

The Bull Shooter

Dec 2015/Jan 2016 Newsletter



**Pueblo Municipal
Shooters, Inc.**

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

This year is about over and our programs are finishing up for the year.

The Pistol League ended Friday, November 22nd. We had a total of 26 entries. Fourteen entries in centerfire and seven entries in rim-fire. In the ladies event, there were three in rim-fire and two entries in centerfire. Members were competing for Top Gun, Pro Shooters and Match shooters.

There were a total of 12 winners. I want to thank Bill Johnson and Rick St. John for running the league and also want to thank Russell Roop and Christian Nordstrom for volunteering as league RSOs. The league scorekeepers were Charles Fogg, Peggy Walker, Ron Ragazzi, Don Swearingen, and Fae Evans. Without our volunteers the league would not be possible.

Jr. Marksmen will be finishing on December 15th. They will have three weeks left. One week competency test, one week gun cleaning and finishing with one week of pistols. I would like to thank Leonard Jimenez, Bob Covington, Charles Fogg,

Robin Shearer, Paula Mitchell, Christina Shear, Alex Mitchell and Fae Evans for volunteering. Jr. Marksmen is a 15-week program that meets twice a week. It takes a lot of dedication and time to be a volunteer. Again, thank you. We will be starting a new program in February. Be watching for an e-blast, newsletter or newspaper brief for date and time of signup.

Pistoleras started up in October with 11 women shooters. I would like to thank Leonard Jimenez, Ron Ragazzi, Bob Covington and Shannon Richter for volunteering to be the coordinators.

Don't forget about our Annual Meeting/Banquet on January 23, 2016. We look forward to seeing you.

If you plan to travel for the holiday, have a safe trip. See you next year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

- Rick Taullie

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.

Annual Banquet & Meeting Reminder!

Where: Union Depot. When: January 23, 2016 from 5 PM to 9 PM. See the last page of the newsletter and your membership renewal mailing for agenda. You may RSVP by calling or signing up on the <http://pueblshooters.org> web site.

Membership renewals are in the mail. We send out a new form to give you the opportunity to update your address, family members and to get the required annual waiver signed. Don't let your membership lapse. The administration fee will be required to get reinstated. The annual banquet and meeting details are also in the renewal mailing.

Each of the Board of Directors serve a two-year term. At the annual banquet on January 23, 2016, we will elect four board members. If you have been a member in good standing of the range for a full year and are interested in becoming a board member, please send a letter of interest with a resume to the nomination committee at bod@pueblshooters.org.

Turkey Shoot Results! The 2015 PMS Turkey Shoot was held on November 20th. We had 21 shooters competing. The following shooters won a turkey. First place was Gould Shriner with a score of 244. Second place was Bill Johnson with a score of 230 and 3rd place was Dennis Cordova with a score of 219. Shannon Richter shot a score of 186 for a 1st place in the Women's division. Congratulations to all.

Watch for information about a Law and Legal seminar to be held on Jan 23 from noon to 3 PM at the Union Depot "Loft" meeting room, immediately before the annual banquet. Cost is \$15 per person in advance. Watch for e-blasts and signs at the range for more details.

The Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program is a skill development program. It has been the flagship of NRA's training development programs since 1903. Instructors and coaches use the qualification program as a guideline to train new shooters of all ages in their clubs. Individuals who are not involved in organized clubs also use the qualification program as a tool to develop their own shooting skills. Four of our members have obtained the highest level obtainable by shooters in the program. The members received the distinguished expert in Semi-Auto Pistol earlier this year, and have now qualified for a second Distinguished Expert rating in Defensive Pistol I. Rick Quinn, Nick Mangini, Keith Carver, and Rick Sindeband have achieved

October 12, 2015 Board Meeting

- I. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order by President Rick Taullie at 7:00p.m. **Board members present** – Terry Curtis, Bob Covington, Leonard Jimenez, Paula Mitchell, Rick Taullie, Ron Wiley, Les Keator, and Chuck Wingfield. **Board members absent** – Peggy Walker
- II. **Minutes** - It was M/S by L.Keator/C.Wingfield to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.
- III. **Financial Statements** – Terry Curtis presented the financial report. It was M/S by R.Wiley/L.Keator to approve the financial statements. Motion carried.
- IV. **Old Business**

Annual Banquet - Board members are contacting various merchants and organizations asking them to sponsor our annual banquet by donating items or services as prizes.

