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New Mexico Shooting NEWS

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Matt Riggs

We are at the mid year mark and schedules are becoming very busy, I hope that you are enjoying the outdoors this year. I also hope that you are able to attend one of our mini board meetings and or one of our several fun shoots scheduled this year. These events are held around the state to provide information to our members, the public and potential new members. Please help us by attending one these events, which are our best avenue for communicating with our membership and the citizens of New Mexico.

Our fun shoot at Raton, this past April was a lot of fun. The weather wasn't cooperative, but that didn't dampen our spirits. I know for my son Hunter it was a lot of fun and just as much fun for me to see my six year old shooting a shotgun for the first time. His friend Davey who is eight also shot the trap for the first time. A positive experience for both of them and memories that I will cherish. We had a lot to discuss at the mini board meeting, hopefully; you can attend the next one. I would like to discuss your news, issue, and or event.

NRA will conduct the National Police Shooting Competition (NPSC) this October in Albuquerque at Shooting Range State Park. NMSSA has been asked to assist in this event. This will be a huge undertaking for the NRA and us and we could use all the help and assistance we can get. With that in mind, we're in need of around 4 individuals to help us on Sunday, October 1st

from around 7am to 4pm. They would be assisting in selling tickets for the Practice Match and assist in squadding for the practice match. If you are available, please contact me at nmssa@msn.com

NMSSA is still looking for a Membership Secretary for next year, if you are interested please contact Wes Schumaker, for more information.

One item that I wrote about last newsletter and that was agreed upon at the mini board meeting is the NMSSA recruiting/advertising program. In an effort to increase both new membership and volunteerism within our existing membership and friendly competition:

Each executive board member or executive officer that participates in at least one additional event this year will receive either a T-shirt or a Hat with the NMSSA logo on it. (These individuals volunteer time and effort in their capacity as an elected official.)

Any NMSSA member who helps participate/volunteer in three NMSSA events this year will receive either an NMSSA T-shirt or Hat.

Any NMSSA member will receive a T-shirt or Hat for every five NMSSA memberships that they recruit.

And, any NMSSA member who receives one of the NMSSA T-shirts or Hats from this recruiting/advertising program will also have their name placed in a raffle for a .22lr Rifle to be drawn at

the Annual meeting next January.

I believe in our membership and expect this activity to increase membership opportunities for NMSSA, strengthen our NRA membership/NMSSA relationship (40,000 NRA Members in New Mexico) and create community awareness for the NMSSA at the same time. Participants will recruit members within their local communities and help us to advertise our programs locally. New members will be more likely to join NMSSA with the encouragement of people from their local community. Eligible NMSSA events include participating in a fun shoot event, working a table at either a Friends of the NRA Dinner or working a table at one of the Gun Shows scheduled this year. For more information or to make sure your help is recognized please send me an email.

In addition we need your input for our electronic calendar on our website. This tool is not only for our members but also our potential new members. Please submit articles, match schedules, club events, gun show schedules, etc., to the editor, so that our newsletter and calendar can serve not only our members, but all shooters and gun owners in New Mexico.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Your President, Matt J. Riggs

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A CALL TO ARMS

By Paul C. Lisle

In Washington the anti-gunners are trying a back door approach to taking away our guns. S. 2460 sponsored by Sen. Bob Menendez (D-NJ) and co-sponsored by Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY) and Sen. Charles Schumer (D-NY) would make public a national database of firearms used in crimes and illegal sales. This could facilitate anti-gun lawsuits against the firearms industry. The same bill has been sponsored in the House, H.R. 5033 by Rep. Steven R. Rothmann (D-NJ). Remember, the only way your Congressman and Senator know that you are against (or for) a piece of legislation is for you to contact them.

Also introduced in Washington are S. 1082 and H.R. 1288. These bills would improve BATFE's process for punishing FFLs and establish new guidelines for BATFE investigations. The only recourse BATFE now has against a gun dealer, who has errors in his paper work, is to take away the dealer's license. I am against the introduction of monetary fines for such errors as they can be too easily abused. Rules are badly needed to prevent the recent abuses by BATFE agents at the Richmond, VA gun show and highlighted in hearings before the U.S. House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security. BATFE agents confiscated guns purchased at the gun show, went to buyers' (primary woman buyers) homes to verify legal residence, and asked to see the guns; as they

suspected straw purchases. The testimony before the U.S. House Judiciary Committee showed that these agents actions were often forceful, angry, intimidating and, at the least, very unpleasant.

