

March 2004

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

The Meeting February 17th

Charles Phelan "The Raffle Man" was selling raffle tickets at the counter for a couple of muzzle loader rifles. I didn't catch when the drawing was, but I'm sure he will be there again if they haven't given them away.

We have 14 new members this month. WOW!!

Charles Sylvia presented some information on a Sporting Clays promotional shoot. He found two gentlemen who put on these shoots, one from San Antonio TX and another from Kansas. This would be a weekend promotion using portable machines. There are 5 cages, 6 machines with rabbits and birds that are adjustable for angle and speed and can be set easy for novices or hard for experienced shooters. The man from Kansas would charge \$1764 for the weekend promotion with an additional expense for the clays. We could charge each shooter \$5 for each round which consists of 25 clays per round. Charles feels that it would be a good draw to bring people into the club. It was decided that this should be presented to the board for further consideration.

Mike Freestone presented this letter to Carl Peskor.

Mike Freestone
President
San Juan Wildlife Federation

Mr. Carl Peskor
Board of Directors
San Juan Wildlife Federation

Dear Mr. Peskor,

On behalf of the Officers and Directors of the San Juan Wildlife Federation, I offer my apologies regarding the events during our last general meeting, January 20th, 2004 and the wording of the minutes in the newsletter.

It was claimed in that meeting that your involvement in the layout changes of the East Canyon were self serving for you and for your specific shooting discipline.

The Board of Directors and Officers of the Federation have met together and discussed what happened. We find that your interest was, and is, to aid all shooters in the Federation and not just one discipline. We appreciate your input and service to the membership.

The Board of Directors and Officers have decided upon procedures that will keep such misunderstandings from occurring in the future. We met together and viewed the area in the East Canyon and with your input and that of other interested parties have moved forward with plans that will be of benefit for all of the members of the Federation.

In reviewing these events, we extend our apology to you, Mr. Peskor for the manner in which the events were portrayed.

Sincerely,
Michael F. Freestone

Treasure's report. Don presented an impressive report on all of the inflows and outflows of money for the club for 2003. The net effect was a four page report that listed income from matches, gun shows, and raffles as well as costs of utilities, insurance and maintenance. If you would like a copy, contact Treasurer Don Varenhorst.

Gun Show report came from Jack Reid. He said that we had 1700 paid entries. Income from the vendors, raffle and the gate was \$12,482. Costs for the advertising, building fee, and concession stand was \$2039. That gave us a net profit of \$10,443. There were 46 people who worked the show. That's less than 8% of the membership who did this work and brought in this much. Thank You Volunteers!! Jack wanted to specially thank the core volunteers who worked so hard; Leah Ray, Don Varenhorst, George Horvath, Frank Blackmer, Wayland Moore and Charles Sylvia. Thank You Very Much!! Charles Sylvia will be taking on the next show September 2004 so please give him your full support. Thanks Charles for taking on an important event for the club. If you do the math, two gun shows a year bring in almost as much money as the new dues amount will. That's impressive! Jack would also like to thank East Main Trade for handling the yellow sheets and selling us our raffle rifle at wholesale. They also let us put up signs at the store and purchased tables at the show. An extra thanks go out to them. Please support all of the businesses who gave us a hand, Bloomfield Pawn, Zia Sporting Goods, Tender Touch Car Wash, and East Main Trade with your business.

CCW classes are being given through the Federation. If you would like to take the class, call Mike Freestone or Bond Kinney.

Shotgun Match Director Dave Brooks reported that the trap range is 1/3 done and on schedule. He plans to have concrete poured in about two weeks. He is taking sign ups for league. ATA shooters will be spread out among the teams so that there will be no more than 2 ATA shooters per team. He has collected \$12,000 so far and has one automatic and one voice activated trap launchers in house already. Advertisement and flyers will be put out when the houses are done. There will be a meeting for everyone interested in trap league March 29th at 7:00 pm to go over the rules. #1. Will be safety first, #2. Nobody will have

favoritism, #3. No one yells at the help I hire. Cost is \$4.00 for a round of 25. \$3.50 per round for kids 16 and under. (For more information see the Shotgun section in the Announcements below.)

It was voted on to give \$300 to the Friends of the NRA. This passed and no discussion was needed!

A \$5000 allocation was passed by the board to continue range improvements in the East Canyon. The decision to approve the money without going to the membership was made because the D9 Cat is available now and wouldn't be once we went through the full approval process. The Board and Officers were on the ground with the contractor February 15th to see in the daylight what we were really working with. We will be on the ground again at several stages during the construction process.

