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NMSSA ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2005

The annual meeting of the New Mexico Shooting Sports Association is scheduled to be held on Saturday, February 5, 2005 at the Quality Inn & Suites, located at 25 Hotel Circle, in Albuquerque. We have been to this hotel several times when it was a Ramada Inn Hotel. It is just North of I-40 and just East of Eubank Blvd.

We hope to have a number of speakers including Senator Shannon Robinson, Representative John Heaton and Bernalillo County Sheriff Darren White. Several other speakers will be on the program that you will be pleased to listen to.

A registration form is included in the newsletter which needs to be filled out and returned by January 23, 2005. The registration fee is \$8.00 and lunch is \$12.00. These costs help to cover the \$200.00 conference room, morning coffee and after-

noon soft drinks. Registration will start at 8:00 am, and the meeting will start at 8:30 am. Lunch will be from 12:00 to 1:30 pm. Following the lunch, the annual business meeting will convene at approximately 1:30 pm. We should be through with the business meeting at 4:30. There are no scheduled evening events.

The Agenda and list of speakers will be mailed to each of you as soon as we get confirmation from those invited.

If you need to contact the hotel, call 505-271-1000. The point of contact at the hotel is Jean, who is in charge of the conference room and restaurant called Malarky's.

Please see the ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION FORM on page 2 of this Newsletter. Fill it out and mail it in today!

IN HONOR OF PAST PRESIDENTS

Charley Warner
Dick Vivian
Don J. McCampbell
Coralie B. Carrier
Larry Foster
Jim McLemore
Troy Minton
David E. Bennett
Richard A. Morley

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NEW MEXICO SHOOTING SPORTS ASSOCIATION
2005 Annual Members Meeting

REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill out and promptly return this form with your check to
NMSSA, PO Box 9275, Albuquerque, NM 87119

Yes! I'll be at the NMSSA Annual Meeting
Saturday, February 5, 2005
Quality Inn & Suites, 25 Hotel Circle
Albuquerque, NM

Registration will begin at 8:00 am and the meeting will start at 8:30 am. Lunch will be from 12:00 to 1:30.
The business meeting will start at 1:30 and be over at 4:30. No evening functions are scheduled.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number _____

E-Mail Address _____

Number of persons attending _____ \$8.00 per person early registration = 's \$ _____
(\$10.00 late registration at the door)

Number of persons for lunch _____ \$12.00 each = 's \$ _____

Total _____

Lunch will be a deli style buffet

Please make your check payable to NMSSA

Executive Officers for 2005

The New Mexico Shooting Sports Association has been blessed by hard working Executive Officers for the past few years, and I hope that most of you will continue to serve in your positions. Sandi Kruse, who has done a fantastic job as Membership Secretary, and Roger Kruse, who has kept up our NMSSA Web Page, have decided to step down and relax to some extent. Sandi has the membership in good order, and all we have to do is change the address to a new Membership Secretary. Whoever is interested in this position, please call Charlie (505) 877-6128 or Sandi (505)-829-3440.

The position of President will also be vacant. For one year, I filled the position of president when our elected president decided to resign. I have been elected twice to be President of NMSSA which is what our bylaws permit. I believe we have a strong association which is growing both in members and in recognition. The Fun Shoots and Club

Competition to sign up NMSSA members have had a big impact on letting other clubs know who we are and what we are doing. A new President just needs to keep the momentum moving in the right direction. There is also grant money from NRA/ILA and the NRA Foundation to keep things moving forward.

On the next page you will find a ballot that needs to be filled out and returned by Saturday, January 22, 2005. Please mail completed ballots to:

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Send it to: Sandi Kruse, NMSSA Membership Secretary,
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Jemez Springs, NM 87025

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NEW MEXICO SHOOTING SPORTS 2005 BALLOT

POSITION	CANDIDATE	VOTE	WRITE-IN
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CONSERVATION & HUNTING	DAVID BERND		
EDUCATION & TRAINING	FRED BEHNKEN		
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JR. ACTIVITIES, YOUTH	WILLIAM BARKER		
NEWSLETTER EDITOR	SCOTT LOCKWOOD		

**PLEASE MAIL YOUR BALLOT TO NMSSA, PO BOX 9275,
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87119.**

Please return ballots by Saturday, January 22, 2005

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This is the last newsletter for 2004 and I would like to mention some of the things we did this year and some of the events we attended.

