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# New Mexico Shooting news

## 2007 NMSSA ANNUAL MEETING

The 2007 NMSSA Annual Meeting will be held Saturday January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007, at the Marriott Hotel in Albuquerque. 2101 Louisiana Blvd NE. The day will begin with registration at 8:30 AM and meeting beginning at 9:00 AM. Agenda will be forth coming in the January Newsletter and electronic distribution (e-mail and webpage). We will do our best to have the days event complete by 2:30 PM.

An early registration form can be found on page 7 of this newsletter.

Hope to see you there.

### NMSSA Annual Meeting Agenda

- 8:30 Registration
- 9:00 Darren White Bernalillo County Sheriff
- Gary King Attorney General
- Patrick Lyons Commissioner of Public Lands
- Tara Reilly Mica NRA/ILA Lobbyist
- Joe Thompson NMSSA Lobbyist
- Heather Wilson Congresswoman
- Shannon Robinson Senator
- John Heaton Representative
- 12:00 Governor Bill Richardson Luncheon Speaker  
(Or someone from his staff)
- 1:00 NMSSA Business Meeting
- 2:30 Adjourn

Some NMSSA Executives will also be invited to speak in the General Session.

There will be other Senators and Representatives invited to speak.

With the legislative session in process, Senators and Representatives may be required to be in committees or on the floor of the House and Senate.

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## Concealed Carry

By **Richard Barbaras**

**An Interesting Thought...**I ran across this the other day on one of the firearms forums and thought it was something to think about... *"The best defense against bad people with guns is good people with guns."* - *Phil Messina, President, Modern Warrior Inc.*

**From Tara Mica, NRA-ILA New Mexico State Liaison...**The New Mexico Legislature convenes for its 2007 regular session on Tuesday, January 16, in Santa Fe. NRA-ILA and NMSSA have identified several proactive initiatives that we will be working on during the 60-day session. Sen. Shannon Robinson (D-Albuquerque) has agreed to carry Florida-style "Castle Doctrine" legislation that reforms New Mexico self-defense and use of force statutes. And Sen. Stuart Ingle will sponsor a bill removing the ban on carrying by Concealed Handgun Licensees in establishments licensed to dispense alcohol for consumption "off the premises" (i.e., grocery and convenience stores.) Both measures are currently being drafted for introduction next year. *Please contact your State Senators and State Representatives and urge them to support these important issues!* We will also pursue additional "capital outlay" funding for continued improvements to Shooting Range State Park in Albuquerque, which played host to the 2006 NRA-sponsored National Police Shooting Championships and which will continue to host the competition in 2007 and

beyond.

**January Concealed Carry Class...**The January Concealed Carry Class will be held on January 12 (eve), 13 & 14. If you know of anyone who might be interested in taking the class, please have them contact me at [riclin@tularosa.net](mailto:riclin@tularosa.net) or call me at 430-3040.

**Is It Time To Renew Your Concealed Carry License?...**Remember, you can apply to renew your concealed carry license as early as 60 days before the expiration date. It is taking 4 to 6 weeks for the license to arrive after you submit your renewal application. I am doing renewal class as I receive requests. Check the expiration date on your license and give me a call and we can schedule your renewal class.

**Tularosa Trading Post...**The Tularosa Trading Post offers a one time 10% discount on ammunition and a 5% discount on any firearm if you take one of my classes. They are now offering Gift Certificates as well. Just talk to Mac or Jim.

**Individual or Specialized Classes...**I have been doing some specialized classes for people with specific needs for their firearms training. I have even worked with some individuals who were being deployed to some of the unfriendly parts of the world. If you do have specific needs not met by our regular classes, please get in touch with me. I'd be glad to work with you or your group.

