

Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club

Bulletin

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A FEW WORDS FROM THE LASC PRESIDENT

By Marv Alme

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Safety/Fire Danger/Clean-up Day

Clean-up Day, Saturday, the 29th of April, will focus on Safety and Fire Danger. Bring your chain saws and bring your mowers. And if you want firewood, bring your pickup to haul it away.

The club requested that Mike Thompson, Asst. Fire Chief and Fire Marshal, inspect the LASC site and provide us with fire mitigation recommendations for clean-up day. I met with Mike on March 31st, and we inspected several areas of the range. Sunday I went back and took several photos of areas that he recommended that we address. This week I will develop a list of fire mitigation activities along with fairly detailed instructions, complete with photos, that we can use for clean-up day ("a project plan"). I will put that on the front page of the website when it is complete and will mail a pdf to the membership list.

Recommendations:

As a general rule, the fire department recommends a fuel free distance of 30 feet around structures. Since the clubhouse is a steel building, the focus is to avoid a fire adjacent to or on top of the structure.

1. Move flammable material away from the clubhouse. In particular, we have several loading pallets stacked on the west side under the air vents. We can move these to the fence line at the edge of the parking area.
2. Thin some of the smaller trees by the northwest corner of the clubhouse. Thompson will mark trees for us if we wish. Remove the limbs to a height of ~10-12 feet. Remove branches overhanging clubhouse roof.
3. Remove fuel from the area between the steel plates pistol pit and the high house on the skeet range. Thompson's assessment was that this was the track that most directly threatened the clubhouse.

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4. Remove fuel from under the trees on the west boundary and remove branches to a height of 10-12 feet. Open up the crowns for this area, which probably means removing at least one live tree as well as several smaller trees.

My focus was on the rifle/pistol range side of the road because I am concerned that a rapidly moving grass fire could trap people in Rendjia Canyon, blocking the normal exit road. I stated that my highest priority was to perform mitigation activities that would enable club members to shelter in place inside the clubhouse. Mike Thompson's response was that in the event of any fire they would hope to have enough time to evacuate to the west. If I understood his evacuation recommendations correctly, then the preferences would be: 1.) evacuate to the west, assuming adequate notice, 2.) evaluate down the canyon across the pueblo lands, and 3.) shelter in place.

Looking back at my notes, I'm not sure of the height recommendation of 10-12 feet. The height is determined by the amount of fuel on the ground. The barrier needs to be enough so that a fire at the base of the tree can't jump into the lower branches and then into the crown. I will double-check that with Asst. Chief Thompson. He has agreed to review our clean-up day plan before we implement it.

Plate targets in the Pistol Pits: All plate targets in the pistol pits will be inspected and those that do not meet NRA range standards will be removed. Skip Anderson, our safety officer will be preparing a plan for which of the targets will be removed, which will be turned and which will need to be re-oriented. Until then, carefully inspect any metal plate targets that you wish to shoot at, and do not shoot at plates with significant dimples or craters, and do not shoot at plates that are in an orientation that will produce splash directly back to the shooter. Also, remember to observe the 12 yard rule for steel plate targets.

APRIL RIFLE SECTION NEWS

By Mell Smithour

Please be extremely careful when at the ranges and for that matter anywhere the fire danger is tremendous.

Spring clean-up is coming April 29, real fun time come out and help with your Club, meet new people, and make your Club look good. Mark your calendar and come help so we can make short work of the clean-up and get a lot done. Work in the Rifle Section will be cleaning the range, painting wood, replacing wood, building benches, cleaning frame holders, making target frames, walking the fence to install signs, cleanup cases, etc. Bring a shovel, rake, gloves, hammer, pliers.

Schedule for 2006 should be; the National Highpower Rifle Matches, first match May 15, and then the first Sunday through November, the J.C. Garand Matches will end with the April match, and the .22 silhouette matches will be the second Saturday of each month. Plans are in the works for a State J.C. Garand Match April 30 and a juniors only high power match for May 7. The National Highpower Matches in Espanola will be the fourth Sunday starting in April. Most equipment; rifle, mats, gloves, scope, and ammo needed for the match is available. Come out to the J.C. Garand Matches this a good place to get started.

