

Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club

Bulletin



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A FEW WORDS FROM THE LASC PRESIDENT

By Marv Alme

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Notes from the President

Thanks to our Clean-up Day Volunteers!!

I would like to extend the club and the board's thanks to all who participated in the fire mitigation/clean-up day today. The turn-out was fantastic, and we really took a step forward with the fire mitigation. We still have some firewood piles to move (hopefully the firewood will get hauled off by members), but the fuel removal and weed mowing hit our high priority locations.

I especially want to extend the club's thanks to Chris and Mary Luster. Mary and Chris grilled the best hamburgers ever for the hungry hordes, and their two sons pitched in with the cooking and serving, making the lunch a family affair. Chris brought a front loader with several different attachments. He started with the claw, picking up down wood and bringing it to the chipper. Then he switched to the bucket and did dirt work, especially around the new Bunker Trap facility. The chipping crew shut down at 5:30 PM, and Chris was still at work with the loader. He then spread all the chips in the chip piles. Chris, Mary and their two boys were working until 7:00 PM.

Kevin Buescher, who rented the 6" chipper and ran it all day, deserves a pat on the back. He came back on Sunday and spent a couple of hours chipping the fuel piles on the road. Our army of chainsaw "drivers" made an enormous contribution, both in cutting up the dead and down trees and in removing the live trees where we thinned the trees around buildings. I was concerned that we might have difficulties cutting the standing trees, but if the trees were tagged, they went down, quickly! The safety record was excellent (perfect?) for the chainsaw crews.

Jim Jones and Jay Moore brought the tractor with a brush hog deck and mowed the weeds on the rifle range. Jim and Jay were the mowing crew that did such a great job last fall with the mowing. They came back and finished the rifle range this spring.

Many of you met our new volunteer coordinator, Kathy Wright, who was stationed in the clubhouse and provided information and coordination all day long. Welcome aboard, Kathy, And great job! Kathy is already working on the plans for our fall clean-up day.

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I'll close with thanks to two guys that did really thankless jobs, but jobs that matter. Bruce Barraclough had the misfortune to show up while I was in the clubhouse. When he asked what he could do to help, I asked him to clean out the mouse droppings from the storage cabinets. He did, so if you see Bruce, shake his hand and thank him. And if you go through the pistol pits, you'll notice that all the tall weeds have been removed from the berms. Several people participated in this, but the guy that was there when the weed removal began and who worked on it until all the pits were done was Don Shirk.

NRA Rifle Instructor Training and Hunter Education Live Fire Training

LASC is sponsoring an NRA rifle instructor course from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 21-23 June. The course will be taught in the clubhouse at the Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club. The Wednesday session is not required for individuals currently certified as an NRA instructor (e.g., pistol instructor or shotgun instructor).

On Saturday, 24 June, the New Mexico Fish and Game Hunter Education Live Fire Workshop/training will be held beginning at 8:00 AM. Again, this instruction will take place at the clubhouse at the Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club.

Both of these instructor courses will be taught by Coralie Carrier. To register for the NRA Rifle Instructor Course, individuals should contact Marv Alme at marv@almeassociates.com or 505-665-3869 or James Journey at James@safehunter.info or 505-690-5621. Registration for the Hunter Ed Live Fire Workshop formally needs to be done through the NMFG Department, but Alme or Journey can take your information and pass it along to Jennifer Morgan,

Pre-registration for either of these classes is required in order to take the class. There will be no charge for the Hunter Ed Workshop. LASC will pay the NRA rifle instructor class tuition for individuals who commit to assisting with future Hunter Education classes or with future LASC rifle classes. Priority in the NRA class will be given to Hunter Ed instructors. These two classes are intended to significantly increase LASC's ability to provide live fire training in conjunction with the Hunter Ed courses that are taught in the local area. LASC member Bob Webster is working with James Journey, LASC's Hunter Ed Coordinator, to develop a plan for live fire training which takes advantage of the LASC resources. For example, we could use the skeet range to throw birds for target identification and shoot/no shoot decisions for three hunters abreast, etc. Also, we plan to set up a blood trail on the archery range side.