The anti-gunners have tried very hard to get guns off the street and out of our hands. From a high of 245,628 licensed type 1 FFL gun dealers in 1994, the number of FFL dealers fell to 54,2005 in 2005. This is a 78% decrease in the number of FFL's during a 10-year period. The good news is that roughly 8.5 million transactions have cleared through the FBI NICS system every year for the past 5 years. This shows that even though there has been a 78% reduction in licensed dealers, total gun sales have remained constant. In 1994 the anti-gunners made a big thing of the fact that there were more FFL dealers, 245,628 than gas stations, 210,000 in the U.S. At the time, the relationship between the number of gas stations and the number of FFL dealers totally eluded me and still does. Perhaps the major two reasons for the decline in FFL's are: First, the anti-gun law passed during the Clinton years that requires FFL's to comply with all state and local laws and ordinances including zoning ordinances. This eliminated many FFL's that worked out of their houses. The second major reason is that very large retailers like Sportsman's Warehouse and Wal-Mart can buy directly from the gun manufacturers. Gun shops and individual gun dealers are required to buy from firearms distributors, who buy from the manufacturers and add their markup to the cost of the gun. Sportsman's Warehouse in Albuquerque sells

many guns at just a little above what I have to pay a distributor for the same gun. A possible third factor in the decline of the number of FFL's is that the ATF requires an FFL licensee "to be in the business of selling guns". Because of this ruling, an FFL's homeowners insurance will not defend against a lawsuit for selling a gun that is later used in a crime. Add to this the high cost of liability insurance and say goodbye to the independent gun dealer working out of his house. All three of my gun insurance/gun liability insurance policies are underwritten by Lloyd's of London and are expensive compared to other types of insurance. The number of gas stations has also decreased since 1994. We see that mergers have created huge companies that control the oil from the ground to the gas pump and have put many independent gas stations out of business. Other huge companies that sell gas at very low prices are Sam's Club and Costco. Also, most of the convenience stores sell gas. Their sales are not based on low prices but on convenience, and many of their customers buy more than gas when they go to a convenience store.

The most terrifying words in the English language are: "I'm from the government and I'm here to help."

Ronald Reagan

Remember to shoot safe and don't leave home without your cell phone and your concealed carry gun.

NRA Firearms Sourcebook- a New Standard in Shooting References

(FAIRFAX, VA)-- A book subtitled "Your Ultimate Guide to Guns, Ballistics and Shooting" is setting a lofty standard for itself, but even the most advanced shooters would be hard-pressed to find a gun or ammunition topic that the new *NRA Firearms Sourcebook* does not address.

Begun as a simple update of the popular *NRA Firearms Fact Book*, originally published in 1964, and spurred by a wealth of manufacturing and technical innovations over the last decade, the *NRA Firearms Sourcebook* grew into an authoritative 516-page reference by primary authors Michael E. Bussard and Stanton L. Wormley, Jr. More than a dozen experts from the NRA Publications staff contributed their own expertise and meticulous fact-checking.

Divided into just four broad sections-Firearms and Society, Firearms Technical, Ammunition Technical and Reference Materials-the book is an exhaustive text that explains, in refreshingly simple language, topics such as: gun parts nomenclature, operating principles, materials and manufacturing methods, sights and optics, ammunition types and characteristics, ballistics, reloading data and others. The actual formulas used to calculate sectional density, ballistic coefficient, recoil, and other technical subjects are given in the expansive Reference section, along with numerous tables and a lengthy glossary. Overall, the book addresses questions typically posed by both new shooters and highly technical gun owners.

As co-author Stanton L. Wormley, Jr. stated in his foreword, "It is difficult to

comprehend the breadth of knowledge encompassed by the field of firearms." This book is a clear verification of that statement, and anyone fascinated by guns will soon learn exactly how much he does-or does not-know about firearms upon opening this book.

So whether you are just trying to settle a campfire argument about the venerable '06, or you're researching molybdenum disulfide barrel treatment, the definitive answers you need are in the *NRA Firearms Sourcebook*. Order your copy by visiting www.nrastore.com or calling 1-888-607-6007. Cite the book title and item number PB 01548. Cost is just \$34.95 plus applicable shipping and sales tax.

SILHOUETTE SHOOTING

By **Ron Stryker**

Things are taking shape for the NMSSA silhouette championships July 22-25 at the NRA Whittington Center. 32 shooters have said they plan on participating. We have room for a total of 48 competitors in all 6 events. Juniors shoot free with supervising adult.

