

The Bull Shooter

April 2015 Newsletter



**Pueblo Municipal
Shooters, Inc.**

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Saturday 14th was the Colorado Friends of NRA dinner. We had eight club members attend. I would like to thank Chuck Wingfield, Bob Covington, Ron Ragazzi, Shannon Richter, Christina Shearer, Bill Johnson, and Stan Marguerites for supporting our club and being there. Our club won a 30 06 rifle with a scope. Anyone who has never attended one should go the next time the Friends of NRA comes to town.

I am deeply sorry to say we lost a couple of very valuable club members. Patrick Watts and Robert Bosley have passed away. They both will be missed by everyone who knew them. Patrick was very helpful in upgrading our facility and enhanced our educational program. Robert volunteered as an RSO, membership night and free gun safety classes. We send our sincere condolences to Georgeann Watts and Donna Bosley and their families.

We will be asking for volunteers for spring cleanup on the outside our club house. The leaves will need to be picked up and our new shed will need to be

painted. Any volunteers will be greatly appreciated.

There will be an RSO class on April 11th. Anyone interested in becoming a Range Safety Officer call Les Keator at 719-240-5624.

Winter league will be over March 20th and we will be starting our spring league April 10th. It is a good way to meet new club members practice your skills and have fun.

- Rick Taullie

NRA SAFETY RULES

1. ALWAYS keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
2. ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
3. ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP

My 2014 NRA Whittington Adventure Camp Experience

By Christina Shearer

Last summer I had the privilege to go to the NRA Whittington Adventure Camp in New Mexico, which was made possible through a 4-H Foundation scholarship. It was one of the most enriching learning experiences I have ever had. I had an absolute blast (pun intended)! I learned how to shoot high power rifles, hand guns, muzzleloaders, and archery. Shooting a muzzle loading rifle was my favorite, but shooting the .50 caliber BMG was a very close second. It was the first opportunity that I have ever had to shoot either firearm before. But let's start at the beginning of my story and come back to my camp experiences.

My interest in firearms developed the summer of 2013 when my family and I participated in Project Appleseed. This event was sponsored by the Revolutionary War Veterans Association that is dedicated to

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 6 : New member night 6 PM - 8 PM
April 10 : Spring Shooting League 5:30 PM - 9 PM
April 11 : RSO Class 8 AM - 5 PM
April 13 : Pistoleras 5:30 PM - 7 PM
April 13 : Board meeting 7 PM - 9 PM
April 17 : Spring Shooting League 5:30 PM - 9 PM
April 20 : Free Gun Safety Class 6 PM - 9 PM
April 24 : Spring Shooting League 5:30 PM - 9 PM
April 27 : Pistoleras 5:30 PM - 7 PM
May 1 : Spring Shooting League 5:30 - 9 PM
May 8 : Spring Shooting League 5:30 - 9 PM

teaching Americans about our heritage and history, as well as traditional rifle marksmanship skills. On the heels of completing this, my mom read in the Pueblo West View about the Jr. Marksman Program at Pueblo Municipal Shooters, Inc. (PMS) range. It seemed like the perfect way to continue to develop my shooting skills and my ability to safely handle firearms. My family joined PMS