NRA Rifle Instructor Class	Wed, Thurs, Fri, June 21-23, 6:00 PM to 10 PM
NMFG Hunter Education Live Fire Workshop	Sat, June 24, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

PISTOL SECTION NEWS

By Robert Toner

Pistol Section Chair/IDPA Coordinator

Well we made it through the clean up day with flying colors. I wish to thank everyone that helped out in the Pistol Section. We got rid of the Fire issue and also got rid of the former bowling pin shed. We replaced it with a new shed for the storage of the competition target frames.

The new building that is in the pistol section is going to be used by the competitive groups that use the pistol section for the storage of the target stands, and maybe in the future, items that are for competition use only.

As for the scores from this month's IDPA match (The Classifier) that was held on 06 May. There were a lot of people that did much better than they thought they would, this includes myself.

I wish to, again, thank all that were present and helped out during the clean up day. This includes everyone that was involved in the preparation of the lunch that was provided and the people that went around offering water to those that were working.

I am getting married to an absolutely wonderful woman (Shelly Hadlock) on June, the 17th. We will be in the Caribbean for a week or so after that... At least there will be humidity there.

But there will be an IDPA match on 03 June. This will be a regular IDPA Match. Look for information in the next few weeks about this match if you shoot IDPA.

I hope to see those that shoot in the pistol section remembering that, "Safety" is the first rule of having fun when you are shooting. Shoot Safe, Shoot Straight and Shoot Often.

APRIL 22LR SILHOUETTE MATCH

By TK Thompson (tktincnm@msn.com)

The April, 2006, NRA Hunter silhouette match was attended by 12 shooters firing 13 guns. This was pretty much a rifle match with 6 scoped rifle entries, 5 in rifle open sights and 2 pistol shooters. There were 2 sub junior shooters firing from the bench. We welcomed a new father/son team who tried the course of fire for the first time.

The scoped rifle guys were hot today! This was the first time I can remember a 3 way tie for match high – all with 35 animals in the regulation match. "Hot Shot Scott" Kramer took match high and sub junior honors with the first 5 turkeys in a row in the shootoff. Steve Bender and Ron Allen provided a lot of shootoff excitement requiring 2 banks of turkeys to determine 1st and 2nd place in the scoped rifle category. Steve took 1st place with 4+5 shootoff turkeys and Ron came in a close 2nd with 4+4. That's some pretty impressive "Cool Hand Luke" performance under pressure! New shooter Josh Gonzales took 1st place honors in the Sub Junior Rifle Open Sight category with a great first time score of 18 from the bench.

The open sight rifle category honors were captured by Mel Smithhour with a 33 followed by Gordon Foreman with a 29 for 2nd and Matt Ruggiero with a 25 for 3rd place. Skip Anderson decided to shoot pistol open and was rewarded with a first place in that category. TK Thompson took first place in scoped single shot pistol. The astute reader will note that there was only one entry in each pistol category. Enough said!

APRIL SKEET, TRAP & 5 STAND REPORTS

By Ed Bush

The latest order for targets was received on 8 April. It consisted of 378 cases of standard targets, 945 cases of bunker targets and 40 cases of 5-stand targets.

We have the targets but haven't yet received the bill.

April income for the Skeet Section was \$403, Trap Section \$416 and Sporting Clays \$212 for a total of \$1031. We received \$9.06 per case during the month. For a partial month Bunker trap made \$12.05 per case. We used 113.8 cases of standard biodegradable targets and 38 cases of Bunker targets in April. At the end of April we had 1438.6 cases of standard targets and 907 cases of Bunker targets remaining.

Club profit will be determined after we receive the cost of the last order.

The cleanup day was a real success. The shotgun ranges look great. Many thanks to the volunteers who made this happen.

Reminder of the month: Due to increased cost we now have only one dumpster. It even more important than before to flatten the cardboard target boxes.

