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New Mexico Shooting NEWS

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Matt Riggs

Wow the summer has sure gone by fast. I hope all of you have had a safe and exciting summer enjoying our great outdoors and the many great venues that New Mexico has to offer. Our July Executive Board Meeting was held in Albuquerque and mainly focused on administrative activities for the association. Topics ranged from the website's new look to the possibility of sending out email alerts for upcoming area shoots. We had a great time discussing how we could support Friends of the NRA events more and whether we should begin to advertise NMSSA around the state using Fact Sheets. Another topic very dear to my heart was the organizing and sponsoring of fun shoots for Kids. NMSSA is chartered to promote shooting events and by the time you are reading this, we will have held our first Fun Shoot of this year. I hope that those of you, who were not able to attend the Socorro fun shoot, can make the next event scheduled for September 24, 2005 in Edgewood. We always have great food at these events and we are providing door prizes and gift certificates.

I will encourage each of you to support the Friends of the NRA, I cannot stress how great this organization is and the financial support we have received from the FNRA is really helping us and our youth around the state. One way we can support the FNRA

is by helping staff tables at events. A little bit of our time goes a long way. I will also encourage each of our members to help represent NMSSA at local events to help increase our membership and to support our rights.

NMSSA needs to get the positive word out...and I see that in putting together a fact sheet that would be distributed throughout the state listing NMSSA's great work. The fact sheet would contain information about the different subject areas within the association and bring together each shooting discipline throughout New Mexico. A new position is being considered for this task and also for coordinating the Advertising for NMSSA. If you are interested or have someone you would like to suggest volunteer, please consider this important duty.

Youth events and activities are a big part of NMSSA and each of us feels we need to get more junior activities advertised and sponsored around the state. One great suggestion that we are going to try and act on is setting up a calendar for the NMSSA showing the shooting events around the state. For example, as your local club has an event you can list on the calendar that event and we will try to get the word out either through the newsletter, the website, or possibly by an email alert system. But more importantly if we can make it interactive, you could look at the calendar on the website, click on a date and it would tell you all the area shoots for that date in the state of New Mexico. Furthermore, you could select an event for

that date and it would give you the point of contact, time and place, and any other pertinent piece of data relating to that shoot.

On other news:

Ben Berg has asked that we accept his resignation as an NMSSA executive officer, sighting personal reasons. The executive board members present at the July meeting accepted his resignation. The officers and board members would like to give him a vote of thanks for all that he has done for NMSSA. His work and his support will be greatly missed.

NMSSA will have two board members attend the NRA University Seminar in Salt Lake City this September 16th and 17th. Courses in the two-day event will help us to grow our association by developing skills utilized by the NRA.

Recently I had the opportunity to meet with Governor Bill Richardson, and I thanked him for supporting the Conceal Carry bill that he signed into law this year. Mr. Richardson stated that he was considering getting his concealed carry permit. I told him that NMSSA would be willing to pay for his class as we have helped several of our elected officials. He indicated that he would be interested in taking the class. So far, no word has come back whether Bill Richardson has signed up for a concealed carry class.

Thank you for your continued efforts. Please be safe and I hope to see you at the range.

Your President Matt J. Riggs

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Concealed Carry

By **Richard Barbaras**

An Interesting thought from G. Gasparetti...

There's been a lot of talk of late in regards to malfunction drills and tap-rack-bang! But please don't forget movement and cover. A simple slide left or right, taking a knee, or getting behind cover while performing the drills can and will save your life. A moving target is always harder to hit than a stationary one.

Also, never lose sight of the "bad guy" while doing your drills. Keep your weapon and eyes fixed on the bad guy, don't be staring at your weapon or magazine and lose sight of the threat.

Concealed Carry Class...

The next regular concealed carry class will be held at the Sidney Paul Gordon shooting range in La Luz on Friday, September 9 (evening), Saturday September 10 and Sunday September 11. If you know someone who is interested in tak-

ing the class, please have them contact me at riclin@tularosa.net or call me at 434-1628 in the evenings.

Women's Shooting Class...

The next Women's Shooting Class is scheduled for Thursday evening, September 8, from 5:30 to 7:30. Cost for the class is \$15 plus a \$5 range fee. In the month or so we will probably move to a weekend (and may even shoot at night occasionally). Please let me know if you have any questions or are interested.

Local shooting matches...

