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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The New Mexico Shooting Sports Association (NMSSA) Annual Meeting was held on January 24, 2004 on the New Mexico Tech Campus, and hosted by the Socorro Gun Club. If my figures are right, this was the 69th NMSSA annual meeting.

The day was filled with a variety of speakers starting with a slide projection of African and Australia Safari Hunts presented by Don and Nate Wenner. Tara Reilly-Mica (NRA/ILA) covered the New Mexico Supreme Court hearing and the decision of the Justices which stated, "Not being persuaded By Petitioner's argument, we hold that the Concealed Handgun Carry Act does not violate Article II, Section 6 of the New Mexico Constitution. Therefore, the petition for writ of mandamus is denied." Tara also mentioned that we would address some of the concerns in the current law in the next 60-day legislative session.

Other major speakers included Darren White, Bernalillo County Sheriff, Robert B. Goode, NRA Foundation Field Representative for Friends of NRA Dinners & Auctions, and R.C. Brown, Department of Public Safety. They all provided us with some good information and answered numerous questions. Tony Trennel, who is our executive officer for muzzle-loading, covered the basic information on how to get started and enjoy black powder shooting. Tony is a muzzle-loading instructor for the New Mexico Big Horn Gun Club (www.nmbhgc.org).

Our luncheon speaker was Representative Don Tripp who took the time

away from the legislative session to be with us. Don Tripp is a Republican from Socorro and represents District 49, which includes Catron, Socorro and Valencia Counties. He is also a graduate of New Mexico Tech.

In 2003, we had mini board meetings & fun shoots in Roswell, Los Alamos and Las Cruces. We had rifle, pistol, shotgun and machine gun events and we would like to do the same thing in 2004. I spoke with Bill Rodolph and John Van Marter at the Annual Meeting and we decided to have our first meeting and fun shoot at the Capitan High Power Shooting Club range. The weekend will be May 1st & 2nd and the shooting will be on Sunday morning, May 2nd. There are motels and places to eat in Capitan for those who want to arrive Saturday afternoon. We will be shooting at 600 to 1000 yards, so bring your high power rifles. The club will also have some rifles that we can use. If you have questions, contact Gerald King in Roswell at (505) 622-0507 or jgking@dfn.com.

If other New Mexico clubs would like to host a mini Board Meeting and fun shoot, call or e-mail one of the executive officers listed in the New Mexico Shooting News. You could pick dates in July, September or November (after elections). NMSSA has some grant money that would cover expenses at these events.

Charlie Weisleder
President, NMSSA




Don Tripp



Darren White

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NMSSA Person of the Year

Each year, the NMSSA President gets to recognize an outstanding individual(s) that has contributed time and effort to enhance the Shooting Sports Association. This is not an easy thing to do, because so many NMSSA members put a lot of their time, effort and money to make things happen

and keep NMSSA moving forward.

This year, 2004, I have chosen Carleton Talbot, Executive Officer for Pistol, as the outstanding person of the year. Carleton was recognized at the Annual Meeting in Socorro and received a gift certificate from Barnes & Noble Booksellers.



Carleton Talbot
NMSSA Person of the year

NMSSA ASSETS

In the past few months, NMSSA has gained some new assets that are available for all NMSSA members to use.

- Two Buck – Daisy BB guns
- Two Red Ryder – Daisy BB guns
- Two Crosman – 760B Air Rifles

The six listed above were purchased from grant money to be used at an event at Calibers Indoor Shooting Range.

Second Annual Victorio's Run

The Gila Rangers, Cowboy Action Club, Silver City, New Mexico is hosting the Second Annual Victorio's Run, SASS New Mexico State Championship of Cowboy Action Shooting. Victorio's Run will be from March 26th through March 28th, 2004. The public is invited to come; admission is FREE for all spectators. It is expected that about 100 shooters will attend this three day event. For complete information please visit our website at <http://www.LDCollett.com/gilarangers>

If you have any more questions you can reach me at the number below.

Thanks.