The cost is \$2 per round for Skeet, Trap and 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: Tuesday & Sunday 10:00 AM

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

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

The International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association (ILEETA) is currently holding its annual conference in Arlington Heights, IL. Vicki and I attended the vendors' area this morning. This, the newest of the three big LE trainers associations, is putting on a big and well attended and organized event. Ed Nowicki, the central personality (and long-time friend), is, once again, showing us all what a suburb organizer and diplomat he is!

Of all the vendors there, several new products caught my eye:

The "Shockknife" The shockknife is a training blade that electronically duplicates the sensation of being cut! It is absolutely amazing. When Jeff Quail, the inventor, dragged the blade across my arm, I had to look to convince my self I had not just been sliced open. The sensation made my blood run cold! This will prove a valuable training tool when instructing students in knife fighting and knife defense. Excellent product. I'm going to get a copy!

Jeremy Ross has invented a product called "FirstLight." Instead of attaching a flashlight to the gun. FirstLight attaches to the shooter's support hand. Attached to the back of the support hand, it doesn't get in the way, but when the pistol, or longarm, is grasped normally, the light is exactly on the boreline! The shooter can reload, reduce stoppages, and move normally, and the flashlight and gun can be joined together and employed immediately. Just as quickly, they can be separated, and the flashlight can be used independently, so the shooter is not automatically pointing a gun at everything he illuminates. I'm going to get a copy of this too. Quite an idea!

Several video simulators were on display, but Dave Young's CAPS System is still my favorite, because it is designed to be used exclusively on a live range. Students use their own guns, their own ammunition, their own accouterments. I've used Dave's system at the S&W Academy indoor range, and it was consistently the most popular part of my programs there.

FATS, another video simulator has cleverly eliminated the gas-tube tether that has been heretofore necessary in order to get high-pressure gas to the gun/simulator, so that the slide can be made to reciprocate normally when the trigger is pressed and normal discharge is simulated. Tethers can be a nuisance, and they sometimes retard normal, tactical movement. With the new generation of FATS simulator pistols and rifles, the gas supply is actually in the magazine, much as it is with Airsoft guns. Now, shooters are free to move any way they want, and weapons can be "loaded" and "reloaded" normally. This represents a significant advancement in simulator training, and FATS deserves a lot of credit.

My friend, Tom Marx at Blackhawk, is now marketing the "Harkins Triton" knife. It is a pocket knife, with a four-inch blade, a blade that both appears and disappears at the flick of a switch! I'm not sure how it works, but the blade shoots out of the handle, locking in place. It shoots back in just as fast! As a one-hand blade, this will be hard to beat for speed of deployment. I'm definitely getting a copy!

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>.

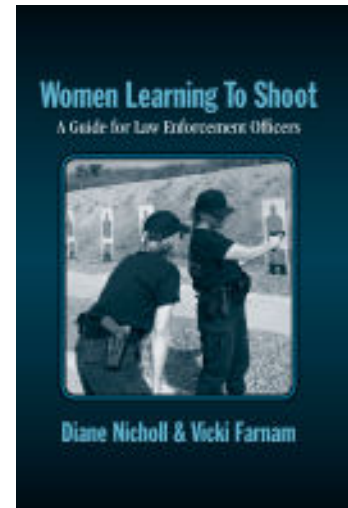
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John and Vicki Farnam will be at LASC on 29 & 30 July 2006 to conduct two courses: John will teach '3-gun Advanced Tactics' and Vicki will teach 'Fundamentals of Defensive Shooting for Women'. Space is limited. Anyone interested in these classes should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

Information at: <http://internet.cybermesa.com/~frankp/farnam/>

Look for Vicki Farnam's new book, available in June:



Arizona Fish & Game manages Ben Avery and Rio Salado shooting ranges.

They are very active in shooting and youth activities. The following note is from the NSSF Bullet Points:

More than 200 young Arizona sporting clays shooters competed Saturday in the Scholastic Clay Target Program state sporting clays championships. With support and leadership from the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, Arizona has quickly become one of the nation's largest SCTP programs.