**Local Shooting Matches...**After going through the training to receive your

concealed carry license, you have an obligation to maintain a certain level of proficiency with your handgun. A good way to practice, and have fun with like minded people, is to participate in one of our local shooting matches. The Otero Practical Shooting Association (OPSA) hosts several matches each month at the Sidney Paul Shooting Range in La Luz. The Action Match, held the third Saturday of every month, is a good place to shoot from a concealed holster in a variety of interesting situations. They are very supportive of first-time shooters and will provide as much advice and assistance as you need to enjoy the match. For more information, go to their website at [www.opshooter.org](http://www.opshooter.org). And while you are at it, please consider joining OPSA and supporting their efforts to provide a variety of matches in the local area.

**Tip of the Month...**When you have to go into a place where you can't legally carry your pistol, what do you do with it? The best solution I have found is the 'In Car Safe' from [www.Center-of-Mass.com](http://www.Center-of-Mass.com). For about \$30, you get a small portable safe that you can attach to your vehicle by cable. According to the manufacturer, it is even approved for having your handgun in a locked case in your check on luggage while flying. I have one that resides in my vehicle all the time and it gets used much more frequently than I would have ever imagined.

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## Muzzle Loading

By **Tony Trennel**

Our Big Horn Gun Club range is located pretty much in a "bowl" where the longest range is 200 yards. Just thinking about ranges, firearm types and some of the specific disciplines I thought it would be nice to have a range where most any discipline could line up to fire. Those that are attached to cannons could have one of the longest ranges so their "skipped" cannon balls would do no harm. Then we could install very long

range facilities for the .50 caliber types that like to see what they can hit at 1500 yards. Next in line, ranges for various high-power uses; target, sight-in or just semi-auto rapid fire. Then on to a special range for machine gunners with moving targets so they can improve their special techniques. Of course we need various types of shotgun facilities especially sporting clays so that many can be humbled. Then some small caliber areas and on to the older stuff exemplified by Cowboy

Action and various muzzle-loaders; caps, flintlocks maybe even matchlocks. This is a big range I'm thinking but even so I may occasionally hear some machine gun work or .50 caliber shots. But what if I don't hear such shots? Suppose I'm paying attention to what I'm doing with some six-guns and sometimes muzzle-loaders. When do I go to the far side of the extensive range to see what is going on or if something is going on?

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How long before I find out the machine-gunners are under attack by anti-gun types? I mean who needs a machine gun? Then maybe I'll take the time on an outing to see why I don't hear .50 caliber shots. Surely, not a gun for deer hunting the anti's say! However, our Second Amendment is not about deer hunting. So I go back to the drawing board and think about a range where I can keep track, look over my shoulder to see what's going at all the ranges. Maybe a V-shape so all can look over their shoulders; after all why limit my imaginary range.

I'm presenting this to point out it doesn't matter if I don't like or don't participate in some of the other firearm disciplines. What matters is the common bond of firearms among all disciplines and importantly their common elements. Common elements meaning, a method for *ignition* and a *propellant* to propel a *projectile* that may be basic *lead* or something more advanced. Any attack on

these is an attack on all. Clearly, there are other potential attacks, for instance "backdoor registration" in many different guises. So those applying their freedoms under the auspices of the Second Amendment must support all the diverse expressions of this freedom and any that may come under attack.

During our fun shoots for the NMSSA this year several of us were introduced to Cowboy Action Shooting™. I took an interest and joined the Single Action Shooting Society because of the action type of shooting that can include some elements of muzzle loading and black powder. Their handbook states "Cowboy Action Shooting™ is a multifaceted amateur shooting sport in which contestants compete with firearms typical of those used in taming of the Old West..." A typical shooting scenario involves the use of two six-shooters (cap & ball revolvers may be used), a lever action rifle and a shotgun. You may have to shoot several metal targets (sequence part of scenario) at close range with the revolvers, then

use a lever action at longer range targets (sequence given) then shoot a few action targets with a shotgun. Most rifles are of pistol caliber and ammo velocities are somewhat limited to preclude back splatter. Black powder can be used in loads and in some competitions all the loads must be with black powder. For these there is a grain minimum that must be abided by because one of the features of black powder shooting is the ability to contend with the smoke.

