

Picacho Gun Club Newsletter

May 2015

Next meeting May 14th at the Game and Fish office 6:00 pm

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Reminder: This Thursday at 6:00 is our annual potluck, bring family! We will be drawing for the 1911, 870 and \$200, bring your tickets and money!!

Minutes from meeting last meeting:

April 9th Picacho Gun Club Minutes

Opening Pledge: Led by Craig Tharp

April Speaker: John Moen President of MV Shotgun Sports and NM skeet association gave a presentation on shot gun sports and shotguns. He brought some his guns and explained the various makes models and differences between them. He also talked about the dedication it takes to be an expert shooter. Very informative.

Treasurer Report: Read by Gary Bales and accepted

Secretary Report: Read by Bill Weed and accepted with 1 change to Kids shotgun shoot

Range Report: Cindy Pollock : They had one of the best work days ever with a lot of help. Rifle stands at the silhouette range were carpeted and painted. Patio tables were scraped and painted. Got another toilet fixed. Also got cement poured under shooting bench with donations from Silhouette shooters.

.Shooting Reports:

Silhouette: 6 shooters good weather. Invited all the 4H kids to shoot next match.

Cowboy action: 40 shooters at the Cops vs Cowboys, Cowboys won

USPSA: No Report

Steel Challenge: 14 Shooters

Bulls Eye: ? Sorry I missed that report.

IDPA: 30 Shooters on March 15th and 14 Shooters for Easter

Old Business: Raffle tickets are done and for sale.

Bi-Laws committee didn't have a chance to meet. Just had to much stuff going on.

Still need Web-site updated.

New Business: Checking on caps.

NRA request for donation was denied. With PGC membership up, Theirs should be also. We could use the \$200 more.

Patio Party scheduled for May14th 6:00pm. Family and friends are invited. PGC will supply drinks (no alcohol). Please bring more appetizers than desserts. Bring lawn chair for seating if you want to sit. With a little persuasion Gary Bales volunteered to be the host. Thanks Gary.

A Motion was made to close and second:

Summited by Tim Martin Interim Secretary Accepted: _____

Range Report:

No Program this month instead we will be having our annual Patio Party:

This year's Patio Party will be held at the Game & Fish on Thursday May 14th starting at 6:00 pm. Please put this on your calendars and plan to bring you family and friends. We will be setting up in the patio. Please bring lawn chairs for you and your guests. If you don't have enough chairs, don't worry there will be some available. PGC will furnish the drinks, paper goods etc. Since we can't be sure how many people will come we are asking our members to bring appetizers and desserts. Hopefully more people will bring appetizers since many of our members can't eat sweets. The patio party is a great time to enjoy just being together. The weather is usually good, but if it isn't we can always move inside.

April Program: John Moen did a bang up Shotgun presentation. Many of you know John personally let him know what a good job he did and thank him for coming.

Next program will be in June 11th at our usual time 7:00 pm. Pat Doyle will be our speaker thanks to Bill Parchall.

Range Report for April and May:

*The Road between the two cattle guards at the range has been repaired thank to the Street Dept.

Note: The area in front of the All Purpose and Silhouette Ranges is also in terrible shape since the snows. This has been brought to the Street Dept. attention. Hopefully it can be worked on soon.

*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.

*The city is working to put in four bays at the action pistol range. These will be put in time for the IDPA state match.

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

Third Thursday Workday (March 19):

This was a very productive workday thanks to Aclin Gurley, Steve Finzel, Mike Gaines, Bill Parchall, Todd Bensley and pres. Craig Tharp. Steve and Mike worked on the rifle stands at the Silhouette range scraping off the carpet and painting. Bill Parchall scraped and repainted the patio tables and was able to finish five. This was slow tedious work and they did a great job. We will try to get the rest done before the next day. Aclin fixed another toilet and worked with Todd and Craig on the cement platform under the shooting bench. We will be sorry to lose Aclin, "Jack of all Trades", for the winter He has been a real life saver. Todd took a day off and supervised the concrete work and directed the work on the berms. Todd, thanks for coming we really needed you expertise. Craig brought out his tractor with the cement attachment and worked on mixing the concrete. Craig is a farmer but he also can really work a back hoe. The target berms are all built up and should last for a long time. Craig if you ever want to give up farming you are a great equipment operator. PGC appreciate all your hard work.