We had a Fun Shoot in Capitan and shot at targets that were hard to see with the naked eye. We started at 600 yards and then moved back to 1000yards. That high power range now belongs to the Capitan High Power Shooting Club. NMSSA and the NRA Foundation helped finance the purchase of that land.

Our second Fun Shoot was in Farmington with the San Juan Wildlife Federation. This was a 100 yard bench rest match shooting at very small targets, with very accurate expensive rifles. While we were there, we heard they were having a Youth Sports Fest for 200 young shooters and needed safety glasses and ear plugs. With the help of Absolute Sporting Goods, we provided 100 pairs of glasses and 100 ear plugs.

Our next Fun Shoot was with The Big Horn Gun Club and we had a sporting clay shooting event. We had two gift certificates from Charlie's Sporting Goods and lunch was cooked on the shoot-

ing range, compliments of NMSSA. The club also gave away cases of shotgun shells, dozens of hats and other goodies. NMSSA members that attended shot free of charge.

The final Fun Shoot was at Calibers Indoor Shooting Range in Albuquerque. We had a Turkey Shoot, a Shoot For Score and a BB gun Shoot Out for kids. The results of the day are included in this newsletter. Don Patton, who owns Calibers, said he never had so many kids and parents at the range that day. Lunch was provided by Ben & Jerry's and we went through lots of pizzas and lot's more ice cream. Shooting was free for everyone, compliments of NMSSA.

The recognition for Senator Shannon Robinson, Representative John Heaton and NRA/ILA lobbyist Tara Reilly Mica, who moved the concealed handgun bill through the Senate and House and got it signed by Governor Richardson, will take place at our Annual Meeting on Saturday, February 5, 2005.

Charlie Weisleder
President, NMSSA

UP-COMING GUN SHOWS

January:

22-23, 2005

Alamogordo Fair Grounds

Alamogordo, New Mexico

Contact Stacy Hodges (505) 439-9738

29-30, 2005

Lordsburg Armory 2nd Street

Lordsburg, New Mexico

Contact Steve Lawson (505) 542-3539

February:

5-6, 2005

Shrine Temple

El Paso, Texas

Contact Jack Thompson (915) 715-1919

5-6, 2005

Reserve Civic Center

Reserve, New Mexico

Contact Stanley Radvillas (505) 533-6387

4-5-6, 2005

Farmington Civic Center

Farmington, New Mexico

Contact Wayne (505) 326-6397

19-20, 2005

T or C, New Mexico

Stacy Hodges (505) 439-9738

26-27, 2005

Dickerson's Auction Barn

Las Cruces, New Mexico

Contact Joe (505) 523-7147

March:

5-6, 2005

Albuquerque Fair Grounds

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Contact Mark Covell (505) 262-1350

12-13, 2005

Santa Clara National Guard Armory

Silver City, New Mexico

Contact Don Darnell (505) 544-9437

26-27, 2005

Artesia Fair Grounds

Artesia, New Mexico

Contact Robert Ellis (505) 746-3309

CLUB COMPETITION FOR NMSSA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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 December 22, 2004 these are the totals:

		Capitan High Power Shooting Club	12		
Zia Rifle and Pistol	5	Otero Practical Shooting Association (OPSA)	4	Del Norte Gun Club	5
Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club	3	New Mexico Bighorn Club	3	Socorro Gun Club	2
Sandia Gun Club	2	Picacho Gun Club	2	Ruidoso Gun Club	1
Franklin Mountain Gun Club	1	Prator Range	1	Rio Salado Sportsmen's Club Mesa AZ.	1
NAVHDA	1	Whittington Gun Club	1	Valencia County Shooting Sports Association	1
San Juan Wildlife Federation	2	DRATS	1	Border Raiders	1

