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NEW MEXICO BIG HORN GUN CLUB

N E W S L E T T E R

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SIGHTS – ED DRESNER

Hi Folks,

And how is everyone!

I received a complaint from a member who feels too much time is taken up during the weekends with "Scheduled Events."

Below is my redacted response.

Hi,

The Club's calendar can be found on our website www.nmbhgc.org and by using your cell phone, text message NMBHGC to 41411, and you will immediately receive a reply message with the next event on the calendar.

This service is free, but your cellular plan's standard text message rates will apply.

Sept. is a "special month" as it is when we have our Rendezvous.

An annual event going back to 1977 when the Club was established as a Black Powder Club. The range was open for general/casual shooting on weekend days the 3rd and 4th.

In Oct., weekends will be open on the: 1st, 2nd, 8th, 15th, 16th, 29th and 30th. That's 70% of the weekend time the range is open for "ordinary club members" to shoot. This will vary from month to month.

In Feb. we (the Club Members) will plan the entire year's events and schedule.

There are "last minute" changes to the schedule, and the monthly meetings and the website are the main sources to get info (with the website primary). The monthly meetings start at 7 pm, in the Edgewood Community Center, the first Thursday of every month, except Feb. (there is no meeting in Feb.)

At times, the Sheriff needs the Range on "one day's notice," but they try to use weekdays.

The Oct. meeting is our "Annual Meeting" where all members renew their membership and vote in new Officers.

The Annual Meeting has the highest participation. It's the best meeting to voice your concerns, give suggestions, and propose changes. I have always encouraged members to attend meetings - that's where we plan stuff, make policy, set the schedule, and spend money, etc..

We have over 300 members, and except for the "annual meeting," less than 10% attend monthly meetings. That means 10% make all the decisions for the other 90%.

I suggest you come to October's meeting, and voice your concerns. There are others who feel as you do. Change only happens when members participate in the meetings. You can come 30 minutes early and address the "executive committee," but we have little input into the schedule - it's voted on.

If you have further input, come to the meeting(s), they are the only outlet to effectively address your concerns.

Also, there will be no more Paper Hard Copy News Letters Mailed (voted by the membership). The Website is the primary source for info and the schedule.

I am stepping down as President, by not running again. I will be active in another position in the Club - vote for me (if necessary).

Thanks for your support all these years.

Sincerely,

Ed Dresner

President NMBHGC