

September 2004

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

The Meeting August 17th 2004

There were 9 new members this month.

Treasurer Don Varenhorst gave a report on the second quarter of 2004. Thanks to a lot of donations of time, equipment and money (especially shotgun) we managed not to spend too much of our checking account.

We are still in negotiations with the BLM. Myron Crockett has taken the position of official negotiator for us.

Wayland Moore spoke sharply about the vandalism that has been taking place up here. This is your club and range! So far this year you have had \$1800 worth of damage to the buildings, toilets, tables, targets, and fences. The fences are cut routinely. People are shooting steel targets that aren't intended for their ammunition. Bench rest tables, spools, bulletin boards, trash barrels are being shot with everything from .22 to shotguns. WHY?? Watch for this kind of stuff. We rely on volunteer help. Pick up a piece of trash that is not yours. Pull a weed. There are hoes and rakes out around the clubhouse. Use one for 5 or 10 minutes. If you see anything that isn't right, be a good witness and take note of the make, model, and license plate number and tell an officer or board member. The electric gate is ruined so you have to open the gate by hand. Please leave the gate in the same position you find it in. If it is open, leave it open. If it is closed, leave it closed. If you are the last one out, close and lock the gate. Spin the tumblers so the code isn't left in view. If there are people there that you don't recognize, make sure they are members. You can ask them "Are you a member? Do you know the gate combination?" If they don't know it, take note of the cars and license numbers and call someone as soon as you can. We don't want you to confront them, just be a good witness. We have had one camera donated to us for surveillance. Wayland said that he will work on it. "Vandalism will be prosecuted."

Dave Brooks said that he needed 10-12 people to help unload a semi-truck of clay targets. There are 22 pallets and he will have a forklift and tractor to move them around. The truck is due in between 5:00 and 5:30. (It arrived a little early. Guess the driver had a hot date.) Don't forget to sign up anyone small for the NRA Youth league. It doesn't matter how small.

Skip George (our Vice-President) got married July 17th and went on vacation after that. He reported that the gun show is still on for September 25 & 26. His phone was out of order while he was gone but is working now. He will have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting for volunteers for check-in, raffle, security and door entry. Remember, if a lot of you volunteer, no-one has to pull any long shifts. You also get in free.

January may seem a long way off but we will be voting in all new officers and 2

board members. It really isn't that hard of a job and this club runs on volunteer help. If you don't volunteer, this club doesn't run.

Outdoor Range Officer Bond Kinney has moved the clean-up and maintenance day from the second Thursday of the month to the third Thursday. (That's the Thursday right after the general meeting.)

Mike Reitz spoke about the upcoming "Shoot-out at 3 Rivers" Labor Day weekend. He needs helpers and will pay "\$1 a day and found." (That means lunch.)

Concealed carry has a new twist. Mike Freestone explained that once you have qualified with a .32 caliber or larger, you can then also qualify with a .22. If you have any questions, call Mike for more details.

Bret Robinson will be giving shotgun classes here October 8 – 11. These are all day classes starting at 8 am and going till 6 pm. Cost is \$200 plus targets per day. There are some openings left on Friday and Sunday. Call Dave Brooks for more information. Just a reminder, Dave is still raffling of that Berretta shotgun and National Trap Day is October 16 & 17.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The deadline for the October newsletter is October 9th. 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 White Tables

The new white tables in the clubhouse are for indoor use only. We want to keep them as nice as possible for banquets and lunches. Thank you.

Raffle

The Raffle will be held at the October meeting. If you still need tickets, see Steve Brooks at East Main Trade. If you write your name on the back of the tickets you sell, the person who sells the most will get their dues paid for the next year. Steve promised not to participate in this race. Cost is \$2 each, 3 for \$5, and a book is \$15.

Match Directors Meeting

Executive Officer Wayland Moore is planning to have a Match Directors meeting November 15th. He wants to get all of the planned matches on the calendar so he can start scheduling in the special events that come up. Please plan on reserving that day for this meeting.

Secretary job still open!

We are **still** looking for a permanent secretary. It only requires a couple of nights a month and a couple of hours at home to write-up the meeting minutes. If you know of someone (wife, friend, girlfriend), please call Anna Kinney at 564-3651, Thank you.

Sports Fest

By the time the Sports Fest started, I was stressing. We had 170 kids signed up to come the Fest. We had 82 actually register that day. The kids had a great time, the older ones and the young ones.

I would like to thank Bloomfield Pawn for the gift of two youth model .22 rifles. I know there were a lot of kids that enjoyed shooting with a rifle that fit them. I would also like to thank East Main Trade in Farmington, North West Pawn in Bloomfield, and Burlington Resources for their generous donations. The New Mexico Shooting Sports Association, through the generosity of Absolute Shooting Sports in Albuquerque donated 100 pair of shooting glasses. NMSSA was very helpful in arranging the glasses. I didn't know where I was going to round up that many pairs of glasses!