A new year is now under way with a new elected board and a lot of challenges, first and foremost is keeping the range open. Please stay informed, concerned and give some help to keep the range open so you do not have to drive from 35 to 100 miles for a place to shoot.

LASC Support for the New Mexico Fish and Game Hunter Education Program

By Marv Alme

LASC has been a long time supporter of the New Mexico Hunter Safety Program. About two years ago, at the suggestion of LASC Member Bob Webster, we made a decision to increase the club's support for the Hunter Safety Program. Teaching firearms safety and marksmanship fundamentals to Junior Shooters is a very high priority to me, second only to keeping the range in operation.

James Journey, a LASC member, has been the "lead" Hunter Safety Instructor in the Los Alamos area for the past several years. As an initial step to increase the club's support for the Hunter Ed program, we made a push to increase the number of Hunter Safety Instructors in the club, and had four LASC members become new Hunter Safety instructors in September, 2004.

Anytime a hunter safety class is offered in Los Alamos, it fills within days. The most recent class was taught at the NJROTC classroom at the Pueblo Complex on the 1st and 2nd of April.

While the Hunter Ed Program allows an optional live fire component, the classes taught in Los Alamos do not include a live fire portion. This is due to both a lack of state certified live fire instructors and to a lack of time. The traditional Hunter Ed classes, without the optional live fire, take two very full days. The club currently offers a supplemental live fire program, independent of the Hunter Safety Program, but taught by NRA certified instructors.

There is a new format for the Hunter Education classes that is called Alternative Delivery. With alternate delivery, the class time is shorter. Students do preparation before the class, so it means that live fire can be incorporated. To support the live fire portion of Hunter Ed classes, we need many more instructors certified to teach live fire.

Hence, we will have a NRA rifle instructor certification class Wednesday through Friday, 21-23 June, running from 6:00 to 10:00 PM. Then on Saturday, the 24th of June we will have Hunter Safety Live Fire Instructor training. Pre-registration for either of these classes is required in order to take the class. If you wish to attend, send e-mail to marv@almeassociates.com. The club policy is that the club will pay for the classes for individuals who commit to assisting with future classes presented by LASC.

In addition, the club is working to support the alternate delivery courses at the LASC ranges. Look for more on this as summer rolls around. Your president believes Junior training is the most important activity the club carries out. And because of the numbers we reach, he believes Hunter Ed is the most important junior program.

PISTOL SCHEDULE

1ST SAT-IDPA—8:00 AM (NO MATCH IN JULY)

2ND SAT- 8:15 SILHOUETTE;

2ND SAT. 10:00 IPSC—ALL BERMS USED FOR IPSC PISTOL MATCH

3RD SAT- 9:00 COWBOY ACTION

PISTOL SECTION NEWS

By Robert Toner

Pistol Section Chair/IDPA Coordinator

Well spring has sprung in NM You can tell by the white stuff coming from the skies on occasion. Didn't hardly see any snow all year and since the first day of spring we have had 2 storms.

The pistol area is looking good, we do need to do better job of policing up brass after shooting. I placed buckets in each of the bays for people to put their unwanted reloadable brass in. Please do not put Wolf or CCI NR Aluminum cases in the buckets the trash cans are therefore that.

As for the trash cans, I had planned on getting to the range this weekend (08-09 April) to empty them but just like all the other plans I had, it didn't happen. Once I get the cap off of my truck it will make it easy for me to just swing down and empty them once in a while. We use to do it after the IDPA match if they were getting full, but we haven't done it in awhile.

As for the pistol area itself, please do not shoot the plates or tombstones in the main pit, the one next to the covered (Bulls Eye) range from any distance closer than 12 yards.

