

# Picacho Gun Club Newsletter

May 2011

## Upcoming

### PGC Patio Party in May

Don't forget that the May meeting is our annual fun get-together for members, family and friends on the patio just to visit and talk about all things guns! Appetizers and desserts are the menu again so plan to bring a plate of something good to share with club members. Suggestion: If your last name begins with A through M, bring an appetizer. If your last name begins with N through Z, bring a dessert... that is unless you are famous for something like Dianne Massengale and her baking, or Bob Lee and his salsa! And don't forget to bring a chair or two. We can't use the tables and chairs from the classroom! Any help setting up and taking down when we are through will be GREATLY appreciated!

## Range News

### Updates

**April Workday:** We had a great turnout for April's Workday and got a lot of painting done till the wind put a halt to our labor. It is not easy for old bones to get up and down ladders, but the results look great. The bench rest tables and bleachers also got a coat of paint. "Special Thanks" go out to Joe Coppolo, Bill Marshall, Saf Canja, Rommie Torres, Cindy Pollock, Ed and Coralie Carrier. The painting of the poles wore us all out. Ray Reta, who is in charge of Butterfield Range, has taken pity on us older folks and will be sending out a crew to finish up the job. PGC cannot say enough about our great parks department. They always seem to come though when needed.

**Restrooms:** The restrooms are still a work in progress but should be finished by the end of May. If you would like to help finish up the drywall, tape/texture, or paint, call Cindy at 644-1579.

**G&F Port-a-Potties:** The long-awaited Port-a-Potties arrived in Las Cruces, but unfortunately, on the way, the best one blew off the truck. At this writing we are not sure if we can salvage even one. Bob Lee is accessing the damage and hopefully we will at least get one for the Silhouette range. Keep your fingers crossed that Bob can use cowboy engineering and save the day.

### Mark Your Calendar

May 19, Third Thursday Workday

Coffee and donuts at 8:30 am. Work begins at nine. We will be working at the building and cleaning up the back, and possibly painting the tables that will be used in the patio area, so dress accordingly. If you have a problem with painting, please come out and help with clean up. Nemecio and the city workers can always use some extra help cleaning up the range. Nemecio goes out almost every Thursday, and he could use more volunteers. This is a thankless job, but it really makes a difference. Please put the workdays on your schedule and come out and help. If you would like to help on other Thursdays please let Nemecio know. (523-8288)

Note: We will be having a Saturday Workday as soon as we can get a dumpster out at the range. If you can help on a Saturday please call Cindy at 644-1579 and she will call you when the Saturday workday is scheduled.

## Match Results

*PGC Silhouette Match – May 1*

*TODD BENSLEY*

Eleven shooters participated in the May 1st PGC Metallic Silhouette Match at Butterfield Trail Range. Conditions were cool and breezy. Many thanks go out to the shooters who participated and helped set up and put away the targets.

Results are as follows:

### Plinking Rifle

MW Harry Lucker, 34  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sidney Sullivant, 20  
3<sup>rd</sup> Justin Krebs, 14

### Smallbore Rifle MS

MW Ted Richardson, 14  
2<sup>nd</sup> Garrett Bensley, 14  
3<sup>rd</sup> Kyle Bensley, 11

### Smallbore Hunter Pistol

MW Jasper Domenici, 8  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ben Arrellano, 6

### Cowboy Lever

MW Bill Madden, 14

Our next Metallic Silhouette match will be June 5th at Butterfield Trail Shooting Park. 0800 setup, 0900 Practice, 1000 match.

## Scheduled Matches

### Monthly

*Smallbore/NRA, Cowboy Rifle, and*

*Hunter Pistol, Silhouette*

1st Sunday 9:00am  
Todd Bensley 575-524-7911

*Black Powder Cartridge Silhouette*

2nd Sunday 8:00 am  
Dave Teague 915-857-1325  
pdt5397@aol.com

*Big Bore Silhouette*

3rd Sunday 9:00 am  
Todd Bensley 575-524-7911

*Cowboy Action Shooting (SASS)*

4th Saturday 9:00 am  
Mark Aguirre 575-647-3434  
AguirreAuto@gmail.com

*Action Pistol, USPSA, 3 Gun & coming soon*

*Metallic Knock Down*  
4th Saturday 9:30 am  
Robert Mullan 575-649-8109  
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*Newcomers: please feel free to join any of the shooting events. They are open to all, and are a good way to get to know our members and our way of doing things.*

## Worth Noting

### Letter from La Casa

The club has received a very nice thank you letter from La Casa for the donation to support their programs. A big tip of the PGC sombrero to Mark Aguirre for once again putting on the "Cops vs Cowboys" match that produced the donations. Donations to La Casa support civil legal services, advocacy, counseling and related domestic violence and sexual assault services.