Hugh Wilson was kind enough to send pictures of the new firing line cover & reworked parking lot that is in progress on the long range pistol range. It will be completed long before our match starts.

The events being fired are hunter pistol any sight & open sight, smallbore hunter pistol any sight & open sight, smallbore cowboy rifle & pistol cartridge lever action cowboy rifle. These events are all being fired concurrently with both small bore & heavy targets on the range.

There is no particular day for any one event like in the national cham-

pionships THE 200 METER EVENT (30/30 CLASS RIFLES) IS NOT BEING FIRED IN THESE CHAMPIONSHIPS. It is most unfortunate this event conflicts with the IHMSA internationals, we will try to plan better in the future.

IHMSA shooters are welcome & scores will be converted to NRA classification. It is not necessary to qualify to participate in these events. NEED NOT BE A RESIDENT TO WIN STATE CHAMPION. Programs are now available for this event.

I will be in Sierra Vista, AZ. Until the end of May & you may contact me at 700 S Carmichael 85635, email at hpsr1@yahoo.com or cell phone is 208-413-2444. Seems to be some confusion about my email address, it is hpsr1 (one) at yahoo.com. My permanent address is P.O. Box 700 Raton, NM 87740 & that is where the entry forms need to be sent.

We have many prizes to be raffled

off during this event but we can always use more, anyone wishing to donate please contact me. C-3 letter is available to cover your donation.

We are hoping for a strong turnout from the NM residents so we can put together postal teams. So far not one NM shooting club has contacted me regards any of their matches or match results.

For a complete listing of NRA silhouette matches go to www.nrahq.org. for a listing of events at the NRA Whittington Center go to www.nrawc.org.

The NRA long range pistol national championships will be held at the Whittington Center in 2007.

Your silhouette director is willing to help any NM club that wishes to hold a championship event. This is a standing offer. Ron

STATE QUADRANTS AND QUADRANT DIRECTORS

There are NRA members, gun club and sportsmen's club members, and gun owners who do not know that The New Mexico Shooting Sports Association exists. They may also be unaware of the number of gun shows that take place throughout the State, shooting events including the NMSSA Fun Shoots, youth events and legislative changes that affect our Second Amendment Rights.

At our last Annual Meeting, on January 21, 2006, NMSSA Executive Officers and Members approved a program of dividing the State into five quadrants as listed below. Each quadrant would have a number of Directors who could distribute our bimonthly Newsletter which normally consist of 12 to 16 pages of information that covers all the events mentioned above. We would need to include a new tri-fold that explains who we are; what we

do; what is our purpose; and what are our goals. Directors could mail tri-folds to friends, neighbors, and gun clubs throughout each quadrant and, hopefully, more of our citizens will join The Mexico Shooting Sports Association.

NE Quadrant

Raton, Springer, Clayton, Las Vegas, Costilla, Questa, Taos, Red River, Mora, Tucumcari and Santa Rosa.

NW Quadrant

Farmington, Bloomfield, Aztec, Chama, Los Alamos, Espanola, Gallup and Grants.

SE Quadrant

Fort Sumner, Vaughn, Clovis, Portales, Roswell, Ruidoso, Tularosa, Alamogordo, Carrizozo, Capitan, Artesia, Lovington, Carlsbad and Hobbs.

SW Quadrant

Socorro, Magdalena, Quemado, Reserve, Glenwood, Truth or Consequences, Silver City, Lordsburg, Deming, Hatch and Las Cruces.

Central Quadrant

Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Edgewood, Moriarty, Los Lunas, Belen and Mountainair.

If anyone receiving this Newsletter would like to be a Director, please contact Matt Riggs, Roger Buelow, John Farner, Karma Whelchel, Wes Shumaker or Charlie Weisleder. Our phone numbers and Emails are on page 2 of the New Mexico Shooting News.

2006 NEW MEXICO CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

June 6th was the voter primary election in New Mexico for candidates who had a same-party candidate running against them. NRA and NMSSA endorsed the following Five Republicans and one Democrat running for State Representative: Keith Gardner in District 66, Dub Williams in District 56, Justine Fox Young in District 30, Tom Anderson in District 29, Richard Berry in District 20 and Debbie Rodella (D) in District 41. Senator Joe Carraro, who was running for United States Senate, was also endorsed. All of the endorsed candidates running for State Representative won their elections.

There were three Republicans who wanted to unseat United States Senator Jeff Bingaman. Those three are: Senator Joe Carraro from Albuquerque, who has been in the NM Senate for 18 years; Allen W. McCulloch, an adult and pediatric urologist

from Farmington; and David Pfeffer, an architect from Santa Fe. Allen W. McCulloch came out on top and will face Senator Bingaman in November election.

