

Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club

Bulletin



Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club, PO Box 953, Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544; <http://www.la-sc.org>

August 2007

A FEW WORDS FROM THE LASC PRESIDENT

Ken Laintz (klaintz@msm.com)

The other day I was down at the range and was happy to see all of the improvement projects progressing. Things are really starting to shape up. Please be patient while these projects continue. While we haven't had to have any range closures, I ask you to extend your courtesy to members of the various work crews. They are trying to do most of the work during the week around scheduled activities, but they get nervous when someone wants to shoot their "ultrasupermag skull-splitter" while they are trying to work. Please use some common sense and come back later if there is a work crew present or at least ask them if they mind your presence and planned activity. Despite our efforts to improve the place, someone decided that they needed to kick a hole in the wall in the women's restroom. There are pieces of sheet rock near the sink counter for any volunteer so inclined to bring a utility knife, screws, and a drill down to the indoor range to fix the vandal's handiwork.

Due to security and liability concerns, we will re-key the clubhouse Saturday, September 15. We will have a key exchange at the Annual LASC Gun Show, September 15 and 16, at the Pueblo Gym. Bring your old key and a valid badge to get a new key. While you are there, take the opportunity to go in to the Gun Show and look around for that new gun that you can't live without. Some of you might be inclined to say that you don't need another gun or you can't have another gun, etc., etc. This is all nonsense as we all know you can never have too many guns. I offer this bit of help for you "nay-sayers". A tried and true method of getting another gun that you don't need past the "boss" is to have your friend show up with your new gun from the gun show and loudly proclaim, "Thanks for loaning me your gun for my hunting trip!" (new long gun) or "Thanks for loaning me your gun for my CCW qualification!" (new handgun). This also works for any assorted accrements that you may find.

Speaking of the Annual Gun Show, this event is the largest fund raising activity that we conduct as a Club. In addition, it is one of the last chances for organized volunteer labor credit to keep you from having to pay an extra \$65 in dues next year if you haven't already satisfied your work deposit. We will need many volunteers to work at this event. We need volunteers for night guard duty, door monitors, key exchange, club table duty, raffle duty, set up and clean up, helping the 4-H with lunches, just to name a few. We also have plenty of room for members to get signed up for tables. We traditionally count on members purchasing half of the table space. Clean out your sporting goods collections, excess ammo, tools, fishing gear, books, etc. and have yourself a mini-garage sale! Please contact Will Schmitz, (505) 829-9180, to get signed up for volunteering and for tables.

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I mentioned raffle duty as a volunteer slot for the Gun Show. Once again, we will have a firearms raffle as part of the Show. This year we will raffle off a Glock 23 in 40 S&W perfect for concealed carry, and a Remington 870 Supermag, perfect for trap, skeet, sporting clays, and killing turkeys.

With hunting season approaching, some members have asked about the new check gates at LANL with respect to Jemez access. According to Lab legal, it is OK to "actively transit" LANL via publicly-accessible roads (e.g., East and West Jemez) while transporting a firearm within a vehicle. However, you cannot pull into parking lots, parking structures, or other areas off of these publicly-accessible roads. This includes stopping along the road. Protective Force members will probably investigate any vehicle which appears to be stopped and pulled off to the side of the road. They have the right to conduct a vehicle search. If they find firearms within the vehicle, they will not confiscate them but will note the discovery on required paperwork. They may also call local law enforcement and advise them of the situation. They, in turn, may elect to investigate as well, and that may take some time.

I would like to extend thanks to Bob Toner for running the Pistol Section these last few of years. Bob has left for greener pastures, but he has left the Pistol Section in the capable hands of Ryan Stothard and Paul Moniz. Welcome Ryan and Paul. Ryan has jumped in with both feet and has started improving the pistol pits already. Look for a new storage building and shade pavilion to show up soon. I would also like to extend thanks to Art Alford for serving as the Bulletin Editor. Art has done a fine job, and he was issuing the Bulletin from Amarillo, Texas – now that's dedication to the Club. Unfortunately, Art has moved much farther East and can no longer serve as the Bulletin Editor. I take great pleasure in welcoming Sarah Maynard as our new Bulletin Editor with this issue being her first edition. Lastly, I would like to thank Brian Jean for serving as the Membership Secretary. Due to personal commitments, he is no longer able to serve the Club in this capacity. The Board approved Jung Hong as the interim Membership Secretary to fill out the remaining 2007 to 2008 term. Welcome to the Board, Jung. Thanks to all our new volunteers!

