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The August meeting of the Zia Rifle & Pistol Club is scheduled for Thursday, August 15th 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, Chris Garrett. See you there!

June 20, 2024 Zia Board of Directors Gathering Notes

The June 20, 2024 BOD meeting was not called to order due to not attaining a quorum of the board with 16/21 members in attendance. Those present discussed some Club-related items as detailed below from 7:01 PM to 7:51 PM at the Bear Canyon Senior Center.

One of the Club's Junior shooters, 13yr old James Tucker came to tell us about his experiences and express his gratitude to the Club for all we have done for our Juniors. He has been to the Jr. Olympics and is heading to Nationals. James was super enthusiastic and very articulate at the meeting.

Sharon explained the May Statement of Activity and circulated Activity budgets to the Activity Chairs.

Nate reported it was a quiet month regarding Legislative Issues we are still monitoring the Special Session preparations.

Gary Wells reported that the indoor range A/C project is complete and working. Final cost of \$11041 came in midway between the initial and expanded allowance.

Ted Simmons plans to start using two berms for Family Rimfire Steel to speed up the matches.

Ted then told us about his experience at a Cowboy Shooting Match in Utah during which a woman shot herself in the foot (big toe). She was a new shooter did not follow proper procedure when drawing from her holster. Lessons learned that may help us include:

- This match/range had no planned medical response (Zia does for organized activities)
- Match management had no first aid (or trauma kits) in the berms or trauma training for the ROs unlike Zia
- 911 asked multiple times if it was a shooting or an accident EMTs arrived plus one police officer to make a report
- Pre-designating a person to be in charge in the event of a medical emergency could save precious time
- Securing all firearms on the range may not be possible depending on the activity and/or range. In this example, firearms were all made safe, but not necessarily secured (berms were not close to parking) and it was not a problem.
- We should be prepared to recommend a hospital (especially important for matches with "out of towners")

The next BOD meeting will be held on July 18, 2024, starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Bear Canyon Senior Center, 4656 Pitt NE.

Starting Tuesday, August 8th, Operating Engineers will begin repairs to heavily damaged roads at Zia. The first project will be the west fork road that leads up to the plinking range and the action pistol berms. Operating Engineers will be using heavy equipment to bring in fill dirt and compact it. We will be looking at opening up new drainage channels to force runoff water to other areas away from the road.

The second phase of the repair project will be to restore the road on the east range that leads straight south to the 600 yard range parallel with the north/south shotgun range. A buried drainage culvert under the road was made up of various concrete and galvanized steel pieces and was never joined properly. The cockeyed culvert filled up with everything imaginable and forced runoff water to flow over and destroy the road downstream. Anew, larger diameter culvert will likely be installed in addition to repairing the road.

THIS PROJECT WILL REQUIRE THE CLOSURE OF THE EAST RANGEATTIMES DURING THE WEEKAS OPERATING ENGINEERS WILL BE WORKING DOWN RANGE OF THE 600 YARD FIRING LINES. CLOSURE SIGNS WILL BE PLACED AT THE FRONT GATE AND ON THE ROAD LEADING TO THE 600 YARD RANGE. THE SHOTGUN RANGE WILL BE OPEN.

Please read all emails from Zia as this project is undertaken so that you do not end up driving to the range and finding the 600 yard range and attached long ranges closed.

If there are any problems with members trying to shoot at the 600 yard range while Operating Engineers are working or have equipment downrange, the entirety of Zia will be closed so that work can be conducted safely. We are relying on the good sense and understanding of our membership to conduct these repairs safely and efficiently - and if this proves to be insufficient, the range will be shut down (and a padlock will appear on the gate!) until downrange work is complete.



Please shoot only at approved targets on ranges. On most ranges, this will mean steel, paper, or clay targets, depending on the range. On the plinking berms, this can be other, nonstandard targets as long as those targets are safe. Regardless of target choice, all rounds should come to rest within the berm.

