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The **June** meeting of the Zia Rifle & Pistol Club is scheduled for **Thursday, June 19th** 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!

March 20, 2025 Zia Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

The March 20, 2025 BOD meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. at the Bear Canyon Senior Center, with Fist Vice President Heidi Chowning presiding. Aquorum of the BOD was achieved with 15 out of 21 members in attendance.

Item I - Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The meeting Agenda was approved with one additions: Action Handgun storage request..

The February meeting Minutes were approved without changes.

Item II - Treasurer's report

Sharon Foreman gave the Treasurer's Report. Sharon reviewed the Statement of Activity (SoA) from February and discussed Activity budgets. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Item III - Old Business

Secretary Chris Garrett counted the mail-in ballots. All current members of the board on the ballot were reelected and Toma Shaver was selected as the Junior Activity Chair by the membership. The board was officially installed.

Item V - New Business

Sharon Foreman read a very nice trip report / letter of appreciation to the board from Cora Brown, one of our Junior shooters.

Heidi and Sharon led a short discussion about the Junior program annual budget. The Junior program has the largest budget of all activities, and the board needs understanding and transparency.

Action Handgun Chair, Vic Echeverria, requested \$650 to purchase shelving for the container that activity is preparing to move into. A motion was made, seconded, and passed.

Item VI - Adjourn

After discussing all the items on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m. The next BOD meeting will be held on April 17, 2025, starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Bear Canyon Senior Center, 4656 Pitt NE.

New Mexico 4-H Shooting Sports Championships

May 24 | NRA Whittington Center, Raton, NM

Youth from across New Mexico gathered at the NRA Whittington Center in Raton for the annual 4-H Shooting Sports Championships. The weather was beautiful, with minimal windperfect conditions for fierce competition.

Zia Rifle and Pistol Club had strong representation, including junior members, members' children, and affiliated shooters from Valencia, Bernalillo, and Santa Fe Counties.

Event Participation:

Valencia, Bernalillo, and Santa Fe Counties were all represented in the following disciplines:

- Air Rifle
- Smallbore Rifle
- Archery
- Muzzleloader
- Shotgun

Smallbore Rifle Results:

The rifle and pistol matches consisted of both target and silhouette events, each contributing half of a shooter's total score. Out of 81 smallbore competitors, 7 were affiliated with Zia R&Pall of whom placed in the top 18!

Valencia County won the **Smallbore Rifle Team Competition** with team members:

- Cohen Ahner (High Point Individual)
- Tesa Fernandez
- Kaylee Higginbotham
- Nathan Higginbotham

Individual Highlights Smallbore Rifle:

- Cohen Ahner (Valencia) 1st place, High Point Individual
- James Tucker (Santa Fe) 6th place, new personal record (PR)
- Kaylee Higginbotham (Valencia) 8th place
- Tesa Fernandez (Bernalillo) 11th place
- Cora Brown (Bernalillo) 13th place, new PR
- Nathan Higginbotham (Valencia) 15th place
- Aly Marquez (Valencia) 18th place

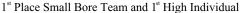
Air Rifle Results:

Valencia County also fielded the 3rd and 4th place teams in the air rifle competition.

- 3rd Place Team:
- Cohen Ahner
- Tesa Fernandez
- o Nathan Higginbotham
- o Aly Marquez

•4th Place Team:

- Kaylee Higginbotham
- Oliver Siefried
- o Tanner Robinson
- Zack Gibson





3rd and 4th Place Air Rifle Teams



Valencia County Small bore and Air Rifle team with Toma (coach and Zia Jr. Director)



Santa Fe County James Tucker



Bernalillo County had two small bore rifle competitors, Cora Brown and Jayden Gallegos. Cora shot a personal best for her 3 position scoring because of her dedication to practice at Zia's smallbore range.

Jayden did fantastic and had a good time competing.

Bernalillo County Smallbore Pistol Team



left to right: Katelynn, Faith, Jude, Kade, Teagan, Coach Alan

Cora Brown



Bernalillo County had one individual shooter for Air Rifle Luci Brown, who placed 19th.



The Albuquerque Trap Club announces the Opening of the 5-Stand to the public.

The 5-Stand Field, constructed through a grant by the New Mexico Game and Fish Department, is open to all shooters.

The 5-Stand