

# Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club

## The Bulletin

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT Howard Hall ([hmhall.hall@gmail.com](mailto:hmhall.hall@gmail.com))



#### Annual Members Meeting

The LASC Annual Members Meeting is coming up in February 2010. Once again we will have the dinner with some of the finest barbeque in Los Alamos. We will also have a program and our annual election for the LASC Board of Directors. Are you interested in serving on our Board? You can run for any of the elected positions on the LASC Board of Directors. The elected positions on the Board of Directors will consist of members elected by LASC general membership consisting of the President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, and three (3) "At Large" Members. We have one At Large Board member stepping down and the position of Membership Secretary is open. Interested? Frank Pytko is serving as the Election Chair. Contact Frank Pytko at [vice-president@la-sc.org](mailto:vice-president@la-sc.org) to put you name in for the position of your choice.

Have a merry Christmas and happy holidays.

See you at the range,  
Howard Hall  
LASC President

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Where:: First Baptist Church (across from the Conoco Station and Bob's BBQ in Los Alamos).

When: Thursday, February 4, 2010, at 6:00

Menu: Bob's BBQ and deserts from Sunrise Bakery.

Who: All members and their families

Help Needed: Service hours available for those that help. Com

RSVP: By end of January with number of people in your party. email [angie.chipera@gmail](mailto:angie.chipera@gmail.com)

Free to all club members.

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Angie Chipera

**SHOTGUN ACTIVITIES SKEET, TRAP, 5-STAND & REPORT**

Ed Bush

SHOTGUN ACTIVITIES

**DECEMBER 2009, SKEET, TRAP, 5-STAND & REPORT**

**Ed Bush**

**In December the skeet income was \$211, trap income was \$1300 and 5-Stand \$0. This represents over 500 rounds of trap, skeet and 5-stand (25 shots per round) shot by members during the month. Activity was reduced due to snow and very cold weather. 96 cases of targets were used and we received over \$15 per case of targets.**

**2009 annual income for the shotgun section was \$16,627.00. Contribution to the Club treasury after deducting the cost of the targets used was \$4876.39. We have a balance of 1175 cases of targets remaining, a value of \$11,011. Our current inventory of targets cost \$9.37 per case. We used 1218 cases of targets during the year.**

REMINDER OF THE MONTH:

**Remember to sign in when you use the range. Load traps, pick up shells, 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 10:00

Contact: Ed Bush, 662-7584, [ebush132@comcast.net](mailto:ebush132@comcast.net)

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

Contact: Steve McKelvey, 672-1604, [SteveMcKelvey@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:jplaux@zylomed.com)

## Moral Dilemma., John Farnam

Submitted by Frank Pytko

Several days ago, the Colorado State University's "Board of Governors," abruptly voted to rescind the long-established right of college students, professors, and other state CCW Permit holders to carry concealed on state campuses, reversing a nationwide trend in the opposite direction. The ruling was unexpected, completely capricious, and not in response to any particular incident. A predictable flurry of challenges is ongoing.

In the interim, many students have written, asking for advice. They are in a moral dilemma, not shared with those of us who are not students and do not frequent college campuses.

There are, of course, risks inherent to having guns around. However, there are also risks inherent to not having guns around. Risk-free personal choices don't exist in this matter, or in most others.

This is our current situation within world history:

Congress, state and federal, no longer really makes "laws." They pass "legislation," and then innumerable, unelected state and federal agencies, bureaus, boards, and committees swoop in and "interpret" the "Intent of Congress" (a curious phrase, since senators and congressmen rarely read legislation before voting on it), translating it into never-ending "regulations" and "rules," which, as we descend the food-chain, are re-translated into "policies," "procedures," "routines," and "agendas."

The volume is now so immense, incomprehensible, self-contradictory, and selectively/inconsistently enforced that it is impossible for even saintly among us to so much as know what "the Law" is, much less adhere to it, which, of course, makes all of us inadvertent, and more-or-less continuous, "law-breakers," priming us as targets, to one degree or another, for selective enforcement when any of us becomes too much an irritant to the current political regime.

Meanwhile, real criminals are, of course, not nearly so confused, perplexed, nor frustrated. They continue to victimize the rest of us, in most cases, with virtual impunity. In fact, the only apprehension that consistently haunts them, indeed the sole authentic deterrent to violent crime, is the possibility of accidentally selecting an armed "victim."

"The Law" flows not only from this flawed framework of so-called "democratic process," but also from its underlying axioms of Justice, Dignity, Morality, and Logic. And, when these foundational underpinnings are disgracefully politicized, indeed hijacked, as is the case when conspicuously unconstitutional legislation is passed as a result of either willful ignorance or active criminality, ensuing laws, rules, and regulations are null and void at the outset, having failed to meet requisite essentials to create a duty of conscience to obey.

The bottom line brings us back to where we started: *You're on your own!*

Board members, and just about everyone else up the food-chain, could not possibly care less about anyone but themselves. Beastly, vicious massacres will come and go, and they'll all still keep their jobs. This has certainly been the case at VA Tech, on both counts!

