

**May 2004**

**Our next meeting is  
Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30**

**The Meeting** April 20<sup>th</sup>

We have 17 new members this month.

There were no minutes to approve because there were no minutes taken last month.

Shotgun Match Director Dave Brooks reported that one of the clay launchers still needs tweaking. Its timing is out of whack and has broken a lot of targets. A new machine is on its way from Intertec.

Dave asked that you vote in favor of the amendment that was proposed for the Junior Shooting League. We will need 30 junior members with NRA memberships and the more juniors the better. Copies of the proposed by-law change were available at the meeting. The final vote will be held at the May meeting.

The Thursday and Saturday leagues are still open.

Steve Brooks had the Friends of the NRA banquet tickets and started the drawing. He said that there will be 27 different guns available. (Dave Brooks wanted to know if there were any shotguns in the bunch. Steve said that there may be one or two of those darn things in there.) Steve also said that we raise more money for the NRA than any other part of the state.

Steve also announced some of the prizes for the County Fair Raffle. 1<sup>st</sup> prize will be a Ruger model 77, any caliber up to 308, stainless or blue, synthetic stock or wood. 2<sup>nd</sup> prize will be a compound bow. There will be 5 or 6 other prizes as well. Raffle tickets will not be mailed till after the fair. If you want to buy or sell some, come the meetings and pick them up. The drawing will be held at the October general meeting.

Denver DeWees reported first, the major work on the East Canyon pistol ranges has been finished and we have added 7 new ranges there. He brought a motion from the board that \$2500 be spent on gravel and road improvements to "finish the job". This will go toward a culvert in the road and for mud control. Second, the 20x40 building purchased from the defunct trap club will be moved, anchored, and used for storage for now. It will later be moved and put in a permanent location and on a permanent foundation. Orvill Web has volunteered to move it for us. He has also picked up the tab on the permits and fuel costs. THANK YOU!!!

Third, we are trying to stay ahead of the EPA on lead containment in our new shooting areas. We will need 2 coffer dams and catch basins built in the canyon for lead containment and recovery. It will take 2.5 days to do the dozer work. Since we are already shooting lead in that direction the board passed an emergency motion that \$2500 be spent to do the work as soon as possible.

Adobe Builders will be contacted for their earliest dates. We want these in before the "monsoon" season. Bids will be requested for the coffer damn liners.

A member asked what our financial status was before we vote on more expenditure.

Don Varenhorst gave the Treasurers report. He gave a detailed report that amounted to:

Income since 1-1-04 \$19,862 (This included over \$12,500 from the gun show.)  
Out-go since 1-1-04 & 6,396 (This included range improvements that have been approved)

Current balance is \$41,281 in checking plus \$24,000 in CDs. We are solvent. The EPA has given no timeline but we are trying to get ahead of the game before we get shut down.

Dave Brooks, Wayland Moore, and Jack Reid (just to name a few) have donated hundreds of hours as well as equipment to getting the shotgun range open. An Extra Thanks! goes out to Franks Rental for donations in equipment to get the ranges up and running. (If you need to rent something, please go to Franks Rental.) Dave Brooks also reminded us that there has been \$16,000 donated for the shotgun range already. We need the pistol canyon finished in order to finish the job. The motion to spend \$2500 for the gravel and culvert will be voted on at the May meeting.

The issue of toilets was raised for this year's shooting season. First of all we need one on the shotgun range, one or two down in the East Canyon, and an extra one by the clubhouse. The permanent toilets due south of the club house are usable. There is no door on the south side toilet (women's side) but the view is wonderful. The Board and Executive Range Officer are going to sort this out and the issue was tabled to the next meeting.

If you have your own thrower please come out and shoot. No one is being restricted just because the club has its own equipment. If you do shoot clays during the off hours, please launch them to the North. We have several Environmental Protection Agency issues we are trying to address in the canyons and need to restrict the lead shot from going everywhere. Also, do not shoot off the East end of the range. The new pistol ranges are right underneath that point. *Please restrict all shooting to a North direction no matter what you are shooting.*

The Youth Sports Fest has been taken on by Anna Kinney and the Gun Shows have been taken on by Skip George. Skip needs some big-time help on the gun shows. Leah Ray has withdrawn and he needs someone to take over the vendor contact and other important duties. Leah had very good reasons to withdraw and her help will be sorely missed! We have lost a very valuable member. If there is anyone who can help Skip, please call him. The gun shows will NOT be held if he can't get someone to help and that will mean a huge loss of revenue for the club. Please, someone call him and volunteer.

Denver DeWees announced that there will be a meeting May 2, at 4pm to determine the location of the permanent fixtures for the Cowboy Action props in

the new ranges. Other disciplines need to come and speak their minds. Skip George added that people should show up for the Board Meetings too.

Gino Attardi of the Sportsmen for Fish & Wildlife came to speak about the organization. Conservation is part of what they do but their #1 goal is political action for all sports men. It doesn't matter if you like to hunt deer or ducks, fish with flies or salmon eggs. The Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife are interested in making your voice heard in Santa Fe. They will be having a banquet May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Civic Center. Tickets are available from Gino, call 327-5267.

Jim Doerr has a "Vote Freedom First" bumper sticker on his car and can get more if you are interested in one.

Steve Brooks drew for the Friend of the NRA banquet tickets. And the winners were; Laveta Hawk and Buck Weisner. (I don't think they were planning to go together.)

The Wednesday night indoor hunter pistol matches ended April 1 and will start up again October 6.