For Sale

Mark Dziamski is selling a Colt H-bar set up for DCM Service rifle Competition. Here are the specifics:

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(505) 885-5756 or
dziamski@leaco.net

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- Grant A. Reel
www.ziarifleandpistolclub.com

Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club

P.O. Box 953
Los Alamos, NM 87544
President, Marv Alme
www.sulphurcanyon.com/lasc

Picacho Gun Club

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

Carlsbad Sportsman's Club

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

Seven Rivers Regulators

Carlsbad, NM
Scott Cassingham
(505) 236-1080

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)

Roswell Gun Club

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

San Juan Wildlife Federation

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

Del Norte Gun Club

P.O. Box 15322
Rio Rancho, NM 87174
President, Adrian Glass
www.delnortegunclub.com

Alamogordo Gun Club

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

Hobbs Gun Club

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

Border Raiders

616 W. Pine Ste 2B
Deming, NM 88030
Shaun Reynolds
(505) 546-9767

NRA Whittington Center

P.O. Box 700
Raton, NM 87740
Chad Spamm
(505) 445-3615

Socorro Gun Club

P.O. Box 353
Socorro, NM 87801
President, Cletus Scharle
cletusscharle@hotmail.com

Sandia Gun Club

P.O. Box 91691-Academy Station
Albuquerque, NM 87199-1691
President Bill Johnson

New Mexico Big Horn Gun Club

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

Capitan High Power Shooting Club

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

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.



A CALL TO ARMS By Paul C. Lisle

The election is over and President Bush won re-election. This should make our gun rights safe at the National level for the next four years. I want to thank all of my readers for voting for and electing so many pro-gun candidates at both the federal and state levels. Since the anti-gunners suffered a huge loss in the federal elections they have announced that they plan to get their anti-gun agenda turned into law in the state legislatures. We expect them to try to get their mandatory gunlock and mandatory gun show background check bills through the legislature in Santa Fe this January. If you are not on my e-mail list to receive alerts and updates, e-mail me at lisle@nm.net.

One of the reasons that guns have gotten so expensive is the many frivolous lawsuits that have driven up the cost of insurance. Thirty-five years ago I was happy to retail a S&W Model 60 for under a \$100. Now the list price is \$575. Besides the price increase, the caliber has grown from 38 SPL to 357 Magnum and a safety lock has been added. No one should be in the business of selling guns without insurance. Up till now a gun dealer working out of his home could not obtain gun liability insurance. The problem was that the liability policies were written for gun stores and conflicted in coverage with homeowners' insurance policies. With the help of NRA director Dr. David Bennett, I was able to get the NRA Endorsed Insurance Program personnel to write a special liability policy for me that did not conflict with my homeowner's policy. This type of policy is now available to other gun dealers working out of their homes and covers gun show sales. I thought the cost was very reasonable at a little over \$600 per year for one million dollar coverage.

I have just finished reading a great best selling book by Ann Coulter titled "How To Talk To A Liberal (if you must)". Chapter 15 in her book is titled "Hello, Room Service? Send Up a Bottle, a Blonde, and a Gun". "Ruger Is a Girl's Best Friend" On page 306 Ms. Coulter writes "Guns are our friends because in a world without guns, I'm what's known as "prey". All females are. Any male – the most sickly 98-pound weakling – could

overpower me in a contest of brute force against brute force. For some reason, I'm always asked: Wouldn't I prefer a world without guns? No. I'd prefer a world in which everyone is armed, even the criminals who mean to cause me harm. Then I'd at least have a fighting chance." Ms. Coulter is a very small, petite woman so you can understand where she is coming from. She lives in Washington (no guns allowed) D.C. Read the book as it is a good one.

