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New Mexico Shooting NEWS

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Matt Riggs

Thank you NMSSA and thank you Executive Board Members for the flowers, my father's passing was a little easier with prayers and condolences from friends like each member of this fine organization.

I am both anxious and excited about the new tasks presented before me. The transition that began February 5th was a smooth one and a tribute to each of your cooperative professionalism. I would like to begin by developing an annual budget and accounting for this year and see where we can best spend our discretionary funds (e.g., Big I fourth of July table, sending representatives to each Friends of the NRA dinners, supporting and championing our youth programs, hosting state championship matches, etc...)

In March, I was able to meet our new Vice President Roger Buelow and our new Membership Secretary Wes Shumaker. In each case, I found their ideas to be overwhelmingly positive and supportive. Our new executive board members are joined by our experienced Treasurer Karma Whelchel and seasoned Membership Secretary John Farner; together with a strong foundation of goodwill and enthusiastic support our organization will achieve its goals. I will also ask that our executive officers whom are our leaders to forge a partnership with local clubs that advances cooperation with our organization and builds key relationships within the NMSSA and their areas of expertise.

I hope to devote considerable time and effort getting to know each of you and helping you to get to know me. That process is critically important to our current and future success. While we promote three or four fun shoots around the state this year, I will ask that each executive officer please attend at least one if not more of these events. These events will also be our special meetings, where we can discuss issues, act on ideas and assign tasks to represent the citizens of New Mexico.

It will take time and effort to attend these meetings, but these discussions are essential to orienting and aligning all of us within our association. These discussions are essential as well because each of us needs to have ownership for these plans and expectations, and they need to reflect your ideas, experiences and perspective. As we work together through this year, you should have the confidence to suggest bold and exciting new ways of doing things for our future. You should be confident, because you are part of an institution that values all individuals for their capabilities, and I want you to be a champion for our organization.

Some of the ideas already presented are an aggressive approach to making our organization a beacon for other state groups. We will need to develop important milestones, such as a review of youth activities, the development and approval of youth programs, and increasing youth membership. These

should be key to our organization as our youth are our future. Each member of this organization should have a voice and each should be knowledgeable of the details of our By-Laws, our plans, and our programs.

We are off to a great start with the passing of HB-641 sponsored by John A. Heaton and signed by Gov. Richardson April 6, 2005. This bill extends the life of a license from two years to four years (a refresher course is required every two years). Lowers the minimum age of licensees from 25 years to 21 years and allows licensees to carry smaller caliber handguns than the largest caliber they qualified with. For example if you qualify with a .44 magnum revolver you could carry a .357 magnum or .38 special. (At this time, I don't know if this means you can carry a semi-automatic if you qualified with a revolver or vice versa, but I assume we should know in June when the final rules are cleared up.) This bill also calls for New Mexico DPS to enter into reciprocity with other states that have CCW.

I need your experience, ideas, energy and involvement to help these programs. This does not mean that everyone will always agree with or be happy with the outcomes. New ideas rarely produce unanimous agreement on how to approach them. It does mean that I will listen and benefit from your experience and perspective. I will strive to do the right thing to ensure a bright future for NMSSA. I encourage you to participate, become part of, and embrace NMSSA and make this a successful year.

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SILHOUETTE SHOOTING

By Ed Pfeiffer

The following dates/locations for the Silhouette National Matches in 2005 are as follows.

Long Range Pistol

May 14-21

Wilmington, NC

Small Bore Rifle

June 12-14

Phoenix, AZ

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

High Power Rifle

June 16-18

Phoenix, AZ

Hunter Pistols

July 11-14

Bradford, PA

Cowboy Lever Rifles

Aug. 11-13

Raton, NM

Black Powder

Aug. 15-18

Raton, NM

Black Powder Rifle Scope

Aug. 19-20

Raton, NM

If you have shot at any of the above disciplines in 2004, you will receive a 2005 program for the same discipline. If you want to shoot in another discipline or didn't compete in a 2004 National Silhouette match, you will have to contact Greg Conner at NRA HQ at (703) 267-1450 and request a 2005 program in the type of Silhouette Shooting that you are interested in or you can email your request at: silhouette@nrahq.org.