Throwing rocks downrange and then shooting at them is not a safe target selection, as a ricochet which recently broke a rear car window amply demonstrated. Those shooting were lucky to have not been struck themselves.

"Place your targets as deeply in the berm as possible, at the base of the berm so as to insure that **every round will come to rest within the berm**. Shooting up at targets or down at steep angles can cause the round to pass through the target and out, or to ricochet up and out of the berm. Ths is an important safety issue. **Do not allow your rounds to leave the berm you are using!!** Repeated violations may lead to dismissal from the club" - *Zia Member Guidebook*

If you see unsafe behavior at the range, please assist the person who is not shooting safely by nicely reminding them of the range rules. In the event that that does not fix the problem, please report the issue to the board immediately - a license plate number will be sufficient if the person does not provide their name. If you are shooting unsafely at Zia, expect to be required to appear and justify your actions to the board to retain your membership.

Custom Molded Ear Plugs Discount for Zia Members!



Let's all work together to stay safe and have fun at the range!

2024 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held at the Bear Canyon Senior Center, and begin at 7:00 p.m. All Zia members are welcome to attend. If there is an issue you would like to bring up to the Board, please contact Secretary, Chris Garrett a week prior to the meeting so that you may be put on the agenda.

> September 19 October 17 November 21 December 19

Ross Haney

Member Spotlight



Ross Haney has been a member at Zia since 2017. He joined Zia because it was the "closest range to me, had the best amenities and hours." And what he likes most about Zia is it's location, the different range options and activities.

Ross says he started shooting BB guns and .22s when he was a kid. "I grew up shooting prairie dogs on my families ranch. I have been around guns my whole life, but didn't start shooting competitively until about 6 years ago."

When asked which activities he participates in at Zia, he said "I run 3 gun, and occasionally participate in Action Pistol. I have shot sporting clays once as well."

"My 3 gun competition guns, JP AR15 and AR10, Beretta 1301 Comp Pro and Stoeger P3000, and Bedell Custom 2011's" are the guns he likes shooting the most. He says "if I had to choose my favorite of the 3 platforms, it would be shotguns. 3 gun style shotgun shooting I think is some of the most dynamic and fun shooting you can do!"

When asked on his thoughts on things the club should do in the future, he says "I would like to see more action bays if possible in the future." And his 3 gun training partners, Zia members Jared Milinazzo and Caleb Dutton are who Ross shoots with the most.

Ross was asked if he could get a shooting lesson from anyone, who would it be and why?

" Christian Sailer, because he is one of the best pistol shooters in the world".

And last, what is something interesting about you that's completely unrelated to shooting?

"I was a national record holder for deadlift in powerlifting."

Thanks Ross!

Jay Sullivan



Jay Sullivan has been a member at Zia for about 20 years. "I joined Zia after I began shooting rimfire benchrest", he says. He likes the facilities at Zia, in particular, the tunnel. And what he likes the most is the relaxed atmosphere and camaraderie at Zia.

Jay started shooting when he was about 10, in the early 70's, and in competition in 2003. "I began shooting .22 rimfire in 2003 and in those days, shot .22 benchrest for group size. I began shooting Schuetzen in 2006 at the ISSA Nationals at the Whittington Center."

He says he participates in the ARA Rimfire Benchrest and the 600 yard matches at Zia. "I am frequently at the benchrest range shooting my Schuetzen guns, both benchrest and offhand."

There are a few guns that he likes shooting. "I really enjoy the Schuetzen guns. I use a Ruger #3 chambered for .32 Miller short for the centerfire bench matches. For centerfire offhand, I use either a #1 Ruger or a Hoch, both of which are in .32 miller short. For the rimfire Schuetzen matches, I use a BSA Martini Mk2 off the bench and a Winchester High Wall offhand."

In the future, Jay would like to see Zia expand and encourage participation in the organized activities. And Jay mostly shoots with the ARA group, "of which I am the match director", he says.

"H.M. Pope" is who Jay would like to get a shooting lesson from. When asked why, he said "his contribution to rifle accuracy and shooting are unsurpassed."