There is an e-mail message making the rounds that I would like to share with you. The title is "Father-Daughter Talk". A young woman was about to finish her first year of college. Like so many others her age she considered herself to be a very liberal Democrat and was for re-distribution of all wealth. She was ashamed that her father was a conservative. Based on the lectures she had from her far left Professors, she was in favor of higher taxes on the rich and more welfare programs. After listing to her views her father stopped her and asked how she was doing in college. She answered that she had a 4.0 GPA and let him know that it was tough to maintain. She had to study all the time and never had time to go out partying or even have a boyfriend. Her father then asked how her roommate Mary was doing. She replied that Mary was barely getting by with a 2.0 GPA because of all of her partying. All she takes is easy classes while my classes are the hard ones. Her father then asked his daughter, "Why don't you go to the Dean's office and ask him to deduct 1 point off your 4.0 GPA and give it to Mary who only had a 2.0." He continued, "That way you will both have a 3.0 GPA and certainly that would be an equal distribution of GPA". The daughter, visibly shocked by the father's suggestion, angrily fired back, "That wouldn't be fair! I worked really hard for my 4.0 GPA. I did without and Mary has done little or nothing. She played while I worked." The father slowly smiled and said, "Welcome to the Republican Party".

In 2005 Congress will pass out over 1.7 trillion dollars of our tax money. Much of the money will go to waist. Think about it.

SILHOUETTE SHOOTING by Ed Pfeiffer

Glenda Graves from Yuma, AZ that makes her home at the Whittington Center in the summer time wants to hold some New Mexico State Silhouette Championship's Matches in 2005 at the Center. No dates have been set, but I will be working with her when she return's and will report in our "New Mexico Shooting News" when I have anything concrete.

Also the following dates and locations have been set for the National Silhouette's Matches in 2005.

Long Range Pistol May 14-21 Wilmington, NC
 Small Bore Rifle June 12-14 Phoenix, AZ
 High Power Rifle June 16-18 Phoenix, AZ
 Hunter Pistols July 11-14 Bradford, PA
 Cowboy Rifles Aug. 11-13 Raton, NM
 Black Powder Cart. Rifle Aug. 15-18 Raton, NM
 Black Powder Rifle Scope Aug. 19-20 Raton, NM

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

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 nmironturkey@zianet.com

I'm also interested if there is any New Mexico club that would like to sponsor any "State Silhouette Championship Match in 2005" either at your range or at the NRA Whittington Center? I will work with any club that would like to hold one.

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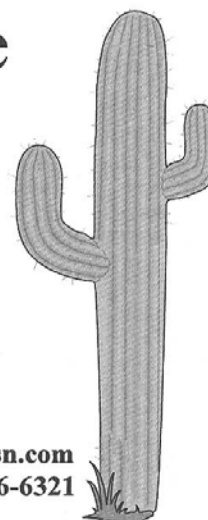
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Traders Row Coordinators — DAN KINDIG (330) 948-1082 & DICK BENNETT - (712) 286-6321

For more information call: NMLRA at (812)667-5131



Western National Shoot Shooter Preregistration Form Please Type or Print Clearly

Name _____ Member No. _____ Exp. _____

Address _____

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Preregistration deadline is January 23, 2005 Sorry, preregistration fees cannot be refunded or transferred.

Mail to: NMLRA, P.O. Box 67, Friendship, IN 47021

Hunting and Conservation Stuff by Dave Bernd

The Game and Fish Department folks need a pay raise. To help support this, we need an increase in license fees for hunting and fishing. Call your representative and senator and tell them this. Also, tell them that hunters and fisher (persons) have been funding wild life and conservation activities while thousands of others enjoy wildlife without paying a cent for wildlife preservation. Some money out of the general fund would be appropriate. It won't happen unless we all beat the drum on it. Presently the Game and Fish Department is primarily funded by license fees.