Volunteer Recognition Program - L. Jimenez will speak to an attorney concerning the legalities of including board members in a recognition program.

Building Committee – Lane 8 and 3 had cables replaced, replaced light bulbs, a large pulley and a small pulley. A new toolbox that can be kept stocked apart from the one used by the RSOs is needed for range maintenance. It was M/S by B.Covington/C.Wingfield to allocate \$50 for purchase and stocking of a new toolbox for range maintenance. Motion carried.

By-laws – No new developments.

Education Committee – Shannon Richter reported she has been speaking with Deputy Chief Davenport about several topics that could be discussed.

Incident Review Committee – It was reported #3 lane was down. It has since been repaired.

Membership – There were nine new members for October bringing the total members to 632.

Public Information – Very good newsletter.

SOPs – No new developments.

Free Gun Safety – There were 12 in the last class.

RSOs – All RSOs are current on their first aid. The RSOs need a new calendar for scheduling. One will be provided and relocated to a new location.

Pistoleras – Pistoleras will start on October 26th with a 10-person limit.

League – Fall League will start October 23rd and run for four weeks with the Turkey Shoot for the 5th week. The possibility of adding rifle was discussed.

Jr. Marksmen – There are currently 17 Jr. Marksmen shooting. We have finished prone and have started kneeling.

the Double Distinguished Expert Rating and are planning to work towards a third rating early in 2016. Anyone interested joining the group on Wednesday mornings can contact Rick Sindeband at rick@havegunwilltraincolorado.com for details.

V. New Business

Shoot for a Worthy Cause – In her absence Peg Walker left the board pins and pens for breast cancer awareness asking the board to consider doing something in honor of breast cancer awareness and/or other worthy causes. It was M/S by T.Curtis/C.Wingfield the range hold a Breast Cancer Awareness fundraiser shoot. Details will be submitted by Peg Walker and the board will give final approval by email. Motion carried. (Note: After return from vacation, Peg Walker obtained permission to grant free range fees for all female club members until the end of October. The board also agreed to have all range fees collected for the fall league shoot [as suggested by President Taullie] be donated for breast cancer awareness and to match those same funds.)

It was M/S by L. Keator/T.Curtis to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Paula Mitchell



Fall Pistol League Results

14 Center Fire Shooters

Top Guns:

1st Bob Covington: 1068

Pro-Shooters:

1st Stan Marguerites: 881

2nd Ralph Walker: 864

3rd Alvin Buffalo: 820

Match Shooters:

1st Tom Bailey: 755

2nd Manuel Ferrel: 501

3rd James Amos: 407

Women Center Fire

1st Elaine Blanco

2nd Shannon Richter

7 Rim Fire Shooters

Top Guns:

1st Gould Shiner: 1073

Pro-Shooters:

1st Tom Bailey: 969

2nd Ralph Walker: 922

3rd James Amos: 711

Women Rim Fire

1st Shannon Richter: 1072

2nd Elaine Blanco: 984

Center Fire Top Gun level started with 4 shooters and ended with a total of 7.

Watch for the NEXT LEAGUE SHOOT STARTING LATE February 2016

In an effort to increase league participation, we are tentatively planning to drop the league fees from \$20 down to \$5 per category. If you have any questions or suggestions you feel would be helpful in improving league shoots, please feel free to call: Rick @ 924-9065 or Bill @ 250-1541.

