

Los Alamos Sportsmen's Club

Bulletin

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A FEW WORDS FROM THE LASC PRESIDENT

By Marv Alme

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Notes from the President

The Work-Credit Program which is coming next year

We are implementing a work credit program for the Sportsmen's Club. Each club member will be asked to perform six hours of volunteer labor each year. The proposed implementation cycle is that volunteer work credit for the membership year beginning 1 April 2008 will be performed between now and 1 April 2008, which is just over a year from now. After this initial start-up, the volunteer work would be performed during the previous membership year. (The only real difference is that for this first cycle, you will have fourteen months rather than twelve months to perform your volunteer work.)

Club members 70 years old or over will be excused from the volunteer labor requirement, as will disabled individuals who request that they be excused from the requirement. Club members who wish to buy out of part or all of the volunteer labor requirement may do so for \$10/hour.

We estimate that we will log about 2000 volunteer labor hours during the next year. It will be important that we identify useful tasks to be performed with this volunteer labor. During this first year of the Work Credit Program, I will run the program (as my Past President activity). I will work with the board and with the Section Chairmen to identify the tasks that they would like to perform. I will also be open to input from members. A list of open tasks will be put on the website, along with a task coordinator. You will be able to examine the list and find tasks match your skills and interests, and you can negotiate a schedule with the task coordinator.

On-going club activities will count toward the volunteer labor requirements. For example, if you run a Rifle Silhouette Match, you will receive credit for that time. While we expect that participation in the Spring and Fall Clean-up days will increase, it is our expectation that much of the volunteer work be performed outside of those days. For example, with the grading of the parking lot, we will need to construct both steps and a walk-way from the upper parking lot to the lower parking lot. If a club member wished to take the responsibility for leading that activity, they can contact me. I will post the task on the website with the task leaders contact information. Club members interested in assisting can then contact the task coordinator.

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We need assistance with the Web Site. You don't have to be the webmaster (I have volunteered to do that for next year), but we do need people to do some maintenance on the site and do updates on about a weekly basis. This work would count toward your volunteer credit. It would be useful to have some assisting Ted Rockenhaus, our Vice President, with the Official LASC Calendar. For example, when Ted is out-of-town, then the "Calendar Back-up Person" would update the calendar as the schedule evolved.

I will post a list of on-going club activities that we will give volunteer work credit for. Clearly serving on the board or as a section chairman would fulfill the requirement. Maintaining the traps and filling them with birds will count, as will cleaning up the club-house.

If you have special skills that you feel might be useful to the Club, please send me e-mail. Here I'm thinking about welding, wiring, plumbing, heating/air conditioning and general mechanical, because those are the tasks I see in our immediate future. But don't be limited by this list. For example, I would like someone to volunteer to paint the women's rest room. And then someone else to volunteer to paint the men's restroom.

This volunteer labor is a significant Club asset, and by logging the labor, we will be able to see how effectively we are using this asset. I would expect to publish status reports on the Work-Credit Web Page.

Board Elections and the Nominating Committee

Ken Laintz was asked to lead a nominating committee assigned the task of assembling a list of candidates willing to stand for election for next year. The eight members of the Executive Board are elected each year at the annual membership meeting. These positions are

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Recording Secretary
- Membership Secretary
- Member-at-Large
- Member-at-Large
- Member-at-Large

Ken and his committee were tasked with finding candidates for President, Membership Secretary and one of the Member-at-Large positions. While the committee was able to find members willing to stand for election for Membership Secretary and the Member-at-Large position, they weren't able to find a club member willing to be a candidate for President. So, Ken Laintz made the big sacrifice and agreed to stand for election as President. At this point the members who have agreed to be on the ballot are:

- President - Ken Laintz
- Vice-President - Ted Rockenhaus
- Treasurer - Angie Chipera
- Recording Secretary - Dick Martin

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Membership Secretary - Brian Jean

At-Large - Mell Smithour

At-Large - Pat Laux

At-Large - Will Schmitz

The real lesson here is be very careful before you agree to chair the nominating committee.