And finally, what is something interesting about Jay that is completely unrelated to shooting?

"I did an informal apprenticeship with a watchmaker about 25 years ago and enjoy collecting American pocket watches, particularly keywind watches from the 1860's to the 1890's."

Thanks Jay!

Sporting Clays July 21, 2024

David Yee	89
John Hunt	89
Ross Haney	87
Bob Totman	84
Anders Johansson	83
Larry Riley	82
Tim Johnson	81
Megan Makarenko	79
Jim Hess	78
Lyn Chowning	78
Ron Bjornberg	78
Ralph Jordan	77
Clay Kuehn	76
Curt Montman	74
Javier Chavez	74
Rob Baldinell	74
John Stroud	72
Vic Echeverria	71
Pete Jacobson	70
Andrew Kuehn	67
David Neale	67
Phyllis Nicholson	67
Tim Cornish	67
Ken Cox	63
Peter Makarenko	61
Paul Neis	55
Bob Pariza	50
Ron Webb	44
Kellan Neis	41
Emily Ortiz	16

I found a few recording errors in the scoresheets so your score may be different than you expect. No large errors, some went up and some went down.

The next match will be August 18th.

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INTRO TO ACTION SHOOTING SPORTS

Hosted By 3-Gun Activity Chair & Accomplished 3-Gunner **Ross Haney**

COME JOIN THE FUN!

SEPT 21ST AT 9 AM IN THE ACTION PISTOL BERMS

Are you interested in trying 3-gun or action pistol but don't know where to begin? Want to learn more about action shooting sports? Want to improve your skills? Not sure if you have the right gear?

Topics Include:

- Firearms Safety as it Pertains to Action • Shooting Sports
- Range Commands for Competition
- Firearm and Gear Selection •
- **Basic Movement**
- **Swapping Between Firearms** •
- Stage Plan Development

This will be a 3-4 hour clinic in the action pistol berms. Bring your firearms and gear and we'll help you get started. Not sure if your gear is appropriate? We'll help you sort it out. Don't' yet have gear? No worries. Firearms and gear will be provided for participants that don't have any.

For questions call Ross at (505) 350-2557

To register email Heidi at hchowning@aol.com



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Small Bore Rifle Silhouette Match July 7, 2024 2nd Annual Firecracker 40



Pictures from left to right: Dave B. working on a winning score, Pizza for breakfast, heck yeah!, celebration of the 2nd annual "Firecracker 40", match sign up area, "Relay 3 to the line", Hey, that guy looks familiar, oh yeah, he is the President (Pat Mileshosky), lunch is served!

The 2nd Annual "Firecracker 40" was great fun. We had 20 shooters between the $\frac{1}{2}$ size and 1/5 size targets. The weather was very agreeable; therefore, none of us had any excuses not to shoot well. Jerry C. had his sights on the 40 for 40 pin (hitting 40 out of 40 targets) but came up shy a few points, although he did turn in a very respectable score of 34. Jordan S. scored 27 with iron sights getting a five in a row turkey pin in the process. Two new scoped shooters, Rafael and Lorelai went head to head in the unclassified class, with Rafael scoring one more point that Lorelai.

Throughout and after the match, we all enjoyed all of the great food that was provided for the pot luck. This is such a great group of people and I am grateful to be a part of this shooting community.



1/2 Size Target Results

COMPETITORS NAME	CHICKEN	PIG	TURKEY	RAM	TOTAL	CLASS
Jerry C.	7	10/10	8	9/5	34	М
Sharon F.	7	9/5	7	8	31	М
Tom F.	8	9	7	5	29	М
Bills S.	6	8/5	6	8	28	AAA
Jordan S.	5	7	8/5	7	27	Iron
Dennis B.	6	8/5	8/5	4	26	AA
Gary B.	5	9/5	4	8	26	AAA
Freddy M.	5	7	7	6	25	AAA
Jordan S.	6	8	5	4	25	AA
TedMcT.	3	7	7	8	25	AA
John B.	6	6	6	5	23	М
Javier C.	6	7	4	6	23	AAA
Bill S.	6	5	6	5	22	NC
John R.	5	6	7/5	2	20	А
Davin	6	5	4	5	20	AA
Eric	5	4	4	4	17	Iron
Lu S.	3	7	4	3	17	AA
Denise McT.	4	5	2	5	16	AA
Rafael	5	4	5	2	16	U
Lorelai S.	6	7	2	0	15	U
Rafael	2	3	3	3	11	NC

Highlighted scores indicate class winners.