Anti-hunters are alive, well funded and coming after us. The Humane Association of United States and Friends of Animals have merged. This provides a nationwide anti-hunting organization with a \$100 million bankroll. They will attempt to ban trapping in the next legislative session. Don't say it can't be done. They did it in Colorado and now the small sheep ranchers are being eaten out of business by predators. Bow hunting and hunting with dogs will be their next targets. PETA has stated they will use any dirty, dishonest, deceitful, etc. tactics to persuade people against hunting and fishing. Stay in touch with your legislators. The antis are certainly in touch with them.

Unfortunately, the uninformed public and media are being misled into believing that increased wolf populations will help restore some pristine characteristics to our environment by reducing game herds. The real characteristics they will restore are predation of domestic herds and decimation of wildlife population in ever-increasing areas. The wolves of Yellowstone are now killing in Colorado and Nebraska, among other places.

Our New Mexico mule deer population continues to decline. Other states are experiencing similar results. Deer hunting will be further restricted through permit drawings and point-count criteria for bucks. The causes of the decline have been studied in a number of states. Loss of habitat, increased predation, disease, drought, global warming and all kinds of other reasons have been considered. It is probably not a single cause, and we are a long way from having a good handle on the problem.

Despite all the problems, a recent hunting magazine championed New Mexico for its wonderful deer hunting. Somewhere someone is putting out some bad information. It might be the same folks who keep insisting that a five day elk season is a really good deal. It sells lots of licenses but doesn't kill too many animals.

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 Crossman – 760B Air Rifles

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

We also have a Toshiba, 13 inch TV/VCR that was purchased from grant money. We plan to show videos at gun shows and other sporting events. If you would like to use any of these assets, call Charlie Weisleder at 505-877-6128 or E-mail: gunweis@aol.com.

Franklin Mt. Gun Club

As president of the *Franklin Mt. Gun Club* in El Paso Texas, I would like to invite *NMSSA* members and their friends to come shoot with us if you are in the area. We shoot two NRA High Power Rifle Matches and a Fun Match every month, all year around.

On the first Sunday of every month we shoot a High-power rifle match at the *Ysleta Gun Club*, northeast of Hueco Tanks State Park, east of El Paso, off the Carlsbad Highway (62-180). This is an 80-shot Regional match course on a 600 yard range with pit service.

On the second and third Sunday we shoot at the *Ft. Bliss Rod and Gun Club*, off of Railroad drive in the NE part of the city.

The second Sunday match is fired on a 200/300 yard range, with no pit service. A reduced target is used at 300 for the slow fire prone stage. This is also an 80 shot match. The third Sunday is a 50 shot fun match generally based on the 50-shot National Match course, with modifications. It is fired

at 100 yards, using any rifle and allowing 2 minute rapid fire times, and starting in position for those shooting rifles not easily reload able in the correct time. This is a good match to zero in your hunting rifles, (scopes are allowed) or to see how well that SKS you bought will group on paper. It also gives a new shooter a taste of what competition shooting is like, and we get several new shooters started in this fashion. (You will learn that an SKS does not make a very good match rifle.)

We also hold a NRA 2 day regional match in February. a 2 day "Octoberfest" match in October, and a John C. Garand Match in March and September each year. We have a web site at <http://home.elp.rr.com/elpasochl/fmgc.html> which has directions to our ranges, our shooting schedules, and our monthly club newsletters. Come shoot

Thank you,
Dale Barry
dbarry1@elp.rr.com

The New Mexico Shooting Sports Association (NMSSA) wants to thank you for attending our "Fun Shoot" at Caliber's on November 7, 2004. Many of you signed up to shoot

"Score for More", "The Turkey Shoot" and the kids "BB-Gun Shoot Out". Our prize winners are as follows:

	Bill Johnson with a 99-4X.
The men's "Shoot For Score":	Robert Fleming with a 98-5X.
	Fred Miller with a 91-3X.
	Marilyn Miller with a 62.
The women's "Shoot For Score":	Jane Davenport with a 38.
	Mary Rockhold with a 26.
The "Turkey Shoot" for men:	Bruce R. Beebe with a 52.
The "Turkey Shoot" for women:	Marilyn Miller with a 34.
	Jane Davenport with a 34.
The BB-Gun Shoot Out age ran from 9 years old to 13 years old.	
First Place: Joseph Trujillo 87	Robert Muyschondt 75
Phillip Garetson 72	Zachery Rockhold 69
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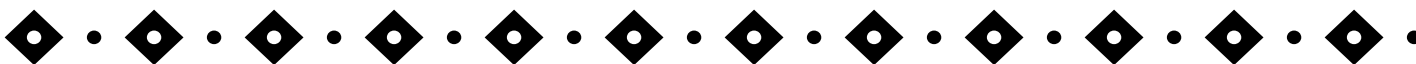
Whether you're a hunter, a recreational shooter, a collector, or a competitor, a strong national and local organization is vital to protecting your gun rights. Being involved locally allows you to directly influence your legislators by phone calls, letters, or faxes. A strong national organization works on your behalf protecting you from threats from legislators and

special interest groups outside your state.

As we go into 2005, I urge all of you to make sure your membership in both the National Rifle Association and the New Mexico Shooting Sports Association is current. You will be working to ensure the rich historic heritage of gun ownership doesn't become history, and that it remains a constant, living entity that you can pass down to your children and your grandchildren. Further, by renewing your NRA membership through the NMSSA, your state association will earn commissions that could help fund projects and programs that further strengthen and grow the NMSSA.

Help us grow the bundle, because it's too easy to destroy us when we stand separately.

Dennis W. Tharp
Marketing Rep, Western Region
National Rifle Association



A HISTORY OF THE NEW MEXICO SHOOTING SPORTS ASSOCIATION (NMSSA) by Charley Warner

Recently Charlie Weisleder asked me to jot down some of the history (as I remember it) of the NMSSA. It was not originally formed as the NMSSA, but rather the New Mexico Rifle and Pistol Association (NMR&PA). The NMR&PA was organized and affiliated with the NRA in 1935. As with the early NRA, it was primarily a rifle shooting organization. Small bore matches and tournaments were held in Cimarron, NM, and big bore shooting was, and still is, at Capitan, NM. The Capitan range was on the private property of one of the members and was more or less loaned to the Association during matches.

I arrived in New Mexico in 1960 at Los Alamos and was on the Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club (LASC) Board as the Pistol Section chairman by that Fall. In 1963 the Legislature was re-writing the State's Criminal Code. This had progressed to the Joint Committee on the Judiciary, Chaired by Senator Ike Smalley (known also as "Oso Blanca Grande"). The LASC Board had concerns regarding Article 7, Firearms and Explosives. At the Lab, I was on shift work, especially interested in any handgun provisions, and thus could attend the hearings in Santa Fe. Representatives of a small group of sportsmen's organizations were attending the hearings, including (as I remember) the NM Wildlife and Conservation Association (now NM Wildlife Federation) and Isaac Walton League. We worked for and were successful at the private means of conveyance, "unloaded" and concealed portions of the statute.

Later, in 1968, the Legislature authorized the "Constitution Convention of 1969". Again, the LASC Board of Directors (I was then president) were concerned at the implications (read "threats") to our gun rights. Research of the Federalist Papers and the records of the 1789 State Constitutional Conventions turned up the minority report of the

Pennsylvania Convention. "No law shall abridge the right of the citizen to keep and bear arms." was especially appealing and was included in the Board approved proposed wording for Article II, Section 6. The balance was worded to specify our rights, and the "nothing herein" on concealed left the door open for future legislation (which did finally happen).

Trying to get concealed carry at this point would have had it thrown out immediately. We also knew this had to be a state-wide effort. Thus, I was sent to the 1968 Annual Meeting of the NMR&PA in Capitan, to specifically ask what the Association intended to do at the upcoming event. Bill Wolf, a Board Member and later an NRA Director, asked what the LASC had in mind. The Los Alamos proposal was unanimously adopted and subsequently sent to and approved by the affiliated clubs. This meeting was also the election of new Board Officers. I ended up as the new president and designated to represent the Association at the Convention.