SPORTING CLAYS HOT AMONG ARIZONA YOUTHS . . . With more than 200 youths competing, the Scholastic Clay Target Program on Saturday held its largest ever state sporting clays competition. The state championship event, held at Ben Avery Clay Target Center, attracted teams from across Arizona and qualified competitors for the SCTP national sporting clays championships slated for July 14-16 in Rush, N.Y. "Arizona has created one of the country's most successful all-around SCTP programs," said Zach Snow of the National Shooting Sports Foundation, which developed and sponsors SCTP at the national level. "In no other state are there as many SCTP youths competing in all three shotgun disciplines – sporting clays, skeet and trap shooting." Snow said the Arizona program's success can be attributed to leadership from the Arizona Game and Fish Commission, which manages and supports the program, and an impressive network of dedicated parents and volunteers. Saturday's competition was the final installment of the state Commissioner's Cup, which comprised events in trap, skeet and sporting clays. View a slideshow of photos from this weekend's event.

It is interesting that the individual that manages this program is a graduate of NMSU.

Wouldn't it be great if New Mexico Fish & Game would sponsor such a program?

“Las Vegas - 5 days/ 4 nites/ 700 rounds!”

by Rich Morley, LASC CCW Instructor

I hate Vegas. I was largely bored the 4 years change-of-station I spent there, partly because there was nowhere to shoot. Now I find myself stuck in traffic at 4AM, completely lost in a city I used to live in, and cursing my 2 hrs sleep last nite. This is all OK however, because we have a trunk full of pistols, 2000+ rounds of ammo, and are embarking on my twisted idea of the perfect Vegas Vacation. We are on our way to an intensive 4-day Defensive Handgun Shooting class at Frontsight, located in the desert west of Las Vegas NV. I still hate Vegas, but I'll put up with it now for the superb shooting classes available at Frontsight.

Chris Luchini and I were there (with generous Club support for tuition – thanks!!) for Continuing Ed as CCW Instructors. We're NRA-trained and have been teaching classes at the club for a few years. In fact, we think we have trained more CCW students than anyone else in the state. We've learned a lot, but felt we needed to improve in some areas. Our mission was thus not to become better technical handgunners, but to learn more about effective teaching styles. As it turned out, we learned a lot in both areas. Here are some observations on our experience...

Students – We were not sure what to expect upon arrival, but were impressed by the facilities before we even parked. Then we immediately started comparing ourselves to the other students. Many had very new rigs that had not been used before, and a newcomer's bright-eyed nervousness. Some had pretty worn gear, and a more confident air, but still a touch of wondering what's next. It turns out many were returning members repeating classes (one for 77th time!), and others were friends and family of members just learning how to shoot. There were many police officers sent by their departments to train and bring back techniques. The M-16 classes are often populated by reservists being activated for Iraq, who realize how inadequate US military training is for that conflict (e.g., no hot ranges on base, minimal live fire, often with 22 LR adapters, etc). Some have commented that each attendee fired more 223 over the weekend than their entire unit's yearly training allowance! There were some nice rifles and some nasty looking tactical shotguns (it seems “tactical” is Latin for black nylon). So, it was quite a mix of skills & weaponry. However, everyone was very friendly as is typical of shooters everywhere. In the end, everyone learned and enjoyed the various classes. The good shooters got better, the beginners got basically competent. Chris decided to shoot the entire weekend left-handed, since he's a pretty good shot. Much cursing was heard from his end of the line until he got some coordination. However, by the end of the class, he out-shot me left-handed to my right! He does have a bad habit of killing the hostages that he'll need to break <grin>.

Facilities – Frontsight is now the largest firearms training facility in the country, training more students than all other shooting schools combined. The facilities are vital to class efficiency. There are at least 5 pistol bays arranged radially around the main classroom. Further down the line are rifle and “practical” shotgun ranges (no trap or skeet) with paper and steel targets. They also use these for the M-16 and Uzi courses. (yes, I already have lust in my heart to attend them). Next are some bays with 360 degree berms. Some of these have shoot houses in them, with reactive targets as you progress thru the house. Advanced classes use Simunitions (essentially primer-powered paintballs) in these bays so the instructors can “shoot” back. This does wonders to speed your tactical decision making skills! Finally, there is an enormous “rope & rappel” jungle, resembling a Boy Scout lashing project gone wild. I'm not even sure what some the structure is for, but I'd love to try it out

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someday.

