

The Bull Shooter

June 2015 Newsletter



**Pueblo Municipal
Shooters, Inc.**

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

During the last few months I have asked for volunteers for various projects that need to be done at our range as well as special activities that we were going to do for our club members and their families. In this month's newsletter there will be more on what we will be doing and what our board decided not to do this summer.

Summer is here and family vacation plans are being made. Our club members will be going fishing, camping, visiting family members out of state, going four-wheeling, and a variety of other fun things. Remember safety is not only at our range, but in every daily activity.

Have fun and I will see you at the range.

- Rick Taullie

RANGE RULES

- Eye and ear protection is required for all persons in the shooting area when shooting is in progress.
- NO uncases/unholstered (naked) guns outside the shooting booth.
- DO NOT shoot the walls, ceiling or floor
- NO ONE under age 18 is allowed to shoot without *direct* adult supervision.
- NO center-fire rifle cartridges, shotshells, BBs, steel or armor piercing bullets, tracers, fully automatic firearms, center-fire pistols using center-fire rifle cartridges or rifles using center-file pistol cartridges.
- DO use rim-fire rifles and pistols (.17 and .22), center-fire pistols with maximum power factor of .44 magnum, black powder with 1/2 charge, air rifles with lead pellets only.

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.

Notice: The range has traditionally held a summer picnic to honor our volunteers and provide an opportunity for members to socialize and get to know other members and the current Board of Directors. As with all range functions and activities, volunteers spent countless hours organizing and planning the events. Unfortunately, there is a small group of people who tend to step up and perform most of the volunteering. The most recent picnic was well organized, had great food, great door prizes but was poorly attended. It seems to the Board these type of activities are not of interest to the membership, either helping or attending. Therefore, it was decided at the May 11 Board meeting that due to the lack of interest and membership involvement the annual summer picnic will not be held this year. The small group of volunteers, and you know who you are, will be recognized and appreciation expressed in other ways.

Our web site will be changing shortly. It will be transitioning to another hosting company and a new format will be used. Please excuse some service interruption during this month. We will be straightening out the kinks as quickly as we can.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 1 : New member night 6 PM - 8 PM
June 8 : Pistoleras 5:30 PM - 7 PM
June 8 : Board meeting 7 PM - 9 PM
June 15 : Free Gun Safety Class 6 PM - 9 PM
June 21 : Family Free-Shoot Day 11 AM - 3 PM
June 22 : Pistoleras 5:30 PM - 7 PM

Two more individuals have qualified for the Distinguished Expert Pistol from the Wednesday morning shooting group in the Winchester Marksmanship Series. Several other members are close but this last series Rick Quinn and Rick Sindeband qualified. Those who have qualified will be moving on to the defensive pistol qualifications in June.

Did you know the Free Gun Safety Class is NOT just for new members. If you feel you or your family members could benefit from a refresher class then go ahead and sign up for a class. For some of us, it has been quite a long time since we last reviewed the basic gun handling rules as well as the range's specific rules. Never stop learning!

FAMILY FREE-SHOOT DAY

We are pleased to announce another date for a Family Free-Shoot Day. On Father's Day, Sunday, June 21st from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. we will open our doors to allow members and the public alike to shoot without range fees. We will even supply targets. Range Safety Officers will be on hand to provide a safe and fun time for all. On Father's Day, gather up your guns, ammo, and family, and enjoy a couple of hours of range time on us.



