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NEW MEXICO SHOOTING SPORTS ASSOCIATION

New Mexico Shooting news

FROM THE PRESIDENT By Matt Riggs President, NMSSA President@nmssa.org

Thank you NMSSA and thank you Executive Board Members for the memories, my time in the executive office of this fine organization is coming to an end. I will attempt to stay active, but having four sons ages 8, 6, 4, and 2 will keep me very busy. When I was elected to an Executive Board position I only had one son, where did all of my free time go...but that is another time and another discussion.

I started both anxious and excited about the new tasks presented before me and I end my seven years with this organization with hope. It has been a challenge and it has been easier with prayers and condolences from friends like each member of this state organization.

In February we will have a new President of the NMSSA, as will the United States of America. While I firmly believe that our organization will survive well with the new NMSSA president, our cause will have new challenges with the election of an anti gun President of the United States. 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 each of you can devote considerable time and effort getting to know your Executive Officers and that each of them will help you to get to know the NMSSA. 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 be our opportunity to 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 members 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 NMSSA works together through this next 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 if I can leave you with one desire that each of you want to be a champion for our organization.

NMSSA should have an aggressive approach to making our organization a beacon for other state groups. NMSSA needs 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.

NMSSA needs 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 NMSSA will listen and benefit from your experience and perspective. I have always strived 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 organization.

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SILHOUETTE SHOOTING

By **Ron Stryker**

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It is the beginning of another year & time to start rebuilding good habits. A little more exercise would be good for most of us. Seldom does a Dr. say you need to put on some weight. That skinny little silhouette shooter that worked at Sandia labs must be the exception. Many shooters are successful in spite of themselves rather than because they were so physically fit. We could look at our equipment, guns & everything else generally need a good cleaning & tuning. This is time to have your eyes checked, new glasses etc. There is now a cure/reversal of wet macular degeneration. Couple of years back the Dr. just told you vision would fail until you become blind. At this stage of the game Ron is unsure if it is in remission or cured but mighty happy to still have shooting & legal driving vision.

Seems like a good time to stock up on shooting supplies if you haven't already. Don't expect them to be so reasonably priced or readily available as now.

The Museum of the southwest is open at the NRAWC, it is a world

class gun collection that is frequently changed. Many thanks to Frank Brownell & family for a very large contribution, and so much more. Many of us have been buying from Brownells Inc. for some years, those of you that have not should start now. Seems to me the shooting sports have more companies giving back than any other sport. Also look at the guarantees so many manufactures give today.

Speaking of giving back, now is the time for donations to the NRA/ILA & any other facet of the shooting sports you can. Don't wait until you have more money it may be too late then.

Many dignitaries were on hand for the grand opening & if you were absent you missed a wonderful event. Make it a point to visit the museum without charge. As in FREE. NRAWC has expanded the store & also has a new #1 man in the form of Wayne Armacost, also returning is Brad Schupan. Welcome back to both. Mike Ballew is now the man to see about planned giving & no longer maintains a office onsite.

The NM & Co. silhouette championships are scheduled for July 3, 4, 5, & 6 at the NRA Whittington Center. Programs

are now available from silhouetteshooting@nmssa.org. Being a NMSSA event it would be nice to see numerous officers & members participating. What better way to celebrate Independence Day than shooting a silhouette match? NMSSA says it is badly in need of operating money. How about each of us donating a extra dollar or \$5.

This year will be the national YHEC competition at the NRA Whittington Center (NRAWC) along with numerous silhouette nationals & so much more. OWSA cowboy shooters will have their championship there in June. Make your reservations early. YHEC can always use a few good volunteers; contact the NRAWC through their web site or at P.O. Box 700, Raton, NM 87740. The wildlife viewing is always spectacular & you can do that while volunteering. Take a friend to a match & sign him up for the NRA.

Thank a vet for all they have endured for our freedom.

Shoot straight & may all your rams fall.

Ron

CONSERVATION AND HUNTING STUFF By **David Bernd,**

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A few excerpts from a Sportsman's and Animal Owners' Voting Alliance bulletin concerning anti-hunt organizations. The Humane Society of the United States claims 10 million members and an annual budget above 130 million dollars. It also has a 501(c)(3) legislative group with unlimited lobbying. It pretends to be a "moderate" alternative to (PETA) People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. But, its agenda is fundamentally the same. PETA continues to be the outrageous storm troopers of the anti movement. They both work tirelessly to deny hunt-

ing, fishing and other animal and wildlife activities.