Nov 9, 2015 Board Meeting

- I. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order by President Rick Taullie at 7:00 p.m. **Board members present** – Rick Taullie, Terry Curtis, Peggy Walker, Leonard Jimenez, Les Keator, Bob Covington, Ron Wiley, Chuck Wingfield. **Board members absent** – Paula Mitchell
- II. **Minutes** – The October 12, 2015 minutes were presented by Peggy Walker. No corrections were offered. It was M/S by Les Keator/Chuck Wingfield to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.
- III. **Financial Statements** – Peggy Walker presented the November financial report. Member fees are increasing as new members pay for 2016 along with their prorated 2015 fee. It was M/S by Les Keator/Bob Covington to approve the financial statements. Motion carried. A total of \$245 was collected from member donations and league range fees to be donated to a Breast Cancer related fund. The range is matching the \$245 for a grand total of \$490 to be donated. It was M/S by Les Keator/Bob Covington to donate the funds to St. Mary Corwin Health Foundation Breast Diagnostic Fund in order to support a local organization. Attempts will be made to get a notice of the donation published in the local newspaper.

IV. Old Business

Annual Banquet – Peggy Walker Peggy Walker has created a strawman agenda for the banquet. It will continue to be revised as new details are available. No need for a committee meeting until after November when details are more solid. More donations for the door prize drawings are still needed. As a reminder, primary members shall have the dinner paid by the range. Member guests will pay \$20. The Jr. Marksman participants will have their meals paid by the range as has been the tradition. Likewise, if the Color Guard (5 members plus a supervisor) choose to stay at the banquet after posting the colors, their meals will be paid by the range.

Volunteer Recognition Program – Terry Curtis Leonard Jimenez contacted an attorney concerning the legalities of our organization providing memberships to volunteers. The attorney, Mr. Piersel of Mullans, Piersel & Reed, provided a letter indicating since the membership fee is less than the \$500 Fair Standards Labor Act (FLSA) ceiling, “The Corporation may grant a membership as a small benefit to the volunteers without losing the status of volunteer.” It was M/S by Leonard Jimenez/Bob Covington to offer members who volunteer at least a prescribed number of hours in a calendar year the option to receive their annual membership fee waived by the range in recognition of their time, effort and incidental expenses incurred by their volunteerism. It was M/S by Leonard Jimenez/Chuck Wingfield to establish 40 hours as the minimum number of hours a member must volunteer to qualify for their membership fee to be waived. The time a member of the Board of Directors devotes to the range in the form of monthly meetings and other duties shall apply to the minimum hour accounting in order to qualify for a waived membership fee.

Shoot for a Worthy Cause – Peggy Walker The discussion regarding the funds raised for a donation and the recipient of the funds was outlined during the Treasurer's report.

Building and Safety Committee – Les Keator Additional timers need to be purchased to replace the failing ones on a few lanes. Filters are to be replaced in December.

By Laws – Peggy Walker Peggy reminded the board it needs to decide if we want to submit new/updated Articles of Incorporation with the state. The board was also reminded that the Conflict of Interest Statements need to be signed at the start of the year.

Education Committee – Ron Ragazzi Ron reported the committee was having a difficult time getting feedback from the Police Department and were now talking to the Under Sheriff to explore possible talks that could be given to the membership.

Incident Review Committee – Ron Ragazzi No new incidents.

Membership – Terry Curtis Currently there are 644 members. Year to date, there are 136 new members. We are within 2 members of matching the previous year's membership. We have been notified of 5 members who have passed away this year.

Public Information – Terry Curtis Terry will contact the local newspaper regarding the Breast Cancer donation.

Standard Operating Procedures – Peg Walker The Committee Connections listing has been updated. SOPs have been updated within the Range's binder.

