

PICACHO GUN CLUB

DECEMBER/JANUARY NEWSLETTER

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

This issue of the newsletter will cover PGC news for both December and January. It is being sent to you by mail so that PGC can ensure everyone gets the information about the Christmas Party, 2010 officers, April's Tom Knapp Shooting Fair, and all the other important items in the works for 2010. Be sure to attend the January 14th planning meeting to help set the activities and goals for the upcoming year. PGC meetings are on the Second Thursdays starting at 7:00 p.m. at the G & F.

Newsletter:

Mary Lou Skibyak, has volunteered to do the newsletter for 2010. To help insure that she has everyone's correct e-mail address, She is asking each member to send an e-mail to mlskibyak@comcast.net requesting to be put on the mailing list. You will then be put on the 2010 mail list and receive your newsletter by e-mail each month. If you choose not to send your e-mail address, the news will be available on the webpage (WWW.picachogunclub.com) each month. If you change your e-mail address, please e-mail Mary Lou direct to be sure she has your correct information. It is also important that address changes be given to one of the club officers to ensure they have your correct information for the PGC Roster.

PGC Website: WWW.PicachoGunClub.com (Bob Garcia Web Master)

Christmas Party:

This year's party will be held at La Posta in Old Mesilla on Thursday, December 10th, starting at 6:00 p.m. Members and their guests will be ordering from the menu and be responsible for their own bill including drinks, tax and gratuity. It is important to be on time. Juli has booked their party room from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.. If we go beyond the two hours PGC will be charged for an additional hour. Two hours should be plenty of time to elect new officers, enjoy a good meal and visit with fellow club members. Please call Juli Johannsen 524-3996 or e-mail jajjohan@yahoo.com by December 7th if you are planning to attend. *It is important to have an accurate count to ensure adequate servers.*

Hope to see you there!!

Officers Needed for 2010:

If you would like to be an officer next year, please contact one of officers, Cindy Pollock 522-3180 e-mail cpollo3@attglobal.net, Joe Coppolo, 649-6011 e-mail gunsmithjoe@comcast.net or Juli Johannsen 521-3198 e-mail jajjohan@yahoo.com.

Tom Knapp Shooting Fair:

On April 24 PGC is planning a shooting fair to promote youth shooting. The main attraction will be Tom Knapp, Benelli's shotgun exhibition shooter. We hope to have the other sportsmen's clubs join us. This is a major project and will need a lot of volunteers to make it a success. David Noble, our program director, is heading up this event and will have more information at the January meeting.

The Organ Mountain Wilderness Act:

At the November's PGC meeting John Cornell from the NM Wildlife Federation and Jim Bate, Wild Turkey Sportsmen Association, came and talked to us about the Organ Mountain Wilderness Act as proposed by Jeff Bingaman. PGC has been asked to support this bill along with the other sportsmen's clubs in the area. We were very fortunate to have some very informative guests that brought up some very important issues. At this time PGC feels a public forum is needed, along with a lot more research and input some various agencies before this act should go forward. Picacho Gun Club can not support this bill at this time.

Third Thursday Workdays:

November 19th workday would have been a great day to paint. Unfortunately the police came out for training. We appreciate the volunteers who came out to help, hopefully they enjoyed the coffee and donuts and visiting with our new member Jim Bohn. Not sure what the future of PGC's Third Thursdays Workdays will be. The clean up days will be one of the items for discussion at January's meeting.

Nemecio Chavez, PGC maintenance director, came out early and worked till 9:30. As many of you are aware, Nemecio has been going to the range every Thursday picking up trash and working closely with the city workers. This has been a thankless job, but the range has really benefited from Nemecio's efforts. With the budget cuts there has been a change in personal and the basic clean up at the range will most likely be affected. This along with the city police being given access on Thursdays, Nemecio has decided to no longer give of his time. PGC would like to take this opportunity to let Nemecio know that his hard work is very much appreciated by all it's members and the public that uses the range.