Speaking of moving on, the Club has lost members Matt Mater and Gordon Gray. These fellows were active in the Club and those that knew them will miss their friendship and camaraderie. You may wish to offer condolences to the respective families of these long-time members.

Lastly, I was messing around with a Manufacture Nationale d'Armes de St-Etienne (MAS) Model 1949/56 gas-operated semi-auto battle rifle in 7.5x54 French fed by a detachable 10-round magazine that I got in a trade. This was the "West's other battle rifle" that saw use in Indochina and with the French Foreign Legion. This rifle design was battle proven and shown to be accurate and reliable under fire. The rifle was quite interesting with a nice balance, look, and feel to it, and I was quite looking forward to shooting it at one of the high-power or JC Garand matches. Unfortunately, it ended up being traded off on a S&W 3rd-generation 9mm carry gun that seemed to have more interest in taking up room in the safe than the MAS did. Secretly, I got the 9mm for my wife but she doesn't know it, yet.

See you all at the Gun Show!

Reminders

Don't shoot the archery targets with firearms in the indoor range.

Don't kick holes in the walls.

SUMMER SILHOUETTE MATCH RESULTS
TK Thompson

June 9, 2007 Silhouette Match

We had a banner turnout with 18 shooters today. There were 7 scoped rifles and 5 open sight riflepersons showing up. The short barrel shooters were well represented with shooters total. We had 2 of the fairer sex shooting with us today and one sub junior rifleman.

Gordon Foreman took first place in the scoped rifle category with a fine score of 34 followed by Steve Bender with a 31 for second. Tom Feiertag placed third with a 28. Scott Kramer placed first in the scoped rifle sub junior category with a 27 off the bench. Cathy Laughlin took the high women honors in the scoped rifle category with a good score of 24. Other scoped rifle shooters included Chuck Swenson with a 20 and Behzad Salimi with a 24.

We had 5 shooters firing the open sight rifle category. The Wards from Santa Fe came up with their lever guns and showed us how to do it. Rex Ward took match high score and first in open sight rifle with a great score of 35 and wife Cecile took 3rd, and high women overall, with a 29 in the regular match after losing to Mell Smithour in a shootoff for 2nd place. Mell had to get 4 turkeys in the shootoff to capture second place in the rifle open sight class. Other shooters in this class were Tom Hiteman with a 27, again with a lever gun, and Bruce Barraclough with a 28. Who says these new lever guns don't shoot?

Pistol open sight had 4 shooters with the Bob "one-hand" Newell leading the way with a 13. Behzad Salimi placed second with a 12. Marshall Maez and one his 4H kids both had 9s in the regulation match, but Will Dalrymple beat the teacher in the shootoff for third place. So much for old age and treachery overcoming youth and skill!

The regulation scoped pistol category was won by Michael Schmitz with a score of 9. Steve Stoddard did the trick again in the senior sub junior category firing a 34 with his scoped Anschutz from the bench.

July 8, 2007 Silhouette Match

We had 10 shooters turn out today with one iron man shooting separate guns in each relay. There were 5 long-gunners using scopes with 2 of their open sight brethren showing up. Pistoleers were represented by 4 stalwarts.

Gordon Foreman did the trick in scoped rifle with a fine score of 35 for first place. Steve Bender was right behind Gordon with a 34 for second place followed by Tom Feiertag with a 27 for third. Other scoped rifle shooters included Behzad Salimi with a 22 and Ryan Stothard with a 23.

The standard was set in the rifle open sight category by Mell Smithour with a 24. Bruce Barraclough took second place with a score of 20.