The ballot isn't closed. Anyone interested in serving in one of these positions or wishing to nominate someone for one of these positions should contact Ken Laintz at klaintz@msn.com. The club by-laws require that the board approve candidates. My sense is that the real approval process is that the person nominated needs to consent to the nomination. While nominations will be taken from the floor at the annual meeting, it would be better to handle the nominations ahead of time so that the nominees have the opportunity to consent to the nomination.

Annual Membership Meeting and Banquet

The Annual Meeting will be held February 1st at 6:30 pm. We will attempt to follow the same plan as our meeting last year. The meal will be catered by Bob's Bodacious BBQ. The meeting will be held in the **First Baptist Church, 36th & Diamond, across Diamond from the Conoco.. Use the entrance by the dumpsters. Serving will start 6:00-6:15pm.** The major speaker will be from the LANL Archeological Group, describing the archeological work performed during 2004-2005. Also, review of the dues increase and work credit program, and election of the Executive Board. This talk will be preceded by a brief business meeting which will include a discussion of the dues increase and a proposed work deposit program by outgoing President, Marv Alme. **If you plan to attend the meeting, RSVP al_tate@cybermesa.com or leave a message at 662-6034, otherwise there won't be enough food, we plan very accurately.**

OCTOBER 22LR SILHOUETTE MATCH

By TK Thompson (tktincnm@msn.com)

The October, 2006, NRA Hunter silhouette match was attended by 10 shooters firing 11 guns. There were 5 gentlemen shooting scoped rifles and 3 shooting open sighted rifles. The pistoleers were represented with a diversity of categories: one each brave soul in scoped single shot, pistol open sight, and pistol scoped. There was one sub junior in attendance at today's match. We also inaugurated a new category, that of "senior sub junior" aka "benchrest silhouette".

The scoped rifle guys were out in force as usual. "Steady Steve" Bender took first place in scoped rifle with a very good score of 34. Gordon Foreman took second with a 31 followed by Tom Feiertag with a 28. Ryan Larsen took sub junior honors with a score of 26 from the bench with his scoped rifle. Other scoped rifle shooters were Richard Larsen with a score of 19.

The open sight rifle category honors were captured by Chris Frankle with a fine score of 30 followed by Marv Alme with a 23 for second place. Mr. Cowboy Action Steve Chipera came out to shoot some "real steel" with us today to take third place in open sighted rifle with a 20.

The pistoleers shot a variety of guns today. Joe Tesmer took the scoped single shot category with a good score of 28 with his contender. Steve Chipera shot his second gun of the match in the pistol open sight category using a rolling block conversion for a score of 8. The match high (37), and first place in benchrest silhouette, was taken by new shooter Steve Stoddard firing a scoped Anschutz pistol from the bench. This class is open to anyone older than 18 who wants to fire the 40 round regulation match using any form of artificial support for the firearm. The weather was great for

DECEMBER SKEET, TRAP & 5 STAND REPORTS

By Ed Bush

December income for the Skeet Section was \$185.50, Trap Section \$293 and Sporting Clays \$122 for a total of \$600.50. We used 59.8 cases of standard biodegradable targets. At the end of December we had 1816.5 cases of standard targets remaining. Income for December was \$10.04 per case.

The summary for the year 2006 is as follows: Income for skeet \$5040.50, trap \$5396.70, 5 stand 3719.00. We used a total 1418.5 cases of standard targets. Club profit for the year was \$3730.23. We received an average of \$9.98 per case of targets.

Reminder of the month: Dump trash can if it is full. 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:

Unless otherwise announced the shooting schedules are:

Skeet: Thursday, Saturday & Sunday 9:00 AM

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

Trap: Tuesday & Sunday 10:00 AM

Contact: Steve McKelvey, 662 1604, smkelvey@lanl.gov

5-Stand Sporting Clays: Thursday 5:00 PM, Sunday 11:00 AM

Contact: Brent Newman 662 6106, bnewman@lanl.com

Bunker Trap: Tuesday & Sunday 10:00 AM

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

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.

Living with Guns

Many years ago, while attending The US Army Command and General Staff College at Ft Leavenworth, KS, I submitted a paper entitled, "Living With Guns". In it, I described my sometimes exasperating experiences as an infantry second lieutenant, platoon commander in Vietnam in 1968. I observed that, during that War, although we all had been theoretically trained to operate small arms, nobody had ever taught us how to live with them!

