

Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club

Bulletin



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Howard Hall (hhall@dvctraining.org)



Greetings LASC Members.

Summer is over. Our kids are back in school and Fall is in the air. Hunting season is around the corner. Many of our members and several individuals of the community who are not members of LASC are getting ready to go on their hunt. I have had some members of our community ask me about how that they can come to LASC and check the zero on their rifles without having to join the LASC. They suggest that they only need to use LASC facilities once a year to check their rifles. There are not other ranges in Los Alamos County available for this type of activity. These discussions have made me wonder if we are missing supporting this part of our community. LASC supports other entities in our community that are not members. Perhaps it is time to see how we can support the hunters in Los Alamos. I am going to address the LASC Board of Directors with this and look for a way to support this group. Please contact me if you have any suggestions on how we can accommodate these members of our community.

New Memberships

New memberships are on the rise. We have had an outstanding turnout recently for new membership orientations. Our membership is the backbone of the LASC. The revenue generated from membership fees pay our bills and allow us to make capital improvements on our facilities. This year is a great year to join the LASC. We adopted a flat \$40 new membership fee this year to encourage people to sign up. This appears to be working. We will keep this going until March 2010 and then we will evaluate the merit. Do you know someone who is interested in becoming a member? Encourage them to come down and join us as members of the LASC.

See you at the range,
Howard Hall
LASC President

13th Annual
Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club

Gun Show

Pueblo Gymnasium
Diamond Drive, Los Alamos, NM



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

Saturday, September 19th, 2009, 8:00-5:00
Sunday, September 20th, 2009, 9:00-4:00
New, Used and Antique Guns; Ammunition;
Reloading Supplies; Knives; Jewelry; Safes;
Shooting and Archery Equipment

<p>75 Eight-foot Dealer Tables at \$40 per Table L.A. Sportsmen's Club Member Tables at \$35 per Table</p>	<p>Adult Admission \$4 Children under 12 FREE with adult</p>
<p>Dealers Set Up on Friday, September 18, 2:00-7:00 Make checks payable to: Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club Send to: Will Schmitz 171 Blue Spruce Dr. Jemez Springs, NM 87025 (575) 829-9180</p>	<p>No reservations without payment. No refunds after one week 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.</p>

Food and refreshments made available by the Los Alamos Jr. Club.
Security provided.

Rifle Section News
Mell Smithour

Remember the gun show September 19 and 20 at the Pueblo Complex gym.

Keep in mind October 24 the Club will be planning a fall clean up day. Several items will need to be done for winter and to keep the facilities in shape. This is an all volunteer organization so come out and keep your Club clean. This will be one of the last big chances to earn your volunteer hours and there is always a list that you can chose from for hours.

The Highpower matches have been good this year and each day out there was a good day of shooting. The last two scheduled Highpower matches for the year will be Oct. 4 and Nov. 2, NOTE I am planning an extra Highpower match October 18. The JC Garand Matches should be getting started before long, in November and will be the second Sunday of the month except for the annual Frozen Chosin in December. The Garand match is a good way to get started shooting Highpower as match procedures, rules, and tutoring are done at each match. PLEASE NOTE the Club has most equipment; rifle, mats, gloves, scope, and ammo needed for the match, however the only ammo available for the matches is 30-06, the .223 ammo is out and CMP does not sell it. If you shoot a .223 you need to **BRING YOUR OWN.** Some of the cheaper sources for .223 are at www.aimsurplus.com/acatalog/223.html and www.ammunitiontogo.com/catalog1/index.php/cName/223-556-fmj-ammo. Check this WEB address for a list of ammo suppliers, <http://www.ar15.com/forums/topic.html?b=3&f=16&t=318515>

Do not forget the .22 silhouette matches that are on the second Saturday of each month they are a great match, a lot of fun, and it only takes one box of .22 shells to shoot the match.