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<http://www.LDCollett.com/gilarangers>

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<http://www.unofficialsilvercity.com>

A CALL TO ARMS By Paul C. Lisle

CONCEALED CARRY WHERE TO GO AND WHAT TO DO

The first step in obtaining a concealed carry license is to pick up the packet titled "New Mexico Concealed Handgun Carry Act of 2003" from either the Dept. of Public Safety (DPS) or most State Police offices. All of this information, including both the law and the DPS rules can be downloaded from www.dps.nm.org.

The fingerprint cards cannot be downloaded and that is why it is necessary to obtain the packet. Included in this packet are the application, fingerprint cards (2 each) and two release forms. The release forms give DPS the right to obtain medical information and any other information including felonies and misdemeanors.

The application and release forms require notarization. Also required are a certified copy (provided by the state of birth) of your birth certificate and a copy of your NM Drivers License. Passports are not acceptable in lieu of a birth certificate. You do not need to provide a picture, as the DPS will use the picture that is on your NM Driver's License. You must go through 15 hours of training. As I write this there are 68 approved instructors in NM.

A list of approved instructors and their phone numbers can be downloaded from www.dps.nm.org/did/concealed_instructors.htm. Instructor cost and rules differ. Some instructors allow only factor ammunition, some charge for additional handguns, some require drawing a loaded handgun from the holster during training, etc. When you contract with an instructor, the instructor should provide you with his cost, his rules, a list of what to bring to the training and directions to the classroom and range where the training will be conducted.

If you are qualifying with a revolver, having 5 speed loaders loaded with 5 rounds each will help both you and the instructor. The same applies for semiautomatics, i.e. having two magazines loaded with 10 rounds and one magazine loaded with five rounds (or five magazines loaded with 5 rounds each) will make life easier on the range.

Upon completion of training the instructor will provide you with a certificate of training that needs to be included in your submission to DPS. DPS instructions for submission of the application need to be exactly followed or the application will be returned as incomplete. This includes paying the \$100.00 to DPS with certified (cashier's check, money order, etc.) funds. An added note for those that want to carry a small caliber handgun is that when you qualify with a 32 or larger handgun, you can also qualify with a smaller handgun, i.e., 22, 22 Mag, 25 etc., and the smaller caliber gun will be listed on your concealed carry license. After correctly submitting your application to DPS, it is taking about 4 weeks to receive the license.

As with any paper work submitted to a government agency, it is highly recommended that you make and keep a copy of your application. If after you obtain your Concealed Carry License, you acquire a handgun that is of a different type/caliber than the one on your license, you can qualify with the new gun and pay DPS a \$5.00 fee to have it added to your license. An additional benefit to Concealed Carry Licensees is that no background check is required when purchasing a handgun. However, the ATF 4473 form must still be filled out.

Good luck and safe shooting.

GUN LOCK GIVEAWAY by Paul Rockhold

The New Mexico Department of Health is sponsoring a cable gun lock giveaway March 6th thru the 13th through the National Shooting Sports Association. This is a manufacturers' group funded by the firearms manufacturers and the NRA.



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SHOOTING RANGES IN NEW MEXICO

We are putting together a list of known Gun Clubs and Shooting Ranges throughout the State. What follows is probably not a complete list, and we request that if your club is not listed, please get back to us with your club information. We would also like to know what type of shooting events your club has.

Zia Rifle & Pistol Club

P.O. Box 9131
Albuquerque, NM 87119-9131
President
www.ziarifleandpistolclub.com

Roswell Gun Club

P.O. Box 1482
Roswell, NM 88202
Scotty Davis (505) 622-2498
Ernie Edmonston (505) 622-3328

NRA Whittington Center

P.O. Box 700
Raton, NM 87740
Robert "Chief" Roberts
(505) 445-3615

Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club

P.O. Box 953
Los Alamos, NM 87544
President, Gail Bennet
www.sulphercanyon.com/lasc/