The gate is broken. The circuit board is fried but luckily it is still under warranty. The part should be in soon and the gate back to "normal."

It was announced that the NRA has range building grants available but we must have 100% NRA membership to qualify. Currently we may not even have the required 50% membership needed to be an NRA affiliate. If you are an NRA member please make sure to let LaVete know when you send in your renewal form. We need more NRA members.

The BLM process is still going on. We are putting together a range application which requires that we have a 3 – 5 year plan of what we will do with the land if we get it. This is a long process.....

President Mike had the honor of presenting several Awards. Ken Kempa received a Certificate of Appreciation for generous financial support. Leroy Ransom received a Certificate of Appreciation. It was inscribed "The Foundation you laid is our strength." We truly do appreciate you. Jack Reid received a Certificate of Appreciation for his guidance and dedication to San Juan Wildlife Federation. As Mike put it "He's been my mentor and guide." The final award Member of the Year was given to Leroy Ransom for all of his service, dedication, and hard work given to the club through out the years. Thank you again Leroy.

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).

THE SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL RENDEZVOUS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

March 20 – 28, 2004 located at Caddo National Grasslands. Set up is early Wednesday March 17th. There will be rifle, hawk, knife, archery and daily events and entertainment. "Cannon's Allowed" Mardi Gras and Potluck Dinner Wednesday the 24th. Music by Joey Hall of father, sons, and Friends at Ms. Wanda's Palace. Moonlight Mardi Gras Sale Thursday the 25th. Open to the public 20th & 21st and again the 27th & 28th from 9am to 4:30pm. For more

information call Boosway Don Kitlinger at 940-538-5610 or Segundo Drew Vallentine at 417-294-5347.

The Gate is Fixed, again

Well between the time of the last meeting and the printing of this newsletter, the gate has been fixed.....again. Not only was the circuit board fried but the transformer and some other electrical stuff had been overloaded by the gate impacts. Cross your fingers, we're on a roll again.

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.

From the Outdoor Range Officer

BEGINNING IN APRIL THE RANGE WILL BE CLOSED FOR MAINTANCE ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM 9AM TO 5PM (plus or minus a couple of minutes.)

Here is the next installment of the range rules:

17. No smoking around the muzzleloader shooters who are behind the firing line.
18. No capping or priming of muzzleloaders until on the firing line.
19. All matches will be open to the public unless otherwise stated.
20. Special event range scheduling must be approved by the Executive Officer.

Shotgun League Information

Dear Members,

We are about ready to start Trap shooting. The weather has been a big factor in getting this up and running. And very hopefully by the time this letter hits your mail box the housed and walks will be in place and the electric installed. I do hope that this will bring in a lot of support from the membership as I am sure that it will bring in a substantial amount of new members. We will have a meeting on March 29th at 7:00 pm for all those who are interested in shooting the league. We will put the teams together and go over the rules for shooting trap and a few basic instructions for those who have never shot at a flying target before. Once again I will explain the cost for everyone. The cost is \$4.00 per 25 targets (which constitutes a round). We will shoot 2 rounds a night. You only

shoot 1 night a week, or on a Saturday afternoon. This way everyone will have an opportunity to shoot the league and work it in with their schedules. We will be open in plenty of time for practice shooting. If you're a member, your practice rounds will cost \$2.50. It will be \$3.00 for non-members. The league fee will be \$20.00 for individual and \$3.00 for couples. (Father / son, husband / wife, mother / daughter and so on.) So I do hope you will give this a try. You will be aloud to make up any missed rounds before the end of the league. Another bit of information. We now have a Host Hotel!!! The Best Western has agreed to be our host hotel and will donate 3 rooms to give away for every event we hold that is more than one day. So if you have guests coming to town, I would appreciate you recommend the Best Western. We can build a great relationship for the future of the club.

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 1st 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 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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Well, we finally got to shoot; Mother Nature didn't bite us this time.

Thanks go to Rob Grossheim and Clayton Sharpe for the great scenarios. It made for a really good match. Look forward to seeing everyone April 4th for the next one. Remember that daylight savings time starts that day, so we will be

moving to our summer schedule, and start shooting at 9:00 a.m. instead of 10:00. See you there.

