

The Bull Shooter

October/November 2015 Newsletter



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

October has finally arrived and we have had our first one-night fall pistol league. There were ten men and three women who entered. The women shot at 17 feet and men shot at 25 feet. Everyone had a chance to win with three categories: Top Gun Shooters, Pro-Level Shooters and Match Level Shooters. We will start our next pistol league on October 23rd. It will run every Friday through November 13th followed by a turkey shoot on November 20th. Hope to see you there.

The fall session of the Jr. Marksman started off with a big bang. We had a total of 16 shooters sign up; 12 returning shooters and 4 first-time shooters. One of our first-time shooters will be coming from Walsenburg. These young shooters will have three

position sessions: prone, kneeling and standing for a total of 9 weeks. One week will concentrate on cleaning rifles, another to complete a competency test and a final week concentrating on hand guns.

Les Keator has been busy working at the range. New air filters were install in the range. The outside lighting was fixed. Shelving was installed in the new shed and the new shed was painted. I would like to thank our volunteers Bob Covington, Charles Fogg, Bill Dill, Ralph Walker, Christian Nordstrom and Marty Keator. If someone would like to be a volunteer, please let us know. To help with the building maintenance call Les Keator at 719-240-5624.

Our annual banquet is coming up we will need a program coordinator. If you are interested in helping with our banquet, please call 719-248-0444.

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.

Membership for 2015 is nearly on track with last year. August is historically a slow month and we felt it this year with only 5 new members joining. However, September saw a much larger welcoming of new members posting 19 new primary members. The Free Gun Safety Class saw a similar attendance with 8 in August and 15 in September.

Heads Up! The PMS Annual Banquet will be on January 23, 2016. More details will be available in e-blasts and the web site as we get closer.

Membership renewals will be sent out shortly. We send out a new form to give you the opportunity to update your address, family members and to get the annual waiver signed. You don't want to let your membership lapse. The administration fee will be required to get reinstated. Watch your mailbox in the coming weeks for the renewal form.

Each of the Board of Directors serve a two-year term. At the annual banquet on January 23, 2016, we will elect 4 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.

Rocky Mountain Tactical Response Training, a Colorado firearms training organization, will be offering *The Tactical Toolbox* course in Pueblo in mid-October. In this course you will learn how to survive a violent encounter through topics such as how to handle an active shooter, road rage, hostage situations, what to say and do following a violent encounter, and much more. Reservations are required so plan ahead. It will be held October 17, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Humphries Archery at 205 N. Elizabeth. The cost is only \$35. For more details and to sign up, visit <http://www.certifiedgunhandlers.com>. *This course is not a PMS sponsored event; however, we know our membership enjoys being informed of any additional training opportunities available in the area.*



A new group of shooters are starting the Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification program on Wednesday mornings. If you are interested in joining the group, show up at the range around 9:00 a.m. Wednesday mornings.

August 10, 2015 Board Meeting

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by President Rick Taullie at 7:00 p.m. **Board members present** – Leonard Jimenez, Bob Covington, Terry Curtis, Rick Taullie, Peggy Walker, Ron Wiley, Chuck Wingfield, Les Keator; Shannon Richter, Recorder **Board members absent** – Paula Mitchell

I. **Minutes** - It was M/S by Les Keator and Peg Walker to approve the July minutes. Motion carried.

II. **Financial Statements** - The July financials were presented. It was M/S by Les Keator and Bob Covington to approve the financials. Motion carried.

III. **Old Business:**

Annual Banquet – Peg Walker – Notes from the board retreat were read outlining the menu, donation requests, program layout duties, possible entertainment, and the need for a program coordinator.

Building - Les Keator – Painting in the bathrooms will be completed. Shelves in the first shed will be moved. Brass was sold, and new pig tails were installed in several booths. Les stated that he will be getting a new back door lock in case of emergency.

By-Laws - Peg Walker – At the board retreat, the board approved a change to Section 4.04, Quorum to reflect the requirement of the presence of at least seven percent (7%) or more of primary members entitled to vote for transaction of business at any meeting of the members. Peg requested approval of the changes to Section 2.04, Item 3 which will reflect the elimination of the 8 questions on the new member application. Item 3 will be replaced with a statement reflecting the Federal Form 4473 disqualifier. Both amendments to the by-laws will be presented to the membership at the annual banquet for final approval. It was M/S by Chuck Wingfield/Les Keator to approve the change. Motion carried.

SOPs – Peg Walker – Changes in the General Section that were decided at the board retreat included the reference to the required attendance at the Free Gun Safety Class; the time change for membership sign-up; a sentence will be added to state the board members will be notified immediately by email after an incident report is received under safety violations; and in the Firing Range SOP, a minor wording change will be made. Those changes have been inserted into the range SOP manual.