Outstanding facilities - pistol range with turning targets. Note manicured berm, rolled gravel base, hard side-walls, and railroad ties protecting target hardware. Extreme desert makes maintenance a bit easier – no erosion or weeds. However, each range also has a shade cover behind the firing lines.

Instructors – The instructors were excellent. Most were ex- or active police or retired career military. They are all great shooters who can deliver what they preach. Many are EMTs, which came in handy when one of us forgot to stay hydrated! All have that smooth technique that means speed (and lots of practice!). Their range demeanor was also worth noting. They were very supportive of everyone, yet more demanding of those who needed a push. No drill sergeant attitudes! Our Range Master had a great delivery style that I wish I could master some day. Lessons kept pace with the class ability, it never got boring. When it began to feel repetitive, they added timed turning targets. This made us rapidly wish for more repetitions, as our shooting promptly fell apart! We cycled between slow drill and progressively more rapid targets, which was very effective. The instructors worked off detailed lesson plans and kept us on track to the minute. We usually started each firing sequence within a minute of the 2 other handgun bays. They got us started on time at 8 and kept us shooting the whole day until 6:30, at which point we had technical lectures or night shoots. We were pretty beat by the end of the 4 days!

Classes and membership – The facility is a commercial venture, unlike the Club. There is a good bit of money invested in facilities. There was a moderate amount of pressure to join as Members, which entitles you to a suite of unlimited free classes depending on your membership level. The membership scheme is pretty convoluted, but in the end both of us signed up anyway. I could benefit from repeating the handgun class once or twice more, will likely do the shotgun class next, and plan to do the Uzi class with my elder son. There are several levels of advanced handgun and tactics classes, precision rifle classes taught by ex-US Military snipers, and of course the rope & rappel course.

What we learned – Much of it is details but here are some main points.

Techniques –

- safe draw – A safe draw is actually much faster and more accurate than a sloppy draw. Support hand placement is critical for safety, speed and accuracy.
- reholster - most dangerous part of drill - take your time and make it exact reverse of draw
- smooth is fast, fast is smooth – a little practice makes a big difference
- house clearing – how to move around corners and through doors
- night shooting techniques
- equipment – simple is better, most accessories are bad choices. Glocks & Kydex rule the roost.
- Malfunctions – “tap-rack” must be reflexive, “bang” must be deliberate. Separate the two!

Teaching –

- gear inspection at start includes bore obstruction check, holster issues
- instructor fires each gun for function and sighting, misses are therefore demonstrably correctible student issues & not gun problems
- holster is primary safety device
- range control with a large group (pair off, turn & face when done)
- how fast things fade & need for continual practice
- heavy emphasis on strict rules for “dry practice”
- main practice is “dry”, range sessions mostly to validate dry practice
- lessons are completely scripted, timed almost to the minute
- expect students to drop to 50% efficiency under stress, so provide stress for practice once basics are OK
- mix of formal lecture, on-range mini-lectures and shooting activities – don’t sit or shoot too long (we are limited a bit by the NM rules)
- student’s hydration is critical – brain fade precedes collapse – safety as well as health issue
- instructor’s presentation style adds a lot to the message. Low key, informative, confident yet ego-

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less. Every technique by instructor is perfect and crisp, every time.

- Its fun to be good! Students enjoy hard work when they see progress, so make progress readily measurable. You don't need to score, students can tell.
- Beginners have an easier time, since they don't have to unlearn anything and have less ego issues.
- Even good shooters can get better, but few put in the intensive supervised training. Push them to make sure they get technical value from class as well as CCW certificate.

Legal –

- You win nothing & may lose everything, you only get to keep your life
- Practice a minimal after-event statement to police
- Unopened certified letter to self, documenting training and decisions before the event

Yours Truly about to get smoked in the semi-finals of the man-on-man shoot out, losing to the editor of a Japanese machine gun magazine. Pistol winner got beat in the weekend's grand championship by a combat shotgunner using buckshot. Moral: Use your pistol to fight your way to your shotgun!