Patrick H. Lyons is currently the Commissioner of Public Lands and we need to keep him in that position. Both Pat Lyons and Jim Baca answered our questionnaire with Pat getting an "A" and Jim getting a "D". Pat Lyons has been working to keep our shooting ranges open and has been very successful in Albuquerque and Roswell.

Congresswomen Heather Wilson has been running successfully against anti Second Amendment candidates in District 1, and has always voted positive on our issues. This year, Attorney General Patricia Madrid will be running against Heather Wilson. Questionnaires will be sent out to both candidates by Charles H. Cunningham, NRA Director of Federal Affairs. NRA

and NMSSA will keep you well informed.

Gary K. King won the Democratic race for the office of Attorney General. He will face Republican Jim Bibb in November. Both candidates filled out the NRA/NMSSA questionnaire and both were given an "A" rating. This is another race that we will be following closely.

In the Governors race there is a Republican running against Governor Bill Richardson. It was Doctor J.R. Damron, M.D. who is President and CEO of Santa Fe Radiology. However, Doctor Damron's campaign was not moving well and he decided to end his race clearing the way for the party's Central Committee to name former state party chairman John Dendahl as his replacement. NRA will get a candidate questionnaire to John Dendahl. Governor Richardson has returned his questionnaire and was "A" rated.

NRA's National Rifle and Pistol Matches To Begin July 10 at Camp Perry, OH

Fairfax, VA--From July 10th to August 14th, the National Rifle Association of America will conduct its annual National Rifle and Pistol Championships--the National Matches--at Camp Perry, near Port Clinton, Ohio. Camp Perry has been the home of the National Matches since its founding as a military marksmanship base nearly a century ago. The event is broadly divided into five phases: Pistol, Smallbore 3-Position, Smallbore Prone, High Power, and Long Range.

The matches are unique in that ordinary club shooters may compete on the same firing line as some of America's finest marksman, including former Olympians.

"The National Matches are among the largest and most prestigious shooting championships in the world," said NRA Director of Competitive Shooting M.S. Gilchrist. "This year we expect over 4,000 competitors of all skill levels to visit Camp Perry to shoot with, and learn from, the finest rifle and pistol shots in the country. Many competitors attend with their families, not only to compete but also to participate in other activities offered at Camp Perry and in the surrounding area," Gilchrist added.

For members of the press only: a new media guidebook to the National

Matches will be available in early July. Call 703-267-1595 for a copy.

Calendar: (See also: <http://www.nrahq.org/compete/cp-calendar.asp>)

July 10: First Shot Ceremony

July 10-16: NRA National Pistol Championships:

- The NRA's Harry Reeves Memorial Pistol Match
- The Revolver Distinguished Match
- National 2700 Championship
- Team competition for the USA Civilian Pistol Team International Challenge Match.
- Team competition for the Mayleigh Challenge Cup, International Pistol Match.

Entry closing: July 12. For information on the NRA's Pistol Shooting Program or on the Pistol championships, including the National Trophy Matches, call Bob Piccoli at (703) 267-1451.

July 20-27: NRA National Smallbore Rifle Championships:

- Smallbore Three-position Championships
- Smallbore Prone Championships
- Team competition for the Dewar and Randle International Challenge Trophies, and for the Whistler Boy Team

Trophy

Entry closing, 3-Position: July 18; Prone: July 22. For information on the NRA's Smallbore Shooting Program or on the Smallbore championships, call George Harris at (703) 267-1475.

August 6-10: NRA National Individual and Team High Power Rifle Championships

- NRA Team competition for the Enlisted, Rumbold, and RNDC Trophies
- Shoulder-to-shoulder competition for the 2006 U.S. National Rifle Championship.

August 11-14: Long Range Championships

- Elimination contests and shoulder-to-shoulder shoot-offs for 1000-yard rifle championships.

The Palma Individual Rifle Match conducted at 800, 900, and 1000 yards.

Entry closing: Aug. 5. For information on the NRA's Rifle Shooting Program or for more on the Rifle Championships, including the Long Range Championships and the National Trophy Matches, contact Don Ide at (703) 267-1454, or by e-mail at competitions@nrahq.org.

Hunting & Conservation

By David Bernd

There are times when I wonder whether gun owners and hunters aren't the most self centered, self serving and selfish folks around. The only time they participate, cooperate or even pay attention is when they are scared, mad or forced to.

