

The Bull Shooter

February 2014 Newsletter

President's Message

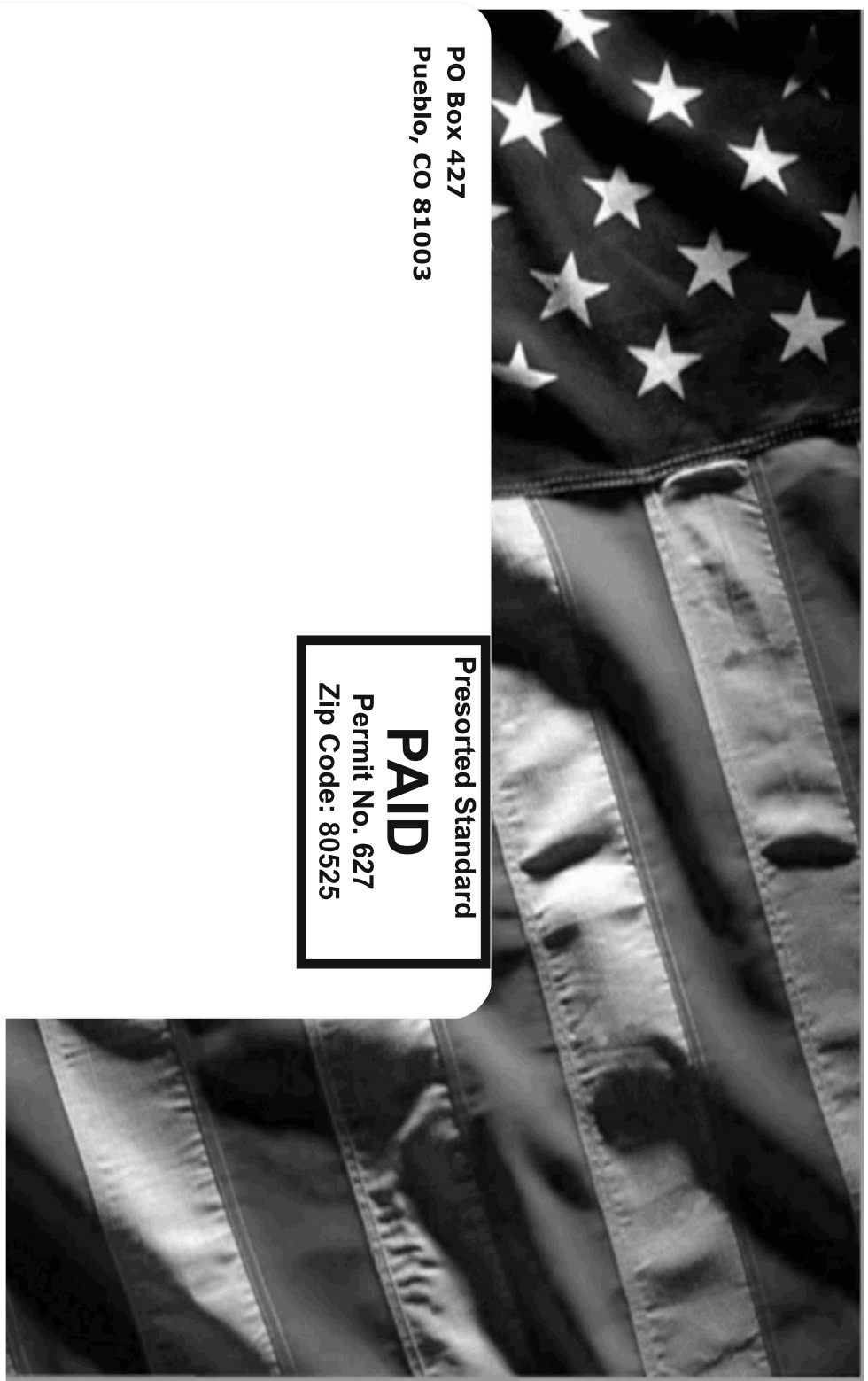
Well folks, as this goes to print we are only a few days past our transition meeting, during which the new board of directors assumed the reins and the executive officers were elected for 2014. Because of this transition we have no message from the new President yet, nor anything from last year's President to grace your eyes with in the usual spot. As a result, you get the rare opportunity to hear from me, former board member and self-elected President of the newsletter. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone with whom I've worked over the last (almost) two years while serving on the board of directors. I got to know a lot of the people who make this organization run smoothly a lot better during this time, and their ambition and dedication to our members is what makes PMS, Inc. as good as it is. We've taken on some pretty big projects over the last couple years, and at least in my eyes have been very successful in making many improvements to our range with minimal disruptions to the shooting members. I'm sure the new board will pick up where we left off and continue to move our organization forward for the benefit of all members. As always, if you'd like to help out, speak up. You never know what skills you may have that are needed or could be used by the range to make things better for everyone. For example my non-existent background in journalism landed me the coveted spot of newsletter guru and TV media master- although it was only through the help of one of our RSO's that I was even able to get the darn thing turned on! I'll end by saying shoot safe, and I hope to see you at the range sometime in 2014! -Jeff Belanger

THANK YOU TO.....

