match, aside from our scheduled classifier.

Name Final Score (TPD)

CDP / EX

1 Larry Johnson 79.25 (9)

CDP / SS

1 Carl Peskor 82.25 (36)

2 Ken Allen 95.87 (24)

3 Michael Henderson 101.28 (17)

CDP / MM

1 Zack Payne 97.36 (14)

2 Levi Conklin 117.77 (18)

3 Al Sundstrom 120.01 (13)

4 Jack Hollar 130.87 (19)

CDP / NV

1 Casey Williams 135.47 (16)

CDP / UN

1 Bart Cox 73.77 (6)

2 Melvin Yancey 100.89 (29)

3 Yoshito Becker 114.08 (22)

4 Travis Ozbun 127.83 (13)

5 Josh Jones 173.04 (74)

ESP / SS

1 Ted Maurin 85.15 (15)

2 Perry Jensen 89.88 (11)

ESP / UN

1 Bill Dutton 91.42 (14)

SSP / EX

1 Rob Grossheim 79.9 (11)

SSP / SS

1 Tom Maddox 84.2 (7)

2 Mason Henderson 100.04 (18)

SSP / MM

1 Scott Pope 108.16 (21)

SSP / UN

1 Charles Worrell 112.27 (20)

2 Mike Harvey 133.46 (38)

3 Abigail Allen 154.31 (43)

4 Chad Finch 199.75 (74)

SSR / SS

1 Dave Mc Call 76.92 (17)

January 6, 2004

Well , to all of you that missed the Saturday night .22 match. You missed a good one. We had a small number of shooters that showed. All the courses of fire went well.

Here are the results.

1st place: Clayton Sharpe 36.35 sec.

2nd place: Bill Mahnke 37.02 sec.

3rd place: Tom Maddox 39.18 sec.

4th place: Bill Dutton 39.32 sec.

5th place: Scott Pope 41.61 sec.

6th place: Rob Grosshiem 47.42 sec.

The Classifier was cancelled on Sunday because of the cold and wind. Not a good environment to try to classify in. We will re-schedule for February, and probably do the indoor .22 match again. Don't miss it this time.

What a Blast

The Second Amendment is in place in case they ignore the others.

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.**

If you would like to receive your newsletter by e-mail instead of snail-mail please include your e-mail address with your renewal form.

**Change Membership dues amount to \$55 for a family membership and \$27.50
for seniors. Life memberships will be \$550.**