There will be no workday in December.

At this time we are still planning to have a workday in January on the 21st to help clean up the bays at the action pistol range to get ready for the Annual Cowboy Shoot. Coffee and donuts at 8:30 work to begin at 9:00 am. Please bring your rakes, shovels, and wheelbarrows.

Annual Meat Shoot: Article by Ed Carrier

The meat shoot went well with twelve shooters participating. Even the weather favored us with the drizzle holding off until the shoot was over. There were six scored events and two luck events. The big winners, to no ones surprise, were Todd Benelsy and his boys. However Bob Lee aced Harry's charging lion by getting within three quarters of an inch of dead center. I aced the clay pigeons with ten in a row using my newly acquired Ithaca, shooting it for the first time. It might be a keeper. This year's two new events were the pistol poker, which Max Hanley won, and the golf balls out of the circle, which EVERYONE aced by getting all ten balls out of the circle with their .22 rifles. If we do this event next year, I think either the distance will be greater or it will be shot with handguns, maybe both. At the end everyone wrote their name on a poker chip and we drew for items off the Indian blanket. There were some nice prizes and I believe everyone got something. I selected a jug of binary explosive which the local manufacturer, Patriot Energetics, donated and demonstrated. As usual, my thanks to those members who pitched in to set up the events and tear down at the end. Without you it wouldn't happen.

PGC appreciates Ed running the meat shoot again this year. He does a great job and it is a lot of fun for the members who come out. If you have not participated in PGC's annual meat you are missing a lot of fun. A "Special Thanks" goes out to Ed and all his volunteers who made the meat shoot a success.

Fall Machine Gun Match: Article By Todd Bensley

On October 10th we hosted the PGC Fall Sub-gun match. There were eleven shooters competing in two categories of sub-gun, Classic and Modern.

Classic: A sub-gun that does not have optical sights and typically has the magazine inserted other than through the pistol grip.

Winners were; 1st Franz Conway, 2nd Thomas Conway, 3rd Frank Conway

Modern: A sub -gun that does have an optical sight and may also have the magazine inserted through the pistol grip.

Winner were: 1st Robert Mullan, modified M11-9mm, 2nd Trevor Enoch-9mm
3rd Todd Bensley, modified M10-45 acp

The weather was warm, sunny, and breezy. The stages were abstract USPSA stages requiring a minimum of two hits per target and knock down all falling targets with full-auto fire of 2-shots or more burst. Time penalties were accrued for single shot bursts, single hits, and "No-Shoot" target hits. We had a lot of spectator support with taping targets and picking up empty brass. Those spectators were treated to shooting a few magazines through Todd B's Mac 10 on portions of the stages for fun! Check out the smiles and enjoyment on the PGC website in "Videos" @ www.picachogunclub.com

A "Special Thank You" goes out to Robert Mullan and Todd Bensley for putting on the Machine Gun Matches this year. We are the only gun club in the area that put on machine gun matches and our class 3 shooters look forward to shooting these events.

Monthly Matches (No changes in schedule)

USPSA 1st Saturday 9:30 a.m.
Robert Mullan Phone # 649-8109
E-mail: mullanman2@yahoo.com

Small bore/NRA cowboy rifle and hunter pistol silhouette

1st Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Todd Bensley Phone # 524-7911

Black Powder Cartridge Silhouette

Dave Teague 2nd Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Phone # 915-857-1325
E-mail: PDT5397

Big Bore Silhouette

3rd Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Todd Bensley Phone # 524-7911

Cowboy Action Shooting (SASS)

4th Saturday 9:00 a.m.
Mark Aguirre 647-3434
E-mail: AguirreAuto@Gmail.com

Action Pistol: USPSA, 3-Gun, and

4th Saturday 9:30 a.m.
Robert Mullan Phone # 649-8109
E-mail: mullanman2@yahoo.com