

The Bull Shooter

May 2015 Newsletter



**Pueblo Municipal
Shooters, Inc.**

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spring league went off with a big bang. Our members are shooting in 22 pistol, center fire and 22 rifle. We have twelve members shooting and they have entered all events.

This session of the Jr. Marksmen program will be over soon. I want to thank our volunteers: Leonard Jimenez, Charles Fogg, Richard Roberts, Bob Covington and Dennis Briggs. I would also like to thank Robin Shearer and Paula Mitchell for their help with keeping score on the targets and also thank our veteran Jr. Marksmen Christina Shearer, Aaron Shearer and Alex Mitchell for showing the various shooting positions. We will be starting a new Jr. Marksmen program in mid-September. Follow the Bull Shooter and web site for the dates.

We are going to have a picnic in June for our club members. Be watching for an email advertising when and where. Anyone that would like to volunteer for our club picnic should call Les Keator at 719-240-5624.

We also need volunteers for various projects such as painting the new shed, making shelves for the new shed and cleaning up leaves around our clubhouse.

We now have a total of 577 active members at our club. I would like to welcome the 69 new members who have joined so far this year.

- 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.

THE FULL MAGAZINE

Below is a full load of bullets that are about the range, the people of the range, the community, and the industry. Many items of interest go unmentioned because they are too small to warrant a full article. This provides a place for our members/readers to get a quick, tight grouping of information. If you have a correction, topic or notice you would like to see in a future newsletter, send it to our email address at: newsletter@puebloshooters.org.

First Aid and CPI/AED classes are being held at PCC Hoag Theatre on May 2nd. The CPR/AED class is from 8:45 am to 11 am and costs \$25. Registration starts at 8:15 am. The First Aid follows is Noon to 3 pm and costs \$15. These are 2 year certifications. Call Ann Flores for more information at 549-3477.

Les Keator will be arranging First Aid and CPR classes in June for the RSOs. If you are an RSO and need this training, contact Les at 240-5624.

Keith Carver has qualified for the Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualifications Program Award of Distinguished Expert, NRA's highest award. Keith, along with other members of the Wednesday morning shooting group, has been working his way through the pistol program. Many of the other shooters have attained the Expert Level and are now working on their Distinguished Expert Award. The group will be moving on to another series such as rifle in the coming weeks. Anyone wishing to participate is welcome on Wednesday mornings at 9 am.

A law seminar is being held by U.S. Law Shield in the George L. Williams Pavilion, 800 Goodnight Ave, Pueblo City Park, on May 30th from 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm. This is the pavilion nearest the range. This seminar covers gun laws and concealed carry laws for the State of Colorado and is a good opportunity to ask an attorney questions you may have about self defense issues and concealed carry gun laws. These seminars cost the individual \$15. In addition to the seminar you will receive the related book, a \$10 value. This is an excellent value and information absolutely every gun owner must have. All of the proceeds go to U.S. Law Shield to offset the cost of the speaker.

Pre-Registration *is* required by visiting

<http://www.gunlawseminar.com/gun-law-seminar-24/1777>

Range Safety Officers, or RSOs volunteer their time to keep our members, guests and the range safe during public nights, league nights, Jr. Marksmen classes, Free-Shoot days and any other time when many people may be gathered to enjoy the sport within our range. In a recent class, we certified 5 new RSOs. Please contact Les Keator at 240-5624 if you are interested in becoming an RSO.

Women on Target is having an educational event at Cactus Flats May 9th from 7:30 am to 5 pm. If you were unable to make this event, contact Cheri Armstrong at 248-3780 to make sure you catch the next one.

