

Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club

Bulletin

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SOME NEAR-YEAR-END MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

- * 633 memberships, not including the LAPD or NMMP, representing
- * 922 oriented adults
- * 405 documented current NRA members
- * 1150 primary and declared family members

* with the following claimed interests

- 415 rifle
- 386 pistol
- 205 trap
- 168 skeet
- 161 sporting clays
(for a total of 529 shotgun sports)
- 151 hunting
- 149 archery
- 111 muzzle loading
- 105 silhouette
- 103 benchrest
- 59 junior sportsmen
- 49 wildlife conservation
- 45 cowboy action
- 42 machine gun

Also,

- * 104 2005 memberships never renewed
- * 112 2006 memberships haven't renewed

Other observations:

- * NRA recruiting has been successful
- * Expressions of interest in volunteering (back page of new membership forms) is very much down from the previous year. Marv's program will presumably fix this!

PISTOL SECTION NEWS

By Robert Toner

Pistol Section Chair/IDPA Coordinator

Well it's hard to believe that January has come and gone. The snow is still fairly deep in the pistol pits and the lock on the transportainer is probably frozen again. I dug out the door and placed a good amount of ice melt around the lock and the bottom of the door to help this situation. During the past month there hasn't been much going on in the pits due to the snow.

We did have an IDPA Match on 03 Feb. We held it indoors and thanks to the Archery Section we were able to use the Target Butts for walls, alley's etc. We shot 4 stages including 1 in low light. We had three people show up that had never shot IDPA before.

We are getting things ready for the summer. I have ordered material to build new target stands for the matches that we hold. We will also use some of the material left over to repair some of the specialty target holders that we use for matches. I also plan on finally building frames for the door panels that were donated for matches.

I know that I have brought this up in the past but it is worth repeating. The barricades, doors, walls, barrels, etc that are in the pistol section are not to be used as target. These were built or donated for matches. Those that were built were done so on volunteer time. The club operates on volunteer work.

If you would like to donate time to make the pistol section better let me know and we can get a list of things together that we could use. Spring is coming and we will be doing a clean-up and repair of the pistol pits. This is a good time to support the club and earn volunteer credit.

During the month of December the club sponsored training for instructors in Basic Pistol and Personal Protection in the Home. I was one of the participants of the Personal Protection Class. I wish to thank Howard Hall for getting the training set up, Coralie Carrier for doing the training and PTLA for allowing us to use one of the class rooms in their facility. Thanks to these classes we now have more certified instructors for members to contact if they need anything.

Remember that we make the club what it is.

Stay Safe and I'll see you at the range.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Fellow 2nd Amendment Defender:

If you are an NRA voting member (either a Life Member or an Annual Member with at least 5 consecutive years membership) during the past few days you should have received a 2007 Board of Directors ballot in your February NRA magazine ("American Rifleman", "American Hunter" or "America's 1st Freedom").

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THANK YOU for your consideration and/or support last year when I contacted you by email following my initial nomination for election to the NRA Board of Directors. In 2006, for a first time nominee I am told we did exceptionally well. It is my understanding that 79,227 ballots were cast and we only missed the cut by 1491 votes! Because of this very good showing made possible by your help, I've been encouraged to run again.

Please know that I would greatly appreciate your vote and support. Because this is a nationwide election it is, of course, difficult to personally campaign and individually contact enough voting members to ensure election. In light of this, many clubs and organizations are helping me get the word out about my candidacy via email alerts and/or webpage postings – some as endorsements, others more as informational bulletins. If such an email alert (or web or clubhouse posting) could be directed to the membership of your organization(s) it would be a tremendous help and I would greatly appreciate it.

Below is my bio that appears alongside the ballot in the February NRA magazines:

“Representative Curtis Jenkins authored/sponsored the nation’s first law prohibiting frivolous lawsuits against firearm manufacturers, since adopted in 33 states and Congress, signed into law by President Bush.

