

**SJWF CLUB CALENDAR**

Jan 15—Indoor .22 Bullseye/Silho. 7 P.M.

Jan 17—4-H and Trap/Skeet 12 P.M.

**Jan 20—SJWF General Meeting 7:30 pm**

Jan 22—Indoor .22 Bullseye/Silho.7 P.M.

Jan 24— Cowboy Long Range 10A.M.  
Trap/Skeet 12 Noon

Jan 25—Cowboy Action 10A.M.

Jan 29—Indoor .22 Bullseye/Silho.7 P.M.

Jan 31—Trap/Skeet 12 Noon

Feb 01—SJWF Board Meeting 7PM (all welcome)

Feb 05—Indoor .22 Bullseye/Silho. 7 P.M.

Feb 06—Gun Show

Feb 07—4-H and Trap/Skeet 12 Noon/Gun Show

Feb 08—Gun Show

Feb 12—Indoor .22 Bullseye/Silho. 7.P.M.

Feb 15—4-H and Trap/Skeet 12 Noon

Contact Wayland Moore (326-0773) for 2009  
Calendar items**Weekly Indoor .22 Bullseye/Silhouette**Thursday Nights at 7:00 PM  
.22 pistols and/or rifles—\$5.00 fee  
— Charles Phelan 327-2029**TRAP & SKEET**

Winter hours for the Shotgun range is Saturdays 12 Noon. (weather permitting)

**Spring League Starts March 8, 2009**

The SJWF shotgun range is available for Church outings, Company picnics or company sponsored team building events. For more info contact Bill at 330-9894

**Alvin Jack** sent the following images: Something that could happen to you?

A bore sight is a great tool with which to start the sighting-in process on brand-new \$1200 hunting rifle ... Providing you don't forget to remove it from the bore... when you chamber a live round! The shooter got a ride in an ambulance and appeared to have lost an eye. (not local)

**OUR PLEDGE****"I Pledge to Protect and Conserve the Natural Resources of America.****I Promise to Educate Future Generations so They May Become Caretakers of Our Water, Air, Land, and Wildlife."**

## COWBOY ACTION

Winter hours. Set up at 9 and shoot at 10 for both the Sat. Long Range and Sunday stage matches. —Michael Reitz

## IPSC

IPSC's first event for 2009 is on March 14. Details in the February News letter

## NEW MEXICO SHOOTING SPORTS ASSOCIATION

NMSSA is going to implement a one year free membership to any new members who fill out a membership application. The condition for this membership are the following: 1) This membership does not retain any voting rights granted a regular member. 2) this membership is only good for one year, and hopefully when the one year is up the member will join the NMSSA as a regular member. 3) the free membership member can not hold office. 4) the free member can not have been a member of the NMSSA within the past 5 years.

Free members do get email newsletters and alerts, get to attend shoots and events as members, and participate in NMSSA sponsored state championships...and renew NRA @ member discounts. Download application forms at [www.nmssa.org](http://www.nmssa.org)

## RELOAD SERVICE RIFLES?

Who hasn't noticed or participated in the recent run on semi-automatic service rifles since the Democrats won the White House! Now one can't even find spare magazines anywhere for them! The ammo is even drying up. The obvious result is, many more shooters are looking into reloading ammo for their new AR-15's, or M1-A's, or AR-10's.

Those who think reloading for semi-automatic gas-operated service rifles is the same as (and as safe as) reloading for their bolt-action hunting rifle need to read the article at:

[www.fulton-armory.com/reloadingthoughts.htm](http://www.fulton-armory.com/reloadingthoughts.htm)

Read it? Now that you're on the nervous side, it isn't quite that dreary, or dangerous if you do your part and get a little additional education. The latest Sierra Reloading manual has a whole chapter named, "Reloading for Semi-Autos and Service Rifles." That's required reading for those who wish to lessen the risks. Don't own the manual? You can find and PRINT that chapter word for word at:

[www.exteriorballistics.com/reloadbasics/gasgunreload.cfm](http://www.exteriorballistics.com/reloadbasics/gasgunreload.cfm)

Summarizing, slam fires are possible with some thin-walled commercial primers...especially primers that are seated high. Some slam fires just scare the hell out of you, when they go off before you're ready. But if it goes off "**out of battery**", where the bolt is not fully closed, the result is a destroyed rifle and possible injury or death for you. Such can happen if service rifle actions, made to slam home hard, are "babied" into battery, by well meaning shooters attempting to "ride" the bolt home! Don't do it. Let the bolt slam home with its full force, stripping the round from the magazine and chambering it in one swift motion. Also don't chamber a round with your fingers and then close the bolt. The bolt may not close completely then either. Service rifles are designed to load only from a magazine.

Powder, bullet, brass, and primer selection is more critical. In normal reloading we are concerned about chamber pressure. Ditto in gas-operated rifles, but the port pressure that works the semi-auto action is just as important. That means powder burn-rate is critical, and a load with a slow powder that might work well for a bolt action 308 for example, could damage an M1-A or AR-10, by slamming the action way more violently than designed.

