



NEW MEXICO BIG HORN GUN CLUB

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SIGHTS — BY ED DRESNER

Hi, and how is everybody. Thanks to all that came to this past meeting. We had approximately 75 people at the meeting, of which a half dozen or so were prospective new members. We accomplished a milestone in the Club's history. We set the schedule for the entire year (with the exception of a definitive date for our Cache le Pew Rendezvous, which will probably be in September). We set dates for sporting clays, cowboy action shoots, pistol Bulls Eye shoots, orientations, and introductory to black powder shooting day (this shoot is sponsored by the Rendezvous committee and anyone can come & shoot our muzzle loaders and do not have to have any equipment of their own – we normally see quite a few 4-H, girl scout & boy scout kids). In addition, we set turkey and ham shoot days for the New Mexico Mountainmen.

FOR THE ENTIRE ANNUAL SCHEDULE, SEE THE ATTACHED SHEET; THE SCHEDULE WILL ALSO BE LISTED ON OUR INTERNET SITE: WWW.NMBHGC.ORG. THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE NOT AN "INFORMATION OPERATOR" TO USE AS A RESOURCE TO FIND OUT IF THE RANGE IS OPEN ON ANY PARTICULAR DAY. KEEP AND POST THIS SCHEDULE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE. AS CHANGES ARE MADE THEY WILL BE POSTED ON THE INTERNET SITE AND COME OUT IN THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER. OCCASIONALLY WE WILL SEND A POST CARD IF THERE IS A SHORT NOTICE CHANGE AND OCCASIONALLY WE WILL JUST SCREW UP AND THE RANGE WILL BE CLOSED FOR AN UNANNOUNCED ACTIVITY – BEAR WITH US, WE ARE DOING THE BEST WE CAN. (Remember, the Executive Council work jobs just like you do).

During this meeting we discussed some very serious Range safety issues specifically relating to nonmembers who shoot in the county park or who climb our fence to shoot. Here are the rules to follow if there is some type of incident:

- 1) Do not confront an armed person.
- 2) If a person has climbed the fence, and is cooperative, allow them to shoot as your guest. Explain the Club to them. When you leave the Range, they will have to leave at the same time you do.
- 3) If there is an immediate danger to life & limb, call 911 and ask for assistance.
- 4) If there is not an immediate danger to life & limb, as soon as possible after the incident, write a report of the incident, stating dates, times, etc. This can be given to a Club officer who will then present it to the Torrance County Sheriff's Department, or better yet, you turn it in to the Torrance County Sheriff's Office and give a copy to the Executive Council.

There have been numerous complaints about our Club & I believe most of the problems are being caused off our Range by non-Club members. Thus, it is important that we all start documenting all incidents, no matter how slight, to protect the sovereignty of the Club.

SPORTING CLAYS: OUR EXCELLENT SPORTING CLAYS PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE THIS YEAR UNDER THE SUPERIOR LEADERSHIP OF LYNN & SUZI MILLER, PHONE: 281-7476. THOSE OF YOU, WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE SEE THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS. THE MILLERS ALWAYS NEED TEEN AGE VOLUNTEERS TO HELP RUN THE SPORTING CLAYS EVENTS AND IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, PLEASE GIVE THEM A CALL (OLDER TEENAGERS, LIKE 50 YEAR

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OLDS ALSO CAN VOLUNTEER). A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE GOES OUT TO LYNN & SUZIE FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY.

There are some important dates that are approaching. One such is the Friends of NRA Banquet, which will be held on Saturday, 23 April, in the evening, at the Moriarty Civic Center. It is important to our Club that we support this event. Tickets can be purchased from Peter Ide, 281-2800, Dan Morrison, (if you work on Kirtland AFB) at 301-7929, from Grant Preston, if you live in the Moriarty area, at 280-2698, or at the next Club meeting (FOR THOSE IF YOU WHO WERE AT THE LAST MEETING AND HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW THE FRIENDS OF NRA DECIDES WHO GETS FINANCIAL GRANTS, OR, HOW INDIVIDUALS OR CLUBS CAN DONATE MONEY TO THE FRIENDS OF THE NRA (THROUGH SPONSORSHIPS), GRANT PRESTON, THE CURRENT CHAIRPERSON OF THE ESTANCIA VALLEY FRIENDS OF NRA, WILL BE SPEAKING AND ANSWERING QUESTIONS AT OUR NEXT CLUB MEETING, THURSDAY, MARCH 3RD AT 7:00PM).