The Gila Rangers have a website (www.Gilarangers.com) and they put together a list of New Mexico clubs and monthly shoots. I'm including that listing which shows when the shoots occur and whom to contact. The other reason I'm addressing this rather new discipline is that we should address Cowboy Action in the NMSSA Newsletter. I intend to bring this addition up at our annual meeting and your attendance and comments are welcome.

~ ~ *New Mexico Clubs Monthly Shooting Calendar* ~ ~

1 <sup>st</sup> Sat.	Magdalena Trail Drivers Otero Practical Shooters Buffalo Range Riders - Mounted Rio Rancho Regulators	Magdalena La Luz Founders Ranch Rio Rancho	Slippery Steve Alamo Rose Nuevo Mike Sam Brennan	505-835-8664 505-437-6405 505-832-4059 505-400-2468
1 <sup>st</sup> Sun.	Magdalena Trail Drivers Mounted Buffalo Range Riders	Magdalena Founders Ranch	Rimrock Mike Coyote Calhoun	505-835-2623 505-580-5985
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed.	Magdalena Trail Drivers	Magdalena	Slippery Steve	505-835-8664
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat.	Gila Rangers (you're here) Bighorn Vigilantes Rio Grande Mounted Rustlers	Silver City Edgewood Belen	Chico Cheech Travis Boggus Buckskin Doc	505-388-2531 505-832-1302 505-440-0257
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun.	Monument Spring Bushwhackers Border Raiders (Non-SASS) Lost River Cowboys	Hobbs Deming Roswell	Mesquite Bandit Shaun Reynolds Concho Viejo	505-392-5017 505-546-9767 505-622-6034
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat.	Rio Grande Renegades Lost Almost Posse Magdalena Trail Drivers Seven Rivers Regulators	Albuquerque Los Alamos Magdalena Carlsbad	Rancid Roy Buncle Steve Slippery Steve Drop M'Dead Ted	505-898-4894 505-662-6034 505-835-8664 505-885-2975
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun.	Rio Vaqueros Los Vaqueros - Mounted Only	T.O.C. Las Cruces	J. W. Brockey Robert Barnard	505-744-9222 505-373-4651
4 <sup>th</sup> Sat.	Picacho Posse & Gun Club Tres Rios Bandidos Monument Spring (March - June) Rio Rancho Regulators Pacos Valley Pistoleros	Las Cruces Farmington Hobbs Rio Rancho Hagerman	Fast Hammer Long Step Mesquite Bandit Sam Brennan Yankee Duke	505-647-3434 505-325-4493 505-392-5017 505-400-2468 505-308-9245
4 <sup>th</sup> Sun.	Gila Rangers Mounted (here) Rio Grande Renegades	Silver City Albuquerque	Apprentice Rancid Roy	505-388-4060 505-898-4894

~ *New Mexico Clubs - 2007 Annual Cowboy Matches* ~

Jan 27 - 28	2nd Annual Fun Shoot Picacho Posse Gun Club - Las Cruces	10 Stages	Fast Hammer	Las Cruces 505-647-3434
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# HUNTING & CONSERVATION

By **David Bernd**

Time and health prohibit me from active participation just now. An important item that I must mention is the apparent collaboration of a self proclaimed "sportsman organization" with anti gun

and anti hunting organizations. It is possible that in the interest of preserving various chunks of real estate, this outfit is quite willing to participate with the PETA/BRADY type organizations.-If you dance with those

devils, you will have to pay the piper, and the payment will be loss of our rights.- Lets hope I am wrong. But if some group wants you on board, check them out- Bernd

## A CALL TO ARMS

By **Paul C. Lisle**

November 7 2006 was a disaster for gun owners. Although no Democratic candidate running for the Congress expressed their views on the gun issue, the Democratic platform has an anti-gun plank and most of the newly elected Democratic Representatives and Senators are expected to follow their leaders and vote for more gun control. The real disaster for gun owners is in the senior Democrat's in both houses that will become chairman of all the committees. Very, very left wing and totally anti-gun Rep. Nancy Pelosi (F-rated by the NRA and Gun Owners of America) is the new Speaker of the House. She will determine what bills will get through the house and the committees that they will go to.