During clean up this year, we plan on making some changes in the pistol section. The hut where the bowling pins use to be, will hopefully be taken out and another shed built there for the target stands that are used during competition and training. This will free up some space. We also need to do something about the drainage issue by the Bulls Eye Range. Currently the drain pipe feeds from the hill side down into a pipe that runs under the concrete pad and out into the and through the shooting area. I have spoken with Rich Morley about this and we came up with a couple of napkin drawn ideas (well we would have drawn them on a napkin if we had one), but the idea is to route the water away from the covered are and not through it.

As for matches that are currently going on:

IDPA is the first Saturday of the Month. The match in May will be a Classifier Match and if you are interested in more information about the classifier please see the IDPA website at www.idpa.com or you can email me at wolf1191@msn.com or lonewolf_guns@msn.com

IPSC is shooting the Second Saturday of the month. They set up at 9am and the shooting begins after all is said and done (Paul, Chuck, Mark or Clyde correct me if I am wrong as to the start time).

Cowboy Action is the Third Saturday of each month. See Buncle Steve's article for times (I think they are going to summer hours this month but don't quote me on that.

The planners of these events set them up so that they will be using all of the bays. So if you are planning on coming down to shoot in the morning when one of these is going on you may be asked to leave and come back. The events charge a fee and the money is used to make repairs to and buy equipment for the individual groups. This includes timers targets, target paster's tape, etc. Please respect the groups when they are shooting.

We are seeing an increase in the numbers of people showing up for the matches which is good for the club and the pistol section in particular. When I took over the pistol Section and got IDPA re-started, we were lucky if we had 10 people a month show up, now we have more than that in just the regulars that attend . We are seeing numbers of participants for events in the mid 20's, and seeing people from Albuquerque, Santa Fe and even as far away as Taos coming.

FEBRUARY AND MARCH 22LR SILHOUETTE MATCH

By TK Thompson (tktincnm@msn.com)

The February, 2006, NRA Hunter silhouette match was attended by 12 shooters on a brutally cold day. The rifle shooters predominated as usual with 6 shooters in each rifle event. Two of the scoped rifle shooters did it each relay, probably to keep from freezing! There was one scoped single shot pistol and one open sight single shot pistol. There was only one sub junior shooter firing from the bench. The weather was terrible – cold and windy too boot!

Once again the match high was shot by sub junior Scott Kramer with a 36 using his scoped rifle from the bench. We're going to have to make him start shooting real standing if he keeps this up! First place in rifle scoped was taken by Ron Allen with a very respectable 32 considering the weather. Second place was also taken by Ron with a 30. Third place in rifle scoped was a tie between Tom Feiertag and Kei Davis with 29's - it was too #@&%^X cold to have a shootoff! The rifle scoped category was won by Mel Smithour with another very respectable 32. Gordon Foreman took second in rifle open sight with a 30 and Tom Hiteman took 3rd with a 24. Scott Kramer was the high, and only, sub junior.

The pistol shooters struggled mightily in the wind. Joe Tesmer shot a 20 in open sight single shot with a new aperture sight. TK Thompson shot a 12 in scoped single shot pistol after having a senior moment and adjusting his scope one complete turn the wrong way. The cold weather effected more than position and trigger finger feeling!

The March, 2006, NRA Hunter silhouette match was attended by 10 shooters. The scoped rifle guys predominated again with 6 shooters. There were 3 open sighted rifles and one lone pistol! There was only one sub junior shooter firing from the bench and no junior shooters showed.

This was the day of the open sight rifle shooters. Rex Ward and his lovely wife Cecile came up from the big city (Santa Fe) and gave us a lesson in what lever action 22s can do. Rex took match high, and 1st place in open sight rifle with a 37 which is also a new club record in open sight rifle. Gordon Foreman placed second in the open sight rifle category with a 30 and Cecile Ward was third with a 23 plus taking high woman honors. The scoped rifle category was won by Steve Bender with a 29 followed by a tie for second place by Mel Smithour and Tom Feiertag with 27s. The sub juniors were well represented by Ryan Larson with a 34 from the bench taking that category.

The lone pistol was Joe Tesmer who shot a 19 with his new fangled aperture rear sight on his Contender!

