Pueblo Municipal Shooters

# The Bull Shooter

## December 2014 Newsletter

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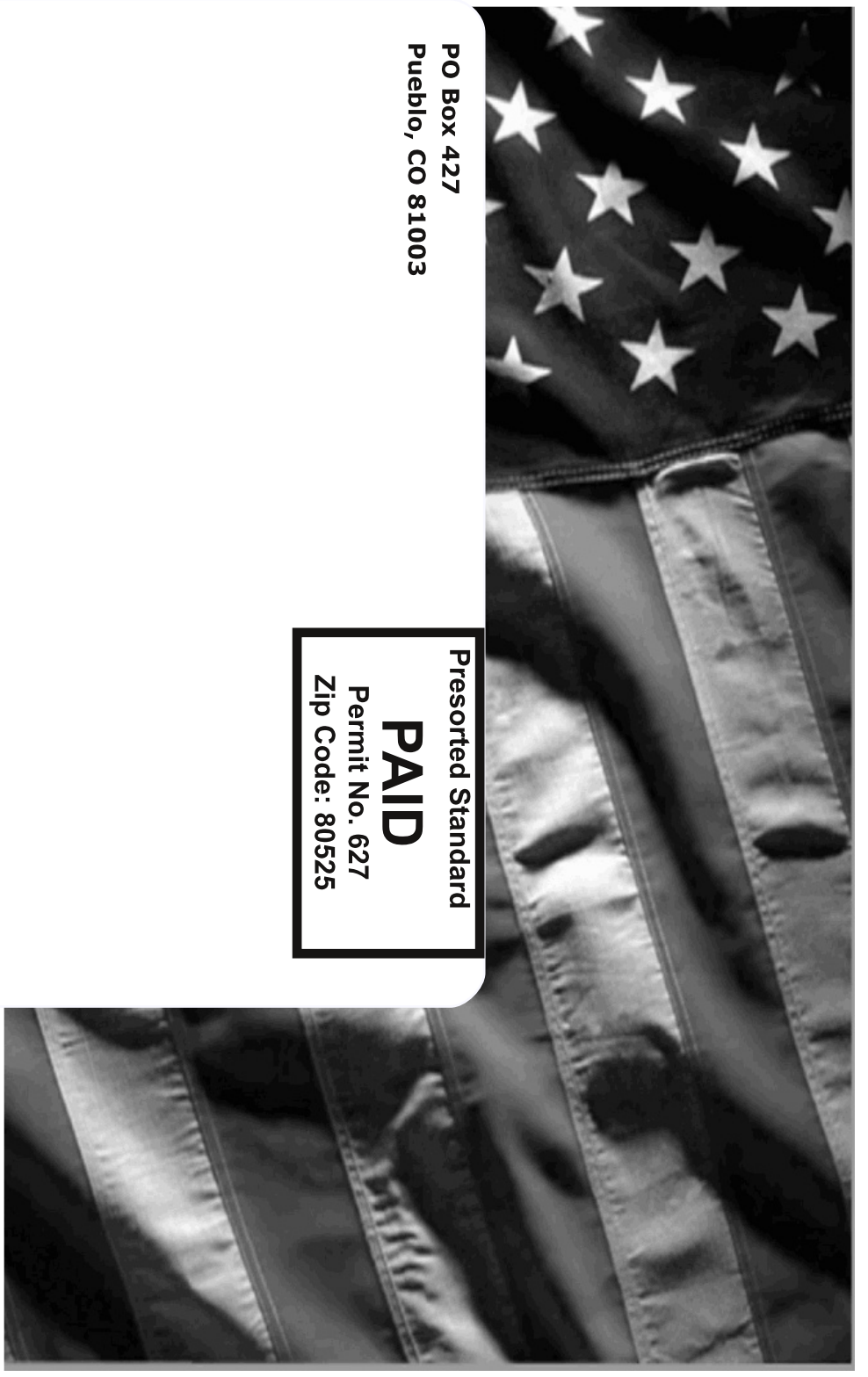

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

I WANT TO SINCERELY THANK THOSE OF YOU WHO RESPONDED IN SUCH A POSTIVE MANNER TO OUR MAJOR PROJECTS THIS PAST MONTH.