## **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).

### **By-Law Change request will be on the agenda for this meeting.**

The board has asked for a bylaw change to create a Junior San Juan Wildlife Federation Club for members 18 and under. The club membership dues will be \$1 per year and junior NRA membership will be required. Club access will be limited to supervised NRA activities. The board is looking into setting up opportunities for the kids to experience the different disciplines. Please vote yes on this change. It will benefit the future of our sport as well as our club.

### **The Santa Fe Trail Rendezvous Raffles**

The Santa Fe Trail Rendezvous, June 13th through 19th at the NRA Whittington Center. Charles Phelan is helping raffle of two black powder rifles. Lancaster rifle Custom Built by Jack Garner

Specifics: Ornate Incised full stock with engraved brass furniture

Siler Flint lock

.54 Caliber

Engraved 42" barrel

58" Overall Length

Photos of this gun can be seen at: <http://cap-n-ball.com/raton/>

( Charles says that he is willing to pay \$500.00 for the rifle should anyone win the rifle but would rather have cash.)

The Santa Fe Trail Rendezvous is also doing a kids raffle.  
CVA Bobcat Rifle

Specifications: .50 Caliber

1:48" rifling twist

26" blued barrel length

42" Overall Length

Adjustable sights

6 lbs. total weight

Drawing to be held: June 19th, 2004 at the rendezvous.

Ticket prices for either raffle are:

\$2.00 each

3 for \$5.00

9 for \$14.00

Charles will have both rifles with him at the club meetings and club matches (Tuesday & Thursday evening) through early June.

### **Santa Fe Trail Rendezvous**

June 13 – 19 at Raton, NM. Early set up Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be team and individual events, quail walk, mountain man and mountain mama run, junior events, knife and hawk walk, costume contest, primitive archery matches, fire starting contest, jug contest and dessert cooking contest. For more information contact Booshway Charles Phelan at 327-2029 (yes, that's our Charles Phelan) or Segundo Robert Pluss at 520-745-6528. If you want to e-it; <http://cap-n-ball.com/raton/> or [raton@cap-n-ball.com](mailto:raton@cap-n-ball.com) The public is welcome and it's FREE.

### **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**

**JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup> THE RANGE WILL BE CLOSED FOR MAINTANCE FROM 9AM TO 5PM** (plus or minus a couple of minutes.)

Here is the last installment of the range rules:

26. All members are responsible for safe range practices. In the event of any violation you should contact the Executive Officer, any board member or any other officer.
27. Please close and lock the gate when entering and leaving. (Except when gate is to remain open for matches and meetings.)

There you have it... Everyone should now be familiar with the range rules.

## Shotgun Information

We now have 101 people shooting the first trap league and this is going to bring in a lot of new members into the club. But, I want every one to understand that the trap was not put in to dominate the club but to offer a new amenity. For those who still want to use their own throwers, they may still do so when ever the trap range is closed. I would like to ask that when you do use your own throwers, that you be sure to set it to throw to the north just like the trap houses are set. This will ensure that the shot will land on the flat across the canyon and make cleaning the shot up in the future easier.

Also, we have approval to put in a skeet field. We already have the skeet machines and now we just have to raise the money to build the skeet houses. I would like to get a couple of good carpenters to help in building the houses, so if you are interested, please contact me 334-3398 Dave Brooks

The last thing on my list is the benefit shoot June 6<sup>th</sup>. It will start at 2:00 pm and go until we are done. We now have a lighted trap range, so shooting at targets under the lights will extend our shooting times. So remember, it's for a good cause and helping the public is a good way to build the good name of our club. Please refer to the flyer in the newsletter and if you have any questions, just call me.

## 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

**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** 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...	Saturday	12 to 5
Thursday	4:30 till...	Sunday	12 to 5

## May

- 22 Cowboy Action
- 23 H.P. Rifle & 30/30 Cowboy Sil.

## June

- 5 Hunter Benchrest
- 6 S.B. Rifle & .22 Cowboy Sil.
- 12 IPSC
- 13 Cowboy Rifle/Pistol Sil
- 13 H.P. Pistol
- 19 Hunter Pistol Sil.
- 20 .22 Benchrest Sil
- 26 Cowboy Action
- 27 H.P. Rifle & 30/30 Cowboy Sil.

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

## MATCH RESULTS

Hunter Pistol Small Bore

April 17, 2004

Match winner; Chris Walker

AAA 1<sup>st</sup> Don Varenhorst

AA 1<sup>st</sup> Harvey Green

2<sup>nd</sup> Spud Green

3<sup>rd</sup> Dale Martiney

A 1<sup>st</sup> Ray Brown

2<sup>nd</sup> Fred Haskill

B 1<sup>st</sup> Jim Liapis

Hunter Pistol

April 17, 2004

Match winner; Chris Walker

AAA 1<sup>st</sup> Don Varenhorst

AA 1<sup>st</sup> Spud Green

2<sup>nd</sup> Harvey Green

3<sup>rd</sup> Jack Reid

A 1<sup>st</sup> James Green

B 1<sup>st</sup> Burl Williams

.22 Benchrest

There were 10 shooters April 18<sup>th</sup> and the wind was howling at 25 – 35 mph.

WOW

Match winner; Marco Tafoya

(Marco is from Taos and this was his first competition. Double WOW!)

Master class; Jeff Tafoya

AAA Matt Gusdorf

AA Bill Liess

### **What a Blast (or you might be a gun nut if...)**

If you go to the range just to hang out... (I think I know one of these.)

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