I submitted that individual soldiers need experiences that prepare them, not only to operate, but to actually live with, loaded guns during prolonged periods of intermittent (and sometimes continuous) fighting. One may argue that such training is dangerous, but without it I contended, our soldiers will continue to accidentally shoot themselves and each other with distressing frequency the moment they enter an area of active fighting.

In Country, I had personally observed many cases of careless gun handling, several of which resulted in NDs, and, as is the case currently in Iraq, there was no shortage of incidents where an ND caused a serious injury or death to one of our own people. However, despite the fact that such catastrophes were scandalously common, they usually elicited little more than a sarcastic chuckle (or a yawn) from battalion-level brass. They seemed to write off such episodes as "inevitable". They would remark, "These people have been trained in safe gun-handling. It shouldn't happen".

But it kept happening, and it struck me that sterile, abstract training in "safe gun-handling" did not suffice to prevent it.

In stateside training, individual soldiers were rarely provided with experiences that prepared them for when they would have loaded and ready-to-fire rifles and pistols with them constantly. It was not enough, I contended, to merely train people how to operate small arms, then hysterically snatch the guns away and lock them up in a vault the other ninety-nine percent of the time.

In training, for example, we never actually carried loaded weapons. We handled them, but they were always empty except on those rare occasions where we actually fired live ammunition on a range. But, even on the range, circumstances were stilted, artificial, and largely theoretical.

However, the moment I arrived in Vietnam, we not only carried loaded firearms, but we slept with them, ate with them, went to the head with them, flew on aircraft with them, etc. Your small arms were your constant companions, and they were always loaded and ready to fire. All that, we had to learn on the fly! None of it was ever even mentioned during our stateside "training."

We learned the hard way that it does not suffice merely to train people how to operate guns. We have to make them into professional gunmen, *not just gun operators, but gunmen!* Anyway, if you're familiar with USMC and US Army bureaucracy, you can imagine how far my ideas got. Even today, this issue has still not been addressed in any meaningful way. Soldiers today are instructed to be (on rare occasions) warriors, and naive sheep the rest of the time.

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In short, incompetent small-arms training was, and still is, "condition-based." It is predicated on the false notion that unloaded guns are safe, and loaded guns are dangerous. Within this mendacious system of thinking, "safe" guns are routinely handled carelessly (no matter what you try to say to the contrary), and "dangerous" guns (on those rare occasions when they are actually handled at all), are apprehensively treated as if they were coated with poison. The rest of the time, we carry sterile guns and pretend to be armed.

Conversely, competent small-arms training is "system-based". There is only one system for handling guns, as all guns are considered dangerous, all the time. All guns are handled the same way, regardless of their ostensible condition. In other words, a gun's suppositional "condition" has no bearing on the way it is handled. We have no safe guns! We carry loaded guns on our person at every opportunity, taking full advantage of every chance to experience "being armed" (not just pretending).

This fearless and audacious system of gun-handling, combined with good judgment, and common sense will enable you to live with loaded guns daily and never experience even your first accident. Professional gunmen are distinguished from pretenders by four main points.

- (1) We're always armed. Yes, we really live it.
- (2) We don't have accidents with guns.
- (3) We don't hesitate
- (4) We don't miss.

Unfortunately, Western Civilization, even its armies, is rapidly deteriorating from a proud foundation of logic, reason and courage to an unenlightened state of nascent fear and ignorant mysticism, truly a recipe for chaos. Details may differ slightly, but the philosophy is indistinguishable from the Dark Ages.

As HL Mencken put it, "I am strongly in favor of common sense, common honesty, and common decency. Of course, this makes me forever ineligible for public office."
... or, it would seem, promotion!

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

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John

FARNAM



Vicki

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Tactical Treatment of Gunshot Wounds

6 July 2007

Basic/Intermediate Defensive Handgun

7 & 8 July 2007

Information at <http://www.frankp.us>

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

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

2006 Major Events Calendar

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

Important Dates to Remember:

2/1/2007 - Annual Membership Meeting – 6:30 pm, Trinity on the Hill Basement

Range Closures:

The Rifle Range and the Outdoor Pistol Ranges are back to being closed Monday thru Thursday. See the Bulletin and Homepage for specific details.

