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July 2022

Important Message! Please Read!

I have been a member of Zia R & P Club for many years and have greatly appreciated the care given to the range and the polite camaraderie of other patrons. Of late, however, I have noticed that some patrons (or illegitimate users?) have shown little or no regard for the rules and guidelines governing use of the range. Copious amounts of trash and refuse have been left on the range, particularly in the plinking and action ranges and the target stands are showing signs of extreme abuse.

This morning (7/10/22) my wife and I came to the range for handgun practice and found that both target stands in the eastern-most plinking range had been effectively destroyed by shotgun blasts. There were a large number of spent, 3-inch shotgun shells present on the ground. They appeared to range in loads from 00 to #4 shot. As can be seen in the picture, one of the stands was destroyed and the other was so blasted and splintered that targets could not be attached. The western-most plinking range was in use by shooters who had brought their own target stands and were kind enough to allow us to borrow one from them.

The standing target frame is the one we borrowed from the other plinking range. The target lying down is a severely damaged frame. The destroyed frame is self-evident. As a responsible shooter, the conditions of the range as we found them are both disgusting and disheartening. As a member, I would encourage other members and range administrators/managers to be more watchful and aware of how the range is used. I dislike the idea of range surveillance but feel that implementing some in order to find and hold accountable those that abuse range property would be beneficial.

Tom
Zia Member

A Reminder

A reward will be paid for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person vandalizing, willfully destroying or stealing Zia Rifle and Pistol Club property.

Zia Member Guidebook
Code of Conduct, #6



The **July** meeting of the Zia Rifle & Pistol Club is scheduled for **Thursday, July 21st** at 7:00 PM at **Bear Canyon Senior Center, 4656 Pitt NE**. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. If there is anything you would like to discuss, please contact Secretary, Joel Baca.

See you there!

Zia BOD Meeting Minutes, May 19, 2022

The May 19, 2022 BOD meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Bear Canyon Senior Center, with club President Pat Mileskosky presiding. A quorum of the BOD was achieved with 16 of 21 BOD members in attendance.

Item I - Approval of agenda and minutes The agenda for the May 19th meeting was approved with six additional items: Pat Mileskosky, club President request for concreting the shooter areas of the Plinking ranges, considering Gary Wells for club Treasurer, considering Tom Tomasi for Member at Large, and considering Chris Garrett for club Secretary. Ted Simmons, Cowboy Action Chair to give an update on Founder's Ranch, and Lyn Carter, Chair of Shotgun considering Vic Echeverria for Member at Large. The minutes for the March 17, 2022 and April 21, 2022 BOD meetings were approved without changes following discussion of making Ron Bernstein an Honorary Member, which is in accordance with the Zia By-Laws.

Item II - Treasurer's report Treasurer Jack Cleary presented the Treasurer's report and discussed the particulars of the healthy financial status of the club.

Item III - Old Business Emergency Signs: Sharon Foreman, Chair of Smallbore Silhouette gave an update, explaining that 19 of the 20 signs have been installed around the range. She also passed along a compliment from an emergency responder who mentioned the inclusion of GPS coordinates should benefit the dispatchers and thus improve response time.

Item IV - New Business New Treasurer: Gary Wells, Member at Large volunteered to take over the duties of club Treasurer. He congratulated Jack Cleary on 14 outstanding years of service to the club. Gary then described his traits and qualifications for the position. A motion was made to induct Gary as Treasurer, seconded, and passed. Jack Cleary resigned as Treasurer and Gary Wells resigned as MAL.

New Member at Large: the club President nominated Tom Tomasi to fill one of the MAL vacancies. Although Mr. Tomasi was not present at the BOD meeting due to travel, Pat relayed Tom's willingness and enthusiasm to serve the club. A motion was made, seconded, and passed.

New Secretary: Chris Garrett, Member at Large volunteered to serve as the club Secretary. A motion was made, seconded, and passed. Chris then resigned his MAL position.

Concrete the Plinking Ranges: President Mileskosky requested authorization to explore having 4 feet of concrete poured behind the firing line at the two Plinking Ranges. The idea came from a member and should improve safety and cleanliness. A motion was made, seconded, and passed.

Founder's Ranch and Cowboy Action: Ted Simmons, Chair of Cowboy Action gave a status update on Founder's. The previous sale attempt fell through, and the property is currently back on the market with an asking price of \$1.99M. It is not open to the public at this time. As Founder's Ranch was important for Cowboy Action, Ted is starting the process of closing down Zia's Cowboy Action Activity due to lack of participation. Plans include selling and giving assets to a fledgling club in Santa Fe.

