

Picacho Gun Club Newsletter

January 2012

Upcoming

JANUARY 12, 2012

We are very fortunate to have scheduled at our January meeting a well known professional competitive shooter. Larry Houck shoots (quite successfully), and has won national, regional, state and local awards. He shoots for FNH USA's professional shooting team in both pistol and 3 gun competition. Larry brings over 20 years of competitive shooting experience to our meeting. He is sponsored by FNH, Safariland, Leupold Tactical, as well as a list of other national sponsors. Additionally, he has a GREAT reputation as an instructor and a speaker. You really don't want to miss this opportunity to hear and talk with a world class shooter.

FEBRUARY 9, 2012

If you shoot, carry a firearm, or own a firearm (or LOTS of firearms) you need to attend the February meeting. Attorney Daniel James of the Carrillo Law Firm has agreed to present a program at our February meeting. Some of the subjects Daniel is considering discussing are: general liability for both intentional and unintentional shootings, advice on mitigating liability after a shooting, responsibilities that go along with concealed carry (example: what may be considered negligence), what kind of a threat could justify self defense, penalties assessed for irresponsible behavior, firearms laws unique to New Mexico, and in general, the rights of responsible citizens. In addition to being a knowledgeable and successful attorney, Mr. James is an accomplished competitive shooter. This will be a VALUABLE discussion, and should be of interest to all of our members. Be there early and get a seat.

David Noble

Range News

Range Update:

The City Park's crew has been working hard to maintain and improved the range. Here is a list of the some of the major 2011 work projects completed by the city:

1. Berms built up at the Action Pistol, Covered, and Silhouette Ranges.
2. Mulch put down on the tops of the berms to cut down on erosion.
3. City workers helped clean up the area in back of the building and move all the heavy stuff to the recycle yard.
4. Grated the road so that USPSA shooters could use the fence gate and block the road that cut the shotgun range.
5. Grated the area in back of the building for future use of connex storage containers.
6. Finished the patio table project:
 - a. Leveled the ground
 - b. Anchored the tables to the cement squares
 - c. Put in gravel around the tables and built a wooden curve to keep the gravel in.
7. Helped clean up the area in back of the berm at the action pistol range.
8. Worked at the shotgun range.
9. Thursday clean up days.

Note:

With all the improvements come more shooters, which means the crew has more trash than ever. We are very fortunate to have such a hard working group of city workers and their supervisors Ray Reta and Pete Rios. As you know there have been major cutbacks, and as workers retire they are not being replaced.

Let's show our support by continuing our work to help maintain and improve the range.

Range News (cont'd)

Thursday Workdays:

Wednesday, January 25: There will be a cleanup of the Action Pistol Range to get ready for the annual cowboy shoot. If you would like to help bring your garden rakes, shovels and, if you have one, a wheelbarrow, Work starts at 9:00.

Note:

Members can help clean up on any Thursday. The gate has just been latched not locked so come out and help Nemecio and the city workers. Just bring trash bags and leave them when you're finished by any of the trash cans. If you forget your trash bags just ask Nemecio or one of the city workers for a bag. SPECIAL THANKS to all who helped in 2011. PGC appreciates all your hard work!

2012 Range Improvement Ideas:

1. Patch and paint the covered range.
2. Repaint the benches at the Silhouette and All Purpose Ranges.
3. Put in shelves in the closet in the restroom.
4. Finish up the outer walls in the restrooms.
5. Patch and repaint the small storage building.

Please send your improvement ideas to Cindy Pollock, 522-3180, e-mail rteach25@comcast.net or Joe Coppolo, 649-6011, e-mail gunsmithjoe@comcast.net.

Note:

Many of our projects take more than one day, and require working on other days besides Thursday. If you would like to help with projects this year, please sign up at the January meeting or contact Cindy or Joe and give them your contact information.

Butterfield Trail Shooting Range is PGC's main community project. With your help PGC can continue to help maintain and improved range.

2012 Senior Olympic Airgun Competition:

If you are 50 years or older and would like to participate in this year's airgun event, please call Cindy Pollock for more information (home phone 522-3180). Please leave a message, or e-mail at rteach25@comcast.net. The S.O. competition dates have not been officially set yet, but are tentatively scheduled for the last part of March or early April.