The latest absurdity from Washington is an Environmental Protection Agency proposal to place a heavy tax on milk cattle, beef cattle and hogs, because these produce methane gas. The proposed taxes are high and would severely raise the costs of meat (your government at work for you).

Having talked to the Game commission and Game Dept. concerning other means of improving likelihood of drawing a hunting license, I had hoped to see some acknowledgment and public information. But I am afraid I may have been all too

right in saying that progress comes from pressure on your legislators. I hope I am wrong. It appears that the Game Commission is becoming a politically correct supporter of bunny lovers/tree huggers instead of working for all citizens. The cougar and antelope issues appear, to me, to lean that way. At least this time they chose a new department head that has Game department experience and a track record of such work.

There is much more that could be said. But it would be a lot more significant if you folks would start asking questions of your elected officials.

AMMO BAN AND REGISTRATION PROPOSAL GETTING FRESH LOOK

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Friday, December 12, 2008

Happy Holidays: Now dispose of all of your ammunition! Every last round! From now on, you will be able to buy only overpriced ammunition that will be registered to you in a government database.

Not yet--at least for now. A small company, Ammunition Accountability--which wants to help anti-gunners price and regulate the Second Amendment out of existence, profit at the expense of our rights, or both--has found radical anti-gun legislators in 18 states willing to introduce bills pushing such nonsense.

But few anti-gun proposals are so overtly aimed at destroying the Right to Keep and Bear Arms. As we began noting on www.nraila.org in January, so-called "encoded ammunition" or "serialized ammunition" bills would require ammunition manufacturers to engrave a serial number on the base of the bullet and the inside of the cartridge casing of each round of ammunition for popular sporting caliber center-fire rifles, all center-fire pistols, all .22 rim-

fire rifles and pistols, and all 12 gauge shotguns. In all but one of the bills, people would be required to forfeit all personally owned non-"encoded" ammunition. After a certain date, it would be illegal to possess non-"encoded" ammunition. Reloading would be rendered illegal.

People would be required to separately register every box of "encoded ammunition" and the registration would be supplied to the police. Each box of ammunition would have a unique serial number, thus a separate registration. Gun owners would have to maintain records if they sell ammunition to anyone, including family members or friends. The cost of ammunition would soar, for police and private citizens alike. The Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturing Institute estimates it would take three weeks to produce ammunition currently produced in a single day. A tax of five cents a round would be imposed on private citizens, not only upon initial sale, but every time the ammunition changes hands thereafter.

And to what benefit in terms of fighting crime? Criminals already steal guns and would certainly steal ammunition. Burglaries would be encouraged. Criminals

could also use shotguns, which fire pellets too small to encode, and which use shell casings made of plastic, which would be difficult to engrave. Criminals could also collect ammunition cases from shooting ranges, and reload them with molten lead bullets made without serial numbers.

Congress eliminated a handgun ammunition sale recordation requirement in 1983, because there was no law enforcement benefit. Be on the lookout in your states in the next legislative session for anti-gun zealots who refuse to learn from history, plus continue their crusade against our Second Amendment rights.

For more information on this issue, please visit www.nraila.org/Issues/FactSheets/Read.aspx?id=227&issue=005, and www.nraila.org/Issues/Articles/Read.aspx?id=289.

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WEB UPDATES By Scott Lockwood

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There are a few changes on the NMSSA website.

One of the recent changes is combining three pages of "shooting links" into one called "Clubs on the Web". If any of you see any links that I might have missed, please feel free to email me with corrections, and if I have overlooked your site, please email me so that I can get your site added.

Also changed was the addition of a "Newsletter Archive" page. The home page was getting a little crowded with all of the links to past issues of the

newsletter, so an archive page was created to house all the past issues of the NMSSA Newsletter. Going forward, the only link on the home page for newsletters will be for the current edition. If you or anyone you know wants to see past issues, please visit the archive page.

The last change was the addition of a "drop down box" for the current calendar to select a year. Coming up in 2009 that drop down box will be for the different months of the year. The calendar for 2009 is a little bare at the moment, and I am always looking for events to add to the

calendar. So if you have an event that you would like our members to know about, please feel free to email me with all the pertinent information for your event. Please note that I usually get the information for the newsletter calendar directly from the website. So if your event is on the website, it will more than likely appear in the newsletter as well. Talk about a way to get the word out!!