- The bylaws committee and their external volunteers for all their work over the past year in straightening out and clarifying our bylaws for us.
- The annual banquet committee for their hard work in providing us a truly wonderful annual banquet this year.
- All the volunteers who have gotten our leagues up and running and the shooters who participate in them and make them such a success.
- The outgoing board members for their service to our organization.
- The newest board members Paula Mitchell and John Bouche for volunteering to help lead our organization into the future.
- All the volunteers, RSO's, members, friends, students, and guests who have visited us, shot with us, and helped out as needed over the last year. Your time and effort is what makes our range such a great organization and wonderful place to shoot. Hope to see you all again in the coming year!!!

Coming In February:

- February 1: Colorado Concealed Carry Class- Call Rick Sindeband to Register 821-3958
- February 2: Concealed Carry Training (Canon City) Call Jeff at Double Tap for details 784-1920
- February 3: New Member Sign Up Night 5pm-7pm
- February 9: Colorado Concealed Carry Class- Call Rick Sindeband to Register 821-3958
- February 10: Pistoleras (Women's Shooting Group) 5-7pm Call Linda for details 568-2491
- February 10: Monthly Board Meeting 7-9pm
- February 16: Gun Cleaning Class 1pm See info box for details
- February 22: Colorado Concealed Carry Class- Call Rick Sindeband to Register 821-3958
- February 24: Pistoleras (Women's Shooting Group) 5-7pm Call Linda for details 568-2491



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Transition Meeting PMS, Inc. January 23, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 9:01 pm by President Linda Hill. Board Members present were Leonard Jimenez, Jeff Stuckey, Paula Mitchell, Ronnie Wiley, Bob Covington, Les Keator and Chuck Wingfield and John Bouche. Announcements made for current projects this week: Colorado Cleaning Supply will be coming next week to train our Janitorial service on the walk behind machine and do a service on the machine. Waste Management should have their bids to us for getting rid of the filters soon. We have bids on the hallway light. Windows and restrooms will be completed shortly. All board members gave an overview of their qualifications/interests. Past Board Member Patrick Watts gave a plan for his coming year being involved with the range. Nominations were taken for President. Leonard Jimenez was nominated for President by Chuck Wingfield, second by Les Keator. Mr. Wingfield moved to approve the nomination by acclamation, 2nd by Bob Covington. Vote was 8-1. Bob Covington nominated Chuck Wingfield for Vice President, 2nd Paula Mitchell. Acclamation failed with a vote of 8-1. Treasurer - Bob Covington nominated John Bouche, 2nd by Les Keator. Mr. Bouche declined the nomination. Jeff Stuckey nominated Linda Hill, 2nd by Les Keator. Unanimously approved. Secretary - Paula Mitchell nominated by Chuck Wingfield, 2nd by Bob Covington. Unanimously approved. Chuck Wingfield with a 2nd from Les Keator moved to have all business be taken care of during our February meeting with the exception of the papers to be signed for ING account transfer. Patrick Watts turned in his office keys. Conflict of Interest papers were also signed by all board members. Meeting was adjourned with motion and second at 9:23 P.M.

Do you have suggestions or feedback for the Bullshooter? Email us at: newsletter@puebloshooters.org
You should also visit our website at www.puebloshooters.org to be kept up to date on events affecting our range.

Training Tips

by Jeff Belanger- Instructor, Gunsmith, Double Tap, LLC

I'm often asked by shooters why they are having so much trouble improving their skills on the range. A lot of people it seems, can refine their technique to be adequate shooters but then reach a plateau where things kind of level off and don't really improve any more. The shooters who consistently tear the center out of their targets are thought to be "really good shots" born with some genetic anomaly, or gift from God, which allows them to will bullets into the 10 ring time and time again. This is almost never actually the case.

We've all heard the phrase "practice makes perfect". Nice phrase, but dead wrong when it comes to shooting well. Good shooting comes down to properly applying the fundamentals to each and every shot. Usually people were never taught the correct techniques in the first place, and although they may practice diligently, they practice incorrectly and only reinforce the bad habits which cause their shots to stray. The areas where I see people having the most trouble are also usually the fundamental areas most critical to accurate shooting. They are Trigger Control, Grip, and Aiming. In this month's article we're just going to address trigger control.