San Juan Wildlife Federation

P.O. Box 1411
Farmington, NM 87499
President, Mike Freestone
www.sjwf.org

Socorro Gun Club

316 Mt. Carmel St.
Socorro, NM 87801
President, Cletus Scharle

Picacho Gun Club

Butterfield Trail Shooting Range
Club President, Cindy Pollock
Cpollo3@attglobal.net

Del Norte Gun Club

P.O. Box 15322
Rio Rancho, NM 87174
President, Tony Ross
www.delnortegunclub.com

Sandia Gun Club

P.O. Box 91691-Academy Station
Albuquerque, NM 87199-1691
President, Tom Bauer

Carlsbad Sportsman's Club

P.O. Box 1603
Carlsbad, NM 88221-1603
Ann Rayoux, Sec/Treas
(505) 877-1472

Alamogordo Gun Club

343 Eagle Ave.
Alamogordo, NM 88310
President, Butch Rials
(505) 437-3663

New Mexico Big Horn Gun Club

P.O. Box 1956
Tijeras, NM 87059
President, Ed Dresner
(505) 269-6986
www.nmbhgc.org

Seven Rivers Regulators

Carlsbad, NM
Scott Cassingham
(505) 236-1080

Hobbs Gun Club

P.O. Box 2295
Hobbs, NM 88240
David Stanfield—Sec.
(505) 392-4083

Capitan High Power Shooting Club

3443 Turquoise
Roswell, NM 88201
(505) 622-0507
jfkking@dfn.com

Silver City Range

Gila Rangers

P.O. Box 663
Silver City, NM 88062
President, Chico Cheech
[Http://www.Ldcollett.com/gilarangers](http://www.Ldcollett.com/gilarangers)

Most clubs conduct Action Pistol, Cowboy Action, IPSC Action Pistol and High Power Rifle. We should hold state-wide matches in these disciplines. All we need is three or four volunteers and a lot of supporting help. Grant money might be available.

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HUNTING – CONSERVATION - AND OTHER STUFF

by **Dave Bernd**

Although the present legislative session was a “short” one, a lot has been happening. There was a legislative attempt to change the definition and rules regarding “Criminal Trespass.” The changes would have been detrimental not only to sportsmen, but to anyone who likes to hike. It appears that this effort either was defeated or simply died for lack of support.

When the ATV legislation was proposed, ardent gun haters tried to restrict ATV users from carrying a loaded firearm on the ATV. Thanks to NRA (Tera Mica – Tom Arvas) and others, these provisions were defeated [with the anti-gunners and anti-hunters, we can NEVER relax]. There was a revealing comment from an anti-hunting group overheard in Santa Fe.

This group is presently opposing cock fighting. Sounds reasonable?? The comment was “once we’ve defeated cock fighting, we’ll go after the bow hunters.” Doesn’t sound reasonable to me!!

Anti-hunting groups are actively attacking hunting in Maine, New Jersey, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Alaska and other places. Note: some of these are BIG hunting states. It can, and is, happening here. In 2002, the top six anti-hunting organizations had a cumulative program budget of over \$120 million; a fair share of which goes against hunting interests. And to combat this, the typical hunter sits on his tail and says nothing. A prominent and powerful NM legislator was told that he has about 20 thousand hunters in his district. He replied that he didn’t care because he NEVER hears from them.

Please make sure your state senator and state rep-

resentative know how you feel about hunting. The squeaky wheel...etc!! Remind them that more than a quarter million sportsmen spend over \$460 million in NM each year. This supports over 8 thousand jobs and more than \$30 million in Tax revenue.

In the conservation/environmental area: El Paso Natural Gas Co, wants to drill like mad for methane gas on the Valle Vidal. The waste by-products will virtually destroy the pristine ecological beauty and value, and the polluting plus the commotion can not fail to run off the excellent wild game herds. Call your legislator; call the governor. El Paso Co. is big, rich and powerful. They can not be stopped by wishes and casual interest. I am not an environmental purist and we do need energy sources. But there are good ways and bad ways to develop these, and I believe El Paso is not noted for the good ways. If I’m wrong, please enlighten me.