For those of you interested in the Arizona State Championship Silhouette Matches, the dates/locations are:

Small Bore Rifle

May 14-15

Tucson

Contact RonCalderone

(520) 886-3103

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:

nmironaturkey@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 -

Jeff Tafoya 632-0312

Small Bore Rifle

4th Sun

Farmington

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High Power Rifle

4th Sun

Farmington

Burl William

598-8654

Cowboy Lever Rifle

4th Sun

Farmington -

Burl William

598-8654

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:

May 8 - HP & Lever Action Silhouette Match

May 15 - Long Range .22 Rifle Match (bench rest silhouette?)

May 22 - HP & SB Rifle Silhouette Match

May 30 - Cowboy Lever Action Match

June 5 - Long Range .22 Rifle Match

June 19 -HP & Lever Action Match

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.

CLUB COMPETITION FOR NMSSA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE JANUARY 1, 2004 TO DECEMBER 31, 2004

The competition is over and the Capitan High Power Shooting Club won first place by signing up 12 new NMSSA members. Bill Rodolph, President of the shooting club, requested a DCM AR-15 (Rock River) which he can purchase for \$925.00. A check for that amount has been sent to the Capitan High Power

Shooting Club.

The Zia Rifle and Pistol Club and the Del Norte Gun Club tied for second place, each signing up 5 new NMSSA members. Grant Reel, President of the Zia Rifle & Pistol Club will receive a check for \$200.00. It may be used for state legislators or City officials to take a

concealed carry course taught by Zia instructors. Adrian Glass, President of Del Norte Gun Club, will also receive a check for \$200.00

I want to thank all 18 gun clubs, who participated in the Club Competition, that brought a total of 49 new members into the NMSSA!

NMSSA Muzzle Loading

By **Tony Trennel**

SASS is an acronym for the Single Action Shooting Society and they are having their 24th End of Trail Wild West Jubilee and Cowboy Action Shooting World Championships in Edgewood, NM at this organizations Founders

I always keep an eye out for new or unusual products and noted a few you may not have seen or heard about.

Ranch April 29 – May 1, 2005. Many events are scheduled including re-enactments, period cooking, gunfighter stunt shows and some others of which involve muzzle loading firearms. Admission is \$10. per day, kids free 12 and under. Parking \$2. per vehicle.

Events begin at 9:00 a.m. and go to 6:00 p. m. except to 5:00 pm on Sunday. Heading east from Albuquerque, take the Sedillo exit and go east on route 333 to Highway 217. Go south five miles on 217 to Juan Thomas Road then turn left 1.5 miles to Barton Road. Turn left on Barton Road ¾ mile to the Founders ranch entrance. Further info, contact Ken Amoroso (714) 694-1800 or visit website at www.sassnet.com.

The New Mexico Civil War Commemorative Congress will hold a re-enactment, The 2005 La Cienega event April 30 – May 1, 2005. Many of the events relate to the Campaign in New

Mexico as well as other living history events. 4th Texas Volunteers, First New Mexico, 5th US Inf. Co I and other units. For further information/registration contact John Currens 505-822-5029 or email rebelgunner@currensnet.com.

The Santa Fe Trail Rendezvous will take place on June 12-18 2005 at the NRA Whittington Center, Raton, NM. Numerous period events will be held that week and membership in NRA & NMLRA is not a requirement. Several camps sites of specific types will be available. Fees and such are very reasonable. Contact Booshway Don Witt (806) 745-1818 or Segundo Jerry Stodghill (719) 868-2124. Information by email raton@cap-n-ball.com

Rocky Mountain National Rendezvous will be held July 10-18, 2005. This event is held in the southwest corner of Wyoming and has numerous activities to include cannon and a block-house shoot. Take Hwy 150 south of Evanston, WY (10 miles) to the turn off for Sulphur Creek Reservoir then head east at that turn and follow the signs, approximately 15 more miles. Demonstrations will be provided in various interest areas; beading, quill work, gunsmithing, brain tanning, flint knapping and other interesting topics. Hours vary weekdays and weekends, period attire is required. For further information call Booshways Craig "Shotgun" Kirkland (307) 679-0886, bearriverpow.com

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I always keep an eye out for new or unusual products and noted a few you may not have seen or heard about.