Be sure to look for further updates coming up this year!!

FREE ONE YEAR CONDITIONAL MEMBERSHIP to NMSSA

By **Matt Riggs, President, NMSSA**
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Over the last seven years the NMSSA has tried a variety of things to increase membership. They have included Fun Shoots, a raffled rifle to the club that recruited the most members, to a variety of other membership drives that included different pricing of membership dues and options. Some have been very successful and others have been a learning experience. However, our biggest problem is letting people know what we do, what we can do for them, and then keeping them as a member. I have been told, it is not the cost (currently \$16 and going to \$25 in January, 2009) but that people don't know exactly what it is NMSSA does that prohibits people from becoming a new member.

To address this issue the Executive Board has agreed to implement a new membership campaign that includes a Free One Year Conditional Membership to any NEW NMSSA Member. A primary goal for the NMSSA is to increase membership so that more like minded members of our state are aware of events and legislative issues surrounding the State of New Mexico. Having a strong and growing membership always helps to bring attention to our needs when we deal with issues at

the State Legislature. Let's face it our elected representatives respond better when you can say I represent an organization of 1000 members who vote and rally together for issues. But it gains respect when that number is greater.

Therefore NMSSA is going to implement a one year free membership to any new members who fill out a membership application. The conditions for this membership are the following: 1) this membership does not retain any voting rights granted a regular member. 2) this membership is only good for one year, and hopefully when the one year is up the member will join the NMSSA as a regular member. 3) the free membership member can not hold office. 4) the free member can not have been a member of the NMSSA within the past 5 years.

The Free membership does include the following: 1) receives the newsletter and email alerts electronically (not hard copy) and must supply an email address. 2) able to attend fun shoots or NMSSA sponsored events as a member, 3) able to have their issues addressed and represented by the NMSSA at the State Legislature, 4) is able to renew their NRA membership through the NMSSA at the discounted rate. 5) can shoot at any NMSSA sponsored state championship—following the guidelines

set forth in the current by-laws.

So here is the deal, as you are reading this you are going to realize that most likely only current members are going to be reading this bulletin. Unless you are like me and you hand newsletters or business cards to non-members encouraging them to read and join. So I am going to ask that if you have a hunting buddy, a shooting buddy, a neighbor that has some interest but has never quite found the time to join, then get them to join for free for one year. Or better yet, ask him or her if you can sign them up for the free electronic newsletter.

The information needed is the same as the information on the website and the back of the newsletter. Just mark on it Free Membership Drive, and then make sure we have their email address included. If the new member is not in our database, then they will be added to the electronic distribution. Who knows maybe they will become the next fervent member who will defend our rights and become a future President of the NMSSA.

Respectfully submitted,
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

JANUARY 2009

10-11 Gun Show

Carlsbad
 Carlsbad Civic Center
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17 NMSSA Annual Meeting

9:00am - 2:30pm
 Rio Rancho Elks Lodge
 1530 Barbara Loop SE
 Rio Rancho, NM 87124

10-11 Gun Show

Shrine Auditorium
 El Paso, Tx
 Contact: Jack Thompson
 (915) 241-1761

FEBRUARY

14-15 Gun Show

Dickerson Event Center
 Las Cruces, NM
 Contact: John Moen
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MARCH

7-8 Gun Show

Fairgrounds
 Albuquerque, NM
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7-8 Gun Show

Shrine Auditorium
 El Paso, Tx
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14-15 Gun Show

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Cowboy shooters well know that on typical club shoots it is easy to expend 100 rounds or more. In many matches this can reach to several hundred. The same is true for many shooting sports, clays and action pistol for instance. When you add this up over a year in a typical state we are talking of millions of rounds. Some 17 states now have some form of proposed legislation that would require putting serial numbers on ammo! Some have said handguns and "assault rifles" while others may attempt to capture everything. There is talk of serial numbers on brass (shotshells?) as well. Now if we have a bullet and a case that was listed as being sold to a particular purchaser what then? You still have to tie a firearm to a person and show that it was the firearm that discharged the round. So what is next – the so-called smart gun? I bring this up to show the absurdity of such a monstrous and costly ammo data base that will do nothing in any cost effective way to help solve a crime. The ratios may be tens of millions of rounds (if we can afford serialized rounds) compared to perhaps a few bullets/cases that may have been recovered from a crime. I'm sure I need go no further because all of you can come up with numerous reasons why such legislation is asinine, especially the cost and effort for an unachievable purpose. I note above all of you because if you find out this is being proposed in New

Mexico it is imperative to call, write, fax and email your legislators. This is especially true of the newly elected (who may wish to be elected again) and those that may have little knowledge of shooting sports. From what I have heard funding (Maryland I believe) would be at 5 cents per bullet, but any cost would be for virtually nothing productive and just stifle the firearms industry and shooting sports.