The Otero practical Shooting Association hosts several matches each month that provide an opportunity to improve your shooting skills through competition. Cowboy Action Shooting takes place the first Saturday of every month. The Action match (the closest we do the defensive shooting) is on the third Saturday and our IPSC match is the

fourth Sunday. All matches start at 9:00. Come out and join us.

Tularosa Trading Post...

Dick Dommer at the Tularosa Trading Post has a good deal for those of you who have taken my concealed carry class. He will give you a 10% discount on center fire handgun ammunition thru the end of September. Tularosa Trading Post is located at the corner of Highway 54 (White Sands Blvd) and the La Luz turn off. Thanks, Dick!

Women on Target...

The Otero Practical Shooting Association will have its annual Women on Target event at the range on September 24. This is an excellent way to introduce women to shooting. I would encourage everyone to recommend this to a lady friend.

Friends of NRA Banquets

Friends of NRA Banquets throughout New Mexico. Attend one and Bring a Friend!

For tickets and location call:

8/25/05—Las Cruces
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8/27/05—Carlsbad
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Over \$475,000 in grants have been awarded right here in New Mexico! Show your support for your *Friends!*

FUN SHOOT COORDINATOR'S

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 24th for New Mexico Big Horn Gun Club Sporting Clays Fun Shoot. This is a 10 station course and you will fire at least 100 rounds. The Big Horn Gun Club is 40 minutes East of Albuquerque in pinon and juniper foothills southeast of Edgewood. Squadding must be accomplished 24 hours prior to shoot. If unsquadded/walk-on, you must wait and shoot with the second flight,

starting at 12:30 pm. You will need hearing protection, eye protection and no shot larger than 7 1/2 . Full squads will be 6 registered shooters. You need to be at the range by 9:00am. Lunch will be served after the shoot and lots of prizes will be given away, including gift certificates for top shooters.

If you have questions, you may call Lynn or Suzi Miller @ 281-7476 after 5 P.M. If you need a map to the range, let me know so that I can mail you one.

Also, mark your calendars for Sunday, November 13th for "free shooting" at Calibers Indoor Shooting Range. There will be free shooting for all who walk in, and cash prizes for all who participate in our shooting events. Kids will have a BB gun shoot out, and coaches will be available, especially for the kids. Lunch will be provided for everyone. You must bring your own ammo or buy it at calibers.

NMSSA Muzzle Loading

By **Tony Trennel**

On Labor Day weekend, August 27th to September 5th, the 2005 Living History Rendezvous (10th Annual Rendezvous at Angel Fire), New Mexico will occur. Entry to the event – 1 mile north of Angel Fire Village on Hwy 434, just south of Angel Fire Airport. At milepost 35, turn east on Camino Grande for 1.5 miles. Encampment open from 10am – 5 pm, Friday through Monday.

Participation activities --

Kid's walk, Period Games, Wagon Rides 11:30 am to 2:00 pm, Story Telling, Vendors Selling Food Customarily Eaten pre-1890's and Visit with the Participants.

Events to watch --

Period Dress Contests, Military Demonstrations, Muzzleloader Contests, Knife and Tomahawk Throwing Contests, Archery Contest, Old West Gunfight

Show, Cooking Contest (samples?) and Horse Games.

Things to See --

Living History Demonstrations, Craft Demonstrations, Traders with pre-1890 Style Wares and a Silent Auction. ...And much more...

Adults: One Day \$5 – Three Day Pass \$8, Children 6-12: One Day \$3 – Three Day Pass \$5,

Children under 6 free.

Visitors: No Pets Please, No public camping on Site.

A Mountain Man Rendezvous will also be held.. Typical patched ball, open sights, no inlines and period style equipment to complement pre-1840 Garb, a requirement for shooters. The contests include the types of shoots expected at any rendezvous; however this event also includes Long Distance Shoots which may be a challenge for

many.

I received this photo from our friends in New Zealand of a trophy taken with a muzzle loader. New Zealand is relatively firearms friendly and getting supplies is not difficult, however a license is required for cartridges and propellants etc. and nearly all outfitters have them so they can buy what you need for your gun. The Stewart family runs an outfit where trophies such as this and others are readily available fair chase. You can contact them via email, leithen@xtra.co.nz. Leithen refers to Leithen valley, about 2 hours by car south of Queenstown. The country, especially the South Island is very interesting and scenic. About 70 miles from the Pacific to the Tasman Sea where you go from plains to a mountain range, warm to cold in a matter of hours.