Please note the 5 and 10 in a row winners as indicated in the score table.

The matrix for this class structure is: Master 34 40 AAA 28 33 AA 21 27 A 15 20 B 0 14

This class structure has no bearing on any classifications or qualifications outside of this specific match. The purpose is to allow everyone a fair chance at competition and provide a structure for advancement. The way you advance to the next level is to shoot 3 subsequent scores within the higher range(s). New shooters will shoot "unclassified" and once a score is recorded, that will be the class in which they will shoot until higher scores move them "up".



1/5 size target results:

COMPETITO RS NAME	CHICKEN	PIG	TURKEY	RAM	TOTAL
Dave B.	5	8/5	7	4	24
Jerry C.	4	4	5	3	16
Sid G.	4	4	3	4	15
Freddy M.	1	5	4	3	13
Dennis B.	3	3	3	1	10

Dave B. shot a 24 to take first place in the 1/5 size target match. And along the way he picked up a 5 in a row pig pin. Way to go Dave.

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 yards, 10 pigs at 60 yards, 10 turkeys at 77 yards, and 10 rams at 100 yards. 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 is 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.

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.

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.

For additional information contact Sharon Foreman, email: treasurer@ziarifleandpistolclub.com

Results of the Long Range/Xtended Long Range Bench Rest Rifle Silhouette Match July 14, 2024



It was a nice sunny morning with very little wind when we got started on our long range and Xtended long range benchrest silhouette matches. It appears the Xtended long range is being well received. Steve S. shot the high score with 29, followed by a three-way tie with 24 by Dennis B., Guy N., and Jerry C. So far the highest score is Steve S's 29, it only stands to reason that sooner or later someone will be in the mid 30's, maybe there's even a 40 in the forecast?

In the standard long range silhouette, Kevin B had top score of 36, Guy N. not too far behind with 34 and Jerry C. with 32. Great shooting all you guys! I want to thank all of you for setting up and taking down the animals and traversing the washed out pathways to the berms. Your help and enthusiasm is greatly appreciated.

Results of the Standard Long Range:

COMPETITORS NAM	CHICKEN	PIG	TURKEY	RAM	TOTAL
Kevin B.	10	10	8	8	36
Guy N.	10	10	5	9	34
Jerry C.	10	9	7	6	32
Karl K.	10	9	8	4	31
Tom F.	10	8	7	6	31
Frank C.	8	10	4	8	30
Steve S.	10	8	4	8	30
Ron B.	10	9	5	5	29
Dennis B.	10	8	5	5	28
Erick L.	9	10	0	3	22
David N.		10	4	2	

Results of the Extended Long Range:

COMPETITORS NAM	CHICKEN	PIG	TURKEY	RAM	TOTAL
Steve S.	7	8	7	7	29
Dennis B.	6	9	4	5	24
Jerry C.	8	7	7	2	24
Guy N.	8	5	5	6	24
Tom F.	9	10	2	2	23
Frank C.	5	9	2	5	21
David N.		9	1	1	

The bench rest rifle silhouette (formerly known as "Mouse Gun") match is held on the second Sunday of each month

For those of you that are wondering what we do...

For the Standard long range competition:

We take a scoped .22 rifle that has plenty of elevation adjustment and shoots long rifle ammo (**no stingers or hyper velocity**) and we shoot at 1/5 scale targets, whereas the chickens are set a 60 meters and are roughly 2"x2" in size. The pigs which are roughly 3"x4" are set at 100 meters, the turkeys, roughly 3"x5" tall are set at 150, and the rams 6"x4" are at 200 meters.