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET

Clean-up Day, Saturday, the 29th of April, will focus on Safety and Fire Danger.

Bring your chain saws and bring your mowers. And if you want firewood, bring your pickup to haul it away. We'll need considerable carrying capacity to move waste fuels to the landfill.

Thank You.

MARCH SKEET, TRAP & 5 STAND REPORTS

By Ed Bush

March income for the Skeet Section was \$295, Trap Section \$308 and Sporting Clays \$68 for a total of \$671. We received \$9.46 per case during the month. We used 70.9 cases of standard biodegradable targets in March. At the end of March we had 1174.4 cases remaining. Annual profit for the club to date is \$825.12.

The order for shotgun targets is scheduled to arrive at 9:00 AM Saturday, 8 April. Volunteers are welcome to participate in the unloading operation. We ordered 15 pallets of Bunker Trap targets, 1 pallet of Sporting Clays and the balance of Standard targets for a full trailer load.

The following tasks have been suggested for the annual clean-up Saturday 29 April:

- Clean out the Skeet and Trap houses
- Organize the wiring in the Skeet houses
- Haul targets to the Skeet and Trap houses
- Paint the numbers on the shooting stations
- Repair the 5-Stand station frames
- Install a Winchester trap on the Sporting Clays house
- Dump trash cans
- Cut up the downed tree at the skeet range

Pat Laux says the Bunker Trap will be in operation within days of receipt of the targets. Kevin Bailey is nearing completion of the wiring. We need to do the final grading after the wire is buried and we are going to spread gravel to control the mud and dirt. The Bunker Trap can be used before this is finished.

The cost is \$2 per round for Skeet, Trap, \$4 for 5_Stand, \$3 per round for Bunker Trap. Guests accompanied by current LASC badge holders pay \$1 over the regular fee.

Shotgun Schedule:

Unless otherwise announced the shooting schedules are:

Skeet: Thursday, Saturday & Sunday 9:00 AM

Contact: Ed Bush, 662 7584, ebush132@comcast.net

Trap: Tuesday & Sunday 10:00 AM

Contact: Steve McKelvey, 662 1604, smkelvey@lanl.gov

5-Stand Sporting Clays: Thursday 5:00 PM, Sunday 11:00 AM

Contact: Brent Newman 662 6106, bnewman@lanl.com

Bunker Trap: To be announced

Contact: Pat Laux, (239) 293 0369 cell, jplaux@zylomed.com

Junior Highpower Match—Sunday, 07 May 2006

By Marv Alme

On Sunday, the 7th of May, the Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club will sponsor a Highpower Rifle Match limited to Junior shooters only. The match will be put on by the Highpower Rifle section of the club. The age limits are 12 to 18, except that any high school student, regardless of age, may participate. ***This match is open to any Junior shooter. Membership in the Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club or NRA is not required.*** A release form signed by a parent or adult sponsor will be required for each participant.

Match and ammunition are free. There is no entry fee. The match is free. This includes an issue of 60 rounds of .223 or 30-06 ammunition. The match will be the standard 50 round National Match Course, with 10 rounds standing slow-fire, 10 rounds sitting rapid fire (60 second time limit with a clip change), 10 rounds prone rapid fire (70 second time limit with a clip change) and 20 rounds prone slow fire. The match will be fired in reverse order, beginning with the prone slow-fire segment. Unlimited sighters will be allowed for the prone slow fire segment. Two sighting shots are permitted for the other segments of the match. The match will be fired at 100 yard reduced course targets. Shooters may fire the standing segment of the match from the prone position.

Registration will close at 8:30 AM. Target setup will follow immediately and a pre-match clinic will start at 9:00 AM. Instructors for the clinic will be Wes Shumaker and Mell Smithour. Coaching from experienced high power shooters will be available throughout the match to participants. While a clinic will be held before the match, this event is intended to be primarily a match, and not a clinic for beginning high power shooters. A shooter with good rifle marksmanship skills will do fine, but this is not a place to learn marksmanship skills.