What I liked best – hand's down, the shoot houses were very fun, as well as humbling & instructive. We've seen entries hundreds of times on TV and movies. Forget all that. You can't imagine what its like to go thru a door properly, search and deal with the bad guys, while not shooting the hostages. It was tough with paper targets. To do it for real in a crack house or insurgent village would be beyond description. I was left with a much deeper appreciation for those who do this for a living to serve our county here and abroad.

What I'd do different -

- Stay in Pahrump! We stayed with my son in LV, but that meant a 2 hr commute each way. Vegas has traffic jams at 4 AM. No time for enough dry practice or sleep! Besides, the plasticity of Vegas jars with the reality of hard shooting.
- Dry practice is critical. Even after a day at the range, evening practice helps cement the day's drills.
- Bring my own gun. I borrowed a Glock to shoot cheaper 9mm and to have a common spare. The Glock's slide proceeded to eat my hand, as usual. Blood and flinching are not good for accuracy.
- Bring a good carry garment for tactical reload drills.
- Make sure Chris drinks enough water!
- Practice – practice – practice

If you want to go – check out the website <http://frontsight.com> Ignore the “resort” hoopla & find the class schedule. The 4 day basic classes in pistol, shotgun or rifle are also available via “white certificates” that are usable by first time attendees only. These were part of the original membership setup and are available for resale on E-Bay for a very substantial discount (wish I'd known!). The more advanced classes or repeat visits require a “blue certificate”, which is a bit more but still a very good deal. Or you can always just pay full tuition. You might be tempted to combine it with a family vacation to Vegas, but you really won't have time or energy for both. Stay cheap & close in Pahrump and use the extra time to dry practice – you'll need it.

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

Respectfully submitted by Buncle Steve, SASS #34395

Kid Again wrote up this month's match scenario. Easter Bunnies make for a nice change from the traditional Tax Day Scenarios. In the past, we have kicked in doors, thrown cans of pudding, blasted doors with shotguns at a distance of 3 feet, and now we got to throw eggs! It was a bit embarrassing how many misses there were. Some of you have a bit of practicing to do before halloween.

Stage 1a and 1b: I'm the Easter Rabbit, Hooray (with deep apologies to Buggs Bunny)

Scenario: It must be Spring. The Easter Bunny (the kind we WISH would come visit) has been after the radioactive LANL chickens again. The chickens are now laying mutant colored eggs all over. Who knows what weird creatures will hatch from such perverse activity? Victorian cowboy morals require that a halt be put to this trans-species interplay, especially since we weren't invited. Begin your shoot with a suitable sentiment: stating line "Silly Rabbit, Chicks are for Cowboys" signifies that you are ready. At the beep, throw an egg at the Easter Bunny. Then crack all the mutant eggs already in baskets with your pistols. Next, shotgun the flock of radioactive chickens before they can lay any more eggs. This causes the Randy Rabbit to charge, so engage him with your rifle, and then blast his tail as he retreats back to his Mansion. End stage by putting Rhode Island Red Rooster out of his misery, since his flock is gone.

Stage 2a and 2b: The Easter Egg Hunt

Scenario: You wake up Easter morning to discover that the Radioactive Chickens have been busy and it is up to you to go on an Easter Egg Hunt. Those radioactive chickens have laid their mutant eggs everywhere. Blast them all – don't let any fly away!

At the beep, Pick up rifle loaded with 9 and through the barn window, blast all the radioactive eggs on the plate rack. Pick up shotgun and blast the radioactive chickens who are responsible for this whole mess before they can escape. Pull pistols and alternate back and forth to blast those annoying rabbits who seem to be everywhere (don't those guys ever sleep?).



**Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club Board Meeting Minutes
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2006 Major Events Calendar

The full calendar/listing of events for the remainder of the year can be found in the Bulletin and on the LASC Homepage.