### Memorial Service

The Southern New Mexico Fallen Peace Officer's Memorial Service will be held Tuesday, May 17, at the Las Cruces Convention Center (680 E. University). It will commence at 10:00am. It is open to the public, and honors the fallen officers of all agencies and their families.

### New Editor for Newsletter

Larry Ytuarte is a brand new member in the club. He has stepped up to the plate (or is it the firing line?) and volunteered to work on the newsletter. Larry and his wife Louise discovered Las Cruces back in 2003, while they were living and traveling fulltime in an RV. Born and raised in New York City's borough of Queens, Larry and Louise got out of there in 1983 and have no desire to go back. Louise works hard at NMSU. Larry hardly works. They recently learned of PGC on the Internet. You can send newsletter submissions to Larry at [lytuarte@gmail.com](mailto:lytuarte@gmail.com).

Long time editor Mary Lou Skibyak is having some health problems since the passing of her husband, Ted. A big tip of the Picacho sombrero for her years of editing for the club and we look forward to getting her back to the meetings and activities.

## Guns & the Law

### NATIONAL

*Right to Carry Reciprocity Bill (H.R. 822)*

Rep. Cliff Stearns (R-FL) and Rep. Heath Shuler (D-NC) introduced H.R 822 in the U.S. House of Representatives. This bill "would allow any person with a valid state-issued Right-to-Carry permit to carry a concealed firearm in any state that issues Right-to-Carry permits, or that does not prohibit the carrying of concealed firearms for lawful purposes" (Source: *America's 1st Freedom*, May 2011, p. 16). The text of the actual bill can be found at <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/billtext.xpd?bill=h112-822>.

## Quote

"One of the ordinary modes, by which tyrants accomplish their purposes without resistance, is, by disarming the people, and making it an offense to keep arms."

-- Constitutional scholar and Supreme Court Justice Joseph Story, 1840

## Gun Shows

May	7-8	Socorro	Old Opera House	Eli, 575-430-8685 / Stacy, 575-415-7898
	14-15	Belen	Fairgrounds	Eli, 575-430-8685 / Stacy, 575-415-7898
	21-22	Hatch	Community Ctr.	Eli, 575-430-8685 / Stacy, 575-415-7898
	28-29	Ruidoso	Convention Center 111 Sierra Blanca Dr.	Bryson McCool, 575-257-0363
June	4-5	Albuquerque	State Fair - Lujan Bldg	Mark Covell, NMGCA, 505-262-1350
	11-12	Aztec	Civic Center	Al Hadley, 505-334-6688 / John Austin 505-334-6955
	18-19	Alamogordo	Tays – NMSU - Alamo	Eli or Lorrene 575-430-8685
	25-26	T or C	Fairgrounds	Eli or Lorrene 575-430-8685
July	2-3	Tularosa	American Legion	Eli or Lorrene 575-430-8685
	9-10	Las Vegas	Ntl. Guard Armory	Eli or Lorrene 575-430-8685
	16-17	El Paso	Shrine Auditorium	Jack Thompson 915-241-1761
	23-24	Socorro	Old Opera House	Eli or Lorrene 575-430-8685
	30-31	Alamogordo	Ntl. Guard Armory	Eli or Lorrene 575-430-8685

*Standard disclaimer, folks: ALWAYS check with a show's promoter before making concrete plans or setting off to a show. Any questions about a particular show should be directed to the promoter.*

## In Memoriam

Frank Conway

1919 – 2011

PGC and shooters across the country mourn the passing of PGC founding member Frank Conway. Frank's health had been declining swiftly, and he passed away Monday, April 25. Frank was the last of the members (to the best of my knowledge) who started Picacho Gun Club in the mid 1960's. Rarely missing a meeting, and always active in every project the club had, Frank also held every office in the club... and more than once! As Chief Instructor, he always had a firearms related topic, and it was often a talk from his incredible store of knowledge about all things concerning firearms and shooting. As a gunsmith, most of us felt that Frank was the only man to go to... he was unique in that if he didn't have a tool to do the job, he made one! Frank was truly one of a kind, and he will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Christine, Franz, Thomas, and their families. - *Coralie Carrier*

## For Sale

*If you have any firearms or firearms-related items to sell, submit the information to [lytuarte@gmail.com](mailto:lytuarte@gmail.com). Information must be received by the last day of the month to appear in the following month's newsletter.*

## Final Notes

The web site has been updated.

One major change PGC will make in 2011 is to discontinue the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes will be included in the newsletter and will be available at the meeting.

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Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month,  
7:00 PM, at the Game and Fish Department, 2715 Northrise Drive.

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