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Bob Newell came out of retirement and showed us how to shoot a pistol with only one hand! He took the honors in pistol open sight with a 13 followed by Bezaad Salimi with a 6. TK (sprawled frog) Thompson got a 39 1/2 lying on his back shooting the small guys (shot the wrong chicken first shot of the match). Joe Tesmer fired a 35 from a more civilized firing position in the Small Bore Unlimited Any Sight Class.

August 11, 2007 Silhouette Match

We had 11 shooters turn out today with the weather being pretty nice – a little warm but with a little breeze to keep the bugs off. The rifle shooters predominated with 5 shooting scoped rifles and 3 shooting open sights. Two crazies showed up shooting funny looking pistols at funny small targets. One distinguished gentleman shot a scoped pistol in the senior sub junior category.

Old Reliable Steve Bender took first place in the scoped rifle category with a fine score of 36 followed by Marshall Maez with a 30 for second place. Gordon Foreman was third with a 29. Cathy Laughlin was high woman with a close to all time best score of 24. Other scoped rifle shooters included Tom Feiertag with a 24.

The open sight rifle competition was won by Mell Smithour with a great score of 32. Second place in scoped rifle was captures by Tom Hiteman firing his lever action for a 25 followed by Chris Frankle with a 21.

The funny pistol boys tied with 38s on the small animals in the regular match. The shootoff to decide the winner was at chickens on the 100m ram line – that was not a very big target sports fans! Joe Tesmer did the trick for first place in the Small Bore Unlimited Any Sight category with 2 of the small critters: TK Thompson managed to get one little guy in the shootoff for second place.

Steve Stoddard dominated the senior sub junior class with a 37 ½ from the bench. We gave Steve ½ point for turning a chicken sideways but not knocking it off the rails.

A good time was had by all!

SILHOUETTE MATCHES

Matches are every second Saturday of the month. Set-up happens at ~8:15 am, and the match starts after a couple of practice rounds, hopefully by 9:00 am. The weeds are slain and all we need is the weather to cooperate!

Newcomers are welcome, and we'll show you how. All you need to bring is a 22 LR rimfire pistol or rifle, scoped or iron sights, and a 50 round box of ammo. Match fee is \$3.

See you Saturday,

TK Thompson
672-9498

AUGUST RIFLE SECTION NEWS

Mell Smithour

I would like to ask for some more patience as the range upgrades and improvement continue. In the end it will be worth it. There may be a couple of days during the week of range closures coming. So far the workmen have not asked for a closure and were gracious to work with the shooters. If a closure is needed it will likely be posted on the WEB site and e-mail. Some of the items to do are fence between rifle and bunker trap, partial cover for rifle benches, covered area for shotgun, rework skeet area, pistol pit and parking area grading, new storage sheds for pistol section.

Remember the LASC Gun Show is scheduled for September 15 and 16 at the Pueblo Complex. Come out and enjoy, you just never know what you will find that you cannot live without.

Highpower Match schedule for 2007 is the first Sunday through November, the .22 silhouette match will be the second Saturday of each month, and the JC Garand Matches will likely start again in October. The Highpower Matches in Espanola, Northern Rio Grande Sportsman's Club are the fourth Sunday. Most of the equipment needed for the match (e.g., rifle, mats, gloves, scope, and ammo) is available. Tutoring needs to be done in advance as it is not possible the day of the match.

PISTOL SECTION THANKS & WELCOME

Toran & Sarah Maynard

We wish to thank Robert Toner for an outstanding job as Pistol Chair and IDPA Coordinator. Bob has taken a new job in Tennessee. He can still be reached through Lonewolf Guns and Ammo, bob@lonewolfgunsandammo.com.

We always tried to be at the club early enough to help set up the different stages but we think Bob slept in one of the pistol pits because we never got there before Bob. Bob's twisted and difficult scenarios and infectious laugh will be missed at the Saturday matches.

Congratulations to Ryan Stothard who is the new LASC Pistol Chair and IDPA Coordinator. Ryan can be reached at charvo@hotmail.com.