Education – Shannon Richter – With the current shootings and problems in Pueblo, the committee is considering an invitation for law enforcement and DA gang unit officers to hold a seminar for our membership. Depending on response, a larger venue may need to be used. This will be advertised to the general public too.

IRC – Ron Ragazzi - Bill Johnson was recognized for his volunteer contributions around the range for many years.

Public Information – Terry Curtis – Kudos for a great website. He has created a website that all members and non-members can log access. A request was made by Soldier Security Protection, a Pueblo-based organization, to have a link to their web site within the PMS web site links page. Since the organization does not appear to be contrary to PMS's purpose, it was the consensus of the board to permit the link on our web site. Terry will attempt to secure a reciprocal link on their web site and ask for possible donations to the annual banquet.

Free Gun Safety Class– Terry Curtis - Attendance has been low due to the summer activities.

RSO – Les Keator – Approximately 13 RSOs have taken the online CPR and First Aid classes, and 8 who have not. Ron Wiley offered to call RSOs who have not taken the class.

Pistoleros – Ron Ragazzi - Due to the weather one class was cancelled. A make-up day will be scheduled.

Leagues – Bill Johnson & Rick St. John - September 18th was established to determine the three levels of competition, i.e., novice, intermediate, and advanced shooters for the league competition. It was M/S by Ron Wiley/Bob Covington to accept this method of league participation. Motion carried. League dates will be October 23, 30, November 6, 13 finalizing with the Turkey Shoot on November 20.

Jr. Marksman - Leonard Jimenez - The new sign up date will be on September 11. There will be 4 different classes per week. Leonard is stepping down and Rick Taullie will take over the lead.

IV. New Business Range Ammunition – Peg Walker – Discussion was opened regarding the possible sale of ammunition on public nights for shooters who don't bring enough ammo. Comments from the membership indicated the liability may be too high. There were no additional comments.

It was M/S by Bob Covington/Les Keator to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Pistoleros

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The fall session of the Pistoleros, a “women only” shooting group will begin October 26, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the PMS range. The Pistoleros provides a social get together where women can participate, in a non-judgmental environment, to learn the many aspects of handgun ownership and improve their shooting skills. Women of all skill levels are welcome, however the group size will be limited to a maximum of 10 members. It is a first come, first serve basis.

There will be two meetings per month. The first one is on the second Monday of the month from 5:30 to 6:30 pm; immediately before the Board meeting. The second will be the 4th Monday of the month starting at 5:30 p.m. to approximately 7:30 p.m.

Non-PMS members will pay \$60 in advance which covers a three-month period. Each successive three-month period will also cost \$60. PMS members will pay the established member rate of \$2 per session.

For those new members who do not have a firearm, coordinators will provide firearms/ammunition for the first four sessions. After the 4th session, each member must provide their own firearm and ammunition.

For more information, contact Ron Ragazzi at 547-0738, Bob Covington at 250-5487, Leonard Jimenez at 561-3224 or Shannon

“When the law disarms good guys, bad guys rejoice.”
- Ted Nugent

FALL PISTOL LEAGUE

We have a new format for the upcoming fall league. To provide a level playing field for all shooters, there are now three levels of competition.

You will only be competing against shooters at your level.

MATCH DATES: October 23rd, 30th, November 6th, 13th Followed by the Turkey Shoot; Nov. 20th.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to any shooter. Less than 18 will need a guardian at the meet.

TIME: 5:30pm to 9:pm

LOCATION: PMS Indoor Range (In the park next to the zoo entrance)

TARGETS: B2, B3 for all hand guns. B2 (slow fire) for rifles at 50 ft.

CATEGORIES:

- #1. Any .22 or .17 cal. rim fire rifle (iron sights only) NO optics.
- #2. Any .22 revolver and/or .22 semi auto pistol.
- #3. Any center fire revolver and/or center fire semi auto (not to exceed 44 magnum).

SIGHTS: Iron sights only. NO red dots or optic sights permitted.

FEES: \$10.00 entry fee plus \$20.00 per category.

RULES: SAFETY IS A TOP PRIORITY!

All range rules apply. Case and uncase guns in the shooting booth only. NRA rule will be used. Pistols will be at 25 feet, women shoot at 17 feet. Rifles will shoot at 50 feet. You can use one or two hands for pistols. Rifle off hand standing. No supporting of shooter or gun.

NOTICE: In order to accommodate shooters during hunting season, you will be allowed to shoot in advance or after a date in which you cannot be present. One exception; if you cannot be there on the last league night you must shoot for that date in advance rather than after the league ends.

COURSE OF FIRE: Pistol Slow Fire; 10 minutes for ten shots.

