

Picacho Gun Club Newsletter

August 2013

Upcoming :

Meeting Aug 8 at Game and Fish 7:00pm

Still taking dues, \$25 payable to PGC; you can send it to PO Box 594, LC, NM 88004. I think I've got all the e-mail issues ironed out, if anyone has a problem, call me at 640-9261 or e-mail me at gorvillebales@yahoo.com

We have a guest speaker for our next meeting, Tom Phillips of the BLM would like to come and talk about proposed closures of 3 areas in the county to recreational shooting. Tom is a Resources Specialist who supervises the recreation & cultural areas for Southern NM. The main issue is that there are some areas of BLM land that see lots of usage by many different parts of our population to include local shooters. The BLM wants to get ideas from PGC on how to reduce any conflicts between recreational shooters on BLM Monuments and everyone else that use these spaces. The end of the comment period is in Sept. so Aug. would be a good time to let our members know what is going on.

Range Update:

1. The range signage is still a work in progress.
 - A. The frame for the entrance sign is completed. This sign will welcome shooters to Butterfield Range and directing them to follow all safety rules and directions posted at each range. The entrance sign will also include a list of the different ranges, monthly days and times each range is being used, including a space for special events, and a legend where the different ranges are located.
 - B. There will be signs at each range to let shooters know the specific safety rules and directions for using that range including at a later date legends on the all-purpose range, silhouette range, and the long distance range.

Workers Needed: If you would like to help with range projects in 2013, please call Cindy 644-1579 or e-mail and you will be put on the range work volunteer list. You will receive an e-mail about each month's work projects and if you decide to work on that month's project, please let Cindy know so that she can make sure the gate is only latched.

Butterfield Range Needs Our HELP!!

Since we are not sure when the sign project will be finish we are asking our members to talk to the shooters that are using the range to please help keep the range clean. We need to keep it “positive”. Example: Please help the city and the range volunteers to keep the range clean. If you bring it in, please take it out.

Note: Harry Lucke was out at the range shooting at the Silhouette Range on one of the benches and a family was using the other bench. They went down range without notifying Harry. This happened several times. When they moved to shoot the targets closer up, Harry finally had enough and went over and talked to the father. His answer was I didn't know we needed to shoot from the firing line.

This is just one example of why the signs are needed and as responsible shooters, we need to step up when we see people not following safety rules and range procedures.

Cleaning on Thursdays is a futile effort unless we can get the shooting public to do their part.

The Silhouette report:

PGC Metal Silhouette Match -Sunday, August 4, 2013 Cancelled

The next match will be the first Sunday in September

Attention, Practice Start Time is 0900.

Events are:

Smallbore Rifle

Smallbore and Centerfire Pistol

Smallbore and Centerfire Cowboy Lever Rifle

Smallbore Plinking Rifle

0830 set up, 0900 practice, 1000 match

Entry fee is \$8, NRA rules will be utilized.

Please check the following link for reliable weather information:

7-Day Forecast for Latitude 32.27°N and Longitude 107.04°W (Elev. 4517 ft)

<http://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?lat=32.27203895845447&lon=-107.04940795898437&site=epz&unit=0&lg=en&FcstType=text>

Please show up early and help set out the targets if you can and bring a shovel for weed and trash removal, we will have Parks provided trash bags.

Thanks,

Todd Bensley

Contact Todd Bensley, 524-7911, or toddbensley@gmail.com

USPSA

We did not have the usual first Saturday match this month due to 4th of July holiday but we did have a good turn out for the 4th Saturday match, fun stages that proved challenging.

Quote

If you have a favorite quote, send it to PGC Newsletter editor.

For Sale

If you have any firearms or firearms-related items to sell, submit the information to the PGC Newsletter editor.

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.

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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. IMGA rules used. \$15 match fee. (No charge for first-time shooters.) Check website for updates. (www.mvpistoleros.com)

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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.