Free Gun Safety Class – Terry Curtis The October 19th class had 14 attendees. Year to date, 158 members and non-members have taken the class. There were 9 members excessively delinquent in taking the class and risk their door card being disabled if they are not scheduled for the November class. The board agreed to deactivate those individuals.

RSO – Les Keator There are 3 new RSOs. RSO sign up for working public nights has been good for November.

Pistoleras – Ron Ragazzi There are 11 participants; 10 members and 1 non-member.

League – Rick St. John The league is going well and nearing the end of normal league shooting and looking forward to the Turkey Shoot on November 20th. People seem to like the new format. We need to find a way to encourage more people to participate, especially women.

Jr. Marksman – Rick Taullie The fall session continues to progress through the shooting positions and going well. The awards program will be in December, separate from the annual banquet.



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

Board meetings are OPEN to members.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Dec 7 : New member night 6 PM - 8 PM
Dec 14 : Pistoleras 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
Dec 14 : Board meeting 7 PM - 9 PM
Dec 21: Free Gun Safety Class 6 PM - 9 PM
Dec 28 : Pistoleras 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Jan 4: New member night 6 PM - 8 PM
Jan 11: Board meeting 7 PM - 9 PM
Jan 18: Free Gun Safety Class 6 PM - 9 PM
Jan 23: Law & Legal Seminar Noon - 3 PM
Jan 23: Annual Banquet & Meeting 5 PM - 9 PM

V. New Business

Heating System / Janitorial Practices Mr. Alan Marck addressed the Board on two topics. Mr. Marck is very familiar with the air handling system within the range and had occasion to investigate an issue with the heater and the difficulty opening the door. It was discovered the dampers within the air system were partially closed and the retaining wingnuts were loose. This causes excessive negative pressure causing insufficient flow. The dampers were adjusted and the air flow returned to normal. Mr. Marck cautioned about allowing such a change in the flow to persist as it may damage the entire system and jeopardize the air quality within the shooting area. Related to the shooting area, Mr. Marck expressed concern about the perceived sweeping activities being performed downrange. He believes dust mops are being used that are bringing material from downrange up to the shooting line area. His concern is about the excessive lead particles contaminating the shooting booths possibly causing health issues with shooters, especially children. The Board took the topic under advisement and discussed reviewing current procedures to address the concern. Correct procedures will be reviewed with the janitorial service again.

Hunter Safety It was suggested additional coordination between the range and the hunter safety course leaders is needed as range-approved instructors have found dates unavailable.

It was M/S by Les Keator/Bob Covington to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Terry Curtis

2015 has certainly been a busy and full year. The 2015 Annual Banquet was held at the Union Depot and was well attended.

March saw the Friends of the NRA banquet. PMS was represented by members and several board members. A rifle was won in a drawing and will be available at our Annual Banquet as a door prize.

The Jr. Marksman program continues its success with a spring and fall program which were well attended. Christina Shearer and Alex Mitchell transitioned from participants to Junior RSOs.

The club's web site was redone. We hope the new format has made it easy to locate the information you look for.

The club members enjoyed a Spring and Fall Pistol League. The new format has really allowed shooters of all skill levels to compete.



The range ventilation system has had several filter changes throughout the year. The volunteer help really makes the job of maintaining the range much easier and we really appreciate it.

The Pistoleras, our all-women program, enjoyed several sessions throughout the year. The women took advantage of a "try before you buy" program in addition to learning many gun handling situations centered around women.

Updated safety and cleaning policies were established to help safeguard all shooters, especially our young shooters.

The range participated in Breast Cancer awareness by offering women free shooting during October. Donations were raised by members and the range fees collected during the Fall Pistol League. The range matched the donations. The money raised was donated to St. Mary Corwin.

A formalized Volunteer Recognition Program was established to provide the opportunity for members to earn their next year's membership fees waived after volunteering the prescribed number of hours.

A new shed was added to the range to support the proper storage of the maintenance supplies. The bathrooms also were remodeled.