Timed Fire: 20 seconds per 5 shot string (two strings). Rapid Fire: 10 seconds per 5 shot string (two strings). Rifle will be three 10 shot strings at 50 feet. (B2 slow fire targets only).

SCORING: All scoring will be done by match officials. NO one except officials will allowed to plug targets.

AWARDS: Cash awards will be presented to: First place Top Gun shooters in each category, First and Second place winners at the Pro Level and First, Second and Third place winners at the Match level. There must be 3 shooters in a category for a first place award to be presented. No less than 3 Pro-level shooters for a second place award and no less the 4 match level shooters for a third place award.

For more information call:

Rick T at 248-0444 or Bill J at 250-1541



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

Board meetings are OPEN to members.

Sept. 14, 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** – Terry Curtis, Bob Covington, Paula Mitchell, Rick Taullie, Peggy Walker, Ron Wiley, Chuck Wingfield. **Board members absent** – Leonard Jimenez, Les Keator
- II. **Minutes** - It was M/S Ron Wiley/Chuck Wingfield to approve the minutes of the August, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.
- III. **Financial Statements** - Peggy Walker presented the August financial report. It was M/S by Terry Curtis/Ron Wiley to approve the financial statements. Motion carried.
- IV. **Old Business**
 - Annual Banquet - Peg Walker** - Terry Curtis has offered to supply a simulated shooting booth as entertainment for the banquet. It was M/S by Ron Wiley/Chuck Wingfield we accept his offer and thank him for his sponsorship of the event. Motion carried.
 - Building and Safety Committee – Rick Taullie** - The filters are in and the lights fixed. The new shed has been painted and shelves installed. The rubber backstop needs to be fixed.
 - Jr. Marksman – Rick Taullie** - Sign up was last week and there are 12 returning and 4 new shooters. We have two new Jr. RSO's helping this session, Christina Shearer and Alex Mitchell. We have heard from Winchester on the ammo that was jamming during the last session and their quality control tests did not show any problems. We will alternate the leftover ammo with new ammo to avoid problems this session.
 - Membership – Terry Curtis** - Currently there are 623 members. Year to date, there are 114 new members and 96 have taken the Free Gun Safety class.
 - Education Committee** – No new developments.
 - RSO – Rick Taullie** - There are 24 active RSO's. Three currently need to update their NRA certification. There are 10 who will need to renew their first aid certification. We are hoping to hold two first aid classes this year.
 - Standard Operating Procedures – Peg Walker** - No new developments.

“Safety is something that happens between your ears, not something you hold in your hands.”

- Col. Jeff Cooper

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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By Laws – Peg Walker - Discussion followed regarding a proposal to give board members free annual memberships when serving on the board because of the hours they devote in the running of the club. During the discussion, it was felt a volunteer listing showing hours devoted should be developed which would include all members. Terry will finalize the work on that. Peg and Terry will work on the language to amend the by-laws reflecting those changes. There will be a draft for the board members to review by the next meeting.

Incident Review Committee – Bob Covington - No new incidents.

Pistoleras – Bob Covington - Pistoleras will start in mid-October

League – Rick St. John - There will be an e-blast and a notice in the September newsletter encouraging participation in the Fall League. We had a good session last time and the new session should be even more enjoyable for participants. We will host a Turkey Shoot in November again.

V. New Business

Nominating Committee – Peg Walker - Terry Curtis, Chuck Wingfield, Ron Wiley, and Bob Covington will be on the nominating Committee. There will be an e-blast and a notice in the newsletter that there are four positions up for election this year.

It was M/S by T. Curtis/C. Wingfield to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Fall Pistol League is off to a Good Start

With the newly adopted three level competition format the fall pistol league held a one day shoot on September 18th. There were thirteen participants shooting in four different categories. We had one new shooter who had never participated in our league shoots before, welcome, Elaine Blanco. We also had two shooters returning to the league after not shooting for the past two years. We are glad to welcome back Matt and Karla Thielbar. We would like to have more shooters participating in both our fall and spring pistol leagues. Let us know if you have any questions.

See the results at [http://puebloshooters.org/news.php](http://pueblosshooters.org/news.php).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Oct 5 : New member night 6 PM - 8 PM
Oct 12 : Board meeting 7 PM - 9 PM
Oct 19 : Free Gun Safety Class 6 PM - 9 PM
Oct 26 : Pistoleras 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Nov 2 : New member night 6 PM - 8 PM
Nov 9 : Pistoleras 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
Nov 9 : Board meeting 7 PM - 9 PM
Nov 16 : Free Gun Safety Class 6 PM - 9 PM
Nov 20 : Turkey Shoot 5:30 PM
Nov 23 : Pistoleras 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Tuesdays & Thursdays

Jr. Marksman 5 PM - 5:45 PM / 5:45 PM - 6:30 PM