SHOTGUN ACTIVITIES SKEET, TRAP, 5-STAND & REPORT

Ed Bush

The load of clay targets was delivered on Saturday 29 August. The load included 16 pallets of standard targets, 6 pallets of bunker trap targets and one pallet of sporting clays targets (total about 23 tons). We haven't yet received the bill. We had plenty of volunteers to assist with the unloading the truck and loading the trap houses. Your help was greatly appreciated. On some occasions in the past we had had only six people unloading the trailer a case at a time. I tried to collect the names of the volunteers for work credits. If I missed anyone please contact Marv Alme to turn in your work credit hours. Some of the volunteers are not yet members. Kris Luster and son had their forklift in operation continuously from 9:00 until after 12:00. We owe many thanks to the Lusters for their support, equipment and expense involved with this activity.

In July the skeet income was \$383, trap income was \$1057 and 5-Stand \$42. We used 96.5 cases of standard biodegradable targets. Income for July was \$15.36 per case. We have deposited \$2785.20 into the Club treasury so far this year.

REMINDER OF THE MONTH:

Remember to sign in when you use the range. Flatten the cardboard boxes and put them in the dumpster across the road. Dump trash cans.

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

SHOTGUN SCHEDULE:

Skeet: Thursday, Saturday & Sunday at 9:00

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

Trap: Tuesday at 9:00 & Sunday at 10:00

Contact: Steve McKelvey, 672 1604, SteveMckelvey@comcast.net

5-Stand Sporting Clays:

Contact: Dave Roybal 473 1453, cell **470 0028**

Frank Murray 466 2015

Bunker Trap: Tuesday & Sunday 10:00 AM

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

John Farnam Urban Rifle

Frank Pytko

John and Vicki Farnam have been bringing their unique style of firearms training to LASC since 1997. We have sponsored courses in defensive handgun, defensive shotgun and urban rifle, separately and in various combinations. You can ask any of John's students, these classes are never dull because John's philosophy is continually evolving and there's always something new to learn.



John Farnam Urban Rifle Class of 2009. Front row: Blaine Hadden and Jim Lujan. Back row: Lloyd Davis, Bob Svec, Ben Norman, Deb Norman, John Farnam, Frank Pytko, DeWayne Williams, Preston Ballew, Dick Martin and Vittorio Gargaro. Photo by Mike Barnes.

On July 11th, ten enthusiastic students met at the club classroom for this year's two-day Urban Rifle program. Our group included three Los Alamos Police officers, one Los Alamos County Sheriff's Deputy and one student who traveled here from Brussels, Belgium, via another Farnam class in Coldplay, CO. After spending the morning in the classroom discussing various aspects of urban rifle doctrine, we headed to the range to put all this information to practical use.

John always runs a hot range. For this class, our rifles were always loaded, along with our handguns and any backup firearms. Rifles were slung loaded at the beginning of range exercises and with few

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exceptions stayed in that condition for the remainder of the day. As John likes to say, "Unarmed people make me nervous."

That's right folks, everyone in the photo has at least one rifle and one handgun and all those firearms are loaded and ready to go. That's why everyone is smiling.

After verifying the zero on every rifle, live-fire exercises were conducted at ranges from contact distance out to 75 yards, using both cardboard and reactive steel targets. Students shot from standing, kneeling and prone positions, from both the dominant and support side. Rifles were shot in continuous-fire exercises until the barrels smoked. Everyone shot every rifle in the class. Students did transition drills from rifle to handgun to blade at contact distances. The bad guys didn't have a chance and were summarily annihilated.

As is usual in [DTI](#) classes, the last exercise was performance testing. The Urban Rifle test utilized five reactive steel targets set at 40 meters. Every target had to be engaged once, from at least three positions with a time limit of 22 seconds. All DTI tests require 100% hits with zero procedural errors.

The hands-down champion of the performance test was Deb Norman with a smokingly-fast run of 15 seconds and change. Five shots, three moves, five hits, no errors. No one else was even close.