New Member at Large: Lyn Carter, Chair of Shotgun named Vic Echeverria for consideration to fill one of the MAL vacancies. President Mileskosky respectfully requested an opportunity to talk with Vic and asked to postpone the vote until next month. The BOD granted this request.

Item V - Adjourn After discussing all items on the agenda, and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next BOD meeting will be held on June 16, 2022 starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Bear Canyon Senior Center, 4656 Pitt NE.

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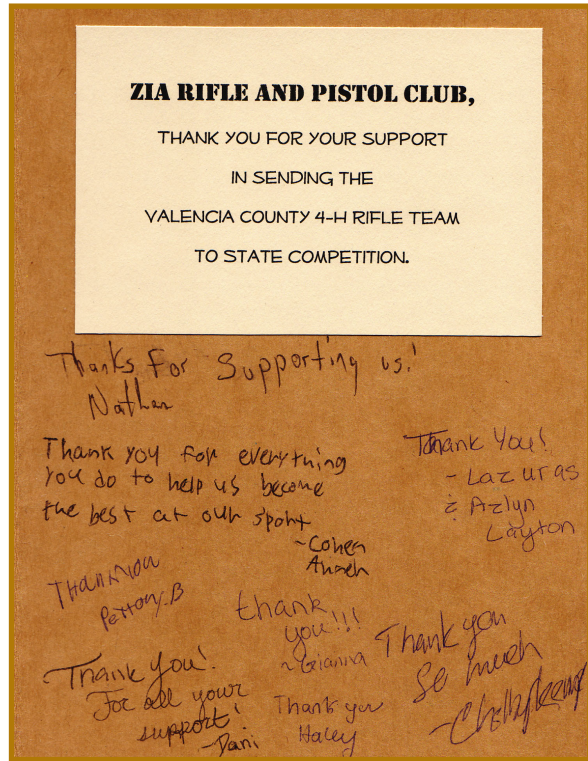
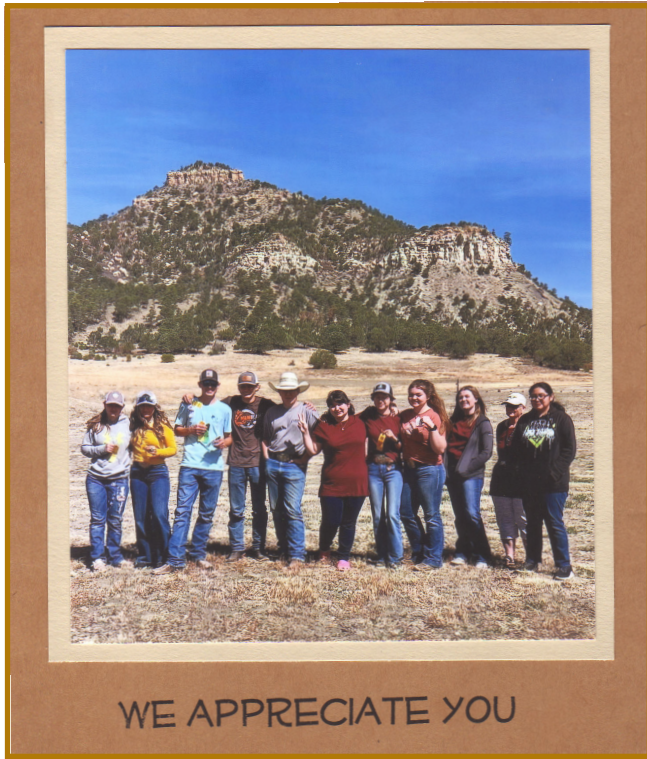
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Effective Immediately

The Plinking Range and Long Range, the two ranges adjacent to the Small Bore Silhouette Range, will be closed the first Sunday of each month from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. during the Small Bore Silhouette match. There will be no shooting allowed on those ranges at that time.

This is a security issue and there will be no exceptions.
Thank you

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**Small Bore Rifle Silhouette Match
June 5, 2022**



1/2 size target results:

DATE	COMPETITORS NAME	CHICKEN	PIG	TURKEY	RAM	TOTAL
6/5/2022	JOHN BENSON	9	8	8	7	32
	COHEN AHNER	8	8	4	8	28
	NATE J	8	8/5	4	5	25
	SHARON FOREMAN	5	8	4	6	23
	TOM FOREMAN	5	9/5	7	5	23
	FREDDY MORA	6	5	6	5	22
	MATTHEW PIERCE	4	6	5	5	20
	EMILY STRAUGHN	6	7	2	3	17
6/5/2022	DAWN WINDERS	4	5	5	3	17
	NATHAN HIGGINBOTHAM	2	7	3	4	16
	SAM SCHAUB	6	3	3	3	15
	MIKE DIETZ	1	7	4	3	15
	DAVID ORCHARD	2	3	4	1	10
	KATRINIA DIETZ	1	3	2	1	7

John Benson won overall with 32, followed by Cohen Ahner and Nate J. Nate (a first time shooter) got five in a row pigs. (Pin to be awarded at a later date). I believe that there were others that scored five in a row, but was not communicated on the final score sheet. For those of you that this situation pertains to please let me know at the next event and we will make sure that you receive your pins.