We have set the leadership for the Big Horn Rendezvous, called the Cache le Pew, they are: Jason Hall, Booshway (person in charge) telephone # 286-3845; Segundo, Dan Morrison, (second in charge) telephone # 301-7929. We have several other people that have volunteered to be on the Rendezvous committee. If you would like to volunteer time and effort, or prizes, please contact Jason or Dan.

ATTENTION: Cowboy Action Shooting to start at the Big Horn Gun Club.

The "Big Horn Vigilantes" announce the very first Cowboy Action Shoot to be held at our range. The shoot will be held on Saturday, March 12 starting at 9:00am and lasting until approximately 2:00pm. This initial shoot is free. SEE ACCOMPANING FLIER AND RULES ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER. John Muilholland, phone: 286-4863 and Tom Luker, Phone 281-6075 are ramroding the Club's Cowboy Action Shoots. I encourage everyone to come out and join the fun! If you are interested in volunteering, call John or Tom.

The membership approved that we become a SASS (Single Action Shooting Society) affiliated Club. This affiliation is free to the Club, but requires that one half of those members who shoot cowboy action, at our schedule events, join SASS. For information on how to join SASS, contact them at www.sassnet.com or call them at 1-877-411-SASS.

At a previous meeting the membership approved funding for Cowboy Action Shooting, and further funding is

pending. I believe with the organization that John & Tom are giving cowboy action shooting, it will be pay for itself, if given time to develop. Remember, sporting clays was started by some hard working folks, and in turn now, financially supports the Club.

At this next meeting we will be considering money to sponsor prizes at the Friends of NRA Banquet. In past years we have contributed \$300-\$400 to sponsor specific merchandise. When we sponsor merchandise, the Club is given recognition, both in writing and verbally at the Banquet. There are people who are prominent in Government and the State, who attend this Banquet, and they include Torrance County Board Members, State & Federal Representatives, Judges, and the Torrance County Sheriff and other Law Enforcement. Since we are dependent on the good graces of the Torrance County Commissioners for use of the Range, it is incumbent on the Club that we do things that support, and get recognized as support, in the Torrance County/East Mountain area. There will be 300 plus attendees at the Friends of NRA Banquet, so let's do what is right in regards to sponsorship of merchandise, and attend the Banquet. Tickets are \$25.00 a person or \$45.00 per couple.

The "Moon of the Crow" Rendezvous is being held April 1 through April 3 in the Gila National Forrest. For information, call Greg Collins (Hands,) at 505-535-4316, or locally call, Randy West, (Pack Mule) at 832-4540. This is a primitive Rendezvous, and is one of the best attended Rendezvous in the state.

There are other Rendezvous scheduled, and for those of you who are interested call, Randy West (Pack Mule), the Booshway of the New Mexico Mountain Men at 832-4540 or Myron Yancey (Timber), the Segundo, at 286-7764.

(SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR DATES OF BLACK POWDER EVENTS).

The Club is also sponsoring "Bulls Eye" shooting being organized by our esteemed Vice President, Pete Vredenburg, phone 400-8683. Pete leads the P.I.G. (Pistol Interest Group) and could always use more volunteers. See Accompanying Schedule of Events.