WE WILL HAVE FIVE BOARD MEMBERS WHOSE TERMS WILL BE UP 12/31/14.

IF ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN A MEMBER FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR, WOULD LIKE TO BE PUT ON THE ELECTION BALLET FOR THIS ELECTION, PLEASE CONTACT LEONARD JIMENEZ, 561-3224.

WE HAD A VERY BUSY BUT PRODUCTIVE YEAR. MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS IN OUR VENTALITATION SYSTEM AND BACK STOP. WE ALSO HAVE INITATED A NEW FREE GUN SAFETY CLASS. OUR MEMBERSHIP IS HOVERING AROUND 650. WE WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE OUR RANGE AS NEEDED

KEEP IN MIND, THAT ALL WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE UNSELFISH HELP OUR VOLUNTEERS. I ONLY HOPE WE HAD MORE OF YOU MEMBERS WHO WILL STEP FORWARD THIS COMING YEAR AND LEND A HAND OR TWO.

DO NOT FORGET OUR UP COMING ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER, JANUARY 17, 2015 AT THE UNION DEPOT COME OUT AND THANK THOSE FOLKS WHO KEEP THINGS MOVING AT PMS.

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE THANKS TO YOU VOLUNTEERS AND MEMBERS WHO HAVE ENCOURAGED OUR EFFORTS DURING THAT PAST YEAR, AND HOPE IT WILL GROW IN THE COMING YEAR.

REMEMBER,"SHOOTSAFE- SHOOTSMART"

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXTEND A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO KAYE TAULLIE. KAYE VOLUNTEERED TO MAKE THE JR MARKSMAN MEMBERS THEIR PHOTO I.D. CARDS.

## THANK YOU TO.....

-LES KEATOR, RON WILEY, BOB COVINGTON, CHRISTAIN NORDSTROM,RICK TAULLIE AND MARTY KEATOR,WHO DID A FINE JOB ON THE RESTROOMS. MARTY KEPT THE CREW WELL FED.

-DEB SANKS, FOR MANAGING THE FALL LEAUGE AND SETTING UP THE TURKEY SHOOT.

## CONGRATULATIONS

TO ALEX MITCHELL FOR BAGGING HIS FRIST BUCK, THIS HUNTING SEASON.

## GET READY!!!

It's almost that time of year again, Christmas carols, snowflakes, and drivers who lose their minds when they see snowflakes... and of course our Annual Banquet! This year we'll be at Union Depot and we're having up to $1500 in prizes (as if the food, camraderie, and break dancing competition* weren't enough to get you there). Keep your eyes peeled for your invitation as we get together to eat, elect club officers, recognize our volunteers, eat a little more, and have a general good time. Watch your mailboxes, we hope to see you there!!!

*Just kidding, there's no Break Dancing Competition

## Coming In December:

**December 1:** New Member Sign Up Night 5pm-7pm
**December 7:** Free Shoot Day
**December 8:** Monthly Board Meeting 7-9pm
**December 8:** Colorado Concealed Carry Class- Call Rick Sindeband to Register 821-3958
**December 14:** Colorado Concealed Carry Class- Call Rick Sindeband to Register 821-3958
**December 16-24:** Hanukkah
**December 20:** Colorado Concealed Carry Class- Call Rick Sindeband to Register 821-3958
**December 23:** Most men begin Christmas Shopping
**December 25:** Christmas Day
**December 29:** Free Gun Safety Class 6-9pm

## PMS, Inc. 2014 Board of Directors

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## Small Guns, Small Holsters