The new Speaker's strongest House ally in the push for more gun control is long-time Democrat, anti-gun activist John Conyers, the new Chairman of the Judiciary Committee. Almost all bills related to the Second Amendment will pass through Conyers' committee. The new Chairman, an extremist who advocates a total handgun ban, will control the schedule of the committee as well as which bills come up for committee vote.

The situation in the Senate may

be worst. The new Senate Majority leader will be F-rated Harry Reid (NV) and the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee is F-rated Pat Leahy of Vermont. Senate anti-gun leaders are Ted Kennedy (MA) who is Sarah Brady's spokesman, Joe Biden (DE) author of the "Gun Free Zones Ban", Dianne Feinstein (CA) author of the "Assault Weapons" ban, Russ Feingold (WI) lead sponsor of the "Campaign Finance Reform" bill along with John McCain (R-AZ), Charles Schumer (NY), lead sponsor of the 1993 Brady Law, and Dick Durbin (IL) one of the most out spoken gun control zealots in the Senate. Senate bill S-645, Senator Lautenberg's bill titled "Public Safety and Recreational Firearms Use Protection Act", which is a major step toward a national gun ban, has 11 Democratic co-sponsors, including Hillary Clinton, Ted Kennedy, Chuck Schumer and Barbara Boxer.

This bill is now stuck in committee and will go no-where until the new legislators take over in January. At that time there is a chance that it will make it out of the Senate and under Pelosi's leadership in the House, it will go to the President's desk. At that time our only hope will be in a Presidential veto which the Democrat's do not have the votes to override. One of the few bits of good news is that the Democrat's

have major problems in uniting their members with the result that, in all probability, not much will get passed in the next two years. But all bets are off if in 2008 someone like Hillary Clinton is elected President. Thanks to the Gun Owners of America for providing much of the details of the above.

In New Mexico things look much better. Nothing much has changed in the House and there were no Senators up for reelection. With a pro-gun Governor we have a good chance of getting the Castle Bill (we will not be required to retreat before defending ourselves), carrying a gun in places that sell package liquor, like convenience and grocery stores, and more money for the Albuquerque Shooting Range passed into law. We do not plan to push for the removal of the one concealed gun part of the concealed carry law. Too much to ask for this year.

"Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed there are many rewards. If you disgrace yourself you can always write a book" Ronald Reagan

Remember, never leave home without you cell phone and carry gun and shoot safe.

## 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](mailto:gunweis1@comcast.net)

## SHOOTING RANGES IN NEW MEXICO

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

### Zia Rifle & Pistol Club

P.O. Box 9131  
Albuquerque, NM 87119-9131  
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[www.ziarifleandpistolclub.com](http://www.ziarifleandpistolclub.com)

### Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club

P.O. Box 953  
Los Alamos, NM 87544  
President, Marv Alme  
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### Picacho Gun Club

**Butterfield Trail Shooting Range**  
Club President, Cindy Pollock  
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### Carlsbad Sportsman's Club

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### Seven Rivers Regulators

Carlsbad, NM  
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### Silver City Range

**Gila Rangers**  
P.O. Box 663  
Silver City, NM 88062  
President, Chico Cheech  
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### Roswell Gun Club

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### San Juan Wildlife Federation

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Farmington, NM 87499  
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[www.sjwf.org](http://www.sjwf.org)

### Del Norte Gun Club

P.O. Box 15322  
Rio Rancho, NM 87174  
President, Adrian Glass  
[www.delnortegunclub.com](http://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.  
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### NRA Whittington Center

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

### Socorro Gun Club

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Socorro, NM 87801  
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### Sandia Gun Club

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### New Mexico Big Horn Gun Club

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### Capitan High Power Shooting Club

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## NMSSA HATS & T-SHIRTS

I would like to remind everyone, especially new NMSSA members, that we still have hats and shirts for sale. Hats are either dark gray, with a black bill, or light gray, with a red bill, and both have the NMSSA logo in full color.