Member, Georgia House of Representatives 1989-2005, with 100% NRA A+ rating as legislature’s strongest Second Amendment advocate.

Received NRA legislative leadership award.

Patron Member (38-year NRA member). Hunter, shooter, outdoorsman.

Boy Scout leader – has helped facilitate shooter training; arranged/led Whittington Center Scout trip.

Served as District Director - Georgia Wildlife Federation, member - Legislative Sportsman’s Caucus, President – Monroe County Sportsman’s Federation (organizing competitive shooting and NSSF “Hunting & Fishing Day” events), Auxiliary Deputy Sheriff.

Honorary Life Member – Georgia Sheriffs Association. DU, NWTF, and Georgia Wildlife Federation member.

Referral Attorney – NRA and Police Benevolent Association.

Public speaker warning against global gun control, antihunting movement and promoting citizen self-defense, nationwide carry, and more youth education (key to shooting/hunting’s future).”

There are 36 nominees on the ballot, but only 26 slots to be filled. Since this will be a plurality election and the 26 top vote getters will be elected, some supporters have told me that they intend to cast votes for a very limited number of nominees in order to maximize the chances that their selections will finish in the top 26.

Your vote, support, advice and any help you could give with “spreading the word” would be greatly appreciated. I welcome your suggestions now and will as a Board member. Ballots must be received by March 25th. Thank you again for your consideration of this request and please let me know if I can provide you or your organization with additional information. I can be reached by email or at (H) (478) 994-3488, (O) (478) 994-4257, or P.O. Box 634, Forsyth, GA 31029. I will never forget your assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can ever be of service.

Thank you,
Curt Jenkins

JANUARY SKEET, TRAP & 5 STAND REPORTS

By Ed Bush

The weather has been great for skiers but the shot gunners have been shoveling snow more than shooting. Even parking at the skeet range is risking getting four wheel drives stuck.

January income for the Skeet Section was \$98, Trap Section \$195 and Sporting Clays \$36. We used 34.9 cases of standard biodegradable targets. At the end of January we had 1781.6 cases of standard targets remaining. Income for January was \$9.43 per case.

Reminder of the month: Turn off the skeet transmitters to prevent a dead battery. There is a snow shovel in the skeet high house.

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:

Note the posted range closures and gate rules starting in February.

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, 672 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

The Next Phase

At a just-concluded terrorism seminar in NJ, colleagues [Dave Grossman](#) and Chuck Remsberg warned of the high likelihood of terrorist attacks on American schools and school children. Terrorists' predicable goal is to inflict maximum mayhem and death as a way of bursting onto our national headlines, just as was the case at Belsen. However, what struck me most was the terrorists' thinking process in selecting targets. They may be crazy, but they're not stupid.

Unlikely targets include schools in states that have "Shall-Issue" CCW laws, where parents dropping off and picking up children, or attending school activities may well be armed (contemptuously ignoring stupid "no-guns-on-school-property" rules) and likely to enthusiastically engage, with lethal force, those attempting to harm their children. Terrorists find that eventuality most inconvenient!

Unlikely targets also include schools where emergency planning has a high priority in the community, is well publicized, and visibly-armed police officers are continuously present and maintain high profile.

Likely targets include isolated schools in rural areas, where law enforcement and EMS resources are stretched thin and are easily overwhelmed and where bad, winter weather makes travel difficult, slowing and complicating response.

Likely targets include affluent school districts in big, metro areas or posh suburbs, where "emergency planning" is a subject so unpleasant that the community just doesn't want it discussed, even among police. These are the same places where police beat cars contain neither rifles nor shotguns, and even uniformed police are supposed to be unarmed on school property. Let's just call it *Lemming City!*

Likely targets include school districts close to the Mexican or Canadian borders, where entire teams of terrorists can easily slip into the USA, achieve their goals, and then slip back across the border where they'll likely escape capture indefinitely.

I wonder if it will take a [Beslan-like incident](#) to persuade Americans that children need to be continuously protected by armed adults. It is time for Americans parents, teachers, and school administrators to get tough or die!