MAY 11, 2015 BOARD MEETING

- I. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order by President Rick Taullie at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **Board Members Present** - Leonard Jimenez, Bob Covington, Terry Curtis, Paula Mitchell, Rick Taullie, Peggy Walker, Ron Wiley, Chuck Wingfield, Les Keator.
- III. **Minutes** - It was M/S by Les Keator/Terry Curtis to approve the minutes of April 13, 2015. Motion carried.
- IV. **Financial Statements** - Peggy Walker presented the financial report. It was M/S by Bob Covington/Les Keator to approve the financial report. Motion carried.
- V. **Old Business**
 - 2015 Volunteer Picnic** - Due to the small turn out we had for last year's Volunteer Appreciation & Member Picnic, and the poor response for volunteer help this year, it was M/S by Bob Covington/Terry Curtis to cancel the picnic. Motion carried.
 - Building and Safety Committee** - The floor waxing did not turn out as well as expected and is scheduled to be redone on May 14. The range will be closed from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The computer that controls the air pressure malfunctioned making the doors very hard to open. The computer will be reprogrammed on May 13.
 - SOP Committee** - The Incident Review Committee suggested removing the originator signature line from the form. It was M/S by Leonard Jimenez/Les Keator to approve this change. Motion carried. The Education Committee submitted a revised edition of the committee structure for approval. The Board suggested Items #3 and 4 need clarification and/or removal. The committee will submit a revised version at the next meeting.
 - Free Gun Safety Classes** - These classes have received good reviews.
 - Pistoleras** - There are currently 16 members. They will not be meeting on May 25, Memorial Day.
 - League** - The spring league has ended. There were awards for first and second place.
 - Jr. Marksman** - There were 23 participants. Awards will be handed out on May 12. The next session will start in mid-September.

JR. MARKSMAN PROGRAM

We completed our winter session and had our awards event Tuesday, May 12, 2015.

There were 21 members for this session. Each member, during the 12 week session, fired over 600 rounds of .22LR ammo. The course of fire included standing, kneeling, and prone positions.

The top shooters who were awarded the Distinguished Expert medals were Alex Shearer and Jordan Lister. There were other awards given for Pro-Marksman, Marksman, Sharp Shooters and Expert.

We also recognized Alex Mitchell, Christina Shearer and Aaron Shearer for their efforts in helping the Range Safety Officers and Instructors in assisting the shooters on the firing line. A special *Thank You* to Paula Mitchell and Robin Shearer for scoring targets.

It is important to mention how we appreciated the efforts of the parents and grandparents for getting the shooters to the weekly sessions.

I am extending a personal *Thank You* to Rick Taullie, Charles Fogg and Bob Covington for their expert assistance in making this a very enjoyable and successful session.

The next session of the Jr. Marksman Program will begin in mid-September.

- Leonard Jimenez

For more information regarding the Jr. Marksman Program, please contact Leonard Jimenez at 561-3224.

Minutes continued...

Membership - Currently there are 585 members.

RSO - There is a first aid class tentatively scheduled for the first week of June.

VI. New Business

Free Public Shooting Day - After discussion of hosting a free public shooting day, it was M/S by Leonard Jimenez/Chuck Wingfield to have a free public shoot on Sunday, June 21 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Bull Shooter - Because we are not getting any response to our request for a volunteer to publish the monthly newsletter, we are considering going to a bimonthly schedule. It was M/S by Leonard Jimenez/Les Keator to table the matter until next month. Motion carried.

Membership Applications - It was M/S by Chuck Wingfield/Ron Wiley to shred the 2012 and 2013 membership applications. Motion carried.

It was M/S by Bob Covington/Les Keator to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

“The rifle itself has no moral stature, since it has no will of its own. Naturally, it may be used by evil men for evil purposes, but there are more good men than evil, and while the latter cannot be persuaded to the path of righteousness by propaganda, they can certainly be corrected by good men with rifles.”

- Jeff Cooper, *Art of the Rifle*

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

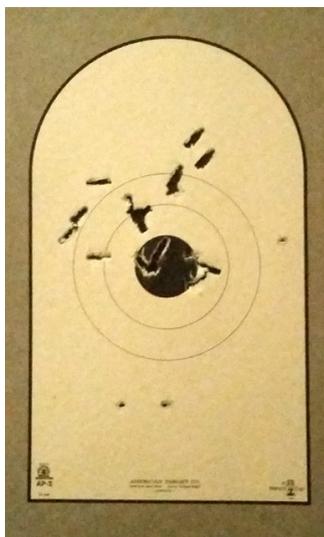
CHRISTIAN NORDSTROM

I have known Christian Nordstrom for 4 years. We met at the Annual Dinner. That meeting started a friendship that has traveled many miles and a lot of range hours. Christian volunteers for everything. He helped paint the entire shooting range including the floor. Later that year he helped paint the exterior of the range. Christian is my minute-man when it comes to repairing one of the lanes, whether it is a cable or electrical problem. He is there as fast as he can get there. He has replaced timers and has not missed one time of sorting out brass, which is an all day job. Anytime something is in need of repair Christian is there. He helped paint the conference room and a week later he was helping redo the bathrooms. This is the kind of person Christian is. There are never complaints about what has to be done. He just say's "Well, someone has to do it." He became an RSO in January and to-date has performed 14 range nights and helps out on membership night. He hasn't missed one in months. If more people were more dedicated, our range would be there another 50 years. He was also presented the Golden Eagle award at the last Annual Dinner. It is an honor to know Christian and call him and his wife Cecilia close friends.