We had several first time participants and welcomed Toma Shaver and the 4H members from Valencia County.

1/5 size target results:

DATE	COMPETITORS NAME	CHICKEN	PIG	TURKEY	RAM	TOTAL
6/5/2022	COHEN AHNER	4	6	2	5	17
	DENNIS BARNHART	5	5	3	2	15
	EMILY STRAUGHN	4	6	1	1	12
	NATHAN HIGGINBOTHAM	1	0	2	1	4

1st, 2nd, & 3rd went to Cohen Ahner, Dennis Barnhart, and Emily Straughn respectively.

For the June 5th match, we had 13 shooters that required 4 relays! It was an awesome turnout! The President of Zia Rifle and Pistol Club, Pat Milesosky, stopped by and was quite impressed with the increased participation of this discipline.

Going forward, the adjacent bench rest/plinking range to the immediate West of the Small Bore Rifle Silhouette Range will be closed for the duration of our matches. This will allow us to provide participants with a higher level of safety.

The small bore rifle silhouette match is held on the first Sunday of each month. This coming month (July) the match will be on July 3rd. Since it is on the holiday weekend, we will be having an **American Pot Luck** celebration. Tom and Sharon Foreman will provide hot dogs with all of the fixins' and chips. And if history is any indication, we will have enough food to feed many.

Small Bore Silhouette shooting is one of the most challenging sports for individual marksmanship. Many great shooting competitions offer challenging shots at long range from a bench or other supported position. All our shooting is done from a standing position swaying in whatever breeze there happens to be. We shoot 10 chickens at 40 meters, 10 pigs at 60 meters, 10 turkeys at 77 meters, and 10 rams at 100 meters. A total of 40 rounds are needed for a match plus sight in rounds.

We shoot with .22 rim fire rifles with scopes or open sights. Any standard velocity or high velocity .22 short, long, or long rifle ammo is permitted but the extra hot rounds such as the STINGER or VIPER rounds and magnums are prohibited.

The following information taken from the NRA Silhouette Rifle Rule book and explains the match time sequencing:

Time is not checked on each shot but is computed on the indicated allowance for each five-shot string. The Range Officer may terminate any relay before completion of the full time allowance, if all competitors in that relay have completed firing.

Time Allowances:

Ready Time - Fifteen seconds will be allowed after the command **READY** is given before the command **FIRE**. Two and one half minutes will be allowed to fire one shot on each target of a bank of five targets. Targets are shot in sequential order from left to right.

Alibis - 30 seconds will be allowed for each unfired round of the series in which the alibi is allowed.

Shoot-offs - 30 seconds will be allowed for each shot fired in a shoot off of ties.

A minimum of 30 seconds will be allowed between the command **CEASE FIRE** and **READY**.

Setup starts at 8:00am. We will have a sight in/practice period starting after set up and will start the match promptly at 9:00am.

This event is open to any Zia member/guest and all are welcome. Juniors are encouraged to try this fun and challenging shooting sport.

For additional information contact Sharon Foreman, email: katieth2012@icloud.com



Zia Rifle & Pistol Club

Match Date

Saturday, June 18, 2022

Match Type

Club Match



Rank	ID	Name	Bench	Score 1	Score 2	Score 3	Score 4	Score 5	Score 6	Total Score	Tie Break	Average Score	Points	Points + Average	HOF
U-1	1952KLP	Kurt Palmer	0	1975	1925	2200	2125	2175	2075	12475		2079.1667	48	2127.1667	0
U-2	1048JS	Jay Sullivan	0	1850	2200	2250	2250	2025	1800	12375		2062.5000	42	2104.5000	0
U-3	0071KD	Katrina Dietz	0	1925	1900	2000	1900	2000	2250	11975		1995.8333	36	2031.8333	0
U-4	1044WM	Walton Moore	0	2025	1950	2200	1885	1660	1785	11505		1917.5000	30	1947.5000	0
U-5	4010DI	David Ill	0	2050	1700	1925	1500	1875	1950	11000		1833.3333	24	1857.3333	0
U-6	6416JP	Jim Pollard	0	1875	2050	2150	1925	1285	1575	10860		1810.0000	18	1828.0000	0
U-7	0213PRM	Pat Milesosky	0	2100	1685	1925	1775	1500	1585	10570		1761.6667	12	1773.6667	0
U-8	9430AS	Art Stuart	0	1770	1625	2035	1925	1760	1300	10415		1735.8333	6	1741.8333	0