There are other significant events and changes pending. I should soon be able to ascertain what is fact and what is unfounded rumor. I will use the net if anything urgent arises.

It has become obvious that we sportsmen and we conservationists (NOT prohibitors) need to be better organized and better represented before the state government and legislature. Such things have been tried before (with occasional short-term success) but things are changing in ways that promise significant improvement in this area. More on this as it develops. Remember, gun ownership, shooting and hunting will be our rights only so long as we actively work to keep them.

UP-COMING GUN SHOWS

MARCH:

20-21, 2004

Alamogordo Civic Center

Contact Tom Moore (505) 437-7116

20-21, 2004

Santa Clara National Guard

Armory

Contact Don Darnell (505) 544-4937

27-28, 2004

Artesia Fairgrounds

Contact Robert (505) 746-3309

APRIL:

3-4, 2004

El Paso Texas Shrine Temple

Contact Dwayne Wheeler (915) 598-0935

10-11, 2004

T or C Fairgrounds

Contact Stacy Hodges (505) 439-9738

17-18, 2004

Alamogordo Fairgrounds

Contact Tom Moore (505) 437-7116

24-25, 2004

Demming Lulac Hall

Contact Stacy Hodges (505) 439-9738

MAY:

1-2, 2004

Albuquerque Fairgrounds

Contact Susan Franks (512) 360-3571

1-2, 2004

El Paso Texas Shrine Temple

Contact Jack Thompson (915) 751-1919

29-30, 2004

Ruidoso Convention Center

Contact Stacy Hodges (505) 439-9738

Become an NRA Certified Instructor in 2003!

NMSSA is pleased to announce a new Education and Training program for 2004. The Association has received a grant from the NRA Foundation to defray the expense to individuals who want to become NRA Certified Instructors in rifle, pistol, shotgun, personal protection, home firearms safety or range safety officer.

The grant will cover at least 50% of the current cost and in some cases may cover 100%. The percentage to be covered will be determined by the number of people in the class, expense such as classroom rental, and the distance the Trainer will have to travel. Persons working with junior shooters will be funded 100%. Coralie Carrier, an NRA Training Counselor, will coordinate the workshops for individuals and clubs. To participate, please contact Coralie at 505-382-9087 or by e-mail at safe@zianet.com.

"This will be a unique opportunity to expand the number of Certified Instructors across the state," said Robert Goode, NRA Field Representative, "and good instructors will help keep all our programs alive, from the Youth Hunter Education Challenge to the Becoming an Outdoors Woman workshops. Give Coralie a call soon because we expect the slots to be filled up quickly."

SILHOUETTE SHOOTING by Ed Pfeiffer

SMALLBORE RIFLE SILHOUETTE

Roswell Gun Club 4th Sat
Ernie Edmonston 622-3328
San Juan Wildlife Fed. 4th Sun
Doug Hutson 632-2576
Farmington
NRAWC - Raton 4th Sun
Robbie Roberts 445-3615

HIGH POWER RIFLE SILHOUETTE

Roswell Gun Club 2nd Sat
Ed Yurkovich 627-8456
San Juan Wildlife Fed. 4th Sun
Burl William 598-8654
Farmington
NRAWC - Raton 4th Sun
Robbie Roberts 445-3615

HUNTER PISTOL SILHOUETTE

Roswell Gun Club 1st Sun
Walt Kessler 624-0079
San Juan Wildlife Fed. 3rd Sat
Frank Blackmer 598-1661
Farmington
NRAWC - Raton 3rd Sun
Robbie Roberts 445-3615

COWBOY RIFLE SILHOUETTE

Roswell Gun Club 3rd Sun
Roy Vargas 622-9387
San Juan Wildlife Fed. 4th Sun
Burl William 598-8654
Farmington

COWBOY RIFLE / PISTOL SILHOUETTE

San Juan Wildlife Fed. 2nd Sun
Tom Maddox 325-2889
Farmington

BPCR SILHOUETTE

Roswell Gun Club 2nd Sat
Scotty Davis 622-2498
NRAWC - Raton 2nd Sat
Robbie Roberts 445-3615