Relays consist of 10 chickens at 60 meters, 10 pigs at 100 meters, 10 turkeys at 150 meters, and 10 rams at 200 meters.

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For the Xtended long range competition:

We shoot chickens at 150 yds. pigs at 200 yds., turkeys at 290 yds., and rams at 325 yds. The size of these targets are 3/8 scale much bigger that the standard 1/5 scale targets, but further away.

In order to shoot either long range match:

All you need is a sand bag, maybe a bipod, or perhaps a fancy bench rest rig, it doesn't matter as any type of rest is allowed. At the onset of each 15 minute relay, there are unlimited "sighters" at the beginning sighters being shots that are fired at a 8"x11" steel plate set at the same distance at each of the targets. When you are pretty sure that your rifle is sighted in good enough for that bay of targets, the "sighters" stop and you shoot 10 shots in left to right order in what is remaining of the 15 minute time allotment for score. This all done while sitting at a bench. It is a relaxed atmosphere and a ton of fun! A total of 40 rounds are needed for a match plus "sighters".

Setup starts at 7:30 am. We will have a sight in/practice period starting after set up if possible, and will start the match promptly at 8:00am.

I encourage anyone with a .22 rifle to come out and give this a try! Most folks that have are now hooked. If you have any questions, please call or text Tom 505-350-4026

Please note, on the 2nd Sunday of each month when this match is held on the East range, the F-Class range and the Precision Tactical range is closed for the duration of this event.

Veteran Air Gun Activity

A great air gun match on Wednesday with seven shooters trying for new personal best score.

Bill	197.9
Alex	176.5
McKenna	192.1
Gary	200.8
Pat	204.3
Mike	192
Haylie	200.9

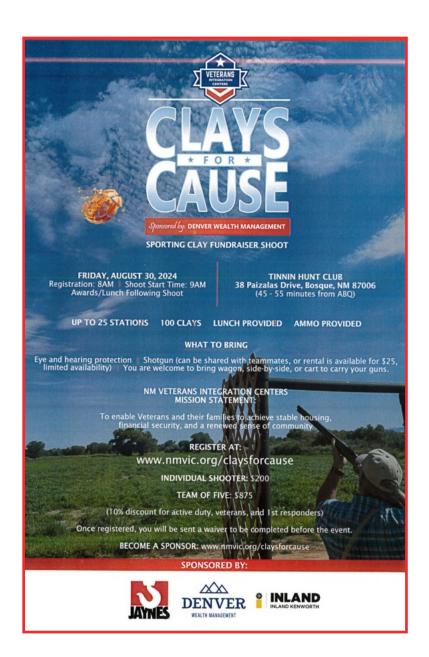
After regular air rifle, the firing line was moved to five meters for our first Red Ryder BB Gun match. Mike Garcia won the match and the prized Red Ryder comic book with a score of 120.

Next month's featured side match will be supported pistol.



Ransom rest and six grip holders (1922 style, 45 ACP, SW41, SW-K, SW-N, HiStd., CZ-75. Windage base and all mounted on ½"aluminum plate with holes to fit the bolts in the concrete bollard at Zia R&P. Asking \$475 plus shipping (USPS ground, est \$65). Like new.