MONTHLY PISTOL SCHEDULE

1st Sat.	8:00 am	IDPA	
2nd Sat.	8:15 am	Silhouette	
2nd Sat.	10:00 am	IPSC	Note: All berms used for IPSC pistol match
3rd Sat.	9:00 am	Cowboy Action	

LASC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club Board Meeting Minutes

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Officers' Reports:

President (Ken Laintz) - Will look into getting LASC decals to replace the patches we once had.

Vice-President (Ted Rockenhaus) - No Report

Treasurer (Angie Chipera) - Everything looks good.

Recording Secretary (Dick Martin) - No Report

Membership Secretary (Brian Jean) - No Report

At-Large (Pat Laux) - Pat has been heading up the Range Improvements Committee that was formed last year and is working on recommendations.

At-Large (Will Schmitz) - No Report

At-Large (Mell Smithour) - The County is working on its long range plans again. We still need to justify our use of the range to the County. Mell needs information on training events, police and other organization's use of the facility, community support efforts, how much out of town participants and members travel to Los Alamos to use the facilities, etc. Please email any pertinent information to Mell.

Section Reports:

Pistol – Bob Toner has moved on and out as the Pistol Chair. Replacing him is Ryan Stothard and Paul Moniz. Ryan is going to take over running the IDPA matches, and Paul runs the IPSC matches. They will work together with Tom Hiteman running the Pistol ranges and matches.

Rifle – Everything is going well, match turnout is up, and improvements are progressing.

Shotgun – Participation is up for the various shotgun shooting sections, especially 5-stand with over 600 rounds shot in June.

Archery – Hunters have started coming out to tune up.

House & Grounds – Someone kicked the wall in the women's restroom.

Training – Lots of classes are scheduled this summer: Farnam's Defensive Handgun and First

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Aid for Gunshots, NRA First Steps Handgun, Women's Introductory Handgun, etc. See the web site for a full updated list. Howard plans on trying to get some coordination between IPSC and IDPA with respect to training and starting the NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program.

Business:

Gun Show - Raffle items will be a Glock 23 and a Remington 870 Supermag, Board will approve amount once an estimate is turned in.

Keys - We will re-key the club house due to security and liability concerns. The lock will be change 9/15. Keys can be exchanged with a valid badge at the gun show. New keys can be obtained for \$5.

Range Improvements - We will work with Nick Ruiz and Kris Luster for the various projects. Projects are approved as long as they stay within budget. Pat is tracking spending and projects. Mell and Ryan worked up a grading, drainage, road, and parking plan for the pistol area which includes new transportainers.

Orientation Schedule –

8/5 – Dale Melton, 11:00 am

8/12 – Ken Laintz, 12:00 noon

8/18 – Jung Hong, 8:00 am

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August 2, 2007

Officers' Reports:

President (Ken Laintz) - Ken said that he paid our annual insurance with a check for \$618. This insurance policy lasts for one year and covers the Gun Show. Ken mentioned that he is Membership Secretary for the NRA-sanctioned NM Shooting Sports Association (NMSSA). The web site is <http://www.nmssa.org/>

Ken reminded the board that our past and ongoing policy is that Board Members who are absent for three meetings in a row without contacting him or another board member will be replaced.

Vice President (Ted Rockenhaus) - No report.

Treasurer (Angie Chipera) - Not present.

Recording Secretary (Dick Martin) - Dick thanked Will and Ken for covering during his travels this summer.

Membership Secretary (Jung Hong) - Jung was appointed our new Membership Secretary after nomination and unanimous approval by the board at this meeting. He replaces Brian Jean

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who has been a tremendous help to the Club during his tenure. Thanks Brian, and welcome aboard, Jung, in this new role.

At Large (Pat Laux, Will Schmitz, Mell Smithour) - Will and Mel reported...see below.

Section Reports:

Pistol (Ryan Stothard) - Ryan will be doing some work on the metal targets. For the weeds, we need a "flame thrower." Equipment improvements are in progress. Ryan will supervise the construction of walls for IPSC and IDPA for barricades and walls.

Rifle (Mell Smithour) - There will be a high-power match this Sunday (8-5-07). On the second Sunday (8-12-07), there will be a 0.22 silhouette match.