Depending on the number of participants, the match will likely last until 1:00 PM or 2:00 PM. Participants should bring water and a snack.

The club has several match grade AR15 rifles that will be available for loan to participants. The club also has two M1 carbines and several M1 Garand rifles available for loan. Ear and eye protection is required for each participant. Ear protectors and glasses will be available for loan.

For more information, contact Marv Alme at marv@almeassociates.com , or 665-3869 (W)/661-3651 (H).

Orientation Schedule

4/2 – Ted Rockenhaus, 11AM

4/9 – Kei Davis, 12 Noon

4/15 – Tom Hiteman, 8 AM

**THE LOST ALMOST POSSE COWBOY ACTION
MARCH MATCH RESULTS**

Respectfully submitted by Buncle Steve, SASS #34395

What can I say – Spring is just about here. We had a good turnout for the March Shoot with 14 people shooting and a small handful of spectators.



Stage 1a and 1b: Back From Travel

You ride into town after gett'en back from a business trip to San-Fran - tired - hungover, and look down the street and see that there is a job to be done. Badguys heard that you are back in town and are in the street, calling you out.

Start sitting on your horse. Signify you are ready by stating line, "Can't a man get a freak'en cup of coffee!" At the beep, pull rifle (loaded with 9), blast the swinging target. Get off horse, pull pistol #1 and alternate on the two dudes trying bushwhack you. Pull pistol #2, and blast the pistolero hanging out back. Pick up shotgun and blast the last dudes before they can escape.

Stage 2a and 2b: No Coffee

You just finished cleaning up the town, and no one has shown their appreciation by getting you that cup of coffee and now you are pissed!

Signify you are ready by stating line, "I NEED COFFEE -- NOW!" At the beep, Pick up shotgun and proceed left to right (start with the dogs) and blast the targets (6 shots only - do not pick up misses!). Pull pistol #1 and sweep the three townfolk. Pull pistol #2, and do same thing but reverse order. Pick up Rifle (loaded with 9) and sweep the townfolk hiding in the back building, one shot each. With last shot in rifle; finish off any dog that you may have missed. Finish with your line, "And I take it with cream and sugar".



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Safe Shooting Space in Santa Fe Is Scarce

By Helen Gaussoin
For The Journal

Encroaching development is making it hard to find a safe place on public land to practice shooting in the Santa Fe area and opportunities at ranges are limited, those involved in the activity say.

The National Forest is discouraging shooting on forest land this summer because of high fire danger, and shooters say finding a place is hard anyway because few areas are isolated enough to be safe. The closest of the nearby outdoor ranges is 25 miles away in La Puebla.

"It's down to us and the Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club," said Penny Clark of the Northern Rio Grande Sportsmen's Club, which operates the range southeast of Española. "It's getting harder to find safe places to shoot. That's why we have a large membership. In the past, you used to shoot in arroyos or wherever. Now that's very dangerous."

"There's really no place to go," said Tina Buchen, owner of Tina's Range Gear on Airport Road, which operates an indoor shooting range. "Unfortunately, our range isn't suitable for rifles."

Jay Winton of the Outdoorsman, which also had an indoor range until it moved to its current location on Guadalupe Street, said a lot of shooters drive to Albuquerque to use the city-run Albuquerque Shooting Range Park west of the city or to the far reaches of Buckman Road northeast of Santa Fe, a site Buchen said has been trashed by shooters who "just take all their garbage out there and shoot it and leave it there."

She said Rowe Mesa is another popular site for people looking for open space for shooting.

Winton said the lack of appropriate open space is new.

"When I was younger, you would head out to the boonies, make sure you had good berms around you and shoot away. Now you can't find those places. For a lot of years, we've had a lot of growth. They're buying up all the open land that would be appropriate for a shooting range."

Buchen, Winton and others said it was urban growth that killed Santa Fe's last outdoor range, run by the Caja del Rio Gun Club.