The Bill of Rights Committee was heavily loaded to one political persuasion characterized by member Dr. Dorothy Cline, Professor Emeritus of the UNM School of Law. On vote of recommendations, the Convention adopted the MINORITY report - which was the Association wording. Considerable credit must go to (later Governor) Bruce King, Chairman of the Convention. The new Constitution Revision was not approved by the voters, but eleven of the recommendations were subsequently passed by the legislature and adopted by the voters. Section 6 was carried by Senator Jim Caudell and ultimately received the most votes and the widest margin of the eleven. A result has been the Legislative Committee with its Chairman on the Board of Directors.

In 1970, we attempted to have a "State Pistol Championship". We approached (Sgt.) Al Campbell who ran NRA pistol matches at the Albuquerque Police Department range. A "state championship"? That was a rare bird in pistol shooting at the time. However, Al set up a Regional Match (which he was going to do anyway) and "piggy-backed" a National Match stage as the "State Championship". The following year, '71, the LASC and the Los Alamos Protective Force, with the able assistance of Bob Fisher and Ted Weisgerber and the Pro Force Range, held a "true blue" annual (and subsequent) registered 2700 NM State Pistol Championship. The Association also approved a Black Powder championship match that year, and our sport has continued to expand ever since.

Dick Vivian was elected Association president in 1971 and was the key figure to the locating of the Whittington Center in New Mexico. At the 1972 NRA Convention in Portland, OR, he lobbied (read "hounded") Gen. Maxwell Rich, then Executive Vice President, to at least look at New Mexico for the location of the Center. He made the points that the geographical center of the 48 contiguous states is in Kansas and the population center was in Missouri and moving west, and that, believe in or not, northeast New Mexico was 180 miles from that

geographic center. General Rich finally agreed to come to New Mexico. Dick returned home at about 2 AM and called me with the news, and to say, "Charley, we've GOT to find a suitable ranch." We thought "just who might know about available ranches". Right! the Game & Fish Department. We had worked closely with the Department, and especially with Carl Berghofer, on the Hunter Safety Training Program. Carl worked state-wide, and if anything were available, he could find it. The Game and Fish people worked diligently with the Association throughout to the final fruition of the Whittington Center. During the land acquisition efforts by NRA, Life Member Ace Christmas, of Raton, was instrumental in land swaps and consolidation of the current property.

Further expansion of the interests and activities of the Association have resulted in the New Mexico Shooting Sports Association of today. The continued cooperation of the various shooting, hunting and collecting organizations has yielded further gains in our efforts to re-secure our inherent Second Amendment rights.

Charley Warner

Thank You!!!

New Mexico Shooting Sports Association would like to send a special thank you to Representative Thomas A. Anderson for all of his support!

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Letter of Thanks from around the State

October 29, 2004

Dear Mr. Weisleder,

I wanted to thank NMSSA for their support of our local Bernalillo County 4-H members for the State 4-H Shooting Competition at Whittington Center. Your support means a lot to each of these kids that you believe in, as well as to the parents who are experiencing the first year in 4-H Shooting Sports.

Please share our appreciation for your support to those responsible.

Sincerely,
Mark and Holly Anderson
Cedar Crest, New Mexico

Dear New Mexico Shooting Sports,

My name is Daniel Anderson. I am one out of 5, 4-hr's who had the privilege of attending the state wide shooting contest which was recently held Whittington Center near Raton. I am honored that New Mexico Shooting Sports sponsored myself as well as the others in helping us with expenses and for supporting us. This is my first year attending a shooting competition and it has been a success. I began by qualifying last out of many others who qualified for continuing on to Whittington. During our visit to Whittington we were able to have the privilege in being able to become very close with wildlife. There were countless numbers of mule deer as well as several herds of Elk, and antelope which are just to name a few. My visit to Whittington has been truly a memorable experience. After the last shoots were fired I finished 60th out of 90 contestants in skeet and trap shooting. I am very pleased with myself and I have a lot of practicing that I need to do for the next year, even though I feel as if my shooting has improved greatly over the past couple months. Thank you again for your generosity and for having a positive impact on young shooters, it is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Daniel Anderson
16 years old, Junior in High School, Shotgun



