

Picacho Gun Club Newsletter

February 2012

ALERT: LOCATION CHANGE FOR FEBRUARY 9 MEETING!

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish is using their conference room for hunter safety training on our regular meeting night this month (Thursday, February 9th), so we will be meeting at another location.

We will meet at the same time, 7:00 PM, at the Good Samaritan Society conference room, at 3011 Buena Vida Circle, just off Telshor, near Memorial Medical Center. The conference room is on the first floor, beneath the stairs, as you come down from the Buena Vida entrance. If you enter from the Terrace Street side, you will be on the first floor. The Good Samaritan will serve coffee, cookies and water. NO GUNS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE PREMISES. See you there.

David Noble

Upcoming

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.

MARCH 8, 2012

Ruger gun collector Fred McDaniel will be the speaker at our March meeting. Fred will be a very engaging and well informed presenter. Mr. McDaniel is a published author who will have gun collecting stories that according to him, "cannot be fabricated." He may share some of his articles from "The Journal of the Ruger Collector's Association" and will bring along some of his prize Rugers. I have personally seen some of his one-off custom Rugers that are genuinely special firearms. So, be sure to attend the March meeting, and come armed with questions about the unique history and guns of Sturm Ruger & Company.

David Noble

Range News

Range Workdays:

Thursday February 13th there will be a workday!! Coffee and Donuts at 8:00 a.m. Work starts at 9:00 a.m.

We will be picking up glass at all ranges. Please bring heavy gloves, garden rakes, and flat shovels/dustpans to scoop up the glass.

Unfortunately the Wednesday, January 25 clean up of the Action Pistol Range for the annual cowboy shoot was cancelled at the meeting. No one showed up to clean and there was broken glass in some of the bays. Please read your newsletters and put the clean up dates on your calendars.

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. If you can't help on Thursday, take the time to clean up your shooting area before and after. You can set an example for the other shooters. Some of you braver shooters might even ask fellow shooters to help.

"Special Thanks "goes out to Ed Carrier for fixing the toilets and Dan Parrot for putting in the fluorescence lights in the restrooms. PGC appreciates 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.
6. Extend the sidewalk at the silhouette range.

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 February meeting or contact Cindy or Joe and give them your contact information.

Butterfield Trail Shooting Range is PGC main community project. With your help PGC can continue to help maintain and improve the range.

Reprint of 2011 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 build 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. Work at the shotgun range.
9. Thursday clean up days.

Range News (cont'd)

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 when workers retire they are not being replaced. If you go out to the range you will notice the building has been painted. Just another example of the city range crew's hard work. Let's show our support by continuing our work to help maintain and improve the range.

2012 Senior Olympic Activities:

Every year the Senior Olympics puts on a Health Fair (TREK). This year it will be held on February 7th at Meerscheidt Center starting at 9:00 a.m. The main goal is to help seniors live healthier lives. They can also check your blood pressure, sugar level etc. It is open to everyone and they provide a free lunch.

This year's county S.O. Airgun competition will be held on April 14-16. Registration will be on February 18th at Trails West Senior Mobile Home Park. It should start around 10:00 a.m. 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.

Cindy Pollock

Gun Shows

February	4 - 5	Alamogordo	Tays Center – NMSU-A Eli	575-430-8685
	4 - 5	Farmington	Civic Center (3-day show)	Karen/Billy Stalcup 505-360-3334
	18-19	Las Cruces	Convention Center 680 University Avenue	Dan Duggan 575-571-3045
March	3 - 4	Albuquerque	State Fair-Lujan Bldg	NMGCA/Mark Covell 505-262-1350
	17-18	Odessa, TX	Ector Co. Coliseum Grounds	John Pokorny 432-550-4835

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

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 Thursday of a month in order to appear in the following month's newsletter.

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.

Match Results

January Silhouette Match Results:

January 1st saw 15 shooters in 3 relays competing in 3 events of the PGC Monthly Metallic Silhouette Match. Wind was mild at 8-10 mph and temperatures started out in the mid-thirties. With the wind chill it was fresh! Scores were good considering the chilly conditions and results are as follows:

Small Bore Rifle Silhouette

1. Todd Bensley - 24, Match Winner
2. Harry Stryker - 16, 2nd
3. Tom Richardson - 14, 3rd
4. Garrett Bensley - 13
5. Kyle Bensley - 12

Small Bore Levergun

1. Bill Madden - 26, Match Winner
2. Pete DiVasto - 24

Small Bore Plinking Rifle

1. Mike Stryker - 26, Match Winner
2. Molly Stryker - 22, 2nd
3. Donna Stryker - 21, 3rd (4 Turkeys)
4. Hue Black - 21, (3 Turkeys)
5. Monica Campbell - 10
6. Duane Goode - 9
7. William W. No Score Turned In
8. Ron W. No Score Turned In

The participation in this New Year's Day Competition was phenomenal! Many thanks go out to the shooters who are participating in our PGC Silhouette Matches. Without you, there would not be any.

Questions? Please contact:

Todd Bensley
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Quote

"If I could have gotten 51 votes in the Senate of the United States for an outright ban, picking up every one of them - Mr. and Mrs. America, turn them all in - I would have done it." - Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), talking about semi-automatic firearms on CBS's "60 Minutes" (Source: America's 1st Freedom, February 2012, page 8)

State Cowboy Shoot:

This year's shoot was a rip roaring success thanks to Mark Aguirre and the rest of the cowboy shooters. They did a super job. The weather was perfect: very little wind and sunny. It was a little nippy on Sunday morning but warmed up for the rest of the shoot. This was a 4 day shoot: Thursday/Friday hosted the State Wild Bunch Event (10 stages) and Saturday/Sunday was the state SASS Shoot (10 stages). The stages were set up to be challenging enough, but still let even the beginning shooter have a good time. The props included a Doctor's office, a saloon, and a joker. If you like the sound of lead hitting and knocking over steel targets, then you should try cowboy action shooting.

This year 88 cowboy shooters from all over the US, Norway, and Canada came to compete in one of the best Cowboy Shoots in the Southwest. Shooters from Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, and all over NM enjoyed a variety of shooting at the different stages. Cowboys and Cowgirls from Alaska, Illinois, and New Hampshire came in their motor homes to enjoy warm weather and the hospitably of the Southwest.

The Bullseye 4-H were troopers, picking up empties, cleaning up, and doing anything that was needed. Their parents prepared great lunches and a fantastic Saturday Steak Dinner. They did a bang up job and are to be commended.

PGC appreciates all the hard work Mark and the cowboys do to make the annual Cowboy Shoot a success. GREAT JOB!!

Cindy Pollock

Guns and the Law

New Mexico

Senate Bill 26 was introduced to the NM State legislature by Senator Bill Payne (R-Albuquerque). This legislation would allow New Mexico residents to purchase long guns in non-contiguous states. It would also allow residents of non-contiguous states to purchase long guns in New Mexico. (Source: NRA-ILA Alert, 01/26/12)

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