In light of that, the Game and Fish commission finally did what it should have done years ago. After years of pleading with hunters to return results tags, and after trying to buy response through special license lotteries, they have issued a new ruling. If you don't return your hunting report, you can't get a license the next year. Good for them.

What have the anti-hunters been up to? The Humane Society of US is being investigated for possible misuse of funds supposedly raised for assistance of hurricane victims. Anti-hunters have gained membership on New Jersey fish and Game Council. They

tried to get a law to endanger hunting with dogs.

The anti's are opposing bear hunting in Florida, and tried to restrict both hunting and youth participation in Indiana. A California group is attempting to use the courts to eliminate trapping in Maine and Minnesota. They also got foothold traps banned in Maryland. If you want to keep track of this type of stuff, the US Sportsmen's Alliance does a good job. Website is www.ussportsmen.org. Make no mistake fellow members, these anti-groups are well-organized, well-funded and will not quit.

It seems that the wolf introduction program in NM isn't doing well. The wolf is a magnificent animal and has its place in nature. But if man and the wolf could have co-existed in NM, there wouldn't have to be a re-intro program. Now there is talk of helping the jaguar in southern NM. This is another awesome animal, but it eats lots of meat and isn't afraid of any-

thing, including man. Hope no one gets any wild ideas that we need this one.

Have you noticed a wave of solicitations from NRA? These appeal to our support to oppose UN gun grabs. Hillary's "guaranteed" election to president, and other similar issues. The fact is that NRA needs money in an election year. Rather than a host of foolish solicitations, NRA should simply come out and say what it wants or needs. I think we can handle that and respond.

For those of you in the Albuquerque area, NRA needs volunteers to help with the NRA Police Shooting Championships from 28 Sept - 5 Oct. Even an occasional helper can be useful, with setting targets, scoring and similar tasks/ Please call Bernd, Lisle, or Weisleder ASAP.

Muzzle Loading

By Tony Trennel

Muzzle Blasts magazine, a publication of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association contained an article by Ben Crookshanks titled Indirect Fire. The article addressed the art and techniques of this sort of targeting primarily during the Civil War. What caught my interest however was a paragraph that told a story related to long range rifle shooting and marksmanship.

"At Spotsylvania in May 1864, General John Sedgewick strode onto the battlefield and demanded to know why a cannon had been silent for almost half an hour, and why the men were crouching in trenches. He was told they were pinned down by a sniper across the valley. Seeking to encourage the men by his example he stood up on the defensive works and said 'They couldn't hit an elephant at this distance.' These words were no more out of his mouth when he was hit under the left eye by a rifle ball. The distance was 800 yards."

The distance of the shot seemed extraordinary so I decided to do a bit of research to see just how far and possibly how accurate black powder muzzle loaders were at those distances that would challenge many modern rifle shooters. I found that the National Rifle Association sponsors a team that participated in the 4th World Long Range Historical Rifle Championship that was held at the Good Hope Range Complex in Cape Town South Africa, held this year from April

10th through the 15th. It will be held every four years.

Competitors must use 1880-era rifles (either cartridge or muzzleloaders) using black powder and lead bullets with metallic sights and weighing no more than 13 pounds. All firing (10 shots at 300, 500 and 600 meters and 15 shots at 700, 800 and 900 meters for each shooter) is done from the prone position and slings and rests are allowed. Team competition occurred at the later three ranges. American shooters were selected at a special tryout after the National Championships at Raton, NM in August 2005. The U. S. took the title back from Germany with a score of 1043-43V out of a possible 1350. South Africa came in second with a score of 1034-49V and third to Germany with 994-44V.

I'm not sure what the target size was used but I know they likely had modern standardized bullets, powders, caps and so forth. Even if they made their own bullets the casting tools were more accurate unless old tools must also be used? What is amazing is that sharpshooters from the Civil War area could achieve hits at equivalent distances noted above likely using rests etc. but equipment from that period that could vary in quality much more than today's materials. For example, the granularity and quality of period black powder. To be honest I was skeptical when I read the story about General Sedgewick being hit at 800 yards at that time – not after reading about the long range competition however.

At our very own Whittington Center at

Raton, NM there are monthly black powder shoots. The next three are scheduled for July 15th, August 19th and September 23rd. The days may not always be consistent since they must fit these shoots into other schedules for the center. These are monthly match shoots of the traditional sort using black or synthetic powder, round ball and patch with metallic sights. Typical times range from 9 am to about 1 pm depending on the amount of fun. Glenda Graves is the contact for these shoots and she can be reached at 928-502-0736.

