



# NEW MEXICO BIG HORN GUN CLUB

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SIGHTS — BY ED DRESNER

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Hello and how is everybody? We had a really good turn out for the February scheduling meeting and we got the schedule set for the entire year. I would like to thank everyone who attended. In addition, monies were authorized for various expenditures that I'll mention below. To start out with I would like to reiterate that the Range is closed to casual shooting during all scheduled events and that includes orientation. It is incumbent on each of you to check the Website [www.nmbhgc.org](http://www.nmbhgc.org) and/or the schedule attached to the Newsletter to see when these events take place. There was some concern at the meeting that too many scheduled events are held on weekends, specifically Saturdays; however, this is the direction the Club has been going toward for sometime now and we try to leave enough time for casual shooting. This is also why it's important for those of you who don't attend meetings, to attend meetings, to be able to voice your opinion, on not only the schedule, but money expenditures, range improvements and various other things that come up at meetings.

Bob Welchel, our Rendezvous Booshway, requested and had approved, by vote the 13th through the 20th of September for the Cache Le Pew If you would like to help with the Rendezvous Committee, given Bob a call at 286-8449. Last year's Rendezvous was an overwhelming success and this year we expect it to be even bigger. The Rendezvous Committee is also raffling off a large winter kill Buffalo hide. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each and a limited number are being sold. I'm not exactly sure, but I think the hide would sell for between \$1,000-\$2,000.

Bob Welchel set the schedule for the orientations, please see the schedule for the dates. Some are being held on Thursday at 4:00pm at the Range and some are being held Saturdays at 9:00 at the Range. For specific dates check the schedule.

Lynn Miller requested the 4th Saturday of the month for Clays Shoots - from April through October. This was approved by vote. In addition, he requested \$4,000 for targets and \$2600 for 3 new throwers and this was also approved by vote. Remember our sporting clays events are very popular and you need to register a week or two ahead of time by giving Lynn or Suzi a call at 281-7476.

Cowboy Action, now headed by Robert Lah requested the second Saturday of each month from 8:30am to 12:00pm for the Cowboy Action Shoot. The first shoot will start March 14th. We would like to build up this group and we encourage everyone to come out and shoot. If you don't have cowboy guns, you can usually borrow them from other competitors. If you have any questions or would like to help, give Robert a call at 883-8829.

Tom Luker, our Range Manager, and Richard Loomis, our Range Co-ordinator talked about upcoming range improvements for 2009. We received a \$1,000 Grant from the NRA for range improvements and Tom requested \$4500 additional for 09. This was approved by a vote. Richard and Tom handed out a flyer with proposed range improvements, which include, but are not limited to: moving the 100 and 200 yard berms to the West; bump the Western berm of the 50 yard bay to the West to enlarge the bay and conceal the old 200 yard backstop; and installing a shotgun facility to the West of the shooting stations. This will comprise throwers permanently mounted on 4X4 posts. We don't have a schedule for when this dirt work will be done; however, the work will be done during the week and we will try to give you notice ahead of time. This might be the one case where we can't give adequate notice and you go out to shoot and find big earth moving machines present. Please be understanding and patient.

We are sponsoring a Boy Scout Rendezvous in April and the Range is closed 17-18 - & 19th of April. This was approved by vote. We will have approximately 250 boys out at the park and we need volunteers to cover approximately 13 shooting stations. Volunteers should call Richard Loomis at 281-2983 or Bob Welchel at 286-8449. Coleman Hudson, a member of our Club, is the ramrod of this event. We will be shooting Muzzle Loading Black Powder raffle for the Boy Scouts, air rifle for the pre-Scouts and Muzzle Loading Black Powder pistol for the older kids. This

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was a great event last year and we are looking for it to be even better this year.