I found a package of CVA Cap Grippers™ that are akin to a belt or sleeve. They are cylindrical pieces of plastic on a mounting device and are placed over a percussion cap loaded onto a nipple. The grippers have a distinct taper and are placed so that a part holds to the cap and the remainder holds to the nipple. In position they prevent the cap from falling away from the nipple and they also seal the cap/nipple interface to prevent moisture from entering. When the cap is fired the gripper will typically break apart, if not simply pry off with a CVA Decapping Tool or with the blade of a knife.

Blackpowder Hunting magazine is a good resource for articles and advertisements slanted towards the hunter. One device noted in the Spring 2005 issue was an ad for a shotshell speed type loader called a Pellet Packer. A three side-opening tube having compartments that contain powder, wads & cups, and shot where the center compartment also serves as a capper. This magazine is a publication of the International Blackpowder Association, P.O. Box 1180, Glenrock, WY 82637 (307) 436-9817 for interested hunters.

FUN SHOOT COORDINATOR'S

Our Goal is to have at least four mini Executive Board Meetings and Fun Shoots each year. The cost of these gatherings is paid for by a grant from NRA/ILA. The ultimate goal is to increase the NMSSA membership and make more people aware of the State Association.

In the past two years we had Fun Shoots in Roswell, Los Alamos, Las Cruces, Capitan, Farmington, The Big Horn Gun Club in Edgewood, and Calibers Indoor Shooting Range in Albuquerque. Not all four Fun Shoots are locked in yet for 2005, but we do have two and possible three shoots scheduled.

We have asked the Hobbs Gun Club and the Carlsbad Sportsman's Club to host a Fun Shoot, and would like to arrange fun Shoots in Silver City and Los Alamos. A contact in Gallup has informed us that they now have the land to build a range, and NMSSA look's forward to that range being completed. Sometime in 2006, we will schedule a Fun Shoot at the Whittington Center.

The schedule for 2005 is as follows:

Socorro Gun Club
May 29 Not yet firm
Big Horn Gun Club

September 24
Sporting clays
100 rounds

Calibers Indoor Range

November 13
Free shooting for all attendees
Cash prizes for event winners
Kids BB gun shoot out

As you can see, we need a Host Club for mid-June, July or August. Just call or e-mail Matt Riggs, President of NMSSA, at 505-672-9180, riggsml2@msn.com or Charlie Weisleder at 505-877-6128, gunweis@aol.com.

Hunting & Conservation

By David Bernd

It seems that Bambi is eating the forest out of existence.

It has been an odd spring so far. The legislative session produced a license fee hike so perhaps our game department folks may see some more money. A bill to turn the state into a game ranch was killed, as was a bill to turn cougar hunting into the equivalent of varmint hunting. There was no attempt (at least identifiable) to elimi-

nate trapping or bow hunting, although all the national level hunting groups had warned of this.

Someone has proposed chasing elk around with paint-ball guns. Paint-ballers have asked "What is an elk and how do you find

it?" One must wonder whether folks have forgotten that elk are large, strong and sufficiently well-hooved to turn a paint-baller into a grease spot. The purpose, of course, is to drive elk out of prime grazing areas of public land so that ranchers can use it. There is a growing resentment among hunters, hikers, etc. about cattle messes in prime forest land. Some suggest turning intruding cattle into crow bait.

The wolf lovers and their government buddies want to enlarge the wolf areas in the southwest. This is ample evidence that nothing has been learned from the Yellowstone wolf experience where the protected wolves have devastated wild life. They have spread so far that they now threaten wild life and domestic stock over a five state area, to the point where the government (reluctantly and with no publicity) has had to shoot out some

packs. The "Wyoming rancher motto is "Shoot. Shovel. Shut Up."