Shirts are all 100% cotton, they are red, black or light gray and all have a pocket. The shirts have NMSSA on the front, opposite the pocket, and a large NMSSA logo on the back. We ordered shirt sizes in S, M, L, XL, XXL. The hats and shirts are \$15.00 each.

Hats and shirts will be available throughout the year at various NMSSA events. If we need to mail your merchandise, you will have to include postage.

For more information, you may contact me, Charlie Weisleder, at 505-877-6128 or [gunweis1@aol.com](mailto:gunweis1@aol.com)

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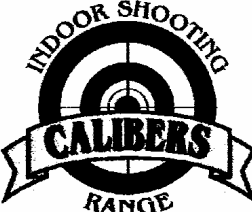
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## Fun Shoots

By **Bob Whelchel**

We had such a successful year in 2006 with our fun shoots, that we hope to have more in 2007. We would like to thank all those who allowed us to shoot at their ranges and all those who participated in these events. Our goal is to keep the shooting sports active and by providing various places to shoot, we have successfully introduced many individuals to the shooting sport. We would like to give a special thank you to Sportsman Warehouse. They provided ammo and gifts for our fun shoots. They have been very community aware and we should applaud their efforts.

So far, we don't have anything set in stone, but we do have some tentative dates that you should keep in mind for our 2007 fun shoots. We hope to have a fun shoot on March 11, 2007 at Caliber's Shooting Range located in Albuquerque, New Mexico located at Paseo del Norte and San Pedro. We will be shooting pistols and air rifles. We are trying to encourage women and children to attend for shooting instruction. Dates and times will be in future newsletters.

We have been working with the Gallup Shooting Club to have a fun shoot around May 12, 2007. They have asked that we come out and shoot at their new range. We would be shooting rifles, pistols, and possibly shotguns. They have allowed RV parking for

the fun shoots. Dates, times, and further information will be in future newsletters.

We would like to request shooters and volunteers for the New Mexico Outdoor Expo which will be held sometime in May. The two day event provides for different areas of shooting including rifle, pistol, black powder, cowboy action, and other fun activities including archery, fishing, and hunting demonstrations. Please encourage your youth to attend this event. If you are interested in helping with the New Mexico Shooting Sports booth, please contact Bob at 286-8449 or Roger Buelow at 345-3646. More information will be provided as details become available.

We have been working with Peter Ide and the Friends of the NRA to set up a fun shoot in coordination with their Friends of the NRA banquet to be held in June 2007 in Raton, New Mexico. We will try and set up RV parking and reservations at the NRA Whittington Center. We would like to offer shotgun and .22 silhouette shooting. Dates, times, and further information will be provided as details become available.

We are trying to set up a cowboy action shoot in Silver City, New Mexico on August 11, 2007. RV parking will be available. Cowboy action dress attire is not mandatory, but recommended. You will need two single action pistols, one lever or pump action rifle (pistol caliber only), and one pump or side-by-side shot gun. Please

no .30-.30 or .25-.30 caliber guns. We would like to encourage all who would like to learn cowboy action shooting to attend. Various guns and ammo may be available for those who wish to come shoot with us. Again, dates and times will be in future newsletters.

For the fourth year in a row, we have been invited to shoot with the New Mexico Bighorn Club Sporting Clays on September 22, 2007. We shoot about 13 stages and each participant will need about 100+ rounds of shells. We will have some shotguns available for those who would like to try the sport. Please contact Bob at 286-8449 or Roger at 345-3646 if you would like to use one of our shotguns. This event has been a successful shoot every year and we are grateful that the New Mexico Bighorn Gun Club has allowed us to shoot with them. Please put this on your calendar to attend this event. Further information on this event will be in future newsletters.

We also will have booths at the gun shows and Friends of the NRA banquets. Anyone interested in helping with any of the fun shoots or participating in the fun shoots, please contact Bob Whelchel at 505-286-8449 or Roger Buelow at 505-345-3646. We need volunteers to shoot and help in order to make this another successful year.