Shotgun (Ed Bush) - The section took in \$1100 during the last month. The profit to date is \$1730. The section has been shooting about two pallets of clay birds per month on the average. Ed has a copy of the NRA Range Source Book. (It's quite large.) Interested persons can arrange with Ed to see this book.

Cowboy Action (Tom Hiteman) - We had 11 shooters (including 1 junior girl), of which about 5 are from out of the county. A new shooter is from Santa Fe. All went well

Archery (Dale Melton) - A lot of archers have been practicing lately.

House and Grounds - It was reported last month that someone kicked a hole in the wall in the women's bathroom. We need to fix this. Also, we need to keep the bathrooms stocked with paper (towels and for the toilets). Ed Bush and Angie Chipera are looking into maintenance of the LASC grounds. They plan to get a quote on maintenance cost from Victor's Lawns.

Business:

Pending her formal acceptance, Sarah Maynard will be the new Bulletin Editor. Welcome and thank you, Sarah.

There was general agreement that Howard Hall is doing well advertising and conducting his Women's Only Introductory Firearms classes.

Will Schmitz reported progress on organizing the Gun Show. He has selected two really cool raffle prizes in accord with previous discussions. The prizes will be a Glock 23 semi-auto, and a Remington Express 870, 28-in, 3-1/2-in chamber, wood stock. The board approved the procurement which will be less than \$1000.

Schmitz will write up an e-mail and/or Bulletin blurb for help needed at the Gun Show.

Mell Smithour reported progress on capital improvements. The rifle range earth work is done. The trap area earth work is done. The top of the road above the pistol pits looks good, and the low spots where the new transportainer will go have been filled-in.

Regarding the range earthen work...a lot has been done, but more work remains. We want to keep the workers working so that we can complete the work. We could, but probably will not, put a note in the Bulletin to the effect that the Board asks LASC users to cooperate and

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understand (accept the inconvenience) if the construction workers ask us to move or leave for safety reasons. Rather, we will probably just close the affected range temporarily from time-to-time, with advance notice when possible, perhaps via e-mail.

There was some discussion pertaining to getting the new transportainer situated after it is delivered. It was suggested that Kris Luster might be able to help using his equipment, if needed. The box will be 40-ft long with two 8-ft doors. It is expected that the container will be rodent- and bug-proof. The cost will be \$3700 for the box, \$975 for each door, plus \$333 for delivery.

Some of the bolts need to be replaced on the backstop on the West end of the Club House indoor range.

New Member Information Orientation Schedule

There are three scheduled orientations every month:

First Sunday at 11:00 AM
Second Sunday at 12:00 Noon
Third Saturday at 8:00 AM

If you have any questions please email Jung Hong, LASC Orientation Coordinator at jung@junghong.com.

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, all contributions can be mailed to:

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

The New Mexico Shooting Sports Association, Inc.

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The New Mexico Shooting Sports Association (NMSSA) is a New Mexico based organization supporting and working for the gun owners of New Mexico. Our members come from all areas and backgrounds. We currently have over 1,000 members statewide, and the number continues to grow, especially with the unpredictability of our laws governing gun issues.

NMSSA has always provided a unified voice for legislative issues including concealed carry, shooting range protection, and pre-emption of anti-gun legislation. We actively lobby with legislators to keep them informed concerning firearms and hunting legislation. Members are kept informed on what their local legislators are up to through our bi-monthly newsletter. In election years, NMSSA and the NRA rate state and local candidates on firearms issues and the results are published in NRA and NMSSA publications.

NMSSA is affiliated with the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), which supports the national need for a core of trained citizen marksmen. CMP also extensively sponsors junior marksmanship programs and other training classes. NMSSA sponsors formal firearms training at all levels. Several programs have been developed especially for youth and women. Youth training includes both gun safety training via the Eddie Eagle Program, classes, and competitions. For adults, NMSSA promotes formal and informal shooting enjoyment through statewide competitions and regional fun shoots. Other programs include Women on Target, and Refuse to be a Victim.

