

Picacho Gun Club Meetings are held at 7pm on the second Thursday of each month at the NM Game and Fish Office at 2715 Northrise Drive, Las Cruces, NM.

Program for July, 2009

Ralph Ramos is a nationally recognized Elk Guide who has earned pro staff positions with multiple outdoor companies and has been featured in national magazines and television shows. Additionally, Ralph is a life member of the Picacho Gun Club. For those who were present at last year's meeting when Ralph gave an elk calling seminar, you will remember what an interesting, dynamic and informative speaker Ralph is. For the July 9th program we are going to present a video in which Ralph demonstrates a unique elk-boning system that greatly simplifies processing an elk and getting it from the woods to the table. Ralph will be present for questions and answers.

Program for August 13, 2009

Once again we are fortunate to have Frank Conway available to share his extensive experience and knowledge of military firearms with the club members. Frank will do a presentation at the August 13, meeting on "American Sniper Rifles, Starting with WW1". Frank will certainly bring along samples for the show and inspection, as usual, we will not only learn about the subject, but will be informed by someone who was present at the development of many of these rifles.

PGC Website: <http://WWW.PicachoGunClub.com>.

Bob Garcia is our Webmaster. The site is up and running, thanks again to Bob Garcia. The Web site is only as good as the information that Bob receives. If you have information or ideas, please send them to Bob, or give it to him at the next meeting.

PGC Caps:

The new PGC caps will be available at the next meeting. If you attended the party, Anna Lisa had a display of shirts, vests, and jackets that she can make for individual members. If you are interested in having the new logo, etc. embroidered on your own clothing you can call Anna Lisa at #312-6915. Caps and patches will be available through the club.

State Senior Olympics Air gun Competition

This year Las Cruces air gun shooters shot great and won lots of medals. They represented Las Cruces well by their sportsmanship and marksmanship. "Special Thanks" goes out to the following PCG members for their help with scoring: Chuck Commack, Bob Distlehorst, David Noble, Cindy Pollock, Ed Carrier, and Coralie Carrier and our old friend Wade Hedgecoke. This is a very tedious job and takes a lot of cross checking to do it right. YOU DID GOOD!!

Update from Butterfield Range:

The trap and skeet fields are on hold till the city road department can schedule the work. This is their busy season; hopefully it can be started soon. We are very fortunate that this department is willing to help with this range project. The money saved is well worth the wait. In the meantime PGC and 4-H are considering putting on 5-stand shoots to raise money for the restroom and trap/skeet machines. This will give the bird-hunters of Las Cruces a chance to get some practice in before bird season. Approval by the city is pending. Keep looking on the webpage for more information.

If you have gone out to the range the port-a-potty at the action pistol range and the flag pole have been shot up. This type of vandalism needs to be stopped. Hopefully soon, we will have someone living by the building. In the meantime PGC is considering offering a \$500.00 reward that leads to

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the arrest and conviction of individuals who perpetrate these types of destructive acts. More at July's meeting.

Message from Cindy Pollock and Family

Thank you for the basket of plants. Although my mom has been going downhill for the past two years, it was a shock since she seemed to be improving. I consider it was a blessing to be there for her final hours. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated by my family and I. Thank you again for your thoughts and prayers. Cindy.

2009 Volunteers:

PGC is very fortunate to have a great bunch of volunteers this year.

<u>Offices</u>	<u>Name</u>
President	Cindy Pollock
*Vice President	Allen Altgilbers
Secretary	Juli Johannsen
Treasurer	Joe Coppolo
Programs	David Noble
Fun Shoots	Ed Carrier
Christmas Party	NEED CHAIRPERSON
Web Site	Bob Garcia
Range Maintenance	Nemecio Chavez
Newsletter Editor	Mary Lou Skibyak

PGC still needs someone to be Vice President. We are hoping to get a member that would be willing to serve as president in the future. *Allen Altgilbers has volunteered to be Acting Vice President till someone volunteers for the position.

Upcoming 2009 Schedule of events:

National Hunting and Fishing Day	Sept. 26 th
Sighting in day	Oct. 10 th
Fall Machine Gun Match	Oct. 11 th
Sunrise Gun Show	Oct. 24 th , 25 th
Veterans Day	Nov. 11 th
PGC Meat Shoot	Nov. 14 th
Thanksgiving Day	Nov. 26 th

PGC Christmas Party Dec. 10th
Need chairperson for Christmas Party
Other activities (to be decided)

Monthly Matches:

USPSA 1st Saturday 9:30 am
Robert Mullan phone: 649-8109
E-mail: mullanman2@yahoo.com

Small bore /VRA Cowboy rifle and hunter pistol silhouette
1st Sunday 9:00 am
Todd Bensley phone: 524-7911

Black Powder Cartridge Silhouette
2nd Sunday 8:00 an
Dave Teague Phone 915-857-1325
E-mail: PDT537@aol.com

Big Bore Silhouette 3rd Sunday 9:00 am
Todd Bensley phone: 524-7911

Cowboy Action Shooting (SASS)
4th Saturday 9:00 am
Mark Aguirre phone: 647-3434
E-mail: AguirreAuto@hotmail.com

Action Pistol: USPA, 3-0Gun, and Coming Soon
Metallic Knock Down.

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Robert Mullan phone: 649-8109
E-mail: mullanman@yahoo.com

Again, I would like to remind members that we are interested in hearing about the different matches that they have participated in. This news cannot magically appear in the newsletter without your input. Each and every member is important and we should be hearing about your accomplishments.

The Friends of the NRA are having their dinner on the 29th of August. It will be held at the Ramada Inn, (Old Holiday). Dinner and raffle tickets will be available at the July meeting. (gunsmithjoe)

The 4th of July

Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence?

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died.

Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost sons serving in the revolutionary Army, another had two sons captured.

Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary war.

They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor.

What kind of men were they?

Twenty four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well educated, but they signed the Declaration in Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured. Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKean was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge and Middleton.

At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished. Some of us take these liberties for granted, but we shouldn't.

So take a few minutes while enjoying your 4th of July holiday and silently thank these patriots. It's not much to ask for the price they paid.

Remember: Freedom is Never Free.

I hope you will show your support by sending this to as many people as you can, please. It's time we get the word out that patriotism is NOT a sin, and the Fourth of July has more to it than beer, picnics, and baseball games.

(Taken from the internet)