Preparing cases, priming, and seating bullet are all more critical. Cases need to be trimmed every time, never neck size, CCI military-spec primers need to be seated a minimum .003" below the case head, a chamber-type headspace gage and length gage should be used because a bullet touching the rifling in the chamber can destroy a semi-auto.

Do read and study the whole Sierra article. If you buy the tools and gages necessary, learn to focus and be organized on the bench, and don't get sloppy, careless, or distracted, you can load service rifles safely.—Greg

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**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS — Complete, Clip and include with check**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

NRA Member  Yes  No Expires \_\_\_\_\_ For NRA Members dues are 1/2 amounts below

(Check one membership type) under 65:  individual /  family = \$110  Life member =

**To JOIN or renew NRA membership.....See LaVeta Hawk at the General Meeting**

**NEWSLETTER CONTENT**

Submit all newsletter content before the newsletter deadline. (The Saturday following the first Monday of the month.) Email: [gstrad@msn.com](mailto:gstrad@msn.com) or call Greg Stradling @327-2816 or 320-1638 after 5:00pm or weekends.

**EMAILS FOR NEWSLETTER**

I Have to be concerned about computer viruses like everybody else. So PLEASE include "SJWF" in your Email Title. If I can't figure out who is emailing me I don't usually open the message. The magic word is "SJWF"

For **LOST AND FOUND** items please contact Bond Kinney 564-3651.

If any of you know of other members of the SJWF who are not getting their Newsletter, please give them LaVeta Hawk's cell phone number, 402-6415, so that they may verify that their mailing address is correct and dues are up to date.

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

Please send news, email, articles and information for the SJWF Web Site to [webmaster@sjwf.org](mailto:webmaster@sjwf.org).

**The shooting range** is closed for cleaning and maintenance, 9am to 3pm Thursday after each month's general meeting (3rd Tuesday of each month). *Volunteers are appreciated!*

**NEWS AND NOTICES**

**JANUARY 20 ELECTIONS!**

In January all Club Officer positions will be up for election. Incumbents will run again for all offices except the Outdoor Range Officer and Chief Instructor. In addition this year two Board of Directors are up for election with one of the incumbents, Bill Thompson running for reelection. Frank Blackmer will not be running for his position. The Club Officers serve for two years and the Board Members for three years. The Board sets the direction of the club and approve expenditures while the Officers implement the Boards decisions and are responsible for the day to day running of the club.

If you have a desire to help with the running of the club or you would like to see a new direction for the club, here is your chance to get involved instead of just griping. Come and be apart of the solution and not more of the problem.

Mike Freestone-President

**FEBRUARY GUN SHOW**

February 6th, 7th, and 8th at the Civic Center. Volunteers are needed! Call or President Mike Freestone will be calling YOU!

**CLUB MEETING DEMOS**

President Freestone has requested leaders of the various shooting activities and disciplines to volunteer and schedule demonstrations for club members as a feature of some of our monthly club meetings. It could include displays, videos, slides, and handouts. We have a video projector available for that use if needed. This is the best way to swell the ranks of those who participate in your activities and contests. Contact Mike Freestone to schedule.

**"Range Closed"** signs, are for the SAFETY OF WORKERS, when range areas are closed (the signs are up) **NO ONE** is allowed to shoot firearms... period! Ignore the rules...lose your membership!



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*Ads will run for 3 months unless extended.*

*Extend anytime by phone or email. Email me at*

*[gstrad@msn.com](mailto:gstrad@msn.com) or call 325-2816. -Greg Stradling*

**For Sale:** Winchester single action 410 shotgun single shot -\$150 Well used Terra Anderson 505-326-2654 Fax 505-326-0320 Cell 505 801-1781

### **Rifle for sell:**

Winchester 1886 lever action rifle, caliber 40-65, with 30-inch barrel, includes vernier sight-Soule tange sight from Montana Vintage Arms. \$3200.00 Call Elliott Jones (970) 946-8043

### **For Sale:**

High Standard 22 LR Sport King, Model 103, 4.5" Barrel, Blue, Wood Grips, 10 Shot, 96%, \$275.00  
Call Ted Coleman (505)327-1383

### **Want to Buy:**

S&W Model 34-1 .22 cal.  
S&W Model 66 or 67 in .357 Magnum.  
Call Val Linnean (505)334-3738

### **For Sale:**

Winchester Model 94 XTR big bore, .375 Win, (rare cal.) 20" barrel, 6 shot, 98% \$750.00  
Call Ted Coleman (505)327-1383

**For Sale:** Ponseness/Warren size-o-matic 900 12ga reloader .Extra shot bushings and powder bushings. \$500.00 John 505-3348687.

### **Who to Contact at SJWF for 2008**

President:	Mike Freestone	325-5355
Vice President:	Jim Liapis	632-9726
Secretary:	Christine Maestas	320-9452
Treasurer:	Don Varenhorst	326-3675
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Indoor Range Officer:	Charles Phelan	327-2029
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	or	320-1638
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