.22 BENCHREST SILHOUETTE

San Juan Wildlife Fed. 3rd Sun
Wayland Moore 326-0773

LOW POWER SILHOUETTE

Roswell Gun Club 1st Sat
Scotty Davis 622-2498

NATIONAL SILHOUETTES 2004

SCHEDUAL

Smallbore Rifle July 11-13
Raton, NM

High Power Rifle July 15-17
Raton, NM

Hunter Pistol/Smallbore Hunter
Pistol July 25-28
Raton, NM

Black Powder Cartridge
Rifle-Scope July 31-Aug 1
Raton, NM

Black Powder Cartridge Rifle
Aug 2-5
Raton, NM

Cowboy Rifle
Aug 6-8
Raton, NM

If you did not shoot the 2003 National matches, contact the NRA Competitive Shooting at (703) 267-1450, ask for the Silhouette Division and request entry/programs for the discipline you want to shoot in.

Are there any more clubs that would like their silhouette match dates in the NMSSA Newsletter? Send your program or the following information.

1. The type of silhouette discipline shooting.
2. Club sponsoring the shoot.

3. Location and dates.

4. Contact person with phone number or address.
Send your program or the information above to, Ed Pfeiffer, Silhouette Director, 14 North Mesa Loop, Raton, NM 87740. My email address is nmironturnkey@zianet.com

I'm also interested if there is any New Mexico club that would like to sponsor any "State Silhouette Championship Match in 2004" either at your range or at the NRA Whittington Center? I will work with any club that would like to hold one.

CLUB COMPETITION FOR NMSSA MEMBERSHIP

The New Mexico Shooting Sports Association (NMSSA) would like to increase their membership, and the Association is willing to reward shooting clubs who sign up NMSSA members from January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004. The Association will provide New Mexico Shooting Clubs with a packet containing colorful brochures and sign up sheets. The brochure explains who the Association is, and what the Association does. It also has the web page at: <http://www.NMSSA.org>.

The club that signs up the most members will receive a rifle or handgun. Second and third place clubs would receive something of lesser value.

When you sign up new NMSSA members, return the membership application to Sandi Kruse, PO Box 364, Jemez Springs, NM 87025. Also, be sure to mark the application with your club name so that Sandi can keep

track. She will send each new member an NMSSA card and a decal. If you need more applications or brochures, contact the membership secretary. If your local sporting good stores would like to help you win this contest, we can provide them with applications.

As of February 9, 2004 these are the totals:

Zia Rifle and Pistol - 1
 Socorro Gun Club - 2
 Sandia Gun Club - 2
 Otero Practical Shooting Association (OPSA) - 1
 Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club - 1
 Del Norte Gun Club - 2
 Capitan High Power Shooting Club - 2



NMSSA HATS & T-SHIRTS



We have picked a local business to work with for NMSSA hats and shirts. We picked colors that would go best with the yellow, red, black and white logo. I did have two ladies (our editor and my wife) go with me to pick the colors. We decided to have two different color hats; one is dark gray, with a black bill, and one is light gray, with a red bill. The hats are adjustable to fit any size. The NMSSA logo is on the hat in full color.

The shirts are all 100% cotton, and all have a pocket. We chose three different colors of shirts; red, black and light gray that will go with the hats. The shirts have NMSSA on the front, opposite the pocket, and a large NMSSA logo on the back.

We ordered shirt sizes in medium, large, extra large, and double extra large. We ordered only 108 hats and 100 shirts because we received a very limited

number of responses from the membership. More hats and shirts can be ordered at any time.

The hats and shirts are \$15.00 each except double & triple extra large shirts will cost \$18.00. You would expect to pay \$20.00 or \$25.00 for the quality of the hats and shirts you will receive.

Hats and shirts will be available throughout the year at various NMSSA events, including the Annual Meeting in Socorro on January 24th. If we need to mail your merchandise, you will have to include postage.