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Zia Activity Calendar August/September 2024

High Power	Shotgun	200 Yard	Action Pistol Berms	Indoor	Saturday	Sunday	High Power	Shotgun	200 Yard	Action Pistol Berms	Indoor
			Family Rimfire Steel	Junior Practice	August 3	August 4	MR Prone F-Class		SB Rifle Silhouette		
			Action Handgun	Junior Practice	August 10	August 11	SB Benchrest Silhouette				
Precision Tactical Rifle		ARA Benchrest 4 Target Match		Junior Practice	August 17	August 18	Hunter Pistol Silhouette RF & CF	Sporting Clays			
3 Gun Tactical			Action Handgun	Junior Practice	August 24	August 25		Wobble Trap			NMO 0900 - 1200 Peter 250-3200
			Action Handgun Carry Match	Junior Practice	August 31	September 1	MR Prone F-Class		SB Rifle Silhouette		
		ARA Benchrest 4 Target Match	Family Rimfire Steel	Junior Practice	September 7	September 8	SB Benchrest Silhouette				
			Action Handgun	Junior Practice	September 14	September 15	Hunter Pistol Silhouette RF & CF	Sporting Clays			
Precision Tactical Rifle		ARA Benchrest 6 Target Match	Intro to Action Pistol Berms 2&3 0900*	Junior Practice	September 21	September 22		Wobble Trap			
3 Gun Tactical			Action Handgun Match	Junior Practice	September 28	September 29					

Activity	Setup/Sign In	Match	Contact		
3-Gun Tactical	0800	0900	Ross	350-2557	
600-Yard Prone (F Class)	0830	0900	Pat	266-8904	Practice 0
Action Handgun	0800	0900	Vic	239-2516	Match 1
ARA Benchrest	0700	0800	Jay	717-5633	Gary 6
Family Rimfire Steel		0900	Ted	737-8580	
Hunter Pistol Silhouette RF & CF	0800	0900	Dennis	239-4016	Ar
Junior Practice		0930-1530	Joel	550-7988]
Precision Tactical Rifle	0730	0800	Steve	239-7554	<u>Se</u>
SB Benchrest Silhouette	0730	0800	Tom	350-4026	
SB Rifle Silhouette	0800	0900	Sharon	250-8546	
Sporting Clays	0900	0930	Lyn	269-1017 Sign up via	
Wobble Trap		1000-1200	Peter	21as1gnup@ 417-1495	gmail.com

Veteran Air Gun

Indoor 1st & 3rd Wednesday						
Practice	0800-1400	August 7	August 21			
Match	1800-2000	September 4	September 18			
Gary	681-3687					

<u>*</u> <u>Any questions regarding the</u> <u>Intro to Action Pistol on</u> <u>September 21st, please call:</u> <u>Ross @ 350-2557.</u>





Please see following page for adjacent range closures.

Important! Please Read!

Scheduled Match in Progress Adjacent range(s) closed for duration of match

You will start to see this sign at some of the scheduled matches starting in November. For safety purposes and as documented in the by laws, Article VIII, Section 2(b) states:

Matches or tournaments will take precedence over other shooting activities at the Range and for safety reasons certain ranges will necessarily be closed during the hours of the match or tournaments. Every effort will be made to publish range closures in the Club Newsletter and on the web site prior to such a

Every effort will be made to publish range closures in the Club Newsletter and on the web site prior to such a match or tournament. The Range Officer in charge of the match shall have the authority to halt firing on any adjacent ranges which he deems unsafe to the competitors or other shooters.

Closures will be as follows:

Day Scheduled	Event	Range(s) closed
1st Saturday	ARA Bench rest	Small bore silhouette & 200 yd. rifle sight in range
1st Sunday	Small Bore Rifle Silhouette	ARA Bench rest & 200 yd. rifle sight in range
1st Sunday	600 yd. Prone (F class)	Precision Tactical Rifle and Hi-power Silhouette
2nd Sunday	Small Bore Bench rest Rifle Silhouette	Precision Tactical Rifle and 600 yd. prone (F class)
3rd Saturday	ARA Bench rest	Small bore silhouette & 200 yd. rifle sight in range
3rd Saturday	Precision Tactical Rifle	Hi-power Silhouette and the 600 yd. prone (F class)
3rd Sunday	Hunter Pistol Silhouette RF & CF	Precision Tactical Rifle and 600 yd. prone (F class)

Your best bet is to check the monthly calendar for schedule changes. However, no matter the day/date scheduled, when the scheduled match is being held, the indicated adjacent range(s) will be closed.

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