

Picacho Gun Club Newsletter

Feb 2015

Next meeting March 12th at the Game and Fish office 7:00 pm

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Minutes from meeting last meeting:

Opening Pledge Lead by our new president, Craig Tharp

Treasurer report: Gary Bales, read and accepted.

Shooting Reports: Details in this month's newsletter.

Silhouette: good weather

Cowboy Action Annual Shoot: Wild Bunch Match snowed out on Thursday, good weather for the rest of the weekend. 4-H again did a fantastic job with the food and cleanup. Cops and Cowboys shoot coming up in March to benefit La Casa and La Pinon.

USPSA: Good weather & a good turnout

Steel Challenge: small turnout due to bad Weather.

Bulls Eye: great participation will need to build more target stands.

Secretary's report: This was read by Gary Bales, corrected, & accepted.

March Program: Bill Weed, one of the new IDPA shooters, will present an overview on IDPA shooting. PGC is looking forward to hosting IDPA matches on the 1st and 3rd Sundays.

If you did not attend the January meeting the IDPA shooters asked to join PGC. January's meeting was poorly attended so it was decided to send out a notice out by e-mail asking members to vote on bring in IDPA shooters. There was not one descending vote. At the February meeting IDPA was voted in and IDPA type matches will now be a PGC shooting activity. IDPA matches are held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays starting at 8:30 with a safety briefing. PGC would like to welcome all the IDPA shooters and look forward to your matches. If you have your conceal carry

license this is a great way to practice. Be sure to come to the March meeting and learn all about this newest addition to our shooting activities.

New Officers for 2015: Craig Tharp, President

Mark Aguirre, Vice President.

Gary Bales Treasurer/Newsletter

*Audry Evins, Secretary/acting Secretary till May, Tim Martin

*Two new members/IDPA Shooters.

“A Special Thank you” to all the new officers.

Note: Still needed a new program director. This is an important position. Many of our members do not shoot organized matches, but enjoy the PGC programs. The monthly meetings are a great place to get together with fellow shooters. Cindy Pollock volunteered to bring in programs for the PGC meetings till May.

Range Report:

*The Road between the cattle guards has been addressed and has been turned over to the roads department. This has been an issue for a long time. The MVSS shotgunners are also helping with this problem.

Note: the area in front of the All Purpose and Silhouette Range is also in terrible shape since the snows. Hopefully it can be worked on at the same time as the road between the cattle guards.

*The lead mining problem is being address by the city thanks to Mark Aguirre's picture. Tim Fulton is working with the codes and police department. Looks likes codes will be the most help. Hope to have a policy in place by the next meeting.

*The city is working to put in more bays at the action pistol range. Hopefully these will be completed by September. The IDPA shooters had approached city about more bays to accommodate the big state IDPA competition being held this October. If all goes well the 2016 state IDPA can accommodate even more shooters. More bays have been sorely needed for a long time.

*The Two new traps at the Shotgun Range are nearly completed. These will allow the public to shoot when special events are going.

*Third Thursday Workdays will start up again now that the weather is better.

Third Thursday Workday (February 19th):

Coffee at 9:00 work beginnings at 9:30, starting a little later to let the benches warm up.

Hopefully the weather will permit painting the benches at the All Purpose and Silhouette ranges. If there are enough people we might even get to paint the patio tables. If it is too cold to

paint, we can work on cleaning up the storage building. The paint we use is not latex, cleanup is done with paint thinner, and it does not wash out of clothing. Latex gloves will be provided.

***Thank You Notes:** If you appreciated the work done on the covered range, please send your

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1501 East. Hadley St. Building 3
Las Cruces, NM 88001

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Senior Olympics Air Gun:

This year's the air gun competition will be held on April 25, 26, & 27. If you are interested in participating Cindy will have entry forms at the next meeting. It's a lot of fun and this year we have a place to practice thanks to Terry Colins. Don't have an air gun, no problem, SO has guns you can use.

Old Business:

*Todd Bensley brought up that sending out an e-mail about IDPA joining should not be accepted and needed a vote at a meeting. A vote was taken and the members present all agreed to the IDPA shooters joining PGC.

*During the discussion of accepting membership it was pointed out that the procedures set up in the original by-laws has not been followed. A need to go over the bylaws and bring them up to date should be addressed by the officers and submitted to the members for a vote.

*Tom Massingale declined to hold office due to ill health and PGC asked for a volunteer. Audry Evins volunteered, but can't hold office till May. Tim Martin volunteered to be acting secretary till May. These are 2 new members and PGC appreciated both of them stepping in to this position.

*Raffle: Sale of raffle tickets will start in March and the drawing will be at the Patio Party this

May 14th. The items are as follows: 1st 1911 45 cal. stainless steel Ruger
2nd 870 field 12 ga. shotgun
3rd \$200.00 dollars.

We want to pass out the tickets at the next meeting, if you can't attend, please e-mail me and I'll send you some.

New Business

Gun Show Feb 21 & 22: A volunteer sheet was passed around and only 5 members volunteered to cover the tables. Gary and Cindy will set up Friday. Please come by and promote the PGC for an hour or so and give the other guys a break.

A motion was made to close and seconded.

Summited by Cindy Pollock, acting secretary

The Silhouette report:

PGC Metallic Silhouette Match Results, February 2015

Cowboy Levergun

Wm. Madden 27 MW

Sm. Bore Plinking Rifle

Mac 30 MW

H. Lucker 29 2nd

R. Distlehorst 21 3rd

Sm. Bore Rifle

K. Bensley 18 MW

G. Bensley 12 2nd

The next PGC Silhouette Match will be held on March 1st. at Butterfield Shooting Park.

0830 Set Up

0900 Practice

1000 Match Start

Contact:

Todd Bensley 524-7911

PGC Silhouette Match Director

USPSA :

Bill Miller is still on TDY so Robert Mullan and Wade Pinkston have had quite a chore but the turnouts have been good with competitors from El Paso and Alamogordo.

SASS:

There were 3 club members that took home New Mexico state championships in different classes

1. Frontier Cartridge = Lefty Too Slim { Craig Tharp}
2. Duelist = Fast Hammer { Mark Aguirre}
3. 49er = Captain Clark { Clark Nelson}

I estimate that there were about 8-9 Picacho Gun club members that competed in the match!

Bull's eye:

Tuesday mornings at the range, if the weather is bad, held at Strykers Shooting World.

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. (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.