If you have read to this point, Thanks for reading the Newsletter. Though everyone in the Club has a place, those of you who actively participate in coming to meetings and/or volunteering in various club activities, are the ones who really make the Club work. As I have repeatedly said, if you don't like the way things are being run or scheduled in the Club, the only way you can voice your opinions and make a difference, is by coming to meetings. This last meeting was an example of people caring enough, even if they just sat quietly. So thank you again. I will probably not be at the next meeting because of scheduled surgery, & Pete Vredenburg will be chairing that important meeting.

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2005 SCHEDULE

(As of February 16, 2005)

<p style="text-align: center;">January</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">February</p> <p>3 6:30 Executive Council Mtg 7:00 Membership Meeting Los Vecinos</p> <p>19 9 - 12 Work Party 1 - 4 Orientation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March</p> <p>3 6:30 Executive Council Mtg 7:00 Membership Meeting Los Vecinos</p> <p>12 9 - 12 Cowboy Action Shooting</p> <p>20 9 - 12 Bullseye Shooting</p> <p>PM Qualification Shooting for Concealed Carry Course</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">April</p> <p>1 - 3 Moon of the Crow Rendezvous</p> <p>7 6:30 Executive Council Mtg 7:00 Membership Mtg</p> <p>9 9 - 12 Cowboy Action Shooting</p> <p>10 1 - 4 Dark Black Powder New Shooters</p> <p>16 1 - 4 New Member Range Orientation</p> <p>17 9 - 4 Bullseye Shooting</p> <p>23 All Day - PIG Shoot</p> <p>30 Sporting Clays</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">May</p> <p>5 6:30 Executive Council Mtg 7:00 Membership Meeting Los Vecinos</p> <p>14 9 - 12 Cowboy Action Shooting</p> <p>15 1 - 4 Bullseye Shooting</p> <p>21 Sporting Clays</p> <p>28 9 - 12 Work Party 1 - 4 New Member Range Orientation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">June</p> <p>2 6:30 Executive Council Mtg 7:00 Membership Meeting Los Vecinos</p> <p>4 \$ Shoot</p> <p>11 9 - 12 Cowboy Action Shooting</p> <p>11 - 18 Santa Fe Trails</p> <p>19 1 - 4 Bullseye Shooting</p> <p>26 Sporting Clays</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">July</p> <p>7 6:30 Executive Council Mtg 7:00 Membership Mtg</p> <p>9 9 - 12 Cowboy Action Shooting</p> <p>17 1 - 4 Bullseye Shooting</p> <p>23 1 - 4 New Membership Range Orientation</p> <p>24 Sporting Clays</p> <p>30 9 - 2 \$ Shoot</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">August</p> <p>4 6:30 Executive Council Mtg 7:00 Membership Mtg</p> <p>7 All day PIG Shoot</p> <p>13 9 - 12 Cowboy Action Shooting</p> <p>21 1 - 4 Bullseye Shooting</p> <p>23 1 - 4 New Membership Range Orientation</p> <p>27 - Sept 1 Angel Fire</p> <p>28 Sporting Clays</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">September</p> <p>1 6:30 Executive Council Mtg 7:00 Membership Mtg</p> <p>2 - 4 Rendezvous at McGaffey</p> <p>10 9 - 12 Cowboy Action Shooting 1 - 4 New Member Range Orientation</p> <p>11 Ham Shoot</p> <p>18 1 - 4 Bullseye Shooting</p> <p>24 Sporting Clays</p> <p>Dates TBD - Cache Le Peu</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">October</p> <p>6 6:30 Executive Council Mtg 7:00 Membership Mtg</p> <p>8 9 - 12 Cowboy Action Shooting</p> <p>16 1 - 4 Bullseye Shooting</p> <p>22 Sporting Clays</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">November</p> <p>3 6:30 Executive Council Mtg 7:00 Membership Mtg</p> <p>5 New Member Range Orientation</p> <p>13 Turkey Shoot</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">December</p> <p>1 Short Monthly Meeting And Potluck</p>

BIG HORN WILD WEST SHOOTOUT

COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING • BARBECUE • OLD WEST COSTUME COMPETITION

Date: March 12, 2005

Time: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Place: Big Horn Gun Club Range

Dress: Western (There will be prizes awarded during lunch for Best of the West Dress)-If you don't have western dress...YOU'RE STILL WELCOME!

