

Picacho Gun Club Newsletter

November 2012

Upcoming

Program for the November 8 Meeting:

Over the years, we have had numerous requests for a program concerning the development and history of the Butterfield Trail Shooting Range. Several of our long-time members have prepared a presentation on that subject.

John Mathis, who, I believe, was a charter member of the Picacho Gun Club and member of NMSU's shooting team will discuss both hi-power and small-bore matches that occurred in the area about the time the club was started (circa 1952). John has some interesting, and sometimes amusing, tales of matches and meetings that lead to the start of the PGC.

Bill Madden has prepared a wonderful power point presentation of not only original documents, but aerial photographs of the range from the time it was just a flat place in the desert until the present. Bill's photographs show how the shooting range has changed and been improved over the last 35 years. Additionally, Bill has uncovered minutes of the meetings that led to negotiation with the City and BLM and the original construction of the range.

Cindy Pollock, who has been involved in almost every aspect of the range management and maintenance, will conclude the program with a discussion of recent developments, construction, and improvements to the facility, as well as plans for the future.

This will certainly be a worthwhile program, and one each of us should attend. So, please set aside the evening of November 8th. See you there.

Christmas Party:

The annual Christmas Party and dinner will be held at La Posta Restaurant in Mesilla on Thursday December 13th. We will have a separate room at La Posta, beginning at 6:00 PM for socializing and we will be ordering dinner at 6:30. The cost of the meal is \$14.00, to be paid at the time of the dinner. This price includes your choice of one of eight meals from a special menu, your tip, and sopapillas.

We need to give the restaurant an estimate of attendance at the dinner, so please RSVP to Wade Pinkston as soon as possible, but prior to December 6th.

Election of 2013 Officers:

All officer positions (President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer) will be open for election at the end of 2012. Please consider assisting your club by volunteering yourself, or nominating a member to hold one of these positions for the year 2013. Donna and Harry Stryker, Treasurer and Secretary for the past two years are both leaving their offices at the end of December. They are both willing to assist their replacements in getting started. Please extend a "THANK YOU" to both Donna and Harry for a job well done.

David Noble

Job Opening: Editor

This issue of the PGC Newsletter is my penultimate (look it up!) issue as editor. Anyone who is interested in becoming editor of the PGC Newsletter needs to contact the club officers (see last page for contact information) or say so at the November 8 meeting.

Larry Ytuarte

Range News

Range Update:

1. PGC is working with the city on signage.

A. An Entrance Sign is being constructed welcoming shooters to Butterfield Range and directing them to follow all safety rules and directions for using each range. This sign will include a legend of where the different ranges are located and list of the different ranges and the monthly days and times each range is being used, including a space for special range events.

B. There will be signs at each range to let shooters know the specific safety rules and directions for using that range.

2. PGC hopes the Known Distance range will be finished and the new hours posted by December. Two new T-type tables (ADA accessible) are being made and will be put in as soon as the concrete tops are cured. This range will be reserved for long distance rifle shooting in the mornings:

Monday –Friday daylight till 12:00 am.

Saturday & Sunday daylight till 11:00 am

Open rifle shooting all other times.

Note: Wade, our hardworking president, plans to have long distance matches on fifth Saturdays next year.

3. PGC would like to thank Bill Madden, Bob Richie, and Cindy Pollock for coming out for the October workday and working on the Silhouette Range. This is the range the city and PGC will be working on next year. It really needs a lot of work. A “Special Thanks” goes out to all the PGC members that are working on special projects.

4. No Workday in November.

Cindy Pollock

Quote

“America is a country founded on guns. It’s in our DNA. It’s very strange but I feel better having a gun. I really do. I don’t feel safe, I don’t feel the house is completely safe, if I don’t have one hidden somewhere. That’s my thinking, right or wrong.” - Brad Pitt

Source: America’s 1st Freedom, November 2012, p. 14

Gun Shows

Nov.	3 - 4	Ruidoso	Convention Center	Eli Calles 575-430-8681
	17-18	Tularosa	American Legion Hall	Eli Calles 575-430-8681
Dec.	1 - 2	Aztec	Civic Center	Al Hadley, 505-334-6688/ John Austin 505-334-6955
	1 - 2	Alamogordo	Tays Center – NMSU-A	Eli Calles 575-430-8681
	8 - 9	Albuquerque	Lujan Bldg	Silver Spur/Kim 806-253-1322

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.

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

Attention Silhouette Match Participants: Beginning on May 6th, the Silhouette match time will move ahead one hour. Practice at 0800, Match at 0900.

This time will remain in effect until the end of daylight savings time.

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)

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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. IMGGA 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.

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.

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Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month,
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