"The (state) Game and Fish (Department) was letting us use the property they now have their building on," said David West, who argued for finding a new site when the club had to close the range. "It had BLM land behind it, but then the BLM land was traded and all of this stuff started developing and the gun club had to shut down."

Houses and part of the Marty Sanchez Links de Santa Fe golf course are behind the range now, he said.

He said the club tried to work with the county for a while to find another site but eventually gave up because the cost of liability insurance was too much.

"It was too expensive for us. The negotiations broke down, and we couldn't come to an agreement," he said.

While West wanted to keep working with the county, the club— in part because power lines cut through the site under negotiation, voted to turn over its cash and equipment to the Northern Rio Grande Sportsmen's Club.

"They had been in existence longer than us and they own the land they're on so we turned all of our assets over to them," West said.

He said he believed the club could find another site, but every site comes with issues on access, environmental impacts, preservation of archaeological sites, and development.

"It's really difficult in Santa Fe because Santa Fe real estate prices are ridiculous," he said.

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"Trying to get an area for shotguns is not bad because you only need 300 yards or so. But for rifle shooting, you need a mile or better. There are limited opportunities for that in Santa Fe."

West said the club spoke to the U.S. Forest Service and the agency was open to discussion.

"They were basically agreeable, but roads crisscross the (Caja del Rio) area and you can't have roads in the fallout area (the area behind a range where errant bullets might end up). It's hard to find a place with enough room."

Dan Williams, a spokesman for the Game and Fish Department, echoing others, said Santa Fe does not have enough opportunities for marksmen. The Albuquerque Shooting Range Park offers safe and ample space for shooters, and Santa Fe needs a similar facility.

"It's important to practice for safety reasons as well as for being more efficient in the field. To do that, you need a place to shoot," he said. Shooting in open space "is a pretty dangerous thing to do, but a lot of people are forced to do that. Where do you go if you want to sight your gun?"

Williams said most people who want to shoot would rather shoot in a developed range. "It's safer. There's some fraternity. You can get some instruction. There's convenience, too."

Marv Alme, president of the Los Alamos Sportsmen Club, said the fees at the Los Alamos club, formed in 1947, are reasonable and the facilities are "really quite good."

A family membership at the club is \$72 a year while a family membership at the La Puebla range, in operation since the 1960s and popular with local law enforcement agencies, is \$30 a year.

Alme said safety and training are his priorities as club president and the safety that comes with shooting at a range is worth the fee.

"Any firearm, but especially a high-powered rifle, needs to be shot in a situation where you are very sure of your area," he said. "You must be very sure of your target and be very sure of what's behind your target."

He said Forest Service concerns about firearms starting fires are "absurd" but simply having people in the forest makes a fire more likely.

The Los Alamos range is working with local fire officials to take steps, like banning certain ammunition, to reduce the fire risk.

And the club is considering issuing temporary memberships to encourage shooting at the range.

"We expect they won't be permitted into the woods if the fire situation doesn't change," he said.

The Forest Service prohibits shooting across roads or trails, bodies of water, and within 150 yards of a building, campsite or other occupied area. The agency advises marksmen to shoot where a hill or bank will stop the bullet and to watch out for livestock and other people using the forest.

REMEMBER THE NRA—THEY REMEMBER US

The NRA, and especially the NRA-ILA (Institute for Legislative Action) and NRA-PVF needs your support in order to help support our Second Amendment Rights and to defeat anti-gunner politicians. Although each group does have a separate address, any and all contributions can be mailed to:

NRA or NRA-ILA or NRA-PVF
11250 Waples Mill Road
Fairfax, VA 22030

Thank you.



Polite Society.

I shot the 2006 PS event yesterday. There were four stages, all live-fire, on Tom Given's wonderful indoor range in Memphis, TN. All shooting was in low light. Most required the use of a flashlight.

I used my SIG229/DAK in 40S&W carried in a Comp-Tac C-Tac holster, and my Detonics snubby (45ACP) in a Lou Alessi shoulder holster. Ammunition was Cor-Bon DPX in both calibers. All equipment worked just fine. My flashlight was Blackhawk's Gladius.