APRIL 13, 2015 BOARD MEETING

- I. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order by President Rick Taullie.
 - II. **Board Members Present** - Terry Curtis, Peggy Walker, Chuck Wingfield, Rick Taullie, Paula Mitchell, Leonard Jimenez, Bob Covington, Les Keator. Ron Wiley was absent.
 - III. **Minutes** - It was M/S by C. Wingfield/L. Keator to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
 - IV. **Treasurer's Report** - Peggy Walker presented the financial report for March, 2015. It was M/S by L. Keator/B. Covington to accept the report. Motion carried.
 - V. **Old Business**
 - Building and Maintenance** - The snail is working beautifully. It is a priority to maintain the backstop. The filters will be replaced when we know how the sensors will work. The new shed will be painted as soon as weather allows. We will look into community service workers to install shelves and weed/clean the yard. The floors will be waxed on Wednesday and the range will be shut down from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Lane 8 has been fixed.
 - Education Committee** - SOP's for the Education Committee are being restructured and will be finalized and presented to the Board.
 - Public Information** - The website is under construction. It was M/S by T. Curtis/L. Jimenez that financial information no longer be put in the newsletter. Motion carried. It was M/S by C. Wingfield/L. Keator that there will be an e-blast for the upcoming Women on Target program. Motion carried.
 - By-Laws and SOPs** - Changes to the 2016 by-laws will be presented to the board in October for approval to present to the membership.
 - Jr. Marksman** - There are two full sessions on Tuesday and one and a half on Thursday. We are using 1,200 rounds per sessions.
 - Pistoleras** - There are 15 women registered but next time we would like to see 10 for better class management.
 - League** - There are 20 entries with prizes for 1st and 2nd. There are four more weeks.
 - VI. **New Business**
 - Summer Picnic** - It was M/S by L. Keator/Chuck Wingfield to again have a summer picnic for the members. Menu and date to be decided. Motion carried.
 - New Instructor** - It was M/S by P. Walker/Leonard Jimenez to increase the total number of instructors to 15. Motion carried. It was M/S by L. Jimenez/C. Wingfield to accept Terry Curtis as a new instructor. Motion carried.
 - Friends of the NRA Banquet** - Only three items that were provided by PMS were acknowledged. We will check with the chairperson on the other items.
- It was M/S by L. Keator/Chuck Wingfield to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

CHUCK FOGG

Chuck has been a member since mid 2013. While that may not be a real long time, he has made every moment count. Chuck simply loves to help others learn and in turn love the sport. Chuck received his RSO credentials and regularly pulls a shift on public nights. He also helps with all areas within the Jr. Marksmen program from RSOing, instructing, record keeping, and the general grandpa-like figure.

Chuck also works with the new members by providing range orientation tours, rules, and answering general questions, but also helps during the Free Gun Safety Class by instructing the safe procedures and assuring the new member firmly understands the rules and procedures and the reasons behind them. Chuck is at the ready to help with any range improvements or other tasks we need done.

Chuck is a shining example of all a volunteer can be. We greatly appreciate his commitment and devotion to the range.

From the entire Board of Directors: Thanks Chuck.

If you know of someone that deserves to have the spotlight to be shown on them, contact any board member or drop us a note at newsletter@puebloshooters.org.

"The Constitution shall never be construed to prevent the people of the United States who are peaceable citizens from keeping their own arms."
Samuel Adams, 1788

GUNS ON THE GO

When preparing for this month's newsletter, I decided to write a brief article on a few things you should be thinking about when going on your summer vacation trips ... and of course carrying a gun or two with you. When I opened the May issue of American Rifleman I found a brief article on page 36 entitled "Traveler's Guide To The Firearm Laws Of the Fifty States." So I will leave it to the experts. I highly encourage anyone traveling to familiarize themselves with the laws in the areas they are going to visit and the laws of the area they are just passing through. A few recommendations would be visiting gunlawguide.com, handgunlaw.us, uslawshield.com, usacarry.com and www.nraila.org/gun-laws.aspx. I would also recommend looking into insurance or other legal protective services.

- Terry Curtis

The Full Magazine Continued...

New membership night is May 4th from 6 pm to 8 pm. If you are not currently a member and would like to join, please bring your driver's license and checkbook and we will get you signed up. Our membership is from January through December so we prorate the annual membership fee. The fee for May is \$53 for Regular/Family and \$47 for Senior/Family (60+ y/o). There is a one-time administration fee of \$60. Active duty military? We waive the admin fee for you. You do need to be a member of the NRA. If you are not, we can sign you up for that as well for as little as \$10 a year. PMS membership is an incredible bargain when compared to other ranges. If you have membership questions, email us at membership@puebloshooters.org or call Terry Curtis at 406-8627.