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<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
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Years	President	Significant things that happened
1968-1970	Charley Warner	1969 Constitution Convention
1971-1972	Dick Vivian	
1975-1976	Dave Bennett	1975- Association name changed from NMR&PA 1976 – Dues were \$4/year
1977-1978	Charles Brooks	
1979-1980	Charles Fuller	1979 – Dues increased to \$5/year
1981-1982	John King	
1983-1984	Joe Albert	1984 – Dues increased to \$6/year
1985-1986	Coralie Carrier	1985 – Dues increased to \$10/year 1986 – Preemption change to NM Constitution
1987	John Merrit	
1988-1990	Rick Andes	
1991-1992	Don McCampbell	
1993	Coralie Carrier	
1994-1996	Larry Foster	1995 – Dues increased to \$15/year
1997-1998	Jim McLemore	
1999	Troy Minton	
2000-2001	Dave Bennett	
2002	Richard Morely	
2003-2004	Charlie Wiesleder	2003 – Concealed Carry legislation passed
2005-2006	Matt Riggs	NRA 's 2005 Outstanding State Association Award.

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# A HISTORY OF THE NEW MEXICO SHOOTING SPORTS ASSOCIATION

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

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

Later, in 1968, the Legislature authorized the "Constitution Convention of 1969". Again, the LASC Board of Directors (I was then president) were concerned at the implications (read "threats") to our gun rights. Research of the Federalist Papers and the records of the 1789 State Constitutional Conventions turned up the minority report of the Pennsylvania Convention. "No law shall abridge the right of the citizen to keep and bear arms." was especially appealing and was included in the Board approved proposed wording for Article II, Section 6. The balance was worded to

specify our rights, and the "nothing herein" on concealed left the door open for future legislation (which did finally happen). Trying to get concealed carry at this point would have had it thrown out immediately. We also knew this had to be a state-wide effort. Thus, I was sent to the 1968 Annual Meeting of the NMR&PA in Capitan, to specifically ask what the Association intended to do at the upcoming event. Bill Wolf, a Board Member and later an NRA Director, asked what the LASC had in mind. The Los Alamos proposal was unanimously adopted and subsequently sent to and approved by the affiliated clubs. This meeting was also the election of new Board Officers. I ended up as the new president and designated to represent the Association at the Convention. The Bill of Rights Committee was heavily loaded to one political persuasion characterized by member Dr. Dorothy Cline, Professor Emeritus of the UNM School of Law. On vote of recommendations, the Convention adopted the MINORITY report - which was the Association wording. Considerable credit must go to (later Governor) Bruce King, Chairman of the Convention. The new Constitution Revision was not approved by the voters, but eleven of the recommendations were subsequently passed by the legislature and adopted by the voters. Section 6 was carried by Senator Jim Caudell and ultimately received the most votes and the widest margin of the eleven. A result has been the Legislative Committee with its Chairman on the Board of Directors.

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

Association president in 1971 and was the key figure to the locating of the Whittington Center in New Mexico. At the 1972 NRA Convention in Portland, OR, he lobbied (read "hounded") Gen. Maxwell Rich, then Executive Vice President, to at least look at New Mexico for the location of the Center. He made the points that the geographical center of the 48 contiguous states is in Kansas and the population center was in Missouri and moving west, and that, believe in or not, northeast New Mexico was 180 miles from that geographic center. General Rich finally agreed to come to New Mexico. Dick returned home at about 2 AM and called me with the news, and to say, "Charley, we've GOT to find a suitable ranch." We thought "just who might know about available ranches". Right! the Game & Fish Department. We had worked closely with the Department, and especially with Carl Berghofer, on the Hunter Safety Training Program. Carl worked state-wide, and if anything were available, he could find it. The Game and Fish people worked diligently with the Association throughout to the final fruition of the Whittington Center. During the land acquisition efforts by NRA, Life Member Ace Christmas, of Raton, was instrumental in land swaps and consolidation of the current property.

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

Charley Warner

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