

The Bull Shooter

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The new year has brought another opportunity for your board of directors to volunteer for new roles. The membership re-elected all of the board members who were up for re-election. With the entire incumbent board intact, we voted for this year's officers. I will serve as President while Bob Covington was elected Vice President. Secretary Paula Mitchell and Treasurer Peggy Walker were elected to continue their roles. The balance of the board will continue to provide council and leadership as we navigate the upcoming year.

Your range offers many opportunities for continued training and fun with fellow members and non-members alike. The Pistoleras is a women-only group focused on firearms education and shooting fun. A Free Gun Safety Class is available to anyone interested. The Spring pistol league starts February 26th and is open to anyone. The competition has been reworked by having similarly experienced shooters grouped together, less expensive fees, and the awards are no

longer a cash award, but instead are pins that reflect your participation. This allows you to focus on a fun and safe shooting experience rather than being worried about being beaten on each target.

The Jr. Marksman program is another program offered by your range. It provides an excellent opportunity for parents to get their children aged 10 to 18 involved in the shooting sports. I recently dropped by the range during one of their sessions. I was impressed by the organized manner the instructors and volunteers ran the session. The students were provided close supervision and gentle direction as they work to master the various shooting positions. Parents were encouraged to be involved by helping score targets. Safety is of primary concern and maintained throughout the session. I am very proud of the efforts of the Jr. Marksman program team members. They strike an excellent balance of training, safety and fun for the students. I encourage all parents to look into the program for their children in future sessions.

SAFE SHOOTING

- Terry Curtis

THE FULL MAGAZINE

Below is a full load of bullets 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@pueblshooters.org.

The Pueblo Friends of NRA Banquet is just around the corner; Saturday, March 12 starting at 5 PM at the Pueblo Convention Center. Once again, PMS has purchased a table that seats 10. We are offering the membership the opportunity to purchase seats at our table for \$50 each. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Bob Covington @ 719-250-5487 or any other board member.

Spring break for the Pueblo School District is March 21 through 24. PMS is planning a free family shoot day to kick off the week. Watch the web site and e-blasts for more details.

The Jr. Marksman program is well-underway for this session. They have 25 students signed up. The kids have had a firearms safety class and are now working through the various shooting positions. The sessions are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 PM to 6:30 PM. Members should expect the range to close to general shooting starting at 4 PM to permit the team to ready the range for class.

Watch for information about a Women-Only Law and Legal seminar to be held on April 16th at the range. Cost is \$15 per person in advance. Watch for e-blasts and signs at the range for more details.

The 2016 annual banquet, as outlined to the right, was not the great success it was by accident. It takes a team of volunteers to organize and execute the event. Special recognition must be given to Peggy Walker, Terry Curtis, Rick Taullie, Leonard Jimenez and Bob Covington for their work on the committee.



2016 Annual Banquet

For those of you who attended this year's annual banquet, please forgive our quick review.

This past January 23rd, we gathered together at the Union Depot for an evening of reflection upon the prior year over an excellent meal. The evening started with a social hour allowing us to casually reconnect with friends and make new friends and shooting partners. The Pueblo County High School JROTC Cadets provided the opening Color Guard before the Pledge of Allegiance. A lovely invocation was provided by Mr. Gordon Shearer immediately before dinner.

As we finished the main dinner and started on the superb deserts, the business meeting was called to order by President Rick Taullie. The current board was introduced, minutes of the 2015 annual banquet presented by Paula Mitchell, treasurer's report given by Peggy Walker, and the membership report provided by Terry Curtis.

One of the primary functions of the annual meeting is for the membership to vote for the new or returning board members and on any By-Law changes that have been presented. Each of the returning board candidates were provided an opportunity to address the membership. Leonard Jimenez was unable to attend the banquet so Terry Curtis provided a brief statement on his behalf urging the membership to re-elect him so he may continue his service. There were no additional candidates for the board so the membership voted by acclamation for all of the current board members who were up for re-election. There were three changes to the By-Laws the membership was asked to vote on. Since the board members were re-elected by acclamation, it was motioned by a member to vote for the By-Law changes also by acclamation. The membership voted for the three changes which included: a change to the membership application wording to remove the 8 Federal Form 4473 questions and instead reflect any disqualifications listed on the form would also disqualify a person from membership; a quorum change for the annual meeting from 10 to 7 percent; and a change of wording for board member compensation to allow board members to participate in the new Volunteer Recognition Program. Full details/wording of the new By-Laws will be available for download from our web site.

Rick Taullie led a recognition of the Junior Marksman program/ participants with the help of Charles Fogg. Mr. Taullie continued by recognizing many other volunteers and awarded the annual Golden Eagle Award. This year Mr. Charles Fogg and Terry Curtis both were recognized by the Board for their service to the range.