For more information, you may contact me, Charlie Weisleder, at 505-877-6128. My address is 5147 Don Mariano Road SW, Albuquerque, if you want to pick the clothing up.

Muzzle Loading Events around New Mexico

Although this event information may not reach you in time I include it because it is put on yearly and part of the event occurs at Fort Craig, which is apparently available to visit throughout the year. Battles for Socorro takes place from February 27 noon through the afternoon of the 29th. The reenactments include a battle for the bridge (Rio Grande crossing), tour of Ft. Craig and reenactment of events of February 16th, 1862 and the battle from the railroad depot to the historic plaza. The BLM Socorro Field Office, 198 Neel St. NW, Socorro, NM 87801 (505) 835-0412 may be contacted for specific information. The fort is located 4.5 miles east of I-25 between Exits 115 and 124 (San Marcial).

There are several events at the NRA Whittington Center (505)445-3615 Raton, NM this year of interest to muzzleloaders. On May 15/16 the Rocky Mountain Cannon Club will have a shoot that includes historical replica ordnance

in several classes. Contact RMCC at (303)697-9547 for specifics.

On May 22, Aug 28 and Sep 25 NRAWC hosts muzzleloader matches, patch and ball, open to all persons. From June 7-11 Shootout on the Santa Fe Trail will occur and there is a class for muzzleloaders, contact Old West Shootist Association, Bill Meadors (817)444-2049.

From June 13 to the 19th the Santa Fe Trail Rendezvous will occur with many events and contests. This is a reenactment of the Mountain Man Era, pre-1840 on the Santa Fe Trail. Public is welcome, fees to participate \$25 adult, \$7 junior, open iron sights, patch & ball. Shooters must be in period clothing. Booshway, Charles Phelan (505)327-2029. The Whittington Center number above can be used also for event and accommodation information. They can also provide information concerning their gun club other schedules and activities.

The Lincoln County Long Rifles have a Wolf Trapper Memorial Rendez-

vous between May 2 and 4th at a location just east of Ancho, NM (Hoe Cradle Canyon). They will have primitive and modern camps, pre-1840 style firearms (including pistols) with open sights and patched round balls comprise the requirements. Contact Booshway "Lazy Horse" Juver Macias (915) 591-5054 or Segundo "Flaming Canvas" Roger Clark (505) 849-9870.

Pinedale, Wyoming is the home of the Museum of the Mountain Man. It presents a visual and interpretive experience into the era of the mountain man and provides a comprehensive overview of the Western Fur Trade's historical significance. For those of you lucky enough to visit Wyoming this year they are open May 1 through Oct. 31 and can be contacted toll-free 1-(877)686-6266.

The next newsletter will include several more events scheduled for later in the year.

Friends of NRA Banquets near you!

Over \$397,000 in grants have been awarded right here in New Mexico helping to promote the shooting sports...attend a banquet near you!

Date/Location/Contact

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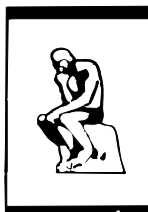
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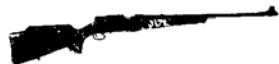
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“Fear no man,...” by Ben Berg

It was a very cold night in February during the Valentine weekend that I found myself downtown Hartford, CT looking to purchase a gift for my wife at a large department store.

I pulled into a parking garage that I have used many times in the past and drove up to the roof parking area. Little did I know or were there any signs posted in significant places indicating that the building was under full renovation. When I left my car and proceeded to the elevators I found they were all shut down so, I proceeded to the stairs and they were all blocked off except for one staircase.

Now, I find myself a long way from my car and that one staircase, what I did notice was a car in the corner of the roof parking area, engine running, parking lights on. The car started to come towards me, I made out two men in it. Now, being a person brought up in some very tough sections of Brooklyn, NY my self preservation kicked in. Realizing, that no one was going to hear me call for help on that roof, I im-

mediately turned to my friend Mr. Colt at my side. I unzipped my jacket and sort of hiked up my trousers like most men do and in doing so Mr. Colt was seen by these two pin heads.