In other places: the cougar has been relocating his range back through the mid-west, with some evidence of a presence in the northeast. There, he is joining the coyote in educating big city and urban Easterners in some facts of life. In Pennsylvania, the tree-huggers and the bunny lovers are at odds with each other over white tail deer. It seems that Bambi is eating the forest out of existence. This should be a fun cat-fight to watch. Still, the anti's keep on coming. Bear hunts in Maryland, dove hunts in Michigan and lots of other stuff are being attacked by a very well funded group of granola people. **THIS WILL NOT STOP.**

Finally, congratulations to the game department folks on busting a big league poaching ring that ran from Española to Virginia.

Debate Over Guns Tilts Toward Easier Access

This article appeared in the Albuquerque Journal on Sunday, April 10, 2005, and the Journal reported in a positive way. Their opening statement was, "With more than four out of five states allowing law-abiding citizens to carry concealed weapons, that argument is finished. Now, the nation's long-running argument over guns turns on how much to loosen the rules – should guns be allowed in Judges' chambers? Bars? In workplace parking lots?"

This year, many state legislators are looking at ways to broaden access to weapons and ease training and other requirements. They interviewed Rep. Tom Anderson and asked him where he stood on self defense. He stated "I believe in it" In this last session, Tom tried to change the law, in a bill he introduced, that would allow judges to carry weapons into their court chambers. It didn't pass, but he will try again in the next session. Tom also said restrictions are outlawing the way he

grew up, when he learned about guns before he was a teenager. In his view, restrictions make crime more likely, and his view seems on the rise.

When asked if he believed every house on the street should have a weapon, he answered, no...But the bad guy should think so.

Way to go Rep. Tom Anderson!

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 opportu-

nity 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."

Tucson Resident will lead the NRA

Sandra Susan Froman, a graduate of Stanford University and Harvard Law School, became the President of the National Rifle Association of America at the 134th Annual Meeting in Houston, Texas. She was born in San Francisco, raised in California, and didn't own a firearm until she was 32 years old. But an attempted break in by a would-be intruder, while living in Los Angeles, was a defining moment for her. She decided then and there to never again feel so frightened and helpless. The next day she signed up for a gun safety class, and when she fired on the range, she discovered she was a pretty good natural shooter. She took a marksmanship course and started shooting competitively in pistol matches. Over the years she attended several firearms training academies, perfecting skills and learning to shoot all kinds of firearms, including fully-automatic firearms. Sandra Froman says that she never met a gun that she didn't like.

In an interview for America's 1st freedom, Sandra states: "Too many Americans have accepted the false notion that we get our rights from government. What they forget is that 'we the people' created the government, and gave the government its power to do certain things for us. The government only has what we gave it. Our freedoms are God-given – they're our birthright – the Bill of Rights and the Second Amendment merely protect what was already given to us by God".

"If you read the philosophy of natural rights, you see the first and fundamental rule for any living thing is survival. The right of self-defense pre-exist the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The question is, when an armed violent criminal seeks to do you harm, do you have the right to choose the most effective means of self-defense or are you limited to using your fists, or harsh words or waiting for 9-1-1"?

"One thing I have learned from firearms instruction and competi-

tion was that women who want to learn to shoot are superior students, and have excellent concentration and eye-hand coordination, often bettering their male counterparts. Women have a right to decide for themselves whether they want to exercise the choice to have a firearm, and they ought to know they have that right".

"Our worst enemies are apathy and ignorance and neglect, and our best weapons are education and enthusiasm and perseverance. If each of us speaks up in the communities where we live and work about who we are and what we stand for, people will listen. If we're positive, passionate, polite and persistent when we talk about our beliefs, people will listen. We have the power to influence more people than we can imagine, but we must use that power. By doing so, each day, one by one, we will multiply our voices and project our power until our message of freedom resonates across America and the world knows we will never rest in the battle to protect and preserve American liberty".