NMSSA coordinates with NRA instructors on NM Concealed Carry training classes. NMSSA is New Mexico's state affiliation for the National Rifle Association. NMSSA helps protect our state's constitutional firearms rights, promotes marksmanship and all shooting sports, promotes the conservation and wise use of New Mexico wildlife resources, and strives to create public sentiment supporting the individual possession of firearms by law-abiding citizens.

NMSSA does not maintain a shooting range. Rather, we support all the local shooting clubs and their ranges by providing financial donations and public service programs. All of our programs are designed to work with the local shooting ranges. We frequently sponsor shooting events at these local shooting ranges to promote NMSSA's objectives.

NMSSA publishes a bi-monthly newsletter that keeps members informed on firearms issues in New Mexico; including state legislation and politics, shooting match schedules and results, gun shows, club news, training classes, and other items of interest. NMSSA also has a website that is updated frequently to keep our members informed at any given moment. NMSSA uses our resources to insure that the law abiding citizens of the State of New Mexico are able to keep their 2nd Amendment rights. We need your help to ensure that NMSSA will be there to support you.

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Club Name _____

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Vicki
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Fundamentals of Defensive Shooting for Women

with Vicki Farnam and Diane Nicholl

October 6 & 7, 2007

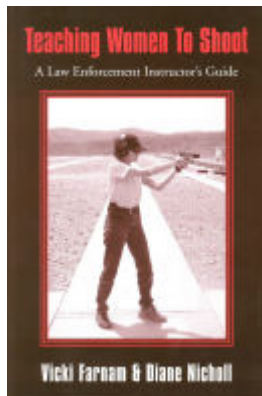
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[Vicki Farnam](#) and [Diane Nicholl](#) have recently returned from MCRD Parris Island, SC, where they trained US Marine Corps Instructors on how to teach women to shoot. Oorah. They bring their considerable experience in training women to this specialized two-day defensive handgun course, designed by women, specifically for women.

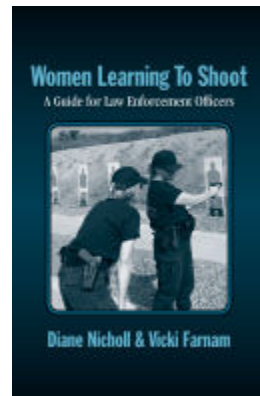
Two of the top women instructors in the country, they will impart the knowledge and skills necessary to successfully handle nearly any personal protection situation. Their goal is to provide information, instruction and drills that will allow students to perform at the peak of their abilities, both in class and in real-life situations.

Dates for this two-day course are October 6 & 7, 2007. Tuition is \$495. If you are interested in this training opportunity, or want more information, fill out the contact form here:

<http://www.frankp.us/farnam/inforequest.htm> (no obligation is assumed, and information will not be shared or disclosed).



[Teaching Women to Shoot](#)
by Vicki Farnam & Diane Nicholl



[Women Learning to Shoot](#)
by Diane Nicholl & Vicki Farnam

Detailed information is at www.frankp.us

* This training is sponsored by the [Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club](#), a non-profit organization. Any after-expense profits from course fees go directly to the LASC treasury to support firearms training and the shooting sports.

JOHN FARNAM'S QUIPS

Operator, the antithesis of Grasseater.

Tomorrow morning, seventy million Americans will get into their cars and drive to work. Some, a minuscule fraction of one-percent, will never make it! They'll die, or be injured, in wrecks. The rest of us, while saddened when these things happen in our high-speed world, still need to face to the front and get where we're going!

Modern, Western Civilization is chock-full of dangerous things, like cars, airplanes, electricity, rat poison, and guns. And, while an extremely small percentage of people, through carelessness, stupidity, or evil intent, will hurt themselves and others while misusing these things, the rest of us realize that, in order to take full advantage of what our Civilization has to offer, these things are unavoidably going to be part of our daily lives. We fully realize that we need to be careful, but we are determined to live a full and rewarding life, and that such a life is inexorably going to bring us into contact with hazardous things and dangerous circumstances. Risk attaches to everything. Who dare, prevail!