Trigger Control: By far, this is the most common accuracy destroying error I come across. Usually it manifests itself in the form of jerking the trigger or anticipating the recoil. Most people don't even realize they're doing it because it gets masked by the normal recoil. It's not an easy habit to break, but it can be done. What we're going to do is called a "ball and dummy" drill. Buy yourself a package of "snap

caps" or dummy rounds, and when you next practice load them into your cylinder or magazines at random. When the dummy round comes under the firing pin, all you'll get is a click, and you'll probably also notice quite a bit of movement of the gun for no good reason. Okay, so we know we have a problem and have now identified it. How do we correct it? In the case of trigger control, dry fire practice and the "ball and dummy" drill we just did will help a great deal. During dry fire practice, be absolutely sure you have NO live ammunition present, and of course use a safe backstop just in case. What you want to concentrate on is pressing the trigger until the gun "fires" on your dummy round or an empty chamber without causing any apparent movement of the sights. If you have a helper handy, you can have them balance a dime on your front sight. When done correctly, you will be able to dry fire the gun without the dime falling off! When you combine this with live fire, once again you (or a helper) will randomly insert your dummy rounds into your cylinder or magazines. As you prepare to fire at your target you know at some point the gun will go "click" instead of "bang". Once again, your goal is to press the trigger until the gun fires (or doesn't) with no apparent movement of the sights. Now, here's the hurdle a lot of people need to overcome: It's called your "startle reflex". You know you're about to feel recoil and hear a pretty loud noise. Your body gets a little overloaded with stimuli and tries to prepare for its natural fight or flight response. Muscles tense, extremities are drawn in to protect vital organs, etc. All this destroys your accuracy and happens completely unnecessarily. You have fired this gun before, and it has probably never put you in the hospital. I am assuring you, that as long as you continue to do things safely you should have nothing to fear from your own firearm. Concentrate on not disturbing the sights as you press the trigger. Sometimes the gun will go click, sometimes it will go bang. Neither result matters to you, concentrate only on not disturbing the sights as you press the trigger and watch your groups start to get smaller!

The Winter League is now in session - every Friday evening from now until February 28, 2014. Periodically we need substitutes. If you would like to be on this list - please call Linda at 568-2491.

GUN CLEANING CLASS

If you're unsure of the proper way to clean and maintain your firearm, or just want a refresher to ensure that your handgun continues to provide you with years of dependable service you should consider attending our upcoming gun cleaning class. You'll learn how to properly maintain your firearm, and do so under the guidance of our experienced instructors.

Rick Sindeband and Partick Watts will be hosting this firearms cleaning and maintenance class on Febraury 16th at 1pm at the PMS Range. Cost of the class is \$20, and you can sign up at: <http://puebloshooters.org/gun-cleaning-seminar/>

Rick Sindeband and Patrick Watts are planning to offer several "Mini Seminars" in the coming months. These presentations will be approximately 2.5 hours in length and cover topics of interest to our members. Potential subjects currently being discussed include:

- Draw and presentation from holster and use of verbal commands
- Gun cleaning and ammo selection
- Weapon retention, knife and flashlight skills
- A basic reloading seminar
- A Field trip to U.S. Virtual Training Center with instruction

Watch the upcoming events, or sign up for email notifications at:
<http://www.havegunwilltraincolorado.com/mini-seminar-notice/>

A personal note:

I would like to sincerely thank all of the members who took the time to be involved with your range this year. All of us working together make a big difference. Hope to see you on the range!
-Linda Hill

2013 Year's End Financial Report

Assets as of 31 December, 2013

Checking-Pueblo Horizon's FCU	\$6,747.57
Savings-Pueblo Horizons	\$78,450.26
Range Improvement Fund-PHFCU	\$3,688.38
Purchasing Account	\$1,161.85
Purchasing -Savings	\$50.06
ING	\$41,152.49
Gaming-Checking- PHFCU	\$750.68
Gaming savings-PHFCU	\$25.19
TOTAL ASSETS	\$132,026.48

Please contact our Treasurer, Linda Hill 547-1934 with any questions regarding the financial report.

Our free gun safety training is going great. As it became a requirement for membership beginning in January, it is our intent to have people take the course before they join the range to minimize delays in getting them in to shoot. If you know someone who is thinking of joining, please encourage them to attend the course prior to new member night. They'll have a much better understanding of the range and how it operates and be able to hit the ground running once they sign up for membership. Details and upcoming dates can be found on our website at www.puebloshooters.org