Like magic they swerved away from the direction they were taking towards me and headed down the ramp as quickly as they could. It seemed like I stood there for a while until I realized what had just occurred and how lucky I was to have Mr. Colt with me that night and never had to touch it no less or to draw it from its place of rest.

When I moved here to New Mexico and found no license to carry, I made it my number one task to help get this law passed. Keeping a gun in a car (and possibly have the car and gun stolen) was not an option. Your gun needs to be with you and you responsible for that gun at all times.

Remember what Samuel Colt said many years ago: "Fear no man, no matter what his size, just call on me to equalize."

NMSSA Registered High Power Rifle Matches

The NMSSA is sponsoring three Registered High Power Rifle Matches in 2004:

New Mexico Regional High Power Championship
June 25-27, 2004
NRA Whittington Center, Raton, NM

New Mexico State Service Rifle Championship
July 16-18, 2004
Capitan, NM

New Mexico State High Power Rifle Championship
September 17-19, 2004
Zia Rifle & Pistol Club, Albuquerque, NM

The NMSSA is planning to hold a John C. Garand Match at the new Del Norte Gun Club in Rio Rancho

in April. The NMSSA will provide all ammunition for the match and will have rifles to loan to shooters who do not already have an M1 but would like to shoot in the match. The match winner will receive a .22LR Training Rifle and one additional rifle will be given away through a drawing of the registered participants. Participants in the match will qualify to purchase an M1 Garand through the Civilian Marksmanship Program. This match is a fund raiser for the NMSSA rifle team to compete in the National Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio.

For more information about any of the above matches or if you are interested in becoming a NMSSA Rifle Team Member, please contact Mark Yarbrough at (505) 892-5907 or email him at mark@nmrifleshooting.com.



New Mexico Air Rifle and Air Pistol State Championship

The New Mexico Tech Shooting Sports Club and the Socorro Gun Club sponsored the New Mexico Air Rifle and Air Pistol State Championship on Saturday, January 24, 2004 at the New Mexico Tech Gym.

In International air rifle, shooters had to fire 60 shots at 10 meters in the standing position. New Mexico Tech Shooting Sports Club faculty advisor, Ginger McLemore, won the State Championship in Air Rifle with a score of 523 out of a possible score of 600. NM Tech student, Marshall Hejazi won the Junior class (competitors under the age of 21) with a score of 421.

In 3 position air rifle, shooters had to fire 20 shots in each of 3 positions, prone, standing, and kneeling at 10 meters for a total possible score of 600. Ginger McLemore won the state championship with a score of 567 and Marshall Hejazi was high junior with a score of 483.

In air pistol, shooters had to fire 60 shots at 10 meters one-handed in the standing position. Zachary Holcomb won the State Championship in Air Pistol with a score of 401 out of a possible score of 600.

The New Mexico Tech Shooting Sports Club practices air rifle and air pistol every Monday night, 5:30-7:00, in the NM Tech Gym. Contact Jim McLemore (505) 835-5409 for more information.

New Mexico State 3-Position Air Rifle Championship January 23-24, 2004 Socorro, NM

Precision rifle		Prone	Standing	Kneeling		Total
Virginia McLemore	SS	196	181	190	567	State champion
Julian Romero	SS	179	150	170	499	1 st SS
Marshall Hejazi	Mk, Jr	180	140	163	483	1 st Jr
Zachary Holcomb	Mk, Jr	176	133	150	459	1 st IJ
Paul Sanchez	Mk	88	122	88	298	
Sporter rifle						
Nate Wenner	Mk	54	84	128	266	1 st Sporter

New Mexico State International Air Rifle Championship (Offhand) January 23-24, 2004 Socorro, NM

Precision rifle			
Virginia McLemore	SS	523	State champion
Julian Romero	SS	480	1 st SS
Marshall Hejazi	Mk, Jr	421	1 st Jr
Zachary Holcomb	Mk, Jr	390	1 st IJ
Paul Sanchez	Mk	337	
Sporter rifle			
Don Wenner	Mk	347	1 st Sporter