Free Gun Safety Class is required for all new members. The class not only covers basic handgun safety such as parts of a gun, loading and unloading, making the gun safe on the bench and passing to another person, but we also cover the range specific rules. So even if you are an instructor or a member of law enforcement or some other field where you have had firearm safety classes, we still want you to attend. Each range is different. We want you to be aware of our rules so everyone has a safe and fun experience at the range.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 1 : Spring Shooting League 5:30 PM - 9 PM
May 4 : New member night 6 PM - 8 PM
May 8 : Spring Shooting League 5:30 - 9 PM
May 9 : Women on Target @ Cactus Flats
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
May 11 : Pistoleras 5:30 PM - 7 PM
May 11 : Board meeting 7 PM - 9 PM
May 18 : Free Gun Safety Class 6 PM - 9 PM
~~May 25 : Pistoleras 5:30 PM - 7 PM~~
Canceled for Memorial Day
May 30 : U.S. Law Shield Law Seminar
Pavilion next to the range
2:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Instructors registered at the range have the privilege of using the classroom area of the range to conduct their training. Being able to mix classroom and live fire training is invaluable. We encourage you to seek out one of our registered instructors. We have recently updated the list of instructors and the programs they offer. Each offer classes inside and outside the range. They manage their own schedules and fees. If a class is scheduled to use the range's classroom, the calendar within the range may show it listed. You may use that as a guide to help you choose when to visit the range. Find the new list on the web site and within the range.

As mentioned in the most recent board meeting minutes, the financial report is no longer published to the general public. The information is still available to members by contacting the Treasurer, Peggy Walker at 404-3865.

Membership Limited

The interest shown in the "Ladies Only" Pistoleras group has been gratifying. The group has grown, beyond our expectations, to a current membership of nineteen members.

In order to achieve the goals set for the group, a decision has been made to limit the membership size. As a result we are not accepting any new members at this time.

Notification of future openings in the Pistoleras will be posted at the range and will appear in the PMS Bull Shooter Newsletter.

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 group size has been limited to allow us to achieve these goals with the ladies in an orderly and safe manner. In addition, regular attendance at Pistoleras's meetings is strongly recommended to help us achieve the above goals.

For additional information please contact Ron Ragazzi at 547-0738, Bob Covington at 250-5487, Leonard Jimenez at 561-3224 or Shannon Richter at 334-4884.

"A free people ought not only to be armed, but disciplined..." George Washington, January 8,

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Board meetings are the second Monday of the month. 7 PM to 9 PM

Board meetings are OPEN to members.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Education Committee is currently researching several educational training opportunities for the PMS membership to attend. We already have several interesting topics, however, we would like to hear directly from YOU as to what YOU would like to see and hear.

So please take a few minutes and email us your suggestions, ideas, subjects etc.

512srichter@gmail.com

Shannon Richter
PMS Education Committee Chair

MEET YOUR BOARD



My name is Terry Curtis. I joined PMS January 2013. I live in Pueblo West and work as a Software Engineer in Colorado Springs. I grew up a military dependent and was exposed to firearms really for the first time when I enlisted in the Air Force. In the service, I held a computer programmer job and still was not really exposed to guns with the exception to basic training and a failed attempt at

attaining a marksmen ribbon. I was stationed at the Air Force Academy and stayed in the area once I left the service. My post-service jobs provided opportunities to begin shooting with friends. It wasn't until the current federal administration was in full swing that the need for protection and exercise of our second amendment rights really hit home for me. Since then, I've been 'all in' as they say.

I became a Range Safety Officer in August, 2013 and have served during public nights, free-shoot days and assist in the instruction on Free Gun Safety Class nights.

How our organization is run was an interest as was how I could help, so I attended many of the board meetings. When a vacancy arose because a board member resigned I applied for the position. I joined the board September, 2014. Our membership chair was stepping away so I volunteered for those duties. I have also tackled the management of the web site and most recently assumed the production of this newsletter....yes, perhaps I am spreading myself a little thin.

During the annual meeting the entire board was retained and I was elected Vice President in the subsequent meeting.

I cannot stress how passionate I am about firearms and especially firearms safety. We have a real gem with our facility. The range operates only due to the time and labor provided by our gracious volunteers. A theme you might note: we are always looking for more help.

- Terry Curtis