The New Mexico Big Horn Gun Club will be doing their 29th Annual Cache Le Plew Rendezvous September 14th through the 17th, 2006. Step back in time to the era of the American fur trade and daring exploration. Activities include; black powder shoots, smoothbore and flintlock shoots, hawk & knife competitions, pistol and rifle walks, mountain man run, men-women-junior events, and a pancake breakfast Sunday morning. Primitive dress is appreciated but not required, separate primitive and modern camping areas, no camping or trader fees, wood-water-privies provided, each lodge should have it's own fire suppression equipment and pets must be on leashes. Single entry fee \$20. Family \$40. Pancake breakfast \$5. And raffle tickets \$2. or 3 for \$5. for a chance on a .54 cal. Lyman rifle with possibles bag.

NRA Expands Personal Protection Training

FAIRFAX, VA-NRA is expanding its personal protection training materials and course offerings in response to the needs of a growing number of citizens who choose to carry a concealed handgun for personal protection.

The most recent addition is the new *NRA Guide to the Basics of Personal Protection Outside the Home*. This 356-page, fully-illustrated guide, which follows the popular *NRA Guide to the Basics of Personal Protection in the Home*, covers such topics as:

- Concealed carry techniques
- Presentation of a firearm from concealment
- Defensive shooting skills and strategies
- Safety
- Legal aspects of gun ownership and self-defense
- The aftermath of a defensive shooting

While the book is available now,

a new basic course on the same topic, taught by NRA certified instructors, is also under development and should be accepting students by the end of the year.

“The National Rifle Association has been at the forefront in securing the rights of law-abiding Americans to carry concealed handguns for personal protection,” said Bill Poole, Director of NRA’s Education and Training Division. “Now, 48 states recognize this fundamental right and have procedures in place to allow their residents the means with which to defend themselves. This publication, and the NRA course that will follow soon, are invaluable steps toward learning to responsibly and securely carry a concealed firearm,” he added.

The *NRA Guide to the Basics of Personal Protection Outside the Home* is now available at a cost of \$19.95 for NRA members (non-member price is \$27.95) by calling 800-336-7402, or online at <http://materials.nrahq.org/go/home.aspx>. Cite Item Number ES30000; shipping and han-

dling charges apply.

Yet another new offering is a DVD version of the *Basics of Personal Protection in the Home*, the most popular of all NRA’s basic courses. Available for just \$19.95, the DVD can be played on a computer or a television, and watched from beginning to end or in specific sections. Topics covered include:

- Making you and your home safe
- Awareness levels
- Responding to a possible break-in
- Avoiding confrontations
- Confronting an attacker
- If you must shoot
- The aftermath of a defensive shooting

The DVD can be ordered by calling 800-336-7402 or online at <http://materials.nrahq.org/go/home.aspx>. Cite Item Number ES246840.

For additional information on this or any other NRA training course or materials please call (703) 267-1423.

States That Accept New Mexico’s Concealed Carry License

May 12, 2006

Alaska

Arizona

Colorado

Florida

Idaho

Indiana

Kentucky

Michigan

Missouri

Montana

North Dakota

Oklahoma

South Dakota

Tennessee

Texas

Utah

Vermont

Virginia

Wyoming

Note: While we think this list is accurate, we can make NO GUARANTEES. It is up to you to check the laws in each state that you wish to carry in. For more information, go to www.handgunlaw.us

NRA WHITTINGTON CENTER FUN SHOOT APRIL 28-29, 2006

On the way up to Raton Friday afternoon, we experienced heavy rain, snow and wind, but we all made it safely. Those who braved the weather included: Karma & Bob Whelchel & Danielle, Charlie & Mary Weisleder, Paul & Mary Rockhold, John & Gwen Farner, Tony Trennel, Matt & son Hunter, Dave Cooper & son Davy and Ron & Loreen Stryker. Friday evening we all gathered at the Icehouse Restaurant, specializing in Steak & Seafood.

Saturday morning we had a brief safety meeting for the trap shoot and broke up into three groups as you can see in the pictures. The wind was blowing and it was cold, but that didn't seem to bother the shooters. We took a lunch break, to get warm, and went to K-BOB'S Steakhouse.

Saturday afternoon we went to the Silhouette range but had to wait a short time until a few deer moved out of the way. The wind was gone and the sun was warm and we shot all of the steel pigs and chickens and

whatever else we put up to shoot.