We all got to hone our rifle skills, learn some valuable new tricks and generally launch lots of rounds downrange. After two long days in the hot sun, the instructors had to look forward to two more long days in the hot sun. More about that next month.

John and Vicki will be back at LASC next summer. Keep an eye on *The Bulletin* for class announcements.

More photos of the class can be seen at www.frankp.us/farnam/photos/photos2009ur.htm.

Silhouette Section

By Bruce Barraclough

We had a fine day of silhouette shooting on Saturday, September 12th. Twelve shooters turned out for the match: two with pistols, five with scoped rifles and five with open-sights rifles. Two of our veteran shooters who normally score very high did not turn out, giving slightly less talented shooters (read, me) a chance to move up in the standings. The day was very pleasant with good light, gentle breezes and no rain.

In the pistol category, Joe Tesmer scored a fine 27 with his scoped pistol and Dave Bullock shot a nice 16 with his Red-Dot sights. In the scoped rifle category, Cathy Laughlin, Tom Feiertag and Kei Davis placed first, second and third with nice scores of 30, 24 and 18 respectively. Cathy was mercilessly mowing down the turkeys, my particular nemesis, and earned both the ram and turkey pins with her performance during the match. For rifle shooters with open sights, Bruce Barraclough, Mell Smithour and Ed Jacobson scored 30, 29 and 20 respectively to place first, second and third. I hope everyone had a good time.

The next silhouette match will be held on Saturday, October 10th, with registration starting at 8:00, practice at 8:30 and the match beginning at 9:00 AM. We hope everyone (this includes you, TK!) even mildly interested will turn out as we will have some prizes to give out at this match. Please bring your kids, neighbors and friends who might like to give silhouette a try. It's very easy to participate, it's informal yet personally challenging, we have spare firearms and ammo for those who don't have any, and we have pins and certificates that you can earn with your performance. Hope to see you all at the next match.

HIGHPOWER RIFLE MATCHES 2009 SCHEDULE

The Club will shoot a National Match Course of fire each month for 7 months. Match dates are Sundays: High Power Matches October 4, October 18, and November 1. These matches are at the club range in Rendija Canyon. Registration at Los Alamos begins at 07:30 AM and will close at 08:20 AM with the match starting at 08:30 AM. Match fee is \$10.00 with a one time \$5.00 fee for NRA Match registration. Juniors pay \$5.00. Only 30-06 ammunition is available to purchase for use at the match, ammo fee is \$25.00. Juniors must be 14 years of age or older and be accompanied by a parent for parental permission.

Competition will be shoulder to shoulder within NRA classes. Current NRA rules will apply to all matches and all classes. Rifles (the Club has M1 Garands), mats, spotting scopes, and shooting gloves are available at the Club for use at matches. Eye and hearing protection is MANDATORY. Bring a coat, sweatshirt, or shooting jacket, in the prone position you will be shooting while your elbows are on the ground. A hat and water is also of benefit.

NATIONAL MATCH COURSE OF FIRE AT LOS ALAMOS WILL BE AT 200 YARDS.

TARGET	STAGE	NO. SHOTS	POSITION	TIME
SR-5	MATCH 1	10 or 20	STANDING	10 OR 20 MINUTES
SR-5	MATCH2	10 or 20	STANDING TO SITTING	60 SECONDS EACH STAGE
SR-42	MATCH 3	10 or 20	STANDING TO PRONE	70 SECONDS EACH STAGE
MR-52	MATCH 4	20	PRONE	20 MINUTES
	MATCH 5	Aggregate of matches 1, 2, 3 and 4		

Two sighting shots will be allowed and can be taken in any position in a time limit of two minutes before each course of fire.

Awards for the Los Alamos matches are as follows: Classes will be combined upward if there are 2 or fewer in a class. Second in class will be given if there are 4 or more shooters in a class and third in class will be given if there are 6 or more shooters in a class. Awards within classes will be - \$3.00 for 1st, \$2.00 for 2nd, \$1.00 for 3rd. The match winner in each course of fire will receive \$4.00. Juniors will receive ribbons for first and second places. No separate distinction for women.