In the First Stage, one was required to draw and fire on three paper targets, one handed in one case, with a one-handed reload in another. Range was four to seven meters. Starting positions included both standing and sitting. Targets were line drawings, and the bad guys were carrying Kalashnikovs and wearing black-and-white, striped shirts. Between the Gladius' bright light and the striped shirt, my front sight was hard to find. In "strobe" mode, the front sight was extremely hard to see, as it kept getting lost on the shirt's stripes!

In the Second Stage, one was required to enter a darkened building and rescue a wounded colleague, who had to be dragged out. Shooting required a flashlight. Targets were dressed mannequins and were reactive. Good body-midline hits were required, often several.

In the third stage, one was buckled into the seat of a car when there is an armed car jacking attempt. Targets (two) were close and directly out the right window. In addition, the car-jacking suspects used the doors of another car for cover, and that car's headlights are shining directly in your face! I elected to go for my Detonics, since going for the waist holster was difficult and slow. It popped into my hand, and I twisted around in an attempt to engage both suspects. The one on the left was no problem. He went right down, but the one on the right required me to shoot one-handed, as I couldn't get turned far enough while still keeping my pistol in both hands. I thought about undoing the seat belt, but there was no time, and I'm poor at multitasking!

In Stage Four, one started the exercise reclining on a bed. All guns and other weapons were in a nearby night stand. One must get up, retrieve weapons, and then peer into a darkened room, filled with suspects who are mixed in with your own family members. As I rolled out to look into the room, a deafening, concussive shotgun blast, emanating from a suspect in a corner of the room, nearly knocked me over! I recovered and started shooting, but the blast really rebooted my hard disk! I hit a family member, mostly because I forgot she was there. A real gaff! When I gunned down the last bad guy, it was with rounds from the magazine for my backup Detonics.

I had an ND when shooting the Detonics during this stressful drill. I'm hesitant to even bring the subject up, as the errant round hit twenty feet in front of me, and no one noticed, except me. But, I know the truth! I was fumbling with my flashlight in the Harries Technique, and my finger brushed the trigger. My finger was not where it should have been. Had I done the same thing with the SIG, nothing would have happened, of course, but I am reminded, once more, that, when you carry a 1911, you had better have finger discipline down. This stressful incident reminded me

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that it can happen to anyone. Fortunately, the pistol was under control, and, though it startled me, I recovered and continued. Events like that are useful in reminding one that he may not be the genius he thought he was!

John Hearne ran two, excellent, force-on-force, Airsoft exercises, one involved an ATM. The other involved a self-service gas station.

As one approaches an ATM with the intent of using it, two sleazy, unkempt characters standing nearby exchange glances and then abruptly stop talking. I know the school solution was to simply walk past them and keep going, but I decided to use the machine anyway, calculating that, during a busy day, I'm probably not going to interrupt my schedule because of every sleazy mope I see. Well, both suspects confronted me with guns as soon as I retrieved my cash. I threw it on the ground and invited them to take it, which they did. After scooping it up, they separated. I saw no chance to overpower them during the confrontation.

You pull into a self-service gas station and start filling up. Someone else pulls up on the opposite side, gets out, and asks directions. Simultaneously, a station attendant approaches and asks you how you like your new truck. While all this is happening, a man with a pistol inserted in his waistband and clearly visible, approaches from the rear. Many never saw him until he was within touching distance. When I noticed him and saw his pistol, I immediately disengaged from the other two, commanding them to get away from me and take cover. I then drew and took cover behind my truck, announcing my office and commanding him to stop. He approached no further and obeyed my suggestion that he find something else to do!

Steve Moses presented an excellent class on using a knife to break contact with attackers who have you on the ground or grab you from the rear. Quick, aggressive, and violent action is required!

Bill Aprill presented his excellent weapon disarm and retention class. Bill is a rough bronk, and he teaches an aggressive, heavy-contact style. His class was well received.