We left the Holiday Inn Express on Sunday morning, and NMSSA paid for the rooms. The grant money that we receive from NRA/ILA covers a good bit of the cost of Fun Shoots, since the purpose of the Fun Shoots is to promote membership is NMSSA. We hope more of our Executive Board Members and Executive Officers will join us at the next Fun Shoot.



Matt Riggs and son "Hunter" getting ready to shoot.



Dave Cooper and son Davy getting ready to shoot.



Danielle, Bob and James Whelchel.



John Farner, Tony Trennel and Paul Rockhold (shooting).

Upcoming Friends of the NRA Dinners in New Mexico

7/21/2006 - 6:00 p.m. Gallup, NM
 Holiday Inn
 2915 West 66 Highway Gallup, NM
 87347
 Bill's Reloading (505) 722-9275

7/22/2006 - 6:00 p.m. Roswell, NM
 Elks Lodge
 1720 North Montana Roswell, NM
 88201
 Kenny Forrest (505) 662-4350
 knaforrest@dfn.com

8/19/2006 - 6:00 pm Carlsbad NM
 Civic Center - Walter Gerrells
 4912 National Parks Hiway Carlsbad, NM
 88220
 Kenneth J. Lechlitter (505) 885-8369
 lickliters@warppdriveonline.com

9/23/2006 - 6:00pm Ruidoso NM
 Turf Club, Ruidoso Downs Race Track
 Ruidoso, NM 88346
 Dana Terlecky (505) 354-4706
 tacberry@zianet.com

10/19/2006 - 6:00pm Las Cruces NM
 Dickerson Event Center
 3920 W Picacho Las Cruces NM
 88005
 Larry Foster (505) 526-1460
 lfoster@zianet.com

DEPARTMENT OF GAME & FISH EXPO

The EXPO took place at the Albuquerque Shooting Range Park on May 20-21, 2006. We had two tables, one for NMSSA and one for Friends of NRA. This is an event for families where parents and kids sign up to do a series of events. They get to shoot a rifle, shotgun and bow & arrow. They try to catch huge cat fish in a pool and climb a rock wall. We signed up some folks to join the NRA and some to join NMSSA and some to join both. Carleton Talbot, our pistol Executive Officer, from Canutillo, Texas drove to Albuquerque to work at one of our tables.

We appreciate Carleton's dedication to attend our Fun Shoots.

Look at the Fun Shoots for the rest of 2006 and plan to attend. The next event is not a Fun Shoot, but will give us a lot of positive exposure. This is the 4th of July event at the Rio Rancho Sports Complex in Rio Rancho, NM. It is a full day of family-oriented, interactive events, culminating with Rio Rancho's Annual Fireworks show. Estimated attendance could be 25,000 people. Eddie Eagle will be there, Friends of NRA with guns to be raffled next April, and NMSSA will be selling a variety of NRA

merchandise from their catalog. We hope to sign up many new members in the NRA and NMSSA.

Another event coming up is the New Mexico State Silhouette Championships at the NRA Whittington Center on July 22-25. Ron Stryker, our Executive Officer for silhouette, would like each of the shooters to wear an NMSSA t-shirt and hat. NMSSA has just purchased new gray t-shirts in all sizes and Charlie & Mary Weisleder will be at the Whittington Center to sell the shirts and hats.

Fun Shoots Around New Mexico

By **Bob Whelchel & Charlie Weisleder**

MAGDALENA, COWBOY ACTION JULY 15TH, STARTING AT 11:00AM.

If you don't have two single action revolvers, a lever-action rifle that shoots handgun ammo and a shotgun, come anyway and wear western clothes if you got them. Lunch will be served at the range with soft drinks and water. Bring your camera for great pictures. If you need directions, call (505) 854-2488, or check the website at <http://www.magdalenatraildrivers.com/html/calendar.html>

NEW MEXICO STATE SILHOUETTE CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH FOR HUNTER PISTOL AND COWBOY LEVER ACTION RIFLES July 22-25

At the Whittington Center in Raton. Contact Ron Stryker, who is our new NMSSA Executive Officer for Silhouette, at hpsr@yahoo.com or call (208) 413-2444

HOBBS GUN CLUB AUGUST 18 - 20

There will be Cowboy Action and Silhouette with rifle and pistol. Contact Hobbs Gun Club President Richard Morris at: rlmorrisnm@valornet.com

BIG HORN GUN CLUB EDGEWOOD SEPTEMBER 23

Sporting clays fun shoot. You will need 100 rounds for the ten station course. You can call Lynn or Suzi Miller at: (505) 281-7476 after 5:00pm