As I mentioned in a previous newsletter I started Cowboy Action using my grandfathers cantankerous 12 gauge double, a Worthington made around the turn of the last century by I believe Crescent Co. The gun would slam down the steel targets but was still slow on opening and extracting. Now the stock wants to loosen each session so I decided to look for a coach gun as many new Cowboy Action shooters may do also. Not wanting to break the bank I bought an inexpensive (cheap) gun that was made in China. It looked good, hammers (not functional but gives appearance of working), beavertail forend with very nice checkering there and on the pistol grip along with some sling swivels. I hesitated somewhat because of the somewhat non-traditional look but \$209 seemed a good price. The store had the action shut with a nylon tie so I had to purchase without any functioning. In use it was nearly as difficult to break open after firing as my old shotgun was. Fired shells had to be picked out by hand although the safety did not set upon loading, a positive for our kind of shooting. Further analysis indicated the

gun was difficult to break open because the extractor had too much play and was not tapered so that it or the expended shell could jam the gun upon opening if it moved up slightly. The receiver and wood sections appeared to be built by a different factory or group than the barrel assembly. The forend lock lug failed but the barrels were attached together well so I decided to keep it as a gunsmithing project because with some work it could become a good gun.

In the meantime I purchased a Stoeger Uplander 20 gauge coach gun at a good price (so much for economy!). The Stoeger, which I was able to examine was built in Brazil, has dual locking lugs with an underlever locking mechanism and an extractor that has no sloppiness. The gun also has bushed firing pins and a top tang safety that sets upon closing the action. I bring these comments up since many folks new to the game or current cowboy shooters may be in the market for a new gun especially given current political uncertainties. I would recommend trying several guns out for function, reading up on reviews and perhaps avoiding any store that refuses to let you try some functions besides pointing at the ceiling unless you know what you are buying. Some stores will not take a return on guns so it's doubly important to know what you are buying.

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The Texas Gun & Blade Show, run by Kim Skoner, was a huge success on Saturday the 13th, and Sunday the 14th of December at the Expo New Mexico – Lujan Building (NM State Fair Grounds). Kim can be reached at 806-253-1322 or 806-252-6933 or www.silverspurgunshows.com.

We signed up 5 new NRA members

and 3 NMSSA members. All we have left is NMSSA t-shirts and we will have a half-off sale at our Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 17, in Rio Rancho. Shirts will cost \$10, so please purchase at least one.

Gun Shows will probably be listed somewhere else in this News Letter, but if not, the Texas shows will be: May 2&3, August 15&16 and December 12&13,

2009. The New Mexico Gun Collectors Association (NMGCA) will be: March 7&8, June 6&7 and October 3&4, 2009.

Please come to the Annual Meeting on January 17, 2009. We have a lot of business to take care of, and we need your participation.

CASTING BULLETS Part 3

By Bob Birmley, NMSSA Member

Last month I gave a general overview of lead and alloys. We will get back to this subject later in this series. This month I want to talk about equipment. Remember, this is a general overview to get the beginner started.

First you will need a safe area to cast your bullets. That means adequate ventilation. Most casters I know cast in their garages with the garage door open. Then there are some that cast outdoors. Casting outdoors is ok but unless you have an enclosed area the wind can cause trouble with the temperature of your lead. Back in the days when I lived in an apartment I had a small enclosed backyard with a covered patio. This worked great. I was outdoors but the wind couldn't get to the lead pot to affect the temperature. Now I live in the country and I find that even with all the space I have outside the best casting area for me is in my reloading shop. I cast under a large window with a fan at my back, set on the wall that blows all the fumes out the window.

As I mentioned last month, make sure you have a set of old cotton work clothes set aside just for your casting sessions. I have a long sleeve shirt and pants hanging in my shop. As I write this I'm looking at my casting bench. On it is two pair of old leather gloves, two pair of safety glasses, as well as all the equipment needed to cast.