There is another Boy Scout event scheduled at the Founders Ranch that is not being sponsored by our Club. It is being sponsored by Founders Ranch for the Sandia District Boy Scouts. They will be shooting 22 caliber rifle and shotgun. People that would like to volunteer to help them at Founders Ranch on the 1, 2, 3rd of May should contact David Scholfield at david.w.scholfield@saic.com .

Mike Gurule, phone 281-1464, requested the 4th Sunday of the month, March through October for the Jr. Shooting Program (Youth). People with kids should contact Mike. Mike supplies all the firearms, ammunition and the instruction. I strongly encourage you to have your kids come out and shoot with Mike. Myron Yancey of the New Mexico Mountain Men requested May 16th & November 21st for ham and turkey shoots. The times for these events are 9:00am to 1:00pm. This was approved by vote. For more information on these shoots or info on the New Mexico Mountain Men give Myron a call at 286-7764. These shoots are open to all of our members, but are shot with Muzzle Loading sidelock primitive site guns.

The Torrance County 4-H requested March 15th and 29th of March for shoot dates from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. This was approved by votes. Questions on this should be directed toward John Stocum at 281-7902.

Bill Robinson requested March 7th from 9:00am to 1:00pm for a Boy Scout shotgun shoot. This was approved by vote.

Starting this month, on a space available only basis, we are accepting advertising for personal firearm/shooting/hunting items through the Newsletter. This is for Club members only and you must provide your membership number. It will be first come, first serve, space available and I'll accept requests through e-mail edabq@msn.com (or connect through the Website to the President), or on a piece of paper at the meetings. I will not accept requests in any other way. These will be printed on the last page of the newsletter.

Dan Morrison, our Webmaster will be setting up a "forum" on our Website, which will allow members to talk together. This forum will be designed so that people can exchange information that will allow them to go together and purchase bulk items at a discount. This will be for members of the Club only, using your verified Membership Number. This will be an informal way for you and other members to get together with the primary purpose being on ordering supplies. We'll see how this works. The forum should be up and running in the next 3 weeks.

The New Mexico Shooting Sports Association is having a new membership drive. These are the folks that represent us in Santa Fe similar to the way the NRA represents us nationally. If you are not currently a member you have no excuse not to join. Membership is free for the first year. Contact Bob Whelchel of our Club at 281-4038 or join at a Club Meeting, or contact Charlie Weisleder at 877-6128. Charlie is also looking for people to help man a table at Calipers Gun Range to help people sign up for the New Mexico Shooting Sports Association.

When it comes time to renew your NRA Membership, renew it through our Club, and the Club will receive \$10.00 per membership. This money will be used for Range improvements. So, when it comes time to renew, see Karma Whelchel at the Club meeting and she has all the paperwork to renew or to join if you are not a member (keep in mind that to be a member of the Big Horn Gun Club you have to have an active membership in the NRA).

Mike Gurule is working up a proposal for either an "action pistol" event or a "youth shoot." He will be presenting a proposal at the March meeting and see what the Club is more interested in. This would be the Regional Match sponsored by Ruger with ammunition donated by Federal. Everyone who might be interested in one or both of these shoots should come to the March meeting and listen to Mike's proposal.

Financially the Club is doing pretty well, we don't yet have all the monies for the expenditures that we approved, but that money will be coming in when sporting clays starts. Again, I want to encourage people to come to meetings so your voices can be heard. We need a new sign up front of the Range, which would include a phone number for the sheriff. If someone can volunteer to make a sign, it would be greatly appreciated. Give me a call at 269-6986 or see me at the next meeting. A real nice lady made two Range flags for us, I'm sorry I didn't get her name, but I would like to thank her.

Again thanks to everyone who has been helping out. Special thanks to Bob & Karma Whelchel, Gary Howard, Tom Luker, Suzi & Lynn Miller, Mark Werner (Mark just had hand surgery and we wish him a speedy recovery), Mike Gurule & to Robert Lah. Also special thanks to Dan Morrison for keeping our Website up to date and good luck to him on his upcoming surgery.

Ed Dresner,  
President

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