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A CALL TO ARMS

By Paul C. Lisle

On April 6, 2005 Governor Bill Richardson signed HB 641 into law. Since the legislative session was half over before HB 641 had its first committee hearing, I had all but given up hope that it would be passed. The bill went to the Senate with only a couple of days left in the session where it was fast tracked with only one committee, Judicial, where it passed by a vote of 7 to 2 and then passed by the Senate with only hours left in the session. We got everything that we had put into the bill. Lowering the age to 21, extended the license from two to four years, not having to qualify with every caliber of the type of gun we wanted listed on the license and giving DPS the authority to negotiate reciprocal agreements with other states. The only amendments to HB 641 were made by DPS and if we had objected to any of them it would have killed the bill. The amendments are as follows:

1. Raise the cost of renewing the license to \$75.00 for four years. The initial license cost remains the same, \$100 but for four years now instead of two years.
2. Requiring two hours of instruction, including safety and competence demonstration, at two years into the four-year license.
3. Requires DPS to deny a license to any applicant who has been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of violence or misdemeanor drug offense within the past ten years.
4. Require state and local agencies to respond to DPS requests for information on prospective license applicants

within 30 days.

5. Allow licensees to carry the caliber of handgun they qualify with and any smaller caliber handgun with a clarification that they may only carry one handgun at a time.
6. Exempts DPS approved firearms instructors from the need to complete a training course prior to applying for a license.
7. Exempts current law enforcement officers from all fees and training requirements for a license.
8. Exempts retired law enforcement officers from license fees if they served at least 15 years prior to retirement and from training requirements if they have been retired for less than 10 years.

Establishes that licenses issued to current or retired law enforcement officers are valid for 5 years.

The only DPS change that one person was very unhappy with was the one gun at a time carry limitation. I personally only carry one gun at a time so the one gun limitation didn't bother me. It was nice that DPS exempted us CCW instructors from having to go through a training course. But since I go to the range often to practice, it would have been no problem to go with another instructor and then take the completed certification to DPS. Since I was very uncertain if HB 641 would make it through the legislature and now that it is law, I don't know how long it will take DPS to make reciprocal agreements with other states, I went ahead and obtained my concealed carry license from the

state of Florida. Florida has reciprocal agreements and/or their license is accepted by 27 other states. Even without New Mexico being a reciprocal state, NM concealed carry licenses are accepted by Alaska, Arizona, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont and Virginia. The states to watch out for are states that either do not have concealed carry or do not accept any out of state licenses. These states are California, Connecticut, D.C., Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island and Wisconsin. In most of these states it is a felony to carry or even have a gun in your vehicle. The state that really bothers me is Nevada where they hold several very big and good gun shows a year and the S.H.O.T. show which I attend regularly. By the way I won a Marlin Papoose rifle from Marlin at the S.H.O.T. show in January.

We now have over 2,500 people with concealed carry licenses in New Mexico and with the changes that improve the law and lower the cost, I expect we will see a great many more people getting their license. I have been receiving many inquiries requesting information on how to get a license and how to avoid the common mistakes that increase the time it takes for DPS to issue the license.

Remember, an armed citizenry is a safe and free citizenry. It makes one wonder why the United Nations is working so hard to disarm us.

Friends of NRA Banquets

Friends of NRA Banquets throughout New Mexico. Attend one and Bring a *Friend!*
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GUN SHOW SCHEDULE FOR 2005

DATE	LOCATION OF GUN SHOW	SHOW HOST	PHONE
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12-13 2005	SANTA CLARA - NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY	DON DARNELL	(505)544-4937
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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
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23-24 2005	ALAMOGORDO FAIR GROUNDS	STACY HODGES	(505)439-9738
AUGUST			
6-7 2005	ALBUQUERQUE FAIR GROUNDS	MARK COVELL	(505)262-1350
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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

Refuse to be a Victim

By **Richard Barbaras**

Food for thought...

from the Self Defense Forum (www.selfdefenseforums.com) a thought that is worth passing on..."Real self defense ain't just about knowing how to stop that baseball bat from descending on your head...it's also figuring out why you didn't see it coming in the first place." Remember, constant awareness is the price of your survival.

From the range...

Jay Frost, who manages the Sidney Paul Gordon Shooting Range, has stated that he will give a discount on an annual pass to the range to folks who complete my concealed carry class.

Concealed Carry Class...

