

The Bull Shooter

March 2015 Newsletter

FROM THE PRESIDENT

This year has started off great. We have 25 JR Marksman signed up, and the Pistoleras are now at 14 members in their group. Membership renewals have been flooding in. The N.R.A. banquet table has been purchased and door prizes have been selected. We have five seats available for purchase at \$50 each. The banquet is Saturday, March 14, 2015 @ 5:00 pm., at the Pueblo Convention Center. Door prizes are plentiful at this event.

When it starts to warm up we will be turning the heat off and the air conditioning on. But please be patient, we do not want to turn the heat off too soon.

As a reminder, the brass left in the collection buckets is sold to support our Jr. Marksmen activities. Please do not remove the brass for your personal use. Reloaders may retain their own brass.

Your board of directors has been meeting off site several times for planning sessions to further the mission of the range and accomplish the tasks you have elected them to do. This has involved many hours of service to the range over and beyond the monthly meetings.

I am sorry to say after two years of producing our monthly newspaper Jeff Belanger has decided to step down. I want to thank Jeff for volunteering his time. He will be sadly missed. We are looking for a volunteer to continue the excellent work Jeff has done. If you are interested contact Rick Taullie @ 719-248-0444 or Terry Curtis @ 719-406-8627.

The range has experienced numerous changes in leadership of committees in recent months. If you are interested, please contact one of the chairpersons. The committee listing is at the range and on the website. I want to thank all volunteers who help with our range, but more are needed.

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THANK YOU TO.....

All of our volunteers who donate a ridiculous amount of time to this organization and property. They are why we have a range to call home.

PMS, Inc. 2015 Board of Directors

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- Vice President: Terry Curtis
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There is a new shooting group starting Wednesday Mornings in March contact Rick Sindeband for details. Learn to shoot and have some fun.....
Rick Sindeband Certified Pistol Instructor/Chief Range Safety Officer
email rick@havegunwilltraincolorado.com
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To the Membership:

I wanted to take a moment to let you all know I'm stepping down from the helm of the PMS Bullshooter. This edition will be my last. I've enjoyed doing this over the last couple years, but as my gunsmithing business continues to grow I find myself with less and less time to get it done every month. Although I've done my best to keep things informative for you, time simply doesn't permit me to sit down for a couple days every month and come up with topics and then also write about them any more. To those who have submitted items, questions, events, and information- I wholeheartedly thank you as you've made my job considerably easier as deadlines loomed on the horizon. I hope whomever takes the reins from me has as much fun with this as I have, and I hope you all continue to enjoy and support *your* newsletter. As always, please feel free to give me a call if you've got a problem child in the gun safe.

Thanks,

Jeff Belanger
Double Tap, LLC
719-784-1920

Coming In March:

- March 2: New Member Sign Up Night 6pm-8pm
- March 8: Colorado Concealed Carry Class- Call Rick Sindeband to Register 821-3958
- March 9: Monthly Board Meeting 7-9pm
- March 14: Colorado Concealed Carry Class- Call Rick Sindeband to Register 821-3958
- March 15: Colorado Concealed Carry Class- Call Rick Sindeband to Register 821-3958
- March 28: Colorado Concealed Carry Class- Call Rick Sindeband to Register 821-3958

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.

From the Mailbox:

For an individual who practices firing an average of once a month, and fires approximately 25 rounds each practice session, how often should the weapon be cleaned, and to what extent? Is there a commonly accepted standard, i.e. every certain number of rounds fired, after each firing, when it looks dirty, etc.?

The answer to this may seem a bit counterintuitive, but because the firearm will be sitting idle between trips to the range this person should clean their firearm after each shooting session. At the very least the bore should be well cleaned and the remainder of the firearm should get a quick wipedown to remove any obvious fouling, and a light coat of oil. Even a short shooting session will blast some of the protective oil from the gun and begin to break down the lubrication abilities of what's on there. Additionally, even minor fouling gives moisture an unprotected surface on which to gather, which can eventually lead to one of any firearm's greatest enemies: *RUST*. Poiticians are of course, the other. I haven't found an oil to keep them at bay yet.

Did you know???

THE GIRANDONI MILITARY AIR RIFLE

In 1780, while everyone else was still fooling around with incremental improvements to muzzle-loading black powder flintlock muskets, the Austrian military was equipping itself with a repeating rifle that carried a magazine of 21 lead balls, capable of accurately hitting targets 150 yards away with roughly the same stopping power as a modern .45 ACP round. Incredibly, this weapon owed its ahead-of-its-time performance to the same technology used by your Daisy Red Ryder Carbine to shoot your own eye out — the Girandoni Air Rifle was essentially a primordial and massively beefed-up BB gun. The oddly pear-shaped stock was in fact a pressurized air reservoir good for 30 full-power shots, and troops were typically issued two spare reservoirs and a hand pump to re-pressurize the gun. The reservoir system was the Girandoni's biggest flaw, as they were difficult to manufacture with contemporary technology and required an exhausting 1,500 pump strokes to fully pressurize. The rest of the gun was no picnic to operate either, being far more delicate and complicated than powder guns and requiring every soldier so equipped to be completely and comprehensively retrained. Nevertheless, the Girandoni saw service for 35 years with various Austrian units and famously accompanied the Lewis and Clark expedition as an effective hunting piece.



Are you aware that your state legislature is currently working to overturn the most recent restrictions to your God given right to self defense???

If you weren't, please get involved!
Remember- "*Every nation gets the government it deserves.*" -Joseph De Maistre



Like historical firearms? Win the lottery recently?? These revolutionary war pistols went to the Richard King Mellon Foundation in 2002 just shy of \$2 million at Christie's. Since most people agree they're the most important firearms in American history and not some show-off piece for a Silicon Valley mogul, they're currently on display at Fort Ligonier in Pennsylvania.

After arming George Washington throughout America's war for independence, these twin firearms eventually landed in the hands of seventh US president Andrew Jackson. From there they travelled a long inheritance to arrive back in public view just last decade, and rightfully so — could there be a more powerful homage to the birth of America?



January 2015 Financial Report

Current Assets as of January 31, 2015

360 Capital One (ING)	\$121,653.74
Game-Raffles-01	\$25.24
Game-Raffles-75	\$1,913.68
Operating-01-Savings	\$7,479.32
Operating-75-Checking	\$31,904.13
Purchasing-Checking	\$319.56
Purchasing-Savings	\$50.11

Total Checking/Savings \$163,345.78

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