The meek may inherit the Earth, but they do it in small plots!

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 in July to teach two courses: Tactical Treatment of Gunshot Wounds, on 6 July 2007, and the two-day Basic/Intermediate Defensive Handgun course, on 7 & 8 July 2007. For course information and registration, see: <http://www.frankp.us/farnam>.

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John

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Vicki

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6 July 2007

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AIR RIFLE SECTION NEWS

By Mell Smithour

Well we have been hoping for snow for several years now. I think we have received our wish. With the warmer days the melting is getting underway and now the earth is about to become a mud pit. When at the range please do not drive down range as it will accomplish nothing but tear up the road and land. Unfortunately even walking will become a challenge in a few weeks.

There were two shoots the weekend of Feb. 10 and 11. The .22 silhouette and the JC Garand Match were both well attended and a good time had by all.

Depending on the mud will have to see about the March matches, watch for notices.

If you have ever wondered about a head stamp on an old or new cartridge check this site. Had no clue there are that many.

http://www.cartridgecollectors.org/headstampcodes_bottom.htm

**Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club Board Meeting Minutes
FEBRUARY 2007**

LASC Homepage: <http://www.la-sc.org>

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2006 Major Events Calendar

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

Important Dates to Remember:

2/1/2007 - Annual Membership Meeting – 6:30 pm, First Baptist Church

9/22-23 – Annual LASC Gun Show

Range Closures:

The ranges are open. Look for updates in the Bulletin.

Annual Meeting

The President called the Annual Member Meeting to order at 6:45 pm after all participants enjoyed a buffet dinner catered by Bob's Bodacious BBQ. The meeting was held at the First Baptist Church. Close to 100 members were in attendance.

Many thanks to Angie Chipera for organizing and running the banquet.

Many thanks to Tony Cook and the LAHS NJROTC for setting up the banquet hall and cleaning up afterwards.

Business

Election of Executive Board:

The first order of business for the Annual Meeting was the election of Executive Board Members for the 2007-2008 Membership Year. The nomination committee presented the candidate list after dinner and nominations were accepted from the floor after. No nominations were made from the floor, and no positions had more than one candidate. A motion was made and passed to accept the candidates as listed. The 2007-2008 Executive Board is as follows:

President: Ken Laintz

Vice-President: Ted Rockenhaus

Membership Secretary: Brian Jean

Recording Secretary: Dick Martin

Treasurer: Angie Chipera

At-Large Officers: Mell Smithour, Pat Laux, and Will Schmitz

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Increase in Annual Dues:

The annual dues will be increased \$12 across the board. This increase is needed to cover rising utility costs, increasing insurance rates (up 40%), and increased lease fees (up 2750%).

Work Deposit/Credit Program:

Marv gave a briefing on the work credit/deposit program being implemented this next year. There were many reasons for implementing this plan, and the Board wrestled with this issue for several months before voting to implement it. Members will be asked to perform a minimum of six hours of volunteer labor throughout the year. Disabled members and those 70 and over in age will be exempt from this requirement. In lieu of labor, members can pay a fee of \$10 per hour up to \$60 to cover their work credit. This fee is in addition to regular dues.

Full details can be found at <http://www.la-sc.org>.

Membership Report:

Total number of adult members for the 2006-2007 Membership Year held fairly constant at 933. Of these, 64% were NRA Members, which is down from 70% last year. There were 112 members who did not renew.

Presentation:

The highlight of the Annual Meeting was the presentation by Dr. Brad Vierra on the archaeological survey work that has been done in Rendija Canyon and around LANL as part of the land transfer project. His presentation was excellent and enjoyed by all that attended. This work provided material for several graduate students' dissertations, and detailed reports spanning several CDROMS will be forthcoming in the near future.

Orientation Schedule:

- 2/4 – Mell Smithour, 11:00 am
- 2/11 – Marv Alme, 12:00 pm
- 2/17 – Jung Hong, 8:00 am

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

Thank you.

