

November 2002

Happy Thanksgiving

**Our next meeting is
Tuesday, November 19th 2002 at 7:30pm.**

The Meeting:

We gained five new members at the October meeting.

The Chief Instructor, Denver DeWees, announced that the club will be offering Basic Pistol, Rifle, and Shotgun classes in the near future. He is waiting to get a copy of the insurance policy from the NRA. Hopefully he will be able to offer the basic pistol some time around the first of next year. Classes will be 10 – 15 hours long, have a live fire component, and will be offered once or twice a month. Future plans for Personal Protection and Metallic Reloading classes are also in the works. Since the club paid for training for the instructors, this will also help keep their certifications as well as provide a service to the community.

The club authorized \$4000 to be spent for the handicap accessible electric gate but that will not be enough to include all of the electrical hookups needed. An additional \$500 was approved to cover the extra costs.

On August 12 the board increased the fees for the use of the range. The new increased will be \$15 for each participant at State and regional matches. \$35 for use of kitchen area. \$3 per shooter for monthly matches. (Up from \$2.) The new fees will go into effect at the beginning of the next shooting season. It was noted that other clubs and ranges charge more.

The Sportsfest report came in from Jack Banovic. We had 53 participants and 27 members helped. He put in a grant request to the NRA and they will send some free T-shirts to us for the participants. Since the event is over, we'll save them till next year. The Shiprock Boys and Girls Club had called to see if they could get some of their kids in but at the time we had 125 registered and that would have been overwhelming. We'll explore that avenue next year. (We had two participants come all the way from Pagosa Springs, CO.) Jack thanked everyone who helped make this a successful event. He also wanted to thank Ms. Tana McCall of American General Media for getting us free advertising time on radio stations The Point 99.7/99.3; The Rock Station KRWN FM 92.9; and KISS Country 97.9. Her assistance is greatly appreciated.

Jack told of a box that arrived that day and when he opened it there was a certificate and a hand carved puffin as a thank you from the NRA.

We will need a new chair for the Sportsfest next year. Jack will be gone in September so we need someone who would like to work as chair/co-chair for the event. Jack said that he would be glad to help as much as possible up until the time he leaves. If you would be interested, please call Jack at 598-5536. This is a great chance to work with some great kids and pass down some heritage and tradition.

Gun show report from Jack Reid.....We need manpower. Call Jack Reid at 632-8819 or 486-1065 to volunteer. The more the merrier! (And you get in for free.)

On the pistol ranges are some light blue Bianchi barricades. They were taken down range and used for target boards. Come on people!!!! Some of the disciplines are trying to improve things around here. There are several wood structures going up to help with shooting practice, but that doesn't mean you shoot AT it. If you happen to see someone doing this, get a license plate number and tell the board. Don't confront them yourself!

When you come out to shoot, bring your own targets. Targets are not part of your dues. (They can be...)
(I'd like to thank everyone who has been picking up their trash and targets on the ranges. The barrels are being used and the ranges are looking clean.)

BP (British Petroleum Oil Company) is going to fix our road. They plan to put in about \$2000 in "mag water", gravel and road base. (At press time: the road has been fixed and has been holding up well with all the rain.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have any announcements, please call Anna Kinney 564-3651, email: ptnopt@fisi.net or mail it to the Federation address: PO Box 1411, Farmington NM, 87499. The deadline for the newsletter is 7PM, the Monday one week prior to the next meeting.

NEW GATE

We have a new gate. Yeahhh!!!!

To get in, carefully enter the current 4-digit combination on the electronic keypad located on the left side of the road. (The West Side.)

The gate will open uphill.

In 8 – 12 seconds the gate will start to close. The gate will close automatically. (If you are piggy backing two vehicles, be quick. Also, if someone is behind you trying to piggyback in, and you don't know them, be polite and ask them if they

know the code. If they don't know the current code, then they probably don't belong there.)

To exit, just drive down the hill. When you get 30 – 40 feet from the gate the sensor will begin to open the gate. Remember, the gate will swing uphill toward you.

The East half of the gate will remain closed and locked but in case of a power failure (or something) it can be opened with the same current 4-digit combination as the electronic keypad.

If you have any questions or problems call Mike Freestone at 327-6138.

Turkey Shoots

It must be the time of year because I've never had so many Turkey Shoots to announce.

November 24th Sunday, the Durango Gun Club will be holding a turkey shoot at the outdoor range in Durango. (Of course) They will have pistol, rifle, shotgun, long and short range, open sites and scoped competitions and a "fly match". (Whew... that covers almost everything!!) For more information, call Frank Blackmer at 598-1661.

November 23 & 24 Saturday and Sunday, there will be a Cowboy Action turkey shoot in Cortez. I don't have any more information on the time or place.

Trap

One of our members wanted to share this.

There is a trap range located off of Hwy. 516 across from the cemetery. They are open Saturday 1 PM. \$3.50 per round. For more information call Tom Whingham at 325-3316.

Thank you

A big thank you goes out to Carl Peskor for fixing the support post on the old gate. You may have noticed that the new gate has two sides. The right side, going up the hill, will remain closed when you enter. It can be opened using the same gate combination as the keypad. (In case the power fails, we didn't want anyone stuck inside.)

Fixed Fence

The Outdoor Range Officer would like to thank everyone who came out and fixed the fence. We had a 50' hole but with your help, we don't have to worry about the ATVs riding over the berms any time soon. Thanks again!!!

I love writing Thank You announcements!

It really gives me a good feeling when I get to thank all the people who help when the need arises. Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you!!!!!!

Board Meetings

The Board of Directors will be meeting every 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm. (Same day the newsletter has to be in.) The members at large are welcome to attend.

**Our next General Meeting is
Tuesday, November 19th 2002 at 7:30pm.**

RANGE SCHEDULE

Cowboy Action will not be held in November because there is a turkey shoot in Cortez. The next scheduled match will be December 28.

.22 Rifle Indoor is held every Tuesday. Contact Charles Phelan at 327-2029.

Indoor Bullseye is held every Thursday at 7:00 PM. Contact Frank Blackmer at 598-5400

Small Bore .22 Hunter Pistol is held every Wednesday night on the indoor range. Contact Jack Reid at 632-8819.

All activities must be cleared with the Executive Range Officer and written on the Range Calendar.

Match Results

Cowboy Action

We got weathered out of our October 26th shoot. Cortez is holding a Cowboy Action Turkey Shoot November 23 & 24, so we have canceled our November shoot. See you all December 28.

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October 12, 2002

LIMITED 10

1. Bryan Johnston
2. Matt Wilcox
3. Floyd Gordanier

LIMITED

1. Wayne Johnston

2. Larry Johnson
3. Tanner Cunningham

OPEN

1. Bill Polnaszek
2. Sean Jackson
3. Richard Eger

What a Blast

Unknown to the Wicked Witch, the squirt gun was loaded.

Swap Shop: No one is buying or selling but there sure was a lot of lost and found.

Lost Model 68 Rossi snub nose revolver in home made suede leather carrying case. If you know anything about this, please call Bob Clausen at 327-3852.

Lost Ruger Model 1, 25-06 stainless with laminated wood stock and stainless scope. Was in a case. Call 326-3283 Reward

Found a pair of glasses on the bench rest range, November 3. Call Leah to claim at 632-7104.

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If you move, tell the *Secretary!*

Please clip the "Membership Application" below and send it in with your renewal check.

We need to keep up on changes of address, phone number and especially NRA membership. We don't need to know your NRA number, just if you are a member or not.