New Mexico State Air Pistol Championship January 23-24, 2004 Socorro, NM

Paul Sanchez	Mk	373	
Marshall Hejazi	Mk, Jr	360	Hi Jr
Zachary Holcomb	Mk, Jr	401	State Champion

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Air Rifle

NRA Number NRA # 575389

Shots fired: 60

Score: 523

Virginia T. McLemore

701 Caine

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NRA Number

Shots fired: 60

Score: 347

Don Wenner

PO Box 2839

Socorro, NM 87801

NRA Number #6547754

Shots fired: 60

Score: 480

Julian Romero

22 Cedar Ave

Los Lunas, NM 87031

NRA Number NRA #C4501

Shots fired: 60

Score: 390

Zachery Holcomb

PO Box 144

Magdalena, NM 87825

NRA Number NRA #34072621

Shots fired

Score: 337

Paul Sanchez

307 Truman NE

Albuquerque, NM 87108

NRA Number NRA #C4501

Shots fired

Score: 421

Marshall Hejazi

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3 Position Air Rifle

NRA Number NRA # 575389

Shots fired: 60

Score: 567

Virginia T. McLemore

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NRA Number NRA # 132151489

Shots fired: 60

Score: 266

Nathan Wenner

PO Box 2839

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NRA Number #6547754

Shots fired: 60

Score: 499

Julian Romero

22 Cedar Ave

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NRA Number NRA #C4501

Shots fired: 60

Score: 459

Zachery Holcomb

PO Box 144

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NRA Number NRA #34072621

Shots fired

Score: 298

Paul Sanchez

307 Truman NE

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NRA Number NRA #C4501

Shots fired

Score: 483

Marshall Hejazi

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Air Pistol

NRA Number NRA #34072621

Shots fired: 60

Score:

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Score:

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La Cueva Marine Corps JROTC 2003-2004 SHOOTING SCHEDULE

2003

July 21-25	BASIC RIFLE SHOOTING COURSE	La Cueva MCJROTC
Aug 28	Varsity Rifle Match	La Cueva MCJROTC
Sep 25	Varsity Rifle Match	WMHS (POSTAL)

OCT 6-7 Fall Break

Oct 17-18	NMMI Competition	NMMI Roswell, NM
Oct 23	NOVICE Match	La Cueva MCJROTC
Oct 24-25	UNM Golden Anchor Skills Meet	West Mesa NJROTC
Oct 24-25	Drill/Fitness/Rifle Competition	Socorro HS El Paso
Nov 13	NOVICE Match	Eldorado MCJROTC (EAST/WEST)
Dec 5-6	Jr. Olympics International	WMHS NJROTC

Dec 22-Jan 4 Winter Break

2004

Jan 9-10	NRA International	West Mesa NJROTC
Jan 15	NOVICE Match	LCHS
Jan 31	Invitational	Farmington USAJROTC
Feb 12	NOVICE Match	Eldorado MCJROTC
Feb 20-21	NRA 3P Sectionals	La Cueva MCJROTC
Mar 3	NOVICE Match	LCHS MCJROTC
Mar 11-13	Jr. Olympics 3P (Sporter and Precision)	La Cueva MCJROTC

Mar 22-26 Spring Break

Mar 26-28	National JROTC Rifle Championships	Ft Benning GA
Apr 2-3	Military Skills Competition	Caprock MCJROTC, Amarillo

Apr 9 Vernal Holiday

Apr 28-May 1	WESTERN REGION AND New Mexico State Rifle Championships	AHS
*June 21-27	High Power Camp	Whittington Cntr (Raton)
*July	Daisy National Rifle Championships	Bowling Green KY
* July	Junior Olympic Nat Sporter Championships	Bowling Green KY
* July	Junior Olympic Nat Precision Championships	Bowling Green KY
* July	National Guard National Championships	Bowling Green KY
July 8-11	NRA National 3P Championships	Pocatello, ID
July 26-30	BASIC RIFLE SHOOTING COURSE	La Cueva MCJROTC

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