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SILHOUETTE SHOOTING

By **Ed Pfeiffer**

The lady from Yuma, AZ that lives at the Whittington Center in the summer has decided not to put on a New Mexico State Hunter Pistol/Cowboy Lever Championships this year. I am open to any other state club that would like to sponsor a state shoot for 2005. Call me at (505) 445-5933 or email: nmi-ronturkey@zianet.com.

The following New Mexico clubs are holding silhouette matches starting in April thru Sept.

Cowboy Rifle/Pistol

2nd Sun

San Juan Wildlife Fed

Farmington

Tom Maddox

325-2889

Hunter Pistol

3rd Sun

Farmington –

Frank Blackmer

598-1661

.22 Benchrest

3rd Sun

Farmington –

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4th Sun

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High Power Rifle

4th Sun

Farmington

Burl William

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Cowboy Lever Rifle

4th Sun

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If any club would like to advertise their monthly silhouette matches, please contact Ed Pfeiffer, Silhouette Director. Phone and email address above.

The first monthly matches at the Whittington Center this year will be held on the following dates:

Muzzle Loader Match ---

August 27

HP & SB Rifle Silhouette Match ---

August 28

HP & Lever Action Silhouette

Match --- September 11

BPCR Silhouette Match ---

September 17

Long Range 22 Rifle Match ---

September 18

HP & SB Silhouette Match ---

September 25

BPCR Silhouette Match ---

October 15

Anyone interested in any of the Silhouette Shoots here at the Whittington Center can contact Chad Spamm at the Center for information. Glenda Graves and Hugh Wilson will be running the Silhouette Matches. The "2005 Schedule of Events" for the NRA Whittington Center is out for all the different type of shoots.

Report on the "NRA Cowboy Lever Action Silhouette Nationals" held at the Whittington Center on August 11 - 13. Marvin Tannahill won the Small Bore Rifle shoot and Ron Troyer won the Pistol, Long Range Rifle shoots and the total aggregate.

Current 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.

Become an NRA Certified Instructor in 2005!

NMSSA is pleased to announce a new Education and Training program for 2005. The Association has received a grant from the NRA Foundation to defray the expense of 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 Instruc-

tors 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."

Hunting & Conservation

By David Bernd

Chronic Wasting Disease continues to be a problem in deer in the general vicinity of Alamogordo. While apparently a problem of rather recent vintage, it may have been around for quite a while. Back in the mid-70s, there were reports that ranchers along the south end of the Lincoln National Forest were finding dead, emaciated deer.

The wars over oil-gas drilling on Otero Mesa continue. The State Land Commissioner, Pat Lyons, himself an accomplished hunter and a good friend to gun owners, thinks drilling can be accomplished without destroying the environmental benefits of the mesa. Others, including the Governor,

disagree. All that is clear is that there has been a lot of hype in this and a lot of "non-facts" in the argument. One disturbing story whose validity is unsure: A major New Mexico sportsman's group has been accepting grants from out-of-state anti-hunting environmental groups to oppose Otero drilling. I hope it is not true. If you make your deal with the devil, you will pay for it.

Our hungry problem bears may have gotten a break. The Albuquerque zoo has limited space to temporarily accept bears caught wandering into "people areas" looking for food. Repeat offenders were being killed. Now there is a holding area for such critters until Game and Fish can relocate

them to truly remote areas. One bear has already been saved this way.

There has been little public information recently on trout whirling disease. I hear that the problem in Colorado is much more wide spread than previously reported. It is prudent to continue precautionary tactics and practices until we all learn more.

The anti-hunting/fishing organizations continue on their dedicated ways to stop everything or, at least, hinder our sports to the point where fewer and fewer people will participate. Pay attention folks, and let your legislators know where you stand. Otherwise, in time, you will lose.

CONCEALED CARRY STUDENTS

Now that you have completed your concealed carry training, what ammunition will you choose?

There is no magic bullet and not all ammunition is created equal.

WHAT MIGHT YOU EXPECT IF YOU HAVE TO USE YOUR FIRE-ARM?

I have tested dozens of handgun cartridges in various loadings using FBI/International Wound Ballistics Association standards and prepared a class around those results. This class was originally designed for law enforcement and related audiences. I have decided to offer a similar program to concealed carry permit holders and NMSSA members who could qualify for a concealed carry permit.

The subject of wound ballistics is not well understood even by many involved in law enforcement. The news and entertainment media alternately exaggerates or minimizes the actual power

of handguns. Popular misconceptions exist regarding the actual physiological effects of handgun bullet wounds and mechanism of wound trauma.