LONES WIGGER FIRECRACKER 4800
Regional Conventional Smallbore Rifle Prone Championship
June 22-26, 2022

**By Virginia T. McLemore, Smallbore Rifle Director, New Mexico Shooting Sports Association and
Rifle Coach, New Mexico Tech**

About 2005, Lones Wigger and I decided to start a new 4-day championship at the NRA Whittington Center in Raton, NM. We had been hosting a 3200 regional for several years at the Center and thought a 4-day championship would attract new and old shooters. This was the beginning of the Firecracker Championship, first held in 2005. Joe Hein, then resident athlete at the USA Olympic Training Center, was the first Firecracker champion. In 2009, we changed the championship from a 6400 to a 4800, and that is what we still have today.

About 2006, Lones decided to add a prize table to this event along with a similar prize table at the Western Wildcats Championship, held in March in Phoenix, Az. His philosophy was that many shooters couldn't afford the top quality equipment and accessories that elite shooters have in smallbore rifle shooting. This prize table offers every competitor the opportunity to win top quality equipment. Lones began by visiting the shooting industry vendors and requested donations. We've even had some companies provide a pistol or rifle as a prize in many years. The competitors that place 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall choose from the prize table in the order of their place. Then we go down the line of 1st High Master, 1st Master, 1st Expert, 1st Sharpshooter, 1st Marksman, and finally 1st Scope. Around 2015, we added the F Class (shooting off of bags, using the metric targets) and they choose after the scope champion. Once those competitors receive their awards, we circle back to 2nd place shooter in each class selects from the prize table and so on until all competitors have received a prize. If prizes still remain, then juniors and collegiate shooters would often receive an extra prize to assist them in their future as a competitive shooter. Many junior shooters that have competed in the Firecracker over the years have gone on to shoot for a college team and some have even qualified for the National Development team and/or the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit.

This is the 18th year we have hosted the Firecracker Championship. The intent is to host the match over the 4th of July weekend, but to avoid conflicts with other events hosted by USA Shooting, NRA and CMP, we have had to occasionally adjust our dates to late June as we did this year. We renamed the competition as the "Lones Wigger Firecracker Regional Championship" in his honor after Lones passed away in 2017. Steve Goff, Sam Pagliari, and Bill Treder stepped up to continue the tradition of the "prize table" by voluntarily continuing to contact vendors for donations, often with help from other competitors. Upon Lones' passing, I agreed to once again, take on the role of Match Director to keep the competition alive. The number of competitors have ranged from 23 to 45 over the years. Former Olympic shooters continue to compete at the Firecracker! We were even able to shoot during COVID years, although participation has declined some. Past winners of the Firecracker and current sponsors are listed below.

This year, we had 23 shooters compete in the 18th Firecracker. At the end of Day 1, Steve Goff was the match winner (1195-90 x iron sights), with more x count than 2nd place Glenn Dubis (1194-79x). F Class winner was Andrew Pennant (1179-70x). Day 2 saw Steve Goff remaining in the lead (1200-107X scope), and Virginia McLemore was second (1198-88x). F Class winner was Richard Skolsky (1191-83x). Day 3, Deena Wigger McDorman won (1199-93x iron sights), with Virginia McLemore coming in second (1198-93x). F Class winner was Andrew Pennant with an impressive score of 1199-94x! Sunday (Day 4), we woke up to rain, which did not stop, forcing us to cancel the 50 meter match. Glenn Dubis (799-65x scope) won the day, with Virginia McLemore second (798-54x). F Class winner was Richard Skolsky (795-54x).

This year's Firecracker Champion is Virginia McLemore with a score of 4386-316x. McLemore shot an Anschutz .22 rifle with a hart barrel and Uptografit tuner (both won at previous Firecracker and Western Wildcats championships) and Lapula ammunition. Glen Dubis was second (4385-303x) and Devlon Shaver (4371-274x) was third. The F Class Champion is Richard Skolsky (4359-291x).



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Zia Activity Calendar July / August 2022



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SUNDAY

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