These were only a few highlights from the past year. Stay informed by reading the Bull Shooter, the web site, and attending the monthly board meetings.

RANGE RULES REMINDER

The end of the year is an excellent time to review the safety rules of the range. Recent safety procedures and policies has outlined the need to assure cleaning materials within the shooting area remain down-range once used. You will now see dust mops and other safety gear down-range. Those items are intended to be used by the trained maintenance crew and volunteers only. You may continue to use the rakes and small dust brooms to police your shooting space.

When the cleaning crew is on site, shooters are required to follow the janitorial crew's instructions and leave the range so they are able to clean appropriately. Certain cleaning activities require access to the down range area.

Below is a list of several of the common rules of the range. See the web site for a more complete list.

- NO crossing the RED Shooting Line; No part of your body shall pass beyond the shooting booth forward into the down-range shooting area.
- DO NOT remove the dust mops located forward of the RED Shooting Line.
- Eye and ear protection is required for all persons in the shooting area when shooting is in progress.
- NO uncased/unholstered (naked) guns outside the shooting booth.
- DO NOT shoot the walls, ceiling or floor
- NO ONE under age 18 is allowed to shoot without *direct* adult supervision.
- NO center-fire rifle cartridges, shotshells, BBs, steel or armor piercing bullets, tracers, fully automatic firearms, center-fire pistols using center-fire rifle cartridges or rifles using center-file pistol cartridges.
- DO use rim-fire rifles and pistols (.17 and .22), center-fire pistols with maximum power factor of .44 magnum, black powder with 1/2 charge, air rifles with lead pellets only.

PMS 2016 Annual Banquet & Meeting

Saturday, January 23, 2016

Union Depot

132 W B St., Pueblo, CO 81003

(719) 250-5487

- 5 PM Registration & Social Hour (cash bar)
- 5:45 PM Program Begins
- 6 PM Dinner Served
 - Primary Member is FREE
 - Guests are \$20 each
 - No-shows will be charged
- 7 PM – 9 PM Business Meeting
(To attend the business meeting only & vote, arrive at 6:45 to register – no charge)

This Year's Banquet Features:

- ◆ Excellent Dinner – Roast Pork Loin & Almond Chicken
- ◆ Great Comradery
- ◆ Door Prizes include Rifle, Ammunition, Dog Grooming, Computer Services, Electrician Services, Concealed Carry Classes, Basic Security Course, Kydex Holster, Photo Shoot, and many others.
- ◆ Vote for Board of Directors
- ◆ Vote for Bylaw Amendments
- ◆ Regular Board Meeting Topics
- ◆ Gunfighter™ Virtual Shooting Range

Reservations are Required! Sign-up online at the PMS Website:

<http://puebloshooters.com>

For questions or to RSVP by phone, call Bob Covington at 250-5487

Proposed Bylaw Amendments to be Voted Upon

2.04.3 – Admission to Membership. This section currently states “All applicants shall answer all eight (8) questions on the application and shall agree to a background check if deemed necessary (random background checks may be performed).” If approved, it will be replaced by “Any disqualifiers under the Federal Form 4473 for owning or handling a firearm also prohibits membership to and/or use of the range. PMS, Inc. reserves the right to conduct a background check at its discretion.” Because the 8 questions have been eliminated from the membership application form, this states clearly any restrictions for membership or use of the range.

4.04 – Quorum. This amendment will change the quorum requirement from 10 percent to 7 percent of primary members to be in attendance at any members' meeting to ensure a members' meeting may be conducted.

5.07 – Compensation. This section currently states “No member of the Board of Directors shall receive any compensation from the corporation.” If approved, it will be replaced by “No member of the Board of Directors shall receive any compensation from the corporation except as provided for in the Volunteer Recognition Program Standard Operating Procedures.” The Volunteer Recognition Program allows for volunteers to earn a free annual membership after volunteering the required number of hours of their time for range-related activities.