The Department of Game and Fish in Albuquerque sent two ladies to our event. Mary is a naturalist studying with the department. She brought some track casts she made and used our local Game and Fish animal ID boxes. Jennifer brought the Laser Game Trail and the kids had a blast trying it. The cheers and clapping really made me smile.

I would especially like to thank all of the volunteers. They are the ones who really made this happen. With out them I never could have pulled this off!
Thank You Very Much!

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. NMSSA is affiliated with the NRA and is a New Mexico based organization supporting and working for the gun owners of our state. NMSSA protects our constitutional firearms rights, promotes marksmanship and all shooting sports, promotes the conservation and wise use of New Mexico wildlife resources, and strives to create public sentiment supporting the individual possession of firearms by law-abiding citizens. NMSSA is the voice and organization for those New Mexico shooters without a local club. This becomes more important as shooting ranges are forced to close. (hint, hint) In other words, this is a pretty good organization to join. They have already helped up with the Youth Sports Fest and they're not that expensive to join. 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.

From the Outdoor Range Officer

The range will be closed for maintenance September 23.

Shotgun Information

Dear Members

Well by the time you are reading this the summer league will be over with and it will be time to start the fall league. The fall league will start on the 27th of Sept. and will run for 8 weeks. Remember you can shoot on Monday evening, Thursday evening, or on Saturday at 11:00 am till we are done. The range will be open at 8:00 am till 11:00 am on Saturday for open practice then we start league shooting. There will be no league shooting on Sunday or before 11:00 am on Saturday. So if you have not tried this shooting Sport as of yet then you might want to try. If you are a football fan and don't want to miss Monday night football get your team to shoot early on that evening and you can still be home before 8:00 pm when the game starts.

In October, we have a couple of important events happening, on the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th we have a trap shooting class being held for any one who would like to sign up. The class will cost \$200.00 for the day plus your targets. You will shoot approximately 30 rounds of trap. Friday and Saturday are already taken, Sunday has 2 openings and all of Monday is open. There is only space for 5 people a day to take the class.

The other important event will be our Registered Trap shoot for National trap shooting weekend. The club that signs up the most new shooters or gets the most renewals signed up will win a pallet of targets, plus the shooters that sign up for registered trap shooting will have their name put in a drawing for a Remington 1100 trap gun. And if you come and shoot the registered shoot on that Saturday or Sunday your name goes in for a second time for the gun. The last thing I would like to ask is, if there are any club members that owns a dump truck and would haul gravel for the club for the gas it takes would you please call me at 334-3398 or 947-1101, as it would insure us getting more for the money we have to spend to get the range looking its very best.

Thank You

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, September 21st at 7:30 pm.**

RANGE SCHEDULE

IPSC match schedule is as follows; Saturday October 9th, November 6th, and 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...

Thursday 4:30 till...

Saturday 8:00 – 12:00 Practice Only

Sunday noon till.....

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

September

18 Hunter Pistol Silhouette

19 .22 Benchrest Silhouette

25 Cowboy Action

26 H.P. Rifle & 30/30 Cowboy Silhouette

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

MATCH RESULTS

Bench Rest

The San Juan Benchrest team shot for the national championship again this year. They held their final match on September 11.

Lynn Wood	250	18x
Myron Crockett	250	16x
Jamie Wood	250	12x
Grady Hampton	250	12x
Jim Vandenberg	249	14x
Team Score	1249	72x

Hunter Pistol

Match was held August 21st with 9 shooters.

Match Winner: Chris Walker

AAA Don Varenhorst
AA 1st Billy Valencia
2nd John Green

Small Bore Hunter Pistol

Match was held August 21st with 11 shooters.

Match Winner: Chris Walker

AAA Don Varenhorst
AA 1st Billy Valencia
2nd John Green
A Ruth Shields

.22 Benchrest

Match took place June 20th.

Match Winner: Gill Tafoya 45

Gill was a first time shooter from Taos

Master Class:

1. Myron Crockett 45
2. Jeff Tafoya 39
3. Chip Snapp 35

AAA

1. Marcos Tafoya 45
Marcos is also from Taos
2. Bob Jackson 44
3. Matt Gusdorf 42

AA Frank Ortiz 35

A Jim King 20

July 18th match had only 6 shooters.

Match Winner: Jeff Tafoya 45

Master Class: Jeff Tafoya 45

AA

1. Marcos Tafoya 43
2. Bob Jackson 42
3. Fred Haskill 39

August 19th match scores were as follows.