Total Match Results for 3/7/04

CDP / EX

- 1 Glenn Shelby 50.33 (12)
- 2 Larry Johnson 54.33 (14)

CDP / SS

- 1 Gene Pearcey 57.04 (13)
- 2 Carl Peskor 69.12 (28)
- 3 Nick Baker 71.81 (22)
- 4 Tom Maddox 72.91 (20)
- 5 Ted Maurin 73.65 (7)
- 6 Ken Allen 76.98 (31)

CDP / MM

- 1 Al Sundstrom 101.38 (21)

CDP / UN

- 1 Mike Harvey 74.53 (8)
- 2 Melvin Yancey 77 (29)
- 3 Danny Harvey 86.01 (16)
- 4 Walter Garfield 96.9 (22)
- 5 William Heath 103.18 (42)
- 6 Erik Van De Valde 106.05 (44)
- 7 Larry Lyons 114.28 (65)
- 8 Sara Burkholder 144.11 (67)

ESP / SS

- 1 Perry Jensen 62.25 (13)

ESP / MM

- 1 Levi Conklin 105.43 (32)

SSP / EX

- 1 Rob Grossheim 63.26 (9)

SSP / MM

- 1 Scott Pope 83.98 (32)
- 2 Floyd Gordanier 85.15 (8)

SSP / UN

- 1 Zack Payne 60.32 (12)
- 2 Yoshito Becker 67.71 (8)
- 3 Lee Robbins 84.87 (29)

SSR / SS

- 1 Bill Mahnke 70.49 (41)

Cowboy Action

Ten brave soles hammered the bad guys in spite of the cold. (It was 42 with sun shine when I left the house!) In order of finish:

O Bar Freddie

Long Step
Rex M Rugers
Largo Casey
High Hammer Bob
Blanco Billy Bagley
El Mulo Vaquero
Lady Long Step
Loco Lobo
Scutter

Next scheduled shoot will be March 27.

Six of us went on down to Phoenix the last week of Jan. and shot Winter Range, the SASS National Championship. I also include Bison Butt since he was a member here for some time. (The first number is place in class, second number is place overall) There were 640 cowboys and cowgirls at this roundup.

Classic Cowboy: Largo Casey 15 346
Frontier Cartridge, Duelist: Bison Butt 10 254
Traditional: Long Step 10 22
 Shaky Shane 51 319
Lady Traditional: Lady Long Step 12 427
Senior: Rex M Rugers 38 262
Elder Statesman: 7 264

The next out of town conquest is the New Mexico State Championship March 26-28, in Silver City. Long Step will be defending his title!

What a Blast

Historical results of gun control, is an interesting lesson in history.

In 1929, the Soviet Union established gun control. From 1929 to 1953, about 20 million dissidents, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

In 1911, Turkey established gun control. From 1915 to 1917, 1.5 million Armenians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

Germany established gun control in 1938 and from 1939 to 1945, 13 million Jews and others who were unable to defend themselves were rounded up and exterminated.

China established gun control in 1935. From 1948 to 1952, 20 million political dissidents, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

Guatemala established gun control in 1964. From 1964 to 1981, 100,000 Mayan Indians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

Uganda established gun control in 1970. From 1971 to 1979, 300,000 Christians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

Cambodia established gun control in 1956. From 1975 to 1977, one million 'educated' people, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

Defenseless people rounded up and exterminated in the 20th Century because of gun control: 56 million.

It has now been 12 months since gun owners in Australia were forced by new law to surrender

640,381 personal firearms to be destroyed by their own government, a program costing Australia taxpayers more than \$500 million dollars.

The first year results are now in: Australia-wide, homicides are up 3.2 percent Australia-wide, assaults are up 8.6 percent Australia-wide, armed robberies are up 44 percent

(yes, 44 percent!) In the state of Victoria alone, homicides with firearms are now up 300 percent.

(Note that while the law-abiding citizens turned them in, the criminals did not, and criminals still possess their guns!) While figures over the previous 25 years showed a steady decrease in armed robbery with firearms, this has changed drastically upward in the past 12 months, since the criminals now are guaranteed that their prey is unarmed.

There has also been a dramatic increase in break-ins and assaults of the ELDERLY. Australian politicians are at a loss to explain how public safety has decreased, after such monumental effort and expense was expended in "successfully ridding Australian society of guns."

The Australian experience and the other historical facts above prove it.

You won't see this data on the American evening news or hear our president, governors or other politicians disseminating this information.

Guns in the hands of honest citizens save lives and property and, yes, gun-control laws affect only the law-abiding citizens.

Take note my fellow Americans.....before it's too late!

The next time someone talks in favor of gun control, please remind them of this history lesson.

With guns, we are citizens. Without them, we are subjects.
Something to think about...

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.**