Role

The President called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm at the LAHS NJROTC Classroom. In attendance were: Marv Alme, Ken Laintz, Ted Rockenhaus, Mell Smithour, Leslie Melton, Dale Melton, Angie Chipera, Jung Hong, TK Thompson, Larry Baca, and Rick Staroski.

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President's Report by Marv Alme: See Business.

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

Membership Secretary's Report by Kei Davis: Nothing new to report.

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

Treasurer's Report by Angie Chipera: For 2006 the Club ran at a net gain of \$1000.

At-Large Officers' Report

Bunker Trap by Pat Laux: Nothing new to report.

Gun Show by Rick Staroski: Nothing new to report.

Land Issues by Mell Smithour: Nothing new to report.

Business

Annual Meeting

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Members planning on attending must RSVP to Angie Chipera ASAP.

Nomination Committee:

So far, the candidates identified for the 2007-2008 Executive Board are:

President – Ken Laintz

Vice President - Ted Rockenhaus

Treasurer - Angie Chipera

Recording Secretary – Dick Martin

Membership Secretary - Brian Jean

At-Large - Pat Laux

At-Large - Mell Smithour

At-Large - Will Schmitz

Anyone interested in serving in one of these positions or wishing to nominate someone for one of these positions should contact Ken.

Junior Support

The Board approved up to \$1500 to support the Juniors who shoot at Camp Perry with Wes Shumaker in 2007.

House & Grounds:

New heaters for the bathrooms are being installed.

Orientation Schedule:

1/7 – Ken Laintz, 11:00 am

1/14 – Kei Davis, 12:00 pm

1/20 – Jung Hong, 8:00 am

2/4 – Mell Smithour, 11:00 am

2/11 – Marv Alme, 12:00 pm

2/17 – Jung Hong, 8:00 am

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
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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	Kei Davis	661-0118
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???????

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**GENERAL RANGE RULES
LOS ALAMOS SPORTSMEN'S CLUB**

1. Always treat every firearm as if it were loaded.
2. Never point a firearm at anything that you do not want to destroy. Keep the muzzle pointed down range at all times.
3. All firearms will be unloaded and made safe before anyone goes forward of the firing line. No firearms will be handled while anyone is down range.
4. Firearms may be loaded only when the shooter is on the firing line.
5. Know what your target is and what is behind your target before you shoot.
6. Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on the target.
7. Anyone on the range, whether shooter, observer, or instructor, has the authority to call for a "CEASE FIRE" if they observe an unsafe act or condition.
8. Alcohol is prohibited on all firing ranges. No person will be permitted to shoot on any range if impaired by drugs or alcohol.
9. Eye and ear protection is mandatory during firing.
10. Live ammunition must not be discarded on the range or in the trash.
11. Glass and pyrotechnic targets are prohibited.
12. Tracer, incendiary, and armor piercing ammunition is prohibited.
13. Event-specific rules may be adopted for LASC sanctioned events.

SPORTSMEN'S CLUB RANGE SCHEDULE

	INDOOR	OUTDOOR
SUNDAY		9 AM – Skeet Practice; 10 AM – Trap Practice 11 AM—5 Stand; 1st Sun –8:30 AM High Power Rifle; 2nd Sunday John C. Garand Matches, except in October, it's 3rd Sunday and in December it's the 1st Sunday. 1st Sunday in May—Jr. High Power Match
MONDAY		
TUESDAY	5:30—8:00 4H	10 AM Trap
WEDNESDAY		
THURSDAY		9 AM—Skeet; 5 PM 5 Stand Sporting Clays
FRIDAY		
SATURDAY		9-11 AM – Skeet Practice. 1st Sat—8 AM IDPA 2nd Sat– 8:15 AM Silhouette; 2nd Sat. 10 AM IPSC—All berms used for IPSC Pistol Match : 3rd Sat- 9 AM Cowboy Action

The **Indoor Range** is open to any member who has obtained a key from. It is limited to Archery, Smallbore Rifle, and Pistols “(Under 2200 fps). **Turn off heat and lights!** The **outdoor Ranges** are open from **8:00 AM till Sunset. Please observe these hours to avoid offending our neighbors.** Users must follow posted safety rules. Ranges may be closed for special events or matches. The scheduled section has first priority during their times, but can allow other activities, if practical.

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