-by Rick Sindeband, NRA Instructor

Small guns have been a trend for some time - popular for gun shops to sell and people to carry concealed. One of the big advantages is that they are easily concealable, but don't be fooled as small guns have some drawbacks. First, small guns are hard to operate. Many people have a hard time locking the slide back on their small guns. Remember part of picking a good gun for concealed carry is that you can easily operate the controls. Keeping your hand away from the muzzle is another problem. When you operate the slide either to load or to clear a malfunction, remember not to put any part of your hand over the muzzle or you could possibly be missing a finger or get an extra hole in your hand. Many people who think they can not handle or conceal a mid to full size gun are kidding themselves. Many of these small guns are hard to operate safely even by the best gun handlers. The other criteria for making a good choice in picking a handgun is that you can put shots on target when necessary. I don't know about you, but these little guns are not easy to shoot. The sight radius is short and many times the sights themselves are non-existent. The one last thing I will say about small guns is they are tempting to put in your pocket or purse naked (no holster). Bad idea!!!! All guns need to have the trigger guard and trigger protected. It is very unsafe not to do so. Pocket holsters have come a long way and will allow you to carry your hideaway safely and keep you finger off the trigger until ready to fire. All in all, little guns are at best hard to operate, hard to accurately shoot, and easy to hide.

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

## From the Mailbox...

*Many who rely on a weapon for protection will only consider a revolver. When asked why, reliability is the answer given most often. Is a revolver more reliable than an automatic, or is that just personal preference? Is accuracy a consideration? -RW*

I wouldn't categorize revolvers as more reliable than any quality modern semi auto pistols, but they are certainly simpler to operate. Semi autos have mag latches, slide latches, takedown levers, and some may have an external safety or decocker. All these buttons and levers can be intimidating to newer shooters. Double action revolvers have a cylinder latch and a trigger. For defensive accuracy they are both more than adequate to the task at hand. If you have a "dud" round with your revolver, all you need to do is pull the trigger again, while a semi auto requires you ensure the magazine is seated and the slide manually cycled to be ready to fire again.

The other side of this argument is the capacity and time it takes to reload a revolver if those 5 or 6 shots don't get the job done. Even with speedloaders or moon clips, reloading a revolver quickly takes most people a significant amount of practice. When you consider that most semi autos carry at least as many rounds as a full size revolver, and with modest practice can be completely reloaded in a second or two the scales between the two start to balance out again.

Personally, I prefer semi auto pistols because of their slimmer profile and higher capacity but admittedly it does take more practice to become competent with one. If you're willing to put in the range time to learn your pistol and get some training, there's no reason a semi auto won't suit you well, but as long as you're competent with your chosen firearm there really isn't a wrong answer. Any quality revolver or semi auto will offer the reliability and accuracy you need to defend yourself, as long as ***you*** are up to the task.

Jeff Belanger- Owner- Double Tap, LLC 719-784-1920
NRA Instructor, RSO, Class III FFL, Gunsmith

## THE PISTOLERAS ARE BACK!!!

The Pistoleras is a “women only” shooting group located at the Pueblo Municipal Shooters Inc. range. The Pistoleras provides a social get together where women can participate, in a non-judgmental environment, to learn the many aspects of handgun ownership and improve their pistol shooting skills. Women of all skill levels are welcome.

The main goals of the Pistoleras are:

1. SAFETY - Provide education, development, and reinforcement of safe gun handling practices.
2. COMPETENCE - Develop competence in the use of pistols by providing the support, information, and opportunities to develop gun-handling skills.
3. CONFIDENCE - Develop confidence through a more complete understanding of firearms and a course of instruction and practice to improve marksmanship.

The Pistoleras will meet the second and fourth Monday of each month at 5:30 PM at the PMS range.

Each member of the group will be asked to provide information on what their expectations are relative to what they hope to learn and achieve. Areas of interest, as identified by members, will be covered in future meetings.

Based on individual backgrounds and capabilities, several levels of instruction, starting from the very basics of pistol shooting to developing more advanced marksmanship skills will be available.

Each meeting will begin by covering the various aspects of pistol handling and safety. This will be followed by discussions on topics of interest as identified in previous meetings by members. The group will then proceed to the range area for live fire demonstrations and individual practice. Instructors will be available to assist individual shooters. Eye and hearing protection are required for all live firing exercises.

The cost per meeting to participate is $2.00 for PMS members and $10.00 for non-members.