You will need a ladle if you are not using a bottom pour pot. Pieces of

wood, preferably an old hammer handle, for tapping your sprue plate and a casting thermometer. You can get this through Lyman or RCBS. You will also need flux and a spoon.

A word about fluxing. When your lead has melted you will notice a scum on top of the molten lead. This scum is mostly tin and it has to be blended back into your alloy. You can use pieces of beeswax, bullet lube, or a commercial flux like Marvelux. Scrape the sides of your pot to get as much of the impurities out of your lead as possible. Skim off the dross and place it in an old coffee can for disposal later. Most flux produces noxious smoke. This is why you need a fan and plenty of ventilation.

To bottom pour or ladle pour, that is the question. There are two ways to melt and cast a lead bullet. You either use a bottom pour or a ladle type pot. This subject is one bullet casters will never agree on. You have electric pots or cast iron pots, pick your poison. I think most experienced casters will agree electric pots, whether bottom pour or ladle pot, are more efficient and practical than cast iron pots. Cast iron pots require a heat source such as a kitchen stove or a Coleman stove. A bottom pour will pour lead directly into your bullet mould from a hole in the bottom of the pot. Myself, I like the bottom pour method. For me it's much easier to use. The trick to getting consistency to your bullets with the bottom pour is to keep the pot full. In other words, if you

are using a 10 pound pot, keep 8 to 9 pounds of lead in it. This will keep the flow consistent. An even flow means less of a variance in your bullet weights. This usually means less than 1 grain variance from the lightest to the heaviest.

I have four bottom pour pots. One is a 20 pound I use for melting large quantities of lead into ingots. My pot of choice for serious casting is the inexpensive Lee 10 pound bottom pour. One is for 20-1 plain base, one is for wheel weights for pistol bullets and one is for straight linotype.

The other type of pot used in casting is the ladle pot. With this pot you dip the ladle into the molten lead, pull out the lead, and fill your bullet mould. Although there are several types of ladles they all hold about the same amount of lead, about 1/4 pound. After a little practice it will become second nature using these tools.

Many of the competitive cast bullet shooters I know prefer to use a ladle. They claim that it is cleaner. By dipping near the top of the pot, impurities that fall to the bottom of the pot can be pushed aside with the ladle. They also like the ladle because the amount of lead in the ladle never varies making the weight of their bullets more consistent.

Next month: bullet moulds

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE By Ken Laintz

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NMSSA currently has a total of 906 active members. This is about the same number of members that we had last year. Our membership has remained constant despite 65 annual members not renewing their membership for 2009 as of this report. The majority of the non-renewing members appear to have been new members last year. We have had 50 new members join so far this year.

This is a 60% decrease in recruitment over new members at this time last year.

Life memberships have increased this year. Of the current members, 568 are Life and 54 are Senior Life members. We've had 34 members renew as life members and 9 new members join right away as lifers. We have had 42 renew or join with multi-year memberships. We have 13 active Club memberships, but currently only

one active junior.

Again, I would like to encourage everyone increase recruiting efforts by spreading the word about your Association.

A full membership report will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Laintz

A CALL TO ARMS By Paul C. Lisle, Gun Collecting Executive Officer GunCollecting@nmssa.org

Our worst nightmare came true on November 4th. Barack Obama is the most anti-gun President in our history. Before the election he said that he believed in the Second Amendment and after the election he said that he wanted to end private ownership of guns, pass a new assault weapons ban and end gun shows. This has been his anti-gun record in the jobs he held and his voting record in both the Illinois Legislature and the US Senate. Bad news came in NM when all of our pro-gun candidates for seats in the US Senate and House lost and all of the anti-gun candidates won. It was also bad news for our pro-gun candidates for the New Mexico Senate and House as many of them lost. We may not try to enter any of our pro-gun bills and we will be fighting tough battles to defeat the anti-gun bills that we expect to be entered. As far as all the anti-gun bills we expect to be drafted in both the US Senate and House, we can contact our two Senators and three Legislatures but it probably will not do any good. We are in for a very difficult 4 years. Another problem with Obama is that he will select 2 or 3 new Supreme Court Judges. Our present pro-gun margin in the Supreme Court is very thin with a 5 to 4 majority. If Obama replaces one of the pro-gun judges with an anti-gun judge, the Second Amendment decision could be reversed and we could lose

our right to keep and bear arms. In addition, he could appoint hundreds of federal judges and it is a given that they will all be anti-gun judges and that is Obama's own words.