Shooters will set-up and take down the range and targets and score competitors targets. Competitors may be asked to assist with range operations.

All range and match safety procedures shall be followed. Rifles, mats, gloves, safety, and match tutoring are available at Los Alamos. Safety, rifle, and match procedure tutoring should be done before participating in a competitive match. Normal tutoring can not be done the day of the match.

Firing one full match qualifies the competitor for the purchase of your own M1 Garand, carbine, accessories from the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP).

Rifle range will be closed to non-competitors during scheduled matches.

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MONTHLY PISTOL SCHEDULE

1 st Sat. 3 rd Thurs.	8:30 am 5:30 pm	IDPA	Note: Times subject to change Set-up ½ hour earlier \$5-member/\$10 non-member
2 nd Sat.	8:30 am	Silhouette	Free
2 nd Sat.	10:00 am	IPSC	Note: All berms used for IPSC pistol match \$5 match fee
3 rd Sat.	9:00 am	Cowboy Action	\$5 match fee



**Santa Fe
Community College**

Saturday, October 10, 2009
9am to 1pm

Course #LS379 / CRN 21533

Registration
www.sfccnm.edu
505.428.1270

www.frankp.us/rbav

***Force: "Reasonable," "Superior," "Effective," "Equal," "Optimal,"
or Minimal?"***

By Frank Pytko

In teaching Defensive Shooting, within our domestic environment, "use-of-force" issues always dominate the discussion. We can provide students with what we believe represents competent guidance. What we cannot provide is specific, nor perfect, solutions for every conceivable threat a student may encounter.

"Force," in the legal sense, means "to compel via physical means." We legitimately, lawfully use force, or the threat of force, to compel violent criminals to cease and desist harmful/threatening behavior, and/or to disengage and go away.

Deadly force (that degree or type of force that is intended, or likely, to cause death or serious bodily harm) is legitimately, lawfully employed as a last resort to what you reasonably believe to be a bona-fide, unlawful, imminent, deadly threat posed by a violent criminal. Understand that some weapons, like guns and blades, are considered inherently "deadly," and thus cannot be employed in a "non-deadly" manner.

We all need to understand that many in the criminal justice system believe they have, and should have, a monopoly on the use of any kind of force. They are mistaken, but this false notion is common. Thus, any unilateral use of force on the part of a Sovereign Citizen will often be greeted with suspicion and condescension by investigators and prosecutors alike. Expect it. Don't become a victim of it!

Judgments with regard to the appropriateness of a person's use of force in self-defense require consideration of:

- (1) The relationship between the amount and type of force actually used, and the apparent need presented,
- (2) The relationship between the stated intent of the user of force, and the extent of injuries actually inflicted, and
- (3) The presence, or absence, of a good-faith effort on the part of the person employing force in self-defense to adhere to, as dispassionately as possible, the singular goal of preserving his own safety and that of other innocent parties. That is, whatever type or amount of force is initially employed, one may not continue to apply it after the threat has clearly been eliminated or has voluntarily desisted/withdrawn.

When a fight is unavoidable, it is best to end it, on our terms, quickly! The longer the fight/confrontation goes on, the more our safety is compromised.

It should be noted that ill-conceived hate-crime legislation makes "wrong" intentions a crime in and of itself, even when the person's actions were otherwise lawful and appropriate. In other words, when using force, one may only think government-approved thoughts!

The advice I give to students as the discussion progresses is that the key word here is "reasonable." Under the totality of circumstances existing at the time, was your use of force an example of what a reasonable person would do? You are not required to be a saint, nor come up with the "perfect" solution, but your actions need to be within the "reasonable" range. However, any force used that is ineffective in abrogating the threat cannot be "reasonable." By definition, "reasonable" force is "effective" force.

And, to be truly effective in quickly ending the threat, "effective" force is "superior" force. Again, merely prolonging a potentially-deadly confrontation can hardly be considered a "reasonable" option!