Important Dates to Remember:

6/7-9 – Cub Scout Day Camp

6/21-24 – Rifle Instructor Training

9/16-17 – Annual LASC Gun Show

Range Closures:

The ranges are open. Look for updates from Marv in the Bulletin. Be aware that sometime in August the ranges will be closed for a 2-week munitions survey to be conducted prior to the Rendija tract transfer to LA County. During this time, the ranges will be closed Monday-Thursday until 5:00 pm, and then open Friday-Sunday for regular hours.

The President called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm at the Clubhouse. In attendance were: Marv Alme, Ted Rockenhaus, Kei Davis, Angie Chipera, Ken Laintz, Rick Staroski, John Hopkins, Pat Laux, Ed Bush, TK Thompson, Bob Toner, Chris Luchini, Mike Grimler, Kathy Wright, Mell Smithour, Mary Luster, Tom Feiertag, Steve Chipera, Art Alford, Sandi Kruse, Roger Kruse, and Dale Melton.

President's Report by Marv Alme

The Spring Clean Up was again a great success. Special thanks to Mary and Chris Luster and Kevin Busher for their extra hard work and effort. Wood chips and firewood is still available free for pick up. Contact Marv Alme or Bob Toner for locations.

Vice President's Report by Ted Rockenhaus: Nothing new to report.

Membership Secretary's Report by Kei Davis: Kei is working on the Temporary Membership badges.

Recording Secretary' Report by Ken Laintz: Nothing new to report.

Treasurer's Report by Angie Chipera: Nothing new to report.

At-Large Officers' Report

Land Issues by John Hopkins: Nothing new to report.

Bunker Trap by Pat Laux: Nothing new to report.

Gun Show by Rick Staroski: Nothing new to report.

Business

Cub Scout Day Camp: This 2006 Cub Scout Day Camp will be held at the Pavilion area of the Club. Please exercise extra caution on the roads and range areas because there will be lots of kids running around.

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Temporary Memberships: Temporary Memberships will be issued on a trail basis this year at a cost of \$40. The will be good May – October and will be a different color than the regular membership badges. Temporary Memberships must still go through the full orientation process.

Training: An NRA rifle instructor and certification training class will be offered in June. The course will run in the evening from 6:00 -9:00 pm Wednesday-Friday 6/21-23. On Saturday 6/24, a Hunter Ed Range Officer Certification will be held so live fire training can be given during future Hunter Ed classes. Contact Marv Alme for more information.

Orientation Schedule:

- 5/7 – Kei Davis, 11:00 am
- 5/14 – Mell Smithour, 12:00 pm
- 5/20 – Tom Hiteman, 8:00 am
- 6/4 – Ken Laintz, 11:00 am
- 6/11 – Marv Alme, 12:00 pm
- 6/17 – Tom Hiteman, 8:00 am

Hot or Cold Range Policy: Policy discussions are occurring. John Hopkins is chairing the policy development. Send comments and suggestions to John and/or Marv Alme.

Volunteers Needed: Training Coordinator(s). Welcome Kathy Wright as the new Volunteer Coordinator.

Section Reports: Not Provided.

AIR RIFLE SECTION NEWS

By Mell Smithour

First and foremost I would like to give a BIG thank you to everyone that came out to the spring clean up. It was a great day and a lot was accomplished. A special thanks to Chris and Jim for the outstanding dirt work done and weed mowing. It is the few volunteers that make it nice. For all, appreciate it.

Things to remember;

- Read the posted range rules sometime.
- Do not shoot the target frames or target frame holders.
- Do not shoot objects on the ground. The ground is dry and hard and the bullet will skip and who knows where it will land.
- Do not shoot shotguns at the target frames except slugs.
- Use the pistol pits for pistol shooting at 50 yards or less.
- Do not use the silhouette ties for anything other than a silhouette stand.
- No armor piercing, incendiary, or tracer rounds.
- Shoot gongs with only lead core and no shooting of gongs with anything out of a .50 BMG.
- Pick up after yourself, kept the range clean.
- Please be extremely careful at the range so nothing you do will get a fire started.

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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