Cindy Pollock

Guns in the News

"Data recently released by the National Center for Health Statistics shows that in 2008, the number and per capita rate of firearm accident deaths fell to an all-time low. There were 592 firearm accident deaths (0.19 such accidents per 100,000 population) in 2008, as compared to 613 accidents (.20 per 100,000) in 2007. In 2008, the chance of a child dying in a firearm accident was roughly one in a million." Source: NRA-ILA Grassroots Alert, Vol. 18, No. 51
12/23/11

Match Results

December Silhouette Match Results:

On December 4th, PGC hosted the Club Metallic Silhouette match at Butterfield Trail Shooting Park. Eight shooters braved the cool weather in two events. Results follow:

Small Bore Rifle MS

1. Garrett Bensley- 17 Match Winner
2. Kyle Bensley- 16

Small Bore Plinking Rifle

1. Harry Stryker- 34, Match Winner
2. Harry Lucker- 30
3. B. Oguz- 26
4. Joe Deckert- 21
5. Audrey Evins- 20
6. A. VonBulo- 3

The next PGC Silhouette Match will be held January 1st. Target set up 0800, Practice 0900, Match at 10.

Questions? Please contact:

Todd Bensley
PGC Match Director
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A Personal Note

To: PGC
From: Todd Bensley

Dear Picacho Gun Club Membership,

I owe you an explanation for my reluctance to move up from Vice President to the President position in 2012. The "statement" that I made when Mrs. Coralie Carrier decided to run for the PGC President position in 2010 was that I would serve as VP and Silhouette Match Director as long as she was president of PGC.

We as a Club have had many successes over the past two years and the prize accomplishment is the signing of the MOU with the City of Las Cruces. This in lay terms is our "Contract" with the CLC and the Parks Division for maintenance and improvements at Butterfield Trail Shooting Park as far as the PGC is able to determine and be concerned with.

The demands in my personal life are increasing and I look forward to 3 more of the BEST years of my life as a Dad. I am unable to be a "dad", a Club president, and a match director and fulfill these posts with the resources expected. In a nutshell it is too much for me at this time.

Running the Silhouette matches has been enjoyable for me and PGC has experienced some growth here. There is much more to it than two weekends a month. I wish to continue as Silhouette Match Director and develop our sport, generate interests in competitive shooting, and improve our facility.

Thank You,

Todd

Scheduled Monthly Matches

1st Saturday:

USPSA

8:00 am setup. Match starts after setup. 4 stages. Bring 150 rounds.

Robert Mullan, 575-649-8109, mullanman2@yahoo.com

1st Sunday:

Smallbore/NRA, Cowboy Rifle, and Hunter Pistol, Silhouette

9:00 am

Todd Bensley, 575-524-7911

2nd Sunday:

Black Powder Cartridge Silhouette

8:00 am

Dave Teague, 915-857-1325, pdt5397@aol.com

3rd Sunday:

Big Bore Silhouette

9:00 am

Todd Bensley, 575-524-7911

4th Saturday:

SASS Cowboy Match

Set up at 7:30 am. Registration at 8:30 am. Safety meeting at 9:15 am. Shooting time at 9:30 am.

Mark Aguirre, 575-647-3434

Steel Challenge

Set up at 8am and shoot at around 9am. 4 stages. Bring 150 rounds of ammunition. \$15 match fee. (No charge for first-time shooters.) This match will alternate on a monthly basis with the Multi-Gun match. Check website for updates. (www.mvpistoleros.com)

Robert Mullan, 575-649-8109, mullanman2@yahoo.com

Multi-Gun Match

Set up at 8am and shoot after setup is complete. 4 stages of rifle, pistol and shotgun. Rifle rounds must be copper jacket, no steel core or armor piercing. No shot larger than #6. Slugs may be required. IMGA rules used. \$15 match fee. (No charge for first-time shooters.) Check website for updates.

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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.

Gun Shows

March 31-
 April 1 El Paso Shrine Auditorium Duane Wheeler 830-367-2848

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.

For Sale

1. 22 BOXES OF 20 GAUGE SHOTSHELLS FOR \$ 85.00:
16 BOXES OF ESTATE SUPER SPORT TARGET LOAD NO. 8 SHOT, 7/8 OZ.
6 BOXES OF WIN SUPER SPEED XTRA GAME LOADS NO. 7-1/2, 7/8 OZ.
2. .380 (9mm) BULLETS: 288 SIERRA 90 GR. JHP \$ 20.00
390 WINCHESTER 95 GR. FMJ, RN \$ 25.00
3. TWO 9mm LUGER 15 RD. MAGAZINES FOR A SIG MODEL 226 PISTOL. \$ 50.00
4. .357 SIG BARREL FOR A MODEL 239 SIG .40 S&W PISTOL WITH SEVEN BOXES OF PMC .357 SIG. AMMO.
124 GR. FMJ, FP. \$ 195.00.
5. CALDWELL LEAD SLED WITH RIFLE SHOOTING REST. \$ 75.00.

Contact John McDougall at 532-9314.

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

Quote

"It is well documented that citizens with carry permits are more law-abiding than the general public." Rep. Heath Shuler (D-NC) and Rep. Cliff Stearns (R-FL) Source: *America's 1st Freedom*, January 2012, p. 64.

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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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