For additional information please contact Ron Ragazzi 719-252-4930 or Leonard Jimenez, 719-561-3224.

## Turkey Shoot Results:

Robert Bosley: 22 pistol
Bob Covington: Centerfire pistol
Christy Shearer: Rimfire Rifle

I. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by President Leonard Jimenez at 7:00p.m. Board members – Bob Covington, Rick Taullie, Paula Mitchell, Leonard Jimenez, Peggy Walker, Ron Wiley, Les Keator Board members absent – Terry Curtis, Chuck Wingfield as late arrivals.

II. Minutes - It was M/S by Les Keator/Bob Covington to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2014 meeting with the clarification that Jr. Marksman is acquiring two new left-handed rifles and that Rick Taullie won 100 rounds of ammo, not Mr. Bosley. Motion carried.

III. Financial Statements – Peggy Walker presented the financial report. It was M/S Ron Wiley/Les Keator to accept the financials as presented. Motion carried.

IV. Old Business- Building and Safety Committee - The back walls have been painted and no damage has been noted upon inspection. We have received three bids for new storage sheds. At this time ABC Shed has the lowest bid and we plan on ordering an 8x18x8 shed that will be placed on the east side of the range. We will need to coordinate with the electricians to hook up the sensors. We need to be ready with 3-4 volunteers to change the filters prior to the testing. It was M/S by Bob Covington/Rick Taullie to purchase the shed from ABC Shed. Les Keator will be in charge of coordinating the work.Jr. Marksman – The Halloween party was a success with both kids and parents. Parents brought in two tables of food and the costume and pumpkin decorating contests were a hit. Thank you to our judges. We expect our four-left handed shooters to do even better with the new left-handed rifles that will be ordered. We have a new apprentice instructor, Christina Shearer, that has been part of the Jr. Marksman program for the last several sessions and we look forward to having her assistance. Membership – Terry Curtis will be taking over as Chairperson for the Membership Committee. Sign up time will be changed to 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and he will be submitting revamped forms for approval. Education Committee – There is no chairperson at this time. Leonard Jimenez is working on a seminar for the first of the year on legalities of concealed carry. By-Laws and SOPs – Finalization of the RSO, and Incident Review Committee SOPs is still pending and will be presented at the next meeting. Approval was requested to include the Incident Review Committee as a standing committee in the by-laws. It was M/S by Bob Covington/Les Keator to approve the inclusion of the Incident Review Committee as a standing committee in the by-laws.

Annual Banquet - The banquet will be January 17, 2015 at the Union Depot. Jr. Marksman will pay for the kids in the program. The cost for member's guests will be $30.00. Invitations will be included in the membership renewal packet that will be sent out next month. It was M/S by RonWiley/BobCovington to authorize $1,500.00 for prizes. Nomination Committee – There have been no volunteers at this time. There is a need for people to field calls from interested members.

V. New Business- Gaming Manager – Rick Sindeband has volunteered to become the gaming manager so the range can hold raffles. We are also looking into utilizing a gaming manager from another organization. There may be a fee based on a percentage of the final take. It was M/S by Bob Covington and Les Keator to table this issue until we have more information on what percentage would be charged and the availability of an outside manager. Motion carried. Free Member Shooting Day – It was M/S by PegWalker/Les Keator to offer a free shooting day in the month of December to all members with an emphasis on recent Free Gun Safety Class participants. Hours and date to be provided by Rick Sindeband. Motion carried.

It was M/S by Les Keator/Terry Curtis to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.
Respectfully submitted, Paula Mitchell

## October 2014 Financial Report

**Current Assets as of October 31, 2014**

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| 360 Capital One (ING) | $121,531.38 |
| Game-Raffles-01 | $25.23 |
| Game-Raffles-75 | $1,913.68 |
| Operating-01-Savings | $12,476.93 |
| Operating-75-Checking | $6,654.32 |
| Purchasing-Checking | $440.97 |
| Purchasing-Savings | $50.10 |
| Range Improvement-Grants | $3,693.00 |
| Total Checking/Savings | $146,785.61 |

Please contact our Treasurer, with any questions regarding the financial report.