The next class will be Friday, June 10 (evening), Saturday June 11 and Sunday June 12. If you are interested, or know someone who is, please have them contact me at riclin@tularosa.net or call me at 434-1628 in the evenings.

Advanced class...

Well, it finally happened. On April 16 I taught an Advanced Concealed Carry Class with four students. We did a lot of basic drills and then shot while sitting at a table, on a bed (similar to encountering someone in your bedroom)

and had a lot of fun with a moving target that very vividly demonstrated the 21 foot rule when it was charging you. Then we repeated most of it after dark using flashlights. The group fired just over 300 rounds each and had a lot of fun.

Interested in an Advanced Class?...

I have scheduled another advanced class for the afternoon and evening of Saturday, May 7. Cost is \$75 (plus tax) and you will need your handgun, holster and 350+ rounds of ammunition. All firing is done from a concealed draw so you must be able to conceal your holster...covering it with a shirt is fine. Enrollment will be limited. If you are interested, please let me know by replying to riclin@tularosa.net.

Women's Shooting Clinic...

I have gotten several requests for a regular women's shooting class or clinic...a time when women can come and shoot and receive some instruction. Ladies, if you are interested in talking about this, please reply to riclin@tularosa.net.

Night Class...

I'm also giving some thought to offering a night shooting class at the range. I don't have a lot of details yet, but if you might be interested, please respond to riclin@tularosa.net.

Zia Therapy Center, Inc., of Alamogordo (who happens to be my employer), is offering the Refuse To Be A Victim (RTBAV) seminar. RTBAV is an NRA program developed in 1993 by women of the NRA in an effort to make women more aware of things they needed to do to enhance their security. It is an excellent seminar and definitely provides many ideas on how to prevent becoming a victim of a crime. Since its initial development, the NRA has included men as well by popular demand.

We have taught this seminar in Alamogordo and Albuquerque to more than 75 participants. At the moment we have five additional seminars pending, and we have not even advertised it yet! Once we get the logistics worked out, and hopefully some grant money, we will be offering it statewide. Our plan is to use local instructors whenever possible (there are 52 instructors and instructor candidates in New Mexico).

Anyone interested in sponsoring a seminar in their community, or in teaching a seminar if you are a RTBAV instructor, please contact me at rbarb@ziatherapy.org and I will be glad to visit with you about what we are doing.

La Cueva's Precision team is number one in the nation !!!

By **Bill Barker**

La Cueva just returned from the JROTC National Match at Ft Benning. Over one thousand cadets participated in the earlier rounds and 50 shooters in each discipline (Sporter and Precision Air Rifle) from all over the country were selected for the match. West Mesa and Manzano made it to the Navy finals but did not make the top 3.

La Cueva's Sporter team took top honors in the Marine Corps. **The**

Precision team is number one in the nation and Artiom Reynolds is the top shooter in the country!

Needless to say, I'm pretty proud of these kids - it's amazing how lucky you get when you practice a lot.

Right now, La Cueva will probably go to the Junior Olympic National Match and West Mesa and Manzano will attend the NRA match in Bloomington and you can bet that they

could use some financial help. 4 New Mexico teams are tops in the country with one national championship and more to come. Army took the NCAA's with 3 NM shooters on the team and Navy's captain is one of ours too.

We should all be there to support these young people - tell everyone about their successes and the CMP website has the JROTC results up now.

June 14-17	National Guard National Air Rifle Championships	TBA
June 17-22	Junior Olympics National 3p Air Rifle Championships	TBA
June 23-25	Daisy National Air Gun Competition	TBA
June 25-28	NRA National Air Rifle Competition	TBA

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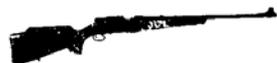
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SHOOTING RANGES IN NEW MEXICO

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, Grant Reel
www.ziarifleandpistolclub.com

Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club

P.O. Box 953
Los Alamos, NM 87544
President, Marv Alme
www.sulphercanyon.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.gilarangers.com/>

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

NRA Whittington Center

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

Socorro Gun Club

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

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) 336-2754
President Bill Rodolph
billr52@valornet.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.

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