



NEW MEXICO BIG HORN GUN CLUB

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SIGHTS — BY ED DRESNER

Hi, and how is everyone? We had a relatively short and well attended meeting this past month, and I would like to thank everybody who attended. To start out, I would like everybody who knows anyone who is planning to attend an orientation this month, to let them know there was a scheduling error, and there is no orientation this month, and the next orientation is September 10th at 1:00, which is a Saturday. On the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th of September the New Mexico Mountain Men have their Rendezvous at McAffey Lake SW of Gallup. Anyone interested in attending that Rendezvous should call Randy West or see contact information on the accompanying Flyer. The NMBHGC's Rendezvous is September 16th, 17th, and 18th. Our Rendezvous does not require primitive dress though anyone competing needs to use a sidelock with patch round ball and open sights. Anyone interested in attending this Rendezvous, just come on out, or see contact information on the accompanying flyer. Black powder/muzzleloading has been an integral part of our Club and I encourage everyone to either come out and participate in our Rendezvous, or come out to observe. Sunday morning, September 18th the Ponderosa 4-H Club will be sponsoring a pancake/bacon and sausage breakfast. It is always reasonably priced and is all you can eat. All these proceeds benefit the Ponderosa 4-H. For any other scheduled activities, please see the accompanied schedule, or check out our website at www.nmbhgc.org. Remember the Range is closed to other activities when we have a scheduled event.

On Sunday, August 28th, a Sporting Clays event is scheduled. It will be the biggest of the year and prizes will be awarded. To get on the clays schedule, call Lynn or Suzi Miller at 281-7476.

Richard Loomis, our Range Manager, just came back from the NRA Range Master School in Denver CO. Richard will be putting together a "long range plan" for our Club so that we meet all safety and regulatory requirements. Richard informed me that we will not have to spend tons of money, and that we are "generally in good shape," however, we will be needing lots of volunteer work in the future. Richard will be setting up a schedule for this work, which could take a year or more to complete, and I encourage everyone who physically can to help us out in these efforts. You can offset part or all of your Club dues by volunteering during scheduled "work days."

On Tuesday, the 20th of September at Los Vecinos Community Center from
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6:30- 8:30PM the Executive Council and those who run our shooting events will be meeting to plan how to use the money we received as a Grant from the Friends of the NRA. In addition, we will be submitting new requests for Grant money. Karma and Bob Welchel, who have attended a special NRA class on formulating requests will be instructing everyone on proper NRA Grant request procedures. Anyone interested in attending this meeting should contact me on my cell phone 269-6986.

At the September meeting (which I may not be present because of the Rendezvous at Lake McAffey) we will be accepting nominations for Club Officers who will be voted in to office at the

October meeting. Anyone wishing to volunteer, or nominate someone else, for office should be at the September meeting. (This is not absolutely necessary since nominations can also be made before the vote at the October meeting).

Range safety continues to be a problem and I urge everyone to be vigilant to safety violations. We have to be especially vigilant of muzzle control and the need not to allow bullets to ricochet off our Range. By the time we change the keys after the October meeting, we will again be supplying target frames. The new keys will open the gate, the target shed, and the sign in/sign out/flag box located near the fouling bucket.

THOU SHALT NOT CARRY...

In New Mexico you may **NOT** carry a handgun, openly or concealed, in:

- Liquor establishments (30-7-3 NMSA 1978, fourth degree felony)
- Schools (30-7-2.1 NMSA 1978, fourth degree felony)
- University Premises...except in vehicle (30-7-2.4 NMSA 1978 petty misdemeanor)
- Preschools (29-19-8 NMSA 1978)
- Courts (29-19-11 NMSA 1978, without the consent of the presiding judge)
- Tribal Land (29-19-10, NMSA, unless authorized by the governing body of the tribe or pueblo)
- Public buses (30-7-13 NMSA 1978, misdemeanor)
- On a snowmobile (66-9-8 NMSA 1978, unless there is no round in the chamber, petty misdemeanor)
- Airport security zones
- State parks
- Many federal properties...military bases, national parks, courthouse, national monuments, etc
- On private property where the owner has posted signs indicating that you may not carry or if the owner tells you that you cannot
- While under the influence of alcohol or drugs (30-7-4 NMSA 1978, petty misdemeanor)

Be **very** aware of these. Once you get used to carrying a concealed weapon, you tend to not think about it as you go about your daily life. It is very easy to forget as you go to Wal Mart or Pizza Hut or to pick up your child at school.

(Thanks to Riclin Services Firearms Training Division, 2828 Carmel
Alamogordo, NM 88310 (505-434-1628) for this piece)

**Please help keep your Range clean
by hauling your trash out**