Match Winner: Marcos Tafoya 44

Master Class

1. Marcos Tafoya 44
2. Jeff Tafoya 41

AAA Had a three way tie.

1. John Leonard 43
2. Matt Gusdorf 43

3. Bob Jackson 43

AA

1. Frank Ortiz 41

2. Jim King 32

There will be one more match this season on September 19. Come out and shoot one more time.

IDPA

Name Final Score (TPD)

CDP / MA

1 Glenn Shelby 42.49 (6)

CDP / EX

1 Larry Johnson 51.84 (4)

CDP / SS

1 Michael Henderson 68.47 (21)

2 Tom Maddox 71.35 (9)

3 Bill Mahnke 75.35 (45)

CDP / MM

1 Melvin Yancey 61.81 (11)

2 Bill Dutton 62.34 (10)

3 Levi Conklin 80.46 (12)

CDP / UN

1 Brian Hilgers 65.13 (4)

ESP / SS

1 Perry Jensen 62.13 (12)

SSP / SS

1 Yoshito Becker 67.75 (16)

2 Mason Henderson 71.67 (21)

SSP / MM

1 Lee Robbins 74.29 (14)

2 Al Sundstrom 87.28 (36)

3 Gary Wood 92.11 (20)

SSP / UN

1 Abigail Allen 114.07 (36)

SSR / SS

1 Dave Mc Call 74.87 (10)

Cowboy Action

August 21 monthly shoot. 19 shooters. First 5:

1. Long Step Traditional

2. Crosscreek 49er

3. Ruff Cobb Senior Duelist

4. O Bar Freddie Elder Statesman

5. Blanco Billy Bagley Senior

The big story is the "2nd Annual Shootout at Three Rivers" Sept. 3-5. We had 70 cowboys and cowgirls defending the Gulch. Friday was hot, dry and a little breezy for the pot shoots and side matches. Side match winners were Blanco Billy Bagley (Leon Suydam) taking both Long Range Rifle, Single Shot and Lever Action Long Range Rifle, Pistol Caliber. High Hammer Bob (Bob Calkins) using Leon's rifle took the Lever Action Long Range Rifle, Rifle Caliber. Friday it rained enough to settle the dust for Saturday, which was a little cool and cloudy. We managed to finish the five stages by noon when the heavens decided we had been too dry too long and dumped a bunch of rain on us. It did stop raining for the banquet, attended by 118 hungry cowboys, cowgirls and guest. Many were wearing their finest for the costume contest. Sunday morning dawned clear, cool and a little bit wet. The road into the canyon was very good due to all the gravel that had been put down. The little bit of wet road on the last turn dried in an hour after sunup. We finished the second five stages by lunch time and after lunch the man on man/woman on woman match was conducted. By the time the winner emerged, the scores were tallied and we had the awards ceremony. Overall winner and 1st Traditional was our own Long Step (Gary Bacon). Other category winners were:

49er	Crosscreek
Classic Cowboy	Largo Casey
Duelist	Grizzly Adams
Elder Statesman	O Bar Freddie
Frontiersman	Marshall Cotton
Frontier Cartridge	Two Lazy Two
Gunfighter	Awfull Ernie
Ladies 49er	Wicked Felina
Ladies Classic Cowgirl	Durango Jules
Ladies Duelist	Seattle Sue
Senior Ladies	Senora San Juan
Ladies Traditional	Holy Terror, also, overall high lady
Senior	Evil Roy
Senior Duelist	More or Les

We had more than a dozen RVs parked across from the Club House plus two vendors. We received many, many compliments on our range and stage setup. A good time was had by all.

Note that this month and hereafter, we will be holding our monthly shoots on the 4th Sunday instead of the 4th Saturday. On the 4th Saturday, we will be having a long range match on the long range silhouette range. This month both matches will start at 9 am. Any questions call Mike Reitz at 325-2167.

Swap Shop

Two videos: "Combat Ready" Self-defense shooting practice drills with Ken Hackathorn & Bill Wilson and "Turnipseed Technique" Demonstration of recoil control & hip shooting.

Both as new for fifty bucks. 402-1369

EDITORIAL

Who is responsible for the San Juan Wildlife Federation? It's not the board, or the officers, it's you, the members. Yes, the board and officers are members too, but you are the one responsible for your actions. We have safety rule to keep this range and it's members healthy. Alcohol is not allowed so shooters will keep their wits about them. But we have found liquor on the range. Make sure you know what's behind your shot. Is it reasonable to assume that a plywood bulletin board will stop your bullet from going west? Do you want vandalism to ruin your range? I'm sure if you are reading this newsletter then I am preaching to the choir, but we need your help and input to secure and maintain a safe shooting place.

Internet Web Site: www.sjwf.org

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