The Polite Society Event, like the NTI, is a wonderful, tactical clinic and an opportunity to get together with like-minded friends and colleagues. It is important for all of us to test ourselves now and then, taking our lumps in the process.

Next year, the Polite Society Event will be moved to the expansive Memphis Police Department range complex, so many more people will be able to be accommodated. I'm looking forward to it. Good show, Tom!

John Farnam, president of Defense Training International, Inc., conducts instructional courses in defensive firearms for police departments, the military, civilian groups and others throughout the US and overseas. DTI is on the web at <http://www.defense-training.com>.

John and Vicki Farnam will be at LASC on 29 & 30 July 2006 to conduct two courses: John will teach 3-gun Advanced Tactics and Vicki will teach Women's Basic Defensive Handgun. Space is limited. Anyone interested in these classes should contact Frank Pytko, frankp@nets.com.

LOS ALAMOS SPORTSMEN'S CLUB NRA CERTIFIED INSTRUCTORS

The following is a partial list of LASC NRA Certified Instructors who have agreed to be available to help LASC members who are new to the shooting sports and want to improve and develop their shooting skills. While these club members have agreed to be available without charge to help fellow club members on a casual basis, please respect their time and schedules. They are not obligated to any particular schedule or number of hours, etc. Please contact them individually to work out meeting times and availability. Please be nice to them as they are volunteering their time at no cost for your benefit. We expect this list to grow in the coming months and years!

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Both new and renewing members may download the appropriate form from the LASC website, <http://www.la-sc.org>, or call 662-1484. If you were a member for any part of the previous year you are a renewing member and must pay the full years' dues.

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**GENERAL RANGE RULES
LOS ALAMOS SPORTSMEN'S CLUB**

1. Always treat every firearm as if it were loaded.
2. Never point a firearm at anything that you do not want to destroy. Keep the muzzle pointed down range at all times.
3. All firearms will be unloaded and made safe before anyone goes forward of the firing line. No firearms will be handled while anyone is down range.
4. Firearms may be loaded only when the shooter is on the firing line.
5. Know what your target is and what is behind your target before you shoot.
6. Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on the target.
7. Anyone on the range, whether shooter, observer, or instructor, has the authority to call for a "CEASE FIRE" if they observe an unsafe act or condition.
8. Alcohol is prohibited on all firing ranges. No person will be permitted to shoot on any range if impaired by drugs or alcohol.
9. Eye and ear protection is mandatory during firing.
10. Live ammunition must not be discarded on the range or in the trash.
11. Glass and pyrotechnic targets are prohibited.
12. Tracer, incendiary, and armor piercing ammunition is prohibited.
13. Event-specific rules may be adopted for LASC sanctioned events.

SPORTSMEN'S CLUB RANGE SCHEDULE

	INDOOR	OUTDOOR
SUNDAY		9 AM – Skeet Practice; 10 AM – Trap Practice 11 AM—5 Stand; 1st Sun –8:30 AM High Power Rifle; 2nd Sunday John C. Garand Matches, except in October, it's 3rd Sunday and in December it's the 1st Sunday. 1st Sunday in May—Jr. High Power Match
MONDAY		
TUESDAY	5:30—8:00 4H	10 AM Trap
WEDNESDAY		
THURSDAY		9 AM—Skeet; 5 PM 5 Stand Sporting Clays
FRIDAY		
SATURDAY		9-11 AM – Skeet Practice. 1st Sat—8 AM IDPA 2nd Sat– 8:15 AM Silhouette; 2nd Sat. 10 AM IPSC—All berms used for IPSC Pistol Match : 3rd Sat- 9 AM Cowboy Action

The **Indoor Range** is open to any member who has obtained a key from. It is limited to Archery, Smallbore Rifle, and Pistols “(Under 2200 fps). **Turn off heat and lights!** The **outdoor Ranges** are open from **8:00 AM till Sunset. Please observe these hours to avoid offending our neighbors.** Users must follow posted safety rules. Ranges may be closed for special events or matches. The scheduled section has first priority during their times, but can allow other activities, if practical.

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