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Accordingly, we citizens have to make timely decisions which reflect our own personal best interests, knowing full-well that sometimes we will be mistaken, and that we will never have all information we believe we need.

Decisions have to be made regardless, and we can't afford to spend much time thinking about what might have been!

There will be no relief, no divine guidance, and no guarantees. And, in the end, we're all dead anyway. Between then and now, I, for one, will face to the front and do my best to fulfill my destiny, as my limited connection with divinity gives me the vision to see it, bearing full, personal responsibility for everything I do, and everything I decide not to do.

***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 in July 2009 teaching the DTI URBAN RIFLE course. They will be back next year. Keep track at: <http://www.frankp.us/>***

**Pistol Section**

**MONTHLY PISTOL SCHEDULE**

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

**Rifle Section**

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January 2010 Rifle Section

Hope everyone had a great holiday break and you received the toys that you were wanting. Many, many thanks to everyone that has come out to help this past year during clean-up and fix-up days or that has just done something while at the range, being that it is just picking-up a little trash or more. Any help is appreciated.

Remember that the annual dinner, membership get together and business meeting for office elections are the night of February 4, details in the newsletter.

Schedule for the rifle range for the next few months, snow and cold permitting, will be the .22 silhouette matches on the second Saturday of each month and JC Garand Matches will be the second Sunday of the month through April. A good way to get the tutoring for the National High Power Match Course is to come to a JC Garand Match, each stage is explained and help is available. I will still be using the JC Garand Matches as a tutoring session in place of the High Power clinic. If there is interest in more in-depth instruction it can be worked individually.

Items on the watch list for this coming year that the membership needs to be involved with is; the DOE land that the Club has the license to operate with is still in the transfer process with the County and the renewal of the license with DOE is coming due.

## Youth Programs

Mary Luster

We meet at the club every Tuesday from 6:00 to 7:30. We have a roster of participants that I send messages to in the event that we have to cancel a scheduled event. We are hoping to have a strong group of youth shooters to take to the YHEC competition this and represent Los Alamos. If anyone has questions, please feel free to contact me at 672-0490 or [luster@swcp.com](mailto:luster@swcp.com).

Mary Luster

### Los Alamos Shooting Sports Calendar January – June 2010

1-5-10	Archery
1-12-10	Rifle
1-19-10	Air Rifle
1-26-10	Rifle (Commitments for YHEC Competition)
2-2-10	Archery
2-9-10	Rifle
2-16-10	Air Rifle
2-23-10	Rifle
3-2-10	Archery
3-9-10	Rifle
3-16-10	Shotgun
3-23-10	Muzzleloader
3-30-10	Rifle
4-6-10	Archery
4-13-10	Shotgun
4-20-10	Muzzleloader
4-27-10	Rifle
5-4-10	Archery
5-11-10	Shotgun
5-18-10	Muzzleloader
5-25-10	Rifle
5-31-10	Shotgun
6-1-10	Pack for YHEC (open practice??)

If the Archery league is available this year, we will add it to the schedule. Also, will add a few Saturdays as coaches are available for added fun and practice for the competition. Look for added practice for Wildlife Identification, Hunter Safety Trail and Orienteering to help prepare for the competition.

## Classifieds

In order to provide timely information, Classified Ads are now published online at:

Google groups

### LASC Classifieds

<http://la-sc.org/generalinfo/classifieds.shtml>

You do not need to be a member of this group in order to post a classified ad, but the group manager will moderate all postings.

1. Shooting- and archery-related items only.
2. Only active LASC members may only ads.
3. Ensure your subject begins with your intention for example "For Sale", "Wanted", "Lost", "Found" etc.
4. Include the contact information (name, number and/or email) for the ad
5. Don't forget a complete description of the item
6. Ads deemed to not meet these guidelines will be rejected
7. Ads published on a first come, first served basis.
8. Remove items that have sold - or [let us know](#).
9. Become a member of this group in order to set up email alerts when new items are posted.

If you would like to become a member of the group, you will also be able to set up an email alert to be notified when a new item has been posted.

<b>REMEMBER THE NRA – THEY REMEMBER US</b> 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
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**NRA Marksmanship Program**  
Handgun Qualification



David Bullock provided many with the opportunity to improve their shooting skills in 2009. We owe him a big “Thank You for your time and dedication.”

Marksmanship program is scheduled to restart in February or March. There are **NO** sessions scheduled in January. Watch February Bulletin for details for 2010 schedule

Questions David Bullock 672-2237 [david.bullock@comcast.net](mailto:david.bullock@comcast.net)



**Up-to-Date Contact Info**

<http://la-sc.org/contacts/index.shtml>

**NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION SCHEDULE**

LASC orientations are currently available on the third Saturday of each month (by appointment only) at least through February 2010.

Visit the “orientations” page under the “membership” menu at <http://www.la-sc.org/> . To make an appointment for orientation, call Darby Ferguson, Orientation Coordinator, at 672-2044.

**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](mailto: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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