Cost: Barbecue: Free to Club members and their families.

Registration Contact: John Milholland @ 286-4863, or E-mail me at milholland93@earthlink.net. You may also contact Tom Luker @ 281-6075 to register. Give us the number of guests you'll be bringing so we'll know how much food to prepare.

This is a shooting event in which you will compete with firearms typical of those used in the taming of the Old West: single action revolvers, lever action rifles and side by side double barreled, pre-1899 pump, or lever action shotguns.

Contestants shoot in one to four gun stages; engaging steel and cardboard targets.

Scoring is based on accuracy and speed.

EQUIPMENT

Originals and reproductions of firearms manufactured during the early to late 1800's, including Colts, Winchester, Remington, Smith & Wesson, Marlin, Sharps and Henry are allowed.

RIFLES: Any lever or slide action, tubular fed, exposed hammer rifle or carbine manufactured between 1860 and 1899, or any reproduction thereof.

- Centerfire, .25-20 caliber or larger
- Rifle must be in "pistol" caliber. .32-20, .38 Special .38-40, .44-.40, and .45 Colt. No "rifle calibers such as .30-.30 or .38-.55 are allowed.
- Only 1860-1899 period style original or replica open iron sights or tang mounted peep sights are allowed.
- Barrel must be over 16" in length.
- Rifles with box magazines may not be used.

SHOTGUNS: Any side by side or single shot shotgun typical of the period from 1860-1899 without automatic ejectors is allowed. Lever or slide action single barrel, tubular feed, exposed hammer shotguns of the period are allowed, whether original or replicas. Military configurations are not allowed.

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- No larger bore than 10 gauge and no smaller than 20 gauge
- All shotguns must have a barrel over 18” in length
- Number 4 LEAD BIRDSHOT or SMALLER must be used in all events. (No steel or plated shot).
- Magnum and high-velocity loads are not allowed
- Pump and lever action shotguns are allowed to load no more than two rounds at a time.

REVOLVERS: Since this is a “Traditional” Match, you may use any single action cartridge, percussion, or black powder cartridge conversion revolver manufactured prior to 1896, or a reproduction thereof.

- .32 caliber or larger
- Must have non-adjustable, traditional, notch-style sights. Dovetailed front or rear sights are acceptable for percussion and black powder cartridge conversion firearms if they conform to sights commonly found on the originals.

Examples: Colt SAA; Ruger Vaquero; Smith & Wesson American, Russian, or Schofield; Remington Models ’75 or ’90; Bisley; and their reproductions

*There will be no specific age or gender categories in this particular shoot.

HOLSTERS, CARTRIDGE BELTS AND BANDOLEERS

- All handguns must be carried in a safe holster capable of retaining the firearms throughout a normal range of motion
- Man-match holsters must be located one on each side of the belly button and separated by at least the width of two fists at the belt
- Ammunition required for reloads during the course of any stage must be carried on the shooter’s person in a bandoleer, belt, pouch or pocket. Rifle and pistol ammunition may not be carried in a shotgun loop.
- Bandoleers, cartridge belts and pouches must be of traditional design. Leather belt slide ammo loops are acceptable, however, shotgun shell slides may not be worn over shotgun belts.

MAIN MATCH AMMUNITION

- Revolver ammunition must have a muzzle velocity less than 1,000 fps. Rifle ammunition must have a muzzle velocity less than 1,400 fps.
- Revolver and rifle ammunition may not be jacketed, semi-jacketed, plated, gas checked, or copper washed. It must be ALL lead.
- Revolver and rifle ammunition must be of “single-projectile” design. “Multiple-projectile” bullets are illegal.

SCORING-TIMING, RANGE OPERATIONS AND SAFETY PRACTICES WILL ALL BE COVERED FOR YOU AT ORIENTATION