New Mexico Shooting News

Letter of Thanks from around the State

November 23, 2004

Charlie Weisleder
New Mexico Shooting Sports Association
P.O. Box 9275
Albuquerque, NM 87119

Dear Charlie,

Thanks so much for the tickets to the Lobo game the 27th and the check. I thought we were just having fun-I didn't realize prizes were involved!!

Paul, our grandsons and I really enjoyed the day at Calibers Indoor Range. Zach felt very important getting to help with the BB shoot, and Trevor and Ryan appreciated the personal attention they received learning to shoot the pistol they thought was "cool", but found out it was a little tricky for a beginner. This is the kind of education in handling handguns that the boys will remember.

The pizza and Ben & Jerry's ice cream bars were greatly appreciated, too.

Again, thanks for a special and fun day, and also the prizes.

Sincerely,
Mary J. Rockhold

December 8, 2004

New Mexico Shooting Sports Association
Charles Weisleder
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Dear Mr. Weisleder,

Many thanks to you and the New Mexico Shooting Sports association for your contribution of \$300.00 to support the shooting sports program at our Camp Frank Rand near Chimayo, New Mexico. These funds will go to enhance and renovate the Archery and Shotgun programs. Each year Camp Frank Rand introduces hundreds of young people from throughout the Southwest to the lifelong skills of shooting, teaching them self-reliance, personal responsibility and, of course, firearms safety.

We appreciate your continued support of the Scouting program in the Great Southwest Council.

Sincerely,
Doug Maden
Council Program Director

A message from the Membership Secretary

One of the positions opening up within the NMSSA Board is that of Membership Secretary. The duties of this position are to send out renewal notices and send members cards upon receipt of the renewals. Duties also include entering new memberships and sending those cards out. The Membership Secretary is a voting position on the board.

All the membership files are in order and ready for someone to take over. Please, if you would like to consider this position or know someone who would, contact me, Sandi Kruse, at 505-829-3440 or nmssa@sulphurcanyon.com.

CCW Classes

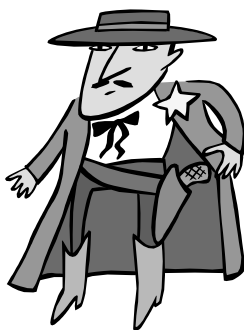
Two certified New Mexico Concealed Handgun License instructors, Richard Morley and Chris Luchini have volunteered to teach a New Mexico Approved CCW class (Based on the NRA Personal Protection course) for rural gun clubs. This is not intended as a lost cost alternative for areas with NM certified instructors, but rather a way to offer classes in areas of the state that do not have NM CCW instructors actively teaching classes.

- 1) The cost is a minimum of \$65 per person, +\$5 for additional caliber qualification.
- 2) All proceeds above costs go to the hosting club(s). Typical costs (no including travel) have averaged about \$13/student, while typical revenue per student has averaged about \$75.
- 3) A maximum of 6 classes per year will be donated by the instructors.

- 4) The hosting club will guarantee a minimum of 10 students per class. Clubs with more students, and more women students will be given preference.
- 5) The hosting club will provide an adequate range, and a classroom facility for the lecture portion.
- 6) The hosting club must carry full range insurance covering this class, and the class must be listed as a club sponsored event.
- 7) The class will consist of a 4 hour lecture from 6pm-10pm on Friday, and a shooting portion from 8am-7pm on the range on Saturday. Class will not be scheduled on the first Saturday of each month.

Call 662 1465 or email luchini@sci-tac.com for more information or to sign your club up.

Chris Luchini



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