In April 1986, FBI agents engaged in a gunfight with two felons in Miami, Florida. Two agents were killed and three seriously wounded in the action, which was in part due to the poor performance of the ammunition used by some of the agents. As a result, the FBI established new standards for handgun ammunition performance and a protocol for ammunition testing.

My class covers aspects of the famous Miami gunfight and new performance standards established as a result. Also discussed are the results of my testing, various problems using a handgun for defense, and wound trauma.

I have tested common cartridges in calibers .22 long rifle through .45 auto. I am starting to test the new Speer GoldDot loadings designed for short barrels. The fired bullets are mounted on display boards and,

along with other materials, are to be viewed by the audience after the presentation. Substantial time is allotted for questions and review. The subject is presented in a manner to be useful to those with limited knowledge of small arms, as well as those with more experience.

My fee is \$25.00 per student. I am willing to travel if there were a group large enough to make it economically feasible

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12-13 2005	SANTA CLARA - NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY	DON DARNELL	(505)544-4937
26-27	ARTESIA FAIRGROUNDS	ROBERT ELLIS	(505)746-3309
APRIL			
2-3 2005	EL PASO, TX	DWAYNE	(208)468-4017
9-10 2005	ROSWELL - ARMORY	STACY HODGES	(505)439-9738
23-24 2005	CLOVIS - ARMORY	STACY HODGES	(505)439-9738
30-1 MAY	AZTEC	JAMES	(505)334-6684
MAY			
7-8 2005	ALBUQUERQUE FAIR GROUNDS	SUSAN FRANKS'	(512)360-3571
28-29 2005	RUIDOSO - CONVENTION CENTER	STACY HODGES	(505)439-9738
JUNE			
4-5 2005	ALBUQUERQUE FAIR GROUNDS	MARK COVELL	(505)262-1350
4-5 2005	EL PASO, TX - SHRINE TEMPLE	JACK THOMPSON	(915)751-1919
11-12 2005	DEMING - ARMORY	STACY HODGES	(505)439-9738
JULY			
9-10 2005	ROSWELL - ARMORY	STACY HODGES	(505)439-9738
16-17 2005	EL PASO, TX - SHRINE TEMPLE	JACK THOMPSON	(915)751-1919
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AUGUST			
6-7 2005	ALBUQUERQUE FAIR GROUNDS	MARK COVELL	(505)262-1350
6-7 2005	T OR C	STACY HODGES	(505)439-9738
13-14 2005	SANTA CLARA - NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY	GEORGE SHEPARD	(505)388-2360
20-21 2005	ALBUQUERQUE FAIR GROUNDS	MARK COVELL	(505)262-1350
SEPTEMBER			
3-4 2005	RUIDOSO - CONVENTION CENTER	JACKIE POWELL	(505)257-6171
10-11 2005	EL PASO, TX	DWAYNE	(208)468-4017
10-11 2005	FARMINGTON - CIVIC CENTER	WAYNE	(505)326-6397
17-18 2005	LOS ALAMOS - PUEBLO GYNMASIUM	RICK	(505)672-3411
24-25 2005	ARTESIA FAIRGROUNDS	ROBERT	(505)746-3309
OCTOBER			
1-2 2005	ALBUQUERQUE FAIR GROUNDS	MARK COVELL	(505)262-1350
8-9 2005	CLOVIS - ARMORY	STACY HODGES	(505)439-9738
22-23 2005	LAS CRUCES - DICKERSON'S AUCTION BARN	JOE	(505)746-3309
NOVEMBER			
5-6 2005	DEMING - ARMORY	STACY HODGES	(505)439-9738
12-13 2005	AZTEC	JAMES	(505)334-6684
19-20 2005	EL PASO, TX - SHRINE TEMPLE	JACK THOMPSON	(915)751-1919
DECEMBER			
10-11 2005	ALBUQUERQUE FAIR GROUNDS	SUSAN FRANKS	(512)360-3571

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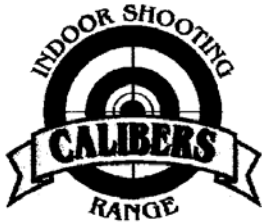
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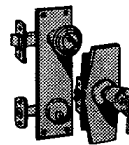
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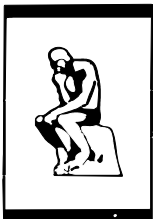
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