Again, while we wish everyone would be careful and have only honorable intentions, we still insist of being able to get out, travel at high speeds, have electrical power at our fingertips, be free from rodent infestation, and be able to unilaterally, efficaciously defend ourselves, when necessary, from violent criminals. Yes, with all the unhappiness, pain, and evil in the world, **THE REST OF US STILL NEED TO GET WHERE WE'RE GOING!**

In a world without losers, there can't be winners either. There is just enforced, dull, drab mediocrity, heavy-handedly imposed by powerful churches and nanny-state governments, the Shangri-La of Leftists! This is precisely what my ancestors, and yours, came to this Continent to escape!

Independent Operators, dashing and daring, are necessary to make any civilization grow and prosper. Instead, the current crop of political candidates cater exclusively to losers, grasseaters, and criminals. In fact, they propose viciously punishing everyone who doesn't commit crimes, doesn't do stupid things, conducts their affairs with integrity and honesty, and prosper boldly and courageously. Personally, I'd rather they'd just say "Thank You," and leave it at that!

The Great Barrier Reef stretches 1,800 miles from New Guinea to Australia. Tour guides regularly take visitors to view the Reef. On one tour, the guide was asked, "I notice the lagoon-side of the reef is pale and lifeless, while the ocean-side is vibrant and colorful. Why?"

The guide responded, "The coral on the lagoon-side dies early because the water is stagnant, offering no challenge for its survival. However, the coral on the ocean-side is constantly being tested by wind, waves, and storms. It has to fight for survival every day. As it is challenged and tested, it changes and adapts. It grows healthy, strong; reproducing, and thriving."

It is the same with people. When we are challenged and tested, we come alive. Like coral pounded by the sea, we grow. Demands cause us to grow strong. Stress produces tough-

mindedness and resiliency. Testing produces strength of character, faith, gratitude, and a peace that surpasses all understanding. We become Operators! Why would anyone want to be anything less?

Nanny-state governments, while assuring naive grasseaters that they have the power to legislate all uncertainties out of life, will simultaneously try to stamp us out completely, but they will ever fail, even as they're failing now, despite their best efforts!

They're afraid of us. We shouldn't be surprised!

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>.

Vicki Farnam will be at LASC in October to teach the two-day course 'Fundamentals of Defensive Shooting for Women' for women only. For course information and registration, see: <http://www.frankp.us/>.

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.

Eleventh Annual
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Gun Show

Pueblo Gymnasium
Diamond Drive, Los Alamos, NM



OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
BUY, SELL, SWAP OR JUST LOOK!

Saturday, September 15th, 2007, 8:00-5:00
Sunday, September 16th, 2007, 9:00-4:00

**New, Used and Antique Guns; Ammunition;
Reloading Supplies; Knives; Jewelry; Safes;
Shooting and Archery Equipment**

**Adult Admission
\$4
Children under 12
FREE with adult**

**100 Eight-foot Dealer Tables
at \$50 per Table**
**L.A. Sportsmen's Club Member Tables
at \$45 per Table**

**Dealers Set Up on
Friday, September 15, 12:00-6:00**

Make checks payable to:
Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club

Send to: Will Schmitz
171 Blue Spruce Dr.
Jemez Springs, NM 87025
(505) 829-9180

No reservations without payment.

**No refunds after two weeks prior
to show date.**
No loaded firearms on premises.
All guns must be tied.
**We assume no liability in case of
accident or theft.**
**All Federal, State and local laws
must be observed.**
No flea market items.
No Pets.
**Food and refreshments made
available by the Los Alamos 4H Club.**
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LASC MEMBERSHIP FEES

Memberships are annual (April 1 – March 31). Family membership fee covers all individuals in the household. Visitor membership runs 3 months (June 1 – August 31). Your NRA membership number is required to receive the NRA membership rate.

Both new and renewing members may download the appropriate form from the LAC website, <http://www.la-sc.org>, or call 662-1484.

Member Category	4/1/07 – 3/31/08	
	NRA rate	Non-NRA rate
Adult single membership	\$72.00	\$84.00
Family membership	\$84.00	\$96.00

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