Extra workday April 2nd: Special Thanks goes out to Steve Finzel and Bill Parchall for coming out an extra day and finishing the scraping and painting of the rifle stands. This allowed Cindy to put on all the new carpet before the small bore Silhouette match.

Special note: Frank Conway the designer and one of the founders of PGC cut carpet squares before he pass away. As I was putting them on it brought back how much we owe Frank without him I'm sure we would not have a range.

I would also like to thank Bob Lee for building five new Bulls-eye stands. They look great and I'm sure all the bulls-eye shooters appreciate your hard work.

Workday April 16th (Thursday)

Work done: It was too windy to paint with the silver paint instead we repainted the firing line at the silhouette range. Thanks go out to Bill Parchall and Steve Finzel.

May workdays May 7th and 21st :

Because of the windy weather we can't be sure when we can finish painting the poles at the silhouette range but there is always work at the range.

Below is a list of the jobs we need to work on:

1. Finish painting the Sil. Poles
2. Tie down the shade at the Sil. Range
3. Paint the benches at the Sil. Range
4. Clean out the storage building (This can be done any day)

Please call Cindy 644-1579 or e-mail rteach25@comcast.net if you want to help. The gate is latched not locked. If you are not there by nine just come in and find where we are working.

***Thank You Notes:** If you appreciated the work done on the covered range, please send your Thank you to: Tim Fulton, tfulton@las-cruces.org

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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.

The Silhouette report:

Our match on May 3rd had very good conditions Match results for the Metallic Silhouette match are as follows:

SBRMS

1. T. Bensley- 28 MW
2. G. Bensley- 19 2nd 2nd
3. K. Bensley- 15 3rd

SB LEVER GUN MS

1. Wm. Madden- 28 MW (10 PIGS)

SB Plinking Rifle

1. R. Distlehorst- 24 MW

Our next Match will be June 7th. 0830 set up, 0900 Practice, and 1000 Match Start.

Please note that May 17th is available to the 4H shooters to attend in preparation for Nationals if the Leaders would contact me to confirm the event?

Thank you,
Todd Bensley
PGC Silhouette Match Director.
635-0460

USPSA:

We had good weather and a good turnout, about 24 shooters with fun and challenging stages. Bill Miller will have more details at the meeting.

SASS:

The SASS results will be given at the April meeting.

Bull's eye:

Results for the match May 5th. Very windy day and Bees have taken up residence in the walls of the covered area. No bees stings to report.

900 possible score

1 st Place	Jon Kahler	844	Red Dot Sites
2 nd	Bill Madden	834	“
3 rd	Bill Story	810	“
4 th	Harry Lucker	806	“
5 th	John Williams	794	“
6 th	Wm. Thompson	760	Iron Sites—one hand.
7 th	Mike O'Hara	756	Iron Sites—one hand.
8 th	Bob Distlehorst	691	Red Dot Sites
9 th	Dale Barry	651	Iron Sites—one hand
10 th	Bill Parshall	420	Iron Sites—New Shooter

Benchrest

1st Place

Wade Hedgecote

881 Red Dot Sites

Shooting benchrest or seated is reserved for those over 80 years young.

Or with a Handicap.

IDPA

Held "classifier match, scores are used to rank the shooter nationally. Don't forget, the state match will be held in Las Cruces this year.

Contact Bill Weed (575) 644-4286 or Tony Salazar (915) 433-5341 if you have any questions.

For Sale

Square Deal in 45 ACP \$200
Dillon Electronic Scale \$115
Dillon Balance Scale \$ 45
Dillon Case Cleaner CU 2001 \$100
Midway Tumbler Model 1292 \$50
CM 2000 Case/Media Separator \$45
Rainer Bullets 125 Gr 356 Diam \$80 per 1,000
Mixed brass for 45 ACP 1,175ct \$50

Call Paul at 575 642 3142

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

IDPA Match starts around 8:00 AM, come early and help set up.

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

IDPA Match starts around 8:00 AM, come early and help set up.

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. (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.