- Les Keator

From the entire Board of Directors: Thanks Christian.

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.



Have you ever seen a target that looked like this?

We did at our Wednesday morning shooting group. This is what is known as keyholing. It refers to the shape of the hole left in the target by the bullet. This happens for several reasons. In this case, it happened from a lead barrel in a .22 caliber pistol. When a bullet is fired the rifling stabilizes it so it spins like throwing a spiral football. In this case, the rifling was clogged by lead not allowing the bullet to spin and stabilize and thus tumbling the bullet and making the big hold

in the target. A bullet fired down a gun barrel which has a diameter larger than the bullet and which fails to properly stabilize the bullet an also cause keyholing. This can be cause for concern when you see this happen. In some cases it can mean an unsafe condition as in shooting the wrong caliber ammunition in a handgun.

- Rick Sindeband, *Certified Pistol Instructor*

SPRING LEAGUE

The spring shooting league ended May 8th. By all accounts it was very successful and everyone had a great time. On the last night the awards were announced and folks enjoyed refreshments. Be sure to watch for the fall league announcement to join in the fun later this year.



Below is a list of the winners in each of the categories.

	Tier 1	Tier 2
Center Fire	1 st Bob Covington 2 nd Bill Johnson	1 st Alvin Buffalo 2 nd Ralph Walker
22 Rifle	1 st Richard St. John 2 nd Bob Turano	
22 Handgun	1 st Bill Johnson 2 nd Bob Covington	1 st Bob Turano 2 nd Tigh Shrewsdury
Woman's 22 Handgun	1 st Shannon Richter	
Woman's Center Fire	1 st Shannon Richter	

"The police can't stop an intruder, mugger, or stalker from hurting you. They can pursue him only after he has hurt or killed you. Protecting yourself from harm is your responsibility, and you are far less likely to be hurt in a neighborhood of gun owners than in one of disarmed citizens – even if you don't own a gun yourself."

- Harry Browne

GUN PURCHASES

According to NSSF.org, most first-time gun buyers buy from a local gun shop. Most of us do not want to pay too much for anything, but having the close relationship with a LGS can be priceless. Where do you shop?

1 st Gun Buyers Who Bought At ...	
Local Gun Shop	43.6%
Walmart, Cabela's Bass Pro, etc.	33.6%
Local Gun Show	7.4%
Online Auction Sites	1.8%

The Full Magazine Continued...

In the Bull Shooter Newsletters over the last few months you have seen plea after plea for a volunteer to produce this newsletter. Those calls have gone unanswered. In response, the Board is considering publishing the Bull Shooter every other month instead of every month. Possibly even quarterly. Our small group of volunteers already do so much for the range that having a longer cycle between issues would really help. We would like to hear from you, the reader. If you have an opinion about the frequency of publishing the newsletter or the content, please send an email to any one of the Board members listed at the bottom of this page. A decision will likely be made at the next Board meeting on June 8 from 7 PM to 9 PM. Please feel free to show up and express your opinion there as well.



Volunteers really are the backbone of this organization. If you are not aware, we do not have any paid positions within the organization. The Board of Directors, RSOs, facilities maintenance, etc., are all volunteers. We do pay for trash service and weekly custodial service. But programs/services such as this newsletter, membership coordination, leagues, Free Gun Safety Classes, Jr. Marksman, Pistoleras, committees such as Incident Review, Education, ByLaws, and SOPs are all volunteers. Sadly, if you look at the Board and listing of committees you will see many of the same names repeated which means the same folks are volunteering to keep the organization running. Your membership fees are so low *because* we don't pay for all of these positions...and we shouldn't. The reserve funds we have are intended to manage serious facility issues in order to keep the range open. We seriously need your help. Please volunteer.

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

Board meetings are OPEN to members.