LOS ALAMOS MACHINE GUN SHOOT DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

Fun Shoot Coordinators:
 Charlie Wiesleder
 Bob Whelchel

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
Richard West 1st Vice President
1711 Standpipe Road
Carlsbad, NM 88220
(505) 887-2696

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

Sidney Paul Gordon Shooting Range

19 Rock Cliff Road
Alamogordo, NM 88310
Range Master—Jay N. Frost
(505) 443-9006

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
Wayne Armacost
(505) 445-3615

Socorro Gun Club

P. O. Box 353
Socorro, NM 87801
(505) 838-2734
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

PO Box 1691
Alto, NM 88312
(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.

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: gunweis1@comcast.net

GUN SHOW SCHEDULE FOR 2006

DATE	LOCATION OF GUN SHOW	SHOW HOST	PHONE
April			
29-30	AZTEC COMMUNITY CENTER	JAMES	(505)334-6684
29-30	ALBUQUERQUE FAIR GROUNDS	KIM HILL	(830)377-5865
May			
6-7	EL PASO, TX - SHRINE TEMPLE	JACK THOMPSON	(915)751-1919
27-28	RUIDOSO CONVENTION CENTER	STACY HODGES	(505)439-9738
June			
3-4	ALBUQUERQUE FAIR GROUNDS	MARK COVELL	(505)262-1350
10-11	DEMING LULAC HALL	STACY HODGES	(505)439-9738
24-25	MESCALERO (TENTATIVE)	STACY HODGES	(505)439-9738
July			
15-16	EL PASO, TX SHRINE TEMPLE	JACK THOMPSON	(915)241-1761
22-23	HOBBS LEA COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER	KIM HILL	(830)377-5865
30-31	ALAMOGORDO FAIR GROUNDS	STACY HODGES	(915)751-1919
August			
5-6	ALBUQUERQUE FAIR GROUNDS (OLD WEST)	MARK COVELL	(505)439-9738
19-20	T OR C - FAIR GROUNDS	STACY HODGES	(505)262-1350
September			
2-3	RUIDOSO CONVENTION CENTER	JACKIE POWELL	(505)257-6171
16-17	LOS ALAMOS PUEBLO GYNMASIUM	RICK	(505)672-3411
23-24	ARTESIA - FAIRGROUNDS	ROBERT ELLIS	(505)746-3309
30-01 October	CARLSBAD CIVIC CENTER	KIM HILL	(830)377-5865
30-01 October	CLOVIS NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY	STACY HODGES	(505)439-9738
October			
7-8	ALBUQUERQUE FAIR GROUNDS	MARK COVELL	(505)262-1350
21-22	ALAMOGORDO FAIR GROUNDS	LEVI MOORE	(505)437-7116
28-29	LAS CRUCES DICKERSON'S AUCTION BARN	DAVE EGAN	(505)523-5838
November			
4-5	DEMMING NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY	STACY HODGES	(505)439-9738
11-12	AZTEC COMMUNITY CENTER	JAMES	(505)334-6684
11-12	HOBBS LEA COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER	KIM HILL	(830)377-5865
18-19	EL PASO TX. SHRINE TEMPLE	JACK THOMPSON	(915)241-1761
25-26	SOCORRO	STACY HODGES	(505)439-9738
December			
9-10	ALBUQUERQUE FAIR GROUNDS	KIM HILL	(830)377-5865

Announcements of upcoming highpower rifle bullseye events in NM and adjacent states can be found at the web site run by NMSSA's Highpower Rifle shooters. In addition to information about all of the events in NM, there are links to the other states' sites and some news about events in NM and at the National Matches.

www.nmrifleshooting.com

RETURN TO THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY
 Wes Shumaker 1049 Alamo Rd. Los Alamos, NM 87544

One Year Annual Membership	\$16.00	Senior Annual, age 65+	\$12.00
Three Year Annual Membership	\$40.00	Senior Life Membership	\$75.00
Five Year Annual Membership	\$65.00	Annual Junior, Under Age 19	\$5.00
Life Membership	\$150.00	Annual Club Affiliation	\$25.00

Please check here if you are renewing your membership

NAME _____ DATE OF APPLICATION _____
 ADDRESS _____ (BUSINESS NAME) _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____ FAX _____
 E-MAIL (PLEASE PRINT) _____
 TYPE MEMBERSHIP APPLYING FOR _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____
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 ARE YOU AN NRA MEMBER? _____

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