Of immediate concern is that Obama wants to make background checks mandatory at gun shows. Any bill that will be written will have heavy penalties for the gun show host. Since the gun show host has no control over what table holders do, no one will want to be a gun show host and gun shows will cease to exist. That is exactly what Obama and the anti-gun Democrats want to happen. The last study showed that less than 0.07% of guns used in crimes came from gun shows. Crime prevention is not a part of ending "the gun show loophole". Most guns at a gun show are sold by licensed dealers and we all run background checks.

Guns are not the only problem we face with Obama. I believe he is a Socialist and wants to spread the wealth around. This is code for raising taxes and taking more and more of our hard earned money and put it into liberal government programs that give money to the non-productive, non-working people. I also believe he also wants to socialize medicine, which will take more of our money to give free medical care to the same non-productive, non-working people. We already do not have enough doctors and dentists in New Mexico and by trying to give the medical people thousands of new pa-

tients, it could break the system. I could go on but I think you get the picture.

President Bush received a lot of bad publicity from the Democrats. The Democrats raised over one billion dollars for this election and out spent most Republicans by 4 to 1. President Bush made some major errors like approving the buyout. However, he had nothing to do with the crash of the markets. The Democrats were the ones that got the mortgage lenders to give unqualified people home loans. They were also responsible for forcing Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to buy those bad loans. It was also up to the Democratic congress to pass bills to put the breaks on CEO's and companies that went totally out of control on making very risky investments. It was also up to congress to put limits on the millions of dollars that these CEO's got when they left their bankrupt companies. The Democrats blamed President Bush for all of this, but this is not true. The Democrats spent millions on TV ads to further convince the public of this falsehood.

"My friends, we live in the greatest nation in the history of the world. I hope you'll join with me as we try to change it" - Barack Obama

"Life's tough - It's even tougher if you're stupid." - John Wayne

BALOTT UPDATE

By **Matt Riggs, President, NMSSA**
 President@nmssa.org

Please note the office of Junior Activities- YHEC has a new candidate: Rick Andes. The NMSSA thanks Larry Foster for his service and welcome Larry's nomination of Rick Andes as candidate. Rick will be running

YHEC as the New Mexico State YHEC Director and it makes sense to have him also be the Executive Officer for NMSSA YHEC as well. If you are interested in running for this position or any other position, please send an email to NMSSA

Yahoo group <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nmssa> and announce your write-in Candidacy.

NEW MEXICO SHOOTING SPORTS ASSOCIATION

2009 Annual Member Meeting

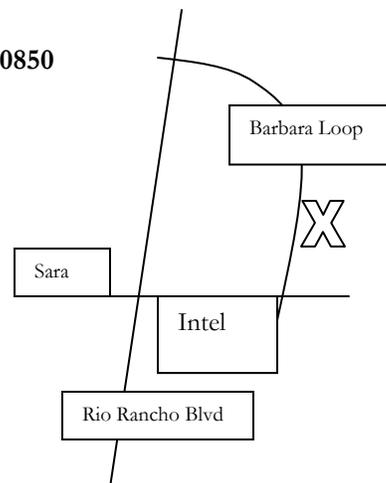
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Please fill out and promptly return this form with your check to:

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Yes! I will be at the NMSSA Annual Meeting

Saturday, January 17, 2009, 9:00am - 2:30pm
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along with your reservation for the Annual Meeting.

Or you may bring your ballot with you to the Annual Meeting in Rio Rancho.

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YOUR BUSINESS CARDS ARE STILL WANTED

By **Scott Lockwood**
Editor NMSSA Newsletter
 Editor@nmssa.org

Currently, the business cards that are on file for members to have posted in the New Mexico Shooting News are about 4 years old. I would like to update the cards I have on file. If you are an NMSSA member, and would like to see your business card in an edition of

the New Mexico Shooting News (where space permits), please email me your business card. If your business card appeared in this issue, and there is incorrect information, please accept my apology in advance. If the information is correct, please contact

me so I know to keep the card on file. Please email me at the address above.

At the time of putting together this edition, the cards below are all that I have on file.



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Life Membership	\$250.00	Annual Club Affiliation	\$25.00
Senior Life Membership	\$100.00	1 Year Free Limited Membership*	FREE

Please check here if you are renewing your membership

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PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NEW MEXICO SHOOTING SPORTS ASSOCIATION

Email questions to MembershipSecretary@nmssa.org

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