Throughout the night, many door prizes were given away. We thank this year's donors. See the list of donors, on our website <http://pueblshooters.org> then click the banquet link.

The evening was capped off with a closing prayer from Mr. Shearer.



Jr. Marksman recognition at the Annual Banquet

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Feb 26 : Pistol League 5:30 PM—9 PM
Feb 29 : Free Gun Safety Class 6 PM - 9 PM

Mar 1 : Jr. Marksman 5 PM - 6:30 PM
Mar 3 : Jr. Marksman 5 PM - 6:30 PM
Mar 4 : Pistol League 5:30 PM - 9 PM
Mar 7 : New Member Night 6 PM - 8 PM
Mar 8 : Jr. Marksman 5 PM - 6:30 PM
Mar 10 : Jr. Marksman 5 PM - 6:30 PM
Mar 11 : Pistol League 5:30 PM - 9 PM
Mar 12 : Free Gun Safety Class 9 AM - Noon
Mar 14 : Pistoleras 5:30 PM to 6:45 PM
Mar 14 : Board meeting 7 PM - 9 PM
Mar 15 : Jr. Marksman 5 PM - 6:30 PM
Mar 17 : Jr. Marksman 5 PM - 6:30 PM
Mar 18 : Pistol League 5:30 PM - 9 PM
Mar 21 : Free Gun Safety Class 6 PM - 9 PM
Mar 22 : Jr. Marksman 5 PM - 6:30 PM
Mar 24 : Jr. Marksman 5 PM - 6:30 PM
Mar 25 : Pistol League 5:30 PM - 9 PM
Mar 28 : Pistoleras 5:30 PM to 7 PM
Mar 29 : Jr. Marksman 5 PM - 6:30 PM
Mar 31 : Jr. Marksman 5 PM - 6:30 PM



Looking for the minutes? In order to save space in the newsletter we are publishing the board meeting minutes only on our web site.

<http://puebloshooters.org/aboutus.php#minutes>

THANKS

The Jr. Marksman program would like to extend its sincere appreciation to Rick St. John for his generous donation to the program. The program helps turn young shooters into responsible firearm-handling adults. The brass and lead collected from the range help defray some of the costs the participants must pay. Extra donations to the program are rare but very welcome. Thanks again, Rick.

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Spring Pistol League Starting Friday, February 26

To provide a level playing field for all shooters, there are now three levels of competition. **You will only be competing against shooters at your level.**

MATCH DATES: February 26th, March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

ELIGIBILITY: Open to any shooter. Less than 18 will need a guardian at the meet.

TIME: 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM

LOCATION: PMS Indoor Range (In the park next to the zoo entrance)

TARGETS: B2, B3 for all hand guns.

CATEGORIES:

#1. Any .22 revolver and/or .22 semi auto pistol

#2. Any center fire revolver and/or center fire semi auto (not to exceed 44 magnum).

#3. Center fire revolvers only (not to exceed 44 magnum)

SIGHTS: Iron sights only. NO red dots or optic sights permitted.

NEW REDUCED FEES for 2016

\$10.00 entry fee plus \$5.00 per category

Shoot in one category \$15.00 total cost for all five weeks.

Shoot in two categories \$20.00 total cost for all five weeks.

Shoot in all three categories \$25.00 total cost for all five weeks.

RULES: SAFETY IS A TOP PRIORITY! All range rules apply. Cased and uncased guns in the shooting booth only. NRA rules will be used. Pistols will be at 25 feet, women shoot at 17 feet. You can use one or two hands for pistols. No supporting of shooter or gun.

NOTICE: In order to accommodate shooters during hunting season, you will be allowed to shoot in advance or after a date in which you cannot be present. One exception; if you cannot be there on the last league night you must shoot for that date in advance rather than after the league ends.

COURSE OF FIRE: Pistol Slow Fire; 10 minutes for ten shots. Timed Fire: 20 seconds per 5 shot string (two strings). Rapid Fire: 10 seconds per 5 shot string (two strings).

SCORING: All scoring will be done by match officials. NO one except officials will be allowed to plug targets.

AWARDS: Based on the number of shooters in each category; first, second or third place winners will receive awards. 5 shooters = 1st, 2nd & 3rd / 4 shooters = 1st & 2nd / 3 shooters = 1st place only.

LEAGUE RULES and REGULATIONS will be posted on the north end of the class room.

Everyone is welcome. You do not have to be a PMS member to participate so bring a friend.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to call: **Bill 719-250-1541 or Rick 719-924-9065**



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

Board meetings are OPEN to members.