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!

Marv Alme	Pistol, Personal Protection , Range Safety Officer , Rifle	marv@swcp.com alme@lanl.gov	665-3869 wk
Kay Benham	Pistol	Skay_benham@yahoo.com	
Jim Brannon	Range Safety Officer, Rifle, shotgun	jbrannon@prsmcorp.com	661-4820 hm
Ed Bush	Shotgun	ebush132@comcast.net	662-7584
Matt Cionek	Range Safety Officer, Rifle	mcionek@msn.com	672-9454
Brad Cooke	Pistol, Rifle, Personal Protection	bcooke@lanl.gov	667-8512 wk
Kei Davis	Pistol, Personal Protection, Shotgun , Range Safety Officer, Rifle	keidavis@la-sc.org	661-0118 hm 667-1749 wk
Devon Engleman	Range Safety Officer, Rifle	devon_engleman@yahoo.com	661-8816
Staley Hadden	Pistol, Personal Protection Home Firearm Safety	hadden@starband.net	829-3968 hm
Roger Kruse	Pistol, Personal Protection .Range Safety Officer	lasc@valornet.com	829-3440 hm
Sandi Kruse	Pistol, Personal Protection, Range Safety Officer	lasc@valornet.com	829-3440 hm
Ken Laintz	Range Safety Officer, Rifle, Pistol	laintz@lanl.gov	672-3507 hm
Dan Macdonell	Shotgun	macDonell@lanl.gov	672-2749 hm 665-6227 wk
Rich Morley	Pistol, Shotgun, Rifle, Personal Protection, Home Firearm Safety. Range Safety Officer, CCW Instructor	r_morley@lanl.gov	672-1088 hm
Frank Murray	Shotgun	frank.murray@state.nm.us	466-2015 hm 827-7714 wk
Christine Redmond	Pistol	credman@comcast.net	662-7678
Maxwell Sandord	Personal Protection, Basic Pistol, and Home Firearm Safety , Rifle, Range Safety Officer	mts13@hotmail.com	672-9315 hm
Mel Smithour	Pistol, Rifle, Personal Protection , Range Safety Officer	smithour@earthlink.net	662-2643 hm
Eugene Walter	Shotgun	gwalter5@juno.com	299-0066 hm
Robert Toner	Pistol	wolf1191@msn.com	661-0304
Scott Valentine	Pistol	lokki@act-1.net	

LASC BOARD MEMBERS

President	Marv Alme	661-3651
Vice President	Ted Rockenhaus	672-1803
Recording Secretary	Ken Laintz	672-3507
Treasurer	Angela Chipera	662-6034
Membership Secretary	Brian Jean	662-4085/665-6374
Pistol Chair	Robert Toner	661-0304
Rifle Chair	Mell Smithour	662-2643
Shotgun Chair	Ed Bush	662-7584
Archery Chair	Dale Melton	661-8143
Publicity	Larry Baca	662-9839
Training Coordinator	Howard Hall	672-0006
Women's Program	Elaine Larson	
Volunteer Coordinator	Kathy Wright	412-3919
Past President	Will Schmitz	829-9180
House and Grounds	Dale Melton	661-8143
At Large	Rick Staroski	672-3411
At Large	John Hopkins	662-0495
At Large	Pat Laux	(239) 293-0369

THE BULLETIN

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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). Visitor rate is available only to visitors, not Los Alamos residents. Your NRA membership number is required to receive the NRA membership rate.

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.

Member Category	4/1/05 – 3/31/06		Visitor 6/1/05 – 8/31/06
	NRA rate	Non-NRA rate	
Adult single membership	\$60.00	\$72.00	\$20.00
Family membership	\$72.00	\$84.00	

E-MAIL CHANGE???????

If you change your email address and receive your Bulletin by e-mail it is your responsibility to contact us at news@lascbulletin.com to make a change. Send an e-mail with your name, old e-mail address and new e-mail address and be sure to say it's for the e-BULLETIN!

**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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