So, "reasonable" force is both "superior" and "effective," or there is no point. When in a fight for my very life,

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"inferior," "ineffective" force surely has no appeal!

Thus, fraudulent doctrines such as "equal force" and "minimal force" undermine the principle of legitimate self-defense:

When I am only authorized to employ "equal" force against a VCA threatening me with a gun, must I only use a gun "equal" to his? When he shoots at me and misses, must I miss also, in order to maintain equality? As you can see, "equal-force" is an unworkable can of worms.

The problem with "minimal-force" is with the definition! Whatever type or amount of force you use, someone can always claim that, had you used less force, things would have worked out just fine! Well, we'll never know. Will we? "Minimal" does not equate with "effective"

Finally, when facing deadly, unlawful threats, you don't need to be thinking about any of the foregoing! You need to ask yourself only one question: "What can I do to keep from getting hurt?"

When, whatever you do, or don't do, is even half-way reasonable, you're probably going to be okay.

But, there are no guarantees!

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

John & Vicki Farnam were here at LASC on 11 & 12 July 2009 teaching the DTI URBAN RIFLE course. They will be back next year. Keep track at: <http://www.frankp.us/>

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 Rd
Fairfax, VA 22030

GUN SHOW AND RAFFLE

Will Schmitz

The annual Los Alamos Gun Show is scheduled for September 19th and 20th 2009. Usually during the show we raffle off several guns as a fundraiser for the club. This year we are raffling a Springfield Armory XDM pistol in 9mm. This is a high capacity 20 rounds semi auto pistol that comes with two magazines, three interchangeable grip housings, holster, magazine holder, clip loader, two tone black and olive green finish, gun lock and hard case. The XDM has a match grade barrel and other match features making it a very accurate pistol. The retail value of the gun is \$750 at the time of this writing. You can no longer find this gun on the wholesale level as inventories have sold out. Tickets are one for \$10 or 3 for \$20. There are only 350 tickets being sold.

The second raffle is for a Remington 1187, 12 gauge semi-auto shotgun. This is the Sportsmen's model that features a special durable finish, synthetic stocks, 28 inch barrel and Rem choke tubes. The retail value is \$880. Tickets are 10 each or 3 for \$20. There are only 350 tickets being sold.

You must be 21 years old to buy tickets for the handgun and 18 years old for the shotgun. All winners must pass a NICS background check.

You may purchase your tickets now by sending a check to:

Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club
Will Schmitz
171 Blue Spruce Dr.
Jemez Springs, NM 87025



The club house door key will be changed on Friday before the gun show. There will be a **FREE KEY EXCHANGE** at the gun show, at the board meetings, & the September new member orientations. Exchange your old key for new one, free.



KEY Exchange FREE

New keys available for \$5.00. Must have your membership card to buy a new key..

NRA Marksmanship Program Handgun Qualification

Dave Bullock 672-2237



Come practice with your handgun in a structured setting . We will track your progress as you go from Basic Practical to Distinguished Expert.

We will meet at the Los Alamos Sportsman's Club in the Indoor Range from 7 – 8 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of every month for handgun. The forth Wednesday for Bulls Eye.

Bring your own handgun and ammunition, the club will supply the targets.

Questions David Bullock 672-2237 david.bullock@comcast.net

Handgun schedule: 10/7, 11/11, 12/9

Bulls eye schedule: 9/23, 10/21, 11/25, 12/23



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NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

There are two scheduled orientations every month:

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

Register and ask questions at (505) 690-0483.

(Be sure to check the web if an orientation is scheduled over a holiday weekend)

NEW MEMBERS E-MAIL LIST

Restricted to LASC members only. If you wish to have your address changed or have or an additional e-mail address, send a request to membersListManager@la-sc.org. Only the LASC President, Vice-President, the Bulletin Editor, the Webmaster and the Volunteer Coordinator may post to the list. We restrict the list messages to official club communications.

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