MARCH 9, 2015 BOARD MEETING

- I. **Call to Order** - Called to order by Rick Taullie at 7:00 P.M. Board members attending: Terry Curtis, Bob Covington, Paula Mitchell, Rick Taullie, Peggy Walker, Ron Wiley, Chuck Wingfield and Leonard Jimenez. Les Keator was absent.
- II. **Minutes** - M/S by Bob Covington/Terry Curtis to approve the minutes of Feb. 9, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.
- III. **Financial Statements** - Peggy Walker presented the financial report. M/S by Chuck Wingfield/Bob Covington to approve. Motion carried.
- IV. **Old Business**
 - Building and Safety Committee** - We had a great turn out of volunteers to replace filters and to work on the backstop. Alan Marck will be working with us March 11 to reset the ventilation and do a smoke bomb test.
 - Jr. Marksman** - We have finished the prone position and have moved on to kneeling.
 - Membership** - Currently there are 561 members, 262 families, 273 senior and 26 life.
 - Education Committee** - Shannon Richter reported the committee is examining and revising the SOP's for the committee and upon completion will start scheduling new educational training programs.
 - RSO** - There is an RSO class pending.
 - Public Information** - We are still searching for someone to take on the task of publishing the Bullshooter. The format is set and we are accepting articles of interest for publication.
 - Standard Operating Procedures** - A change will be made in Section 2.4.1 concerning times for membership sign-up. Waiver information for photos may have to be reworked.
 - Incident Review Committee** - Two incidents were reported. Both were reviewed by the committee and recommendations were made to the Board. The Board agreed with the committee's recommendations and the parties of interest were contacted.
 - Free Gun Safety Class** - The classes have been revamped and the new format is in use. Rick Quinn has done some individual classes for people who are not able to make the group class. Mr. Quinn has stated that he is available on an as-needed basis for individuals who cannot attend regularly scheduled times.
 - Pistoleras** - We are getting positive feedback on the "Try Before You Buy" program. Possibilities of offering this to all members is being discussed. It was M/S by Peggy Walker/Chuck Wingfield to reimburse the instructors for the cost of the ammunition. Motion carried.
 - League** - We are starting to plan for the Spring League. Discussion followed having mixed men/women shooting at 17 feet or 25 feet.
- V. **New Business**
 - Newsletter** - We are looking for a new editor. E-blast to members to see if anyone is interested in taking on this project.
 - Agreement with Pueblo Zoo** - The Pueblo Zoo approached PMS about using the range approximately three times a year for their firearms practice sessions at no charge. It was M/S by

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

We have 10 certified, insured instructors with range privileges. Instructors set their own schedule and fees for the classes they teach. Instructors teach either NRA-certified classes or their own program. Instructor classes are not sponsored nor endorsed by PMS, Inc. You may contact any one of them to take advantage of the excellent continuing firearms instruction they provide.

- Jeff and Chantay Belanger** 719-784-1920/719-784-2384
Pistol, Rifle, FFL Dealer, Gunsmith, Home, Shotgun, Reloading
- Alvin Buffalo** 719-671-6071
Pistol
- Leonard Jimenez** 719-561-3224
Pistol, Rifle, FFL Dealer, Shotgun, In/Out Home, Jr. M., other
- Les Keator** 719-240-5624/719-560-0823
Pistol, Rifle, RSO
- Rick Quinn** 719-671-7906
Free Gun Safety, Pistol
- Ron Ragazzi** 719-547-0738/719-252-4930
Pistoleras, Pistol, In/Out Home
- Todd Rundle** 719-406-3108
Pistol, Shotgun, In/Out Home
- Debi Sanks** 719-225-8257
Pistol
- Rick Sindeband** 719-821-3958/719-564-5147
CCW, Reloading, Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun, Home
Scheduled CCW Classes - 4/5, 4/11, 4/19, 4/25
- Chuck Wingfield** 719-647-0642
Pistol, Reloading

Minutes Continued...

Terry Curtis/Chuck Wingfield to all Zoo personnel to use our range for this practice and we provide RSO overage. Motion carried.

Disclaimer of PMS Sponsored Group - Due to several inquiries regarding an announcement in the Bullshooter about a group forming for Wednesday morning shoot sessions, it was M/S by Chucuk Wingfield/Terry Curtis to have an e-blast sent out stating the group is not a PMS-sponsored event. This is an informal group of members getting together to shoot.

It was M/S by Peggy Walker/Chuck Wingfield to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Paula Mitchell

Shearer Continued...

and my 3 siblings and I joined Jr. Marksman. I never knew shooting could be so much fun. I have greatly improved in my knowledge of firearms and marksmanship. Much of this I attribute to the wonderful Jr. Marksman leaders who are so generous with their time and knowledge. Mr. Leonard Jimenez, Mr. Rick Taullie, Mr. Richard Roberts, Mr. Alvin Buffalo, Mr. Charles Fogg, and Mr. Dennis Briggs are those responsible for instructing me and others, encouraging us to improve in accuracy.

Seeing such improvement in my shooting skills and earning some medals motivated me to participate in the 4-H .22 rifle shooting sports project. Jr. Marksman was a wonderful learning opportunity which played a part in my decision to apply for the \$1,500 Whittington Adventure Camp scholarship. There you have the history of my shooting experience. Now let's continue on with my adventure at Whittington.

The instructors at Whittington Adventure Camp were very experienced and knowledgeable. They taught in ways that were easy to understand and enjoyable to learn. The instruction was amazing. Some instructors were retired military, some were involved in ROTC, and others were gun enthusiasts. Safety was their number one priority, but everything we did challenged me to do my best while learning new skills.

We spent about two days at each shooting discipline. The first day was spent familiarizing us

FEBRUARY 28, 2015 FINANCIAL REPORT

Assets:

360 Capital One (ING)	\$ 121,691.00
Game-Raffles-01	\$ 25.24
Game-Raffles-75	\$ 1,913.68
Operating-01-Savings	\$ 7,479.32
Operating-75-Checking	\$ 36,242.28
Purchasing-Checking	\$ 343.48
Purchasing-Savings	\$ 50.11
Total Current Assets	\$ 167,745.11

Liabilities & Equity:

Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	\$ 162,530.98
Retained Earnings	\$ 17,318.77
Net Income	\$ 17,895.36
Total Equity	\$ 167,745.11
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 167,745.11

Total Income:	\$ 7,566.50
Total Expenses:	\$ 3,158.22
Net Ordinary Income:	\$ 4,408.28

Contact our Treasurer, Peggy Walker, with any questions regarding the financial report.

with the firearm and becoming comfortable with it. The second day, competitions were held for the top shooters in our group. I was awarded the Annie Oakley for my shotgun shooting and a flashlight for being the "brightest" shooter in pistol. We not only learned about firearm safety and received instruction on how to shoot; we also learned survival and outdoor skills, outdoor cooking, hunter safety, and orienteering. Every camper left with a better knowledge of guns, outdoor safety, and received their hunter safety certification. It was also a wonderful time to meet people from over the United States and make new friends. The locale was gorgeous and the food was pretty good too! The camp concluded with an awards ceremony. Top shooters were awarded rifles, knives, hats, posters, etc. I was chosen as one of the top four female shooters at camp and am honored to be among those who shot the white buffalo from 1,123 yards!

My experience at the Whittington Adventure Camp further developed my interest and skill level in shooting firearms. When asked to share about my camp experience, I am happy to write or speak about what I learned. I was able to draw from my camp experience when writing an argument essay in my English class at Pueblo Community College on the topic of why women should have the right to defend themselves using firearms. At the beginning of March, I competed in a 4-H speech contest and received Reserve Grand Champion for my speech about how shooting sports

has been such an enrichment experience in my life and why I believe that all American citizens, especially women, should have the right to defend themselves using a firearm. I participate in the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) Explorer program. Getting involved in mounted shooting is an interest of mine and I plan to serve on the mounted patrol with PCSO this year.

In my last year of 4-H, I am in the shooting sports outdoor skills project and look forward to camping, hunting, tracking, learning more about survival skills, and participating in a NRA Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC).

Now that I have aged out of Jr. Marksman, I am blessed to be a teen leader. I get to pass on the knowledge that I have gained and assist children, ages 10 to 18 in learning how to safely and accurately shoot .22 rifles. As of this year, I have my own membership at PMS and am enjoying shooting with the Pistoleras under the wonderful instruction of Mr. Leonard Jimenez,

Mr. Ron Ragazzi, Mr. Bob Covington, and Ms. Shannon Richter. Additionally, Mr. Les Keator has been very generous with his time and instructed me through the necessary courses so that I am now an NRA pistol and rifle certified apprentice instructor. I am so thankful for my time in the Jr. Marksman program and for PMS that sponsors this program. The support and encouragement from the instructors has helped shaped much of my involvement today and has opened the door for so many other opportunities for me. ❖

MEMBERSHIP FELLOWSHIP

- ◆ Our membership has been afflicted with unfortunate health issues lately. If you know of any member or family of a member that are struggling with health issues please give them some extra special attention to let them know you care. It is amazing how far a little kindness goes. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.
- ◆ As mentioned in last month's newsletter, several members get together to shoot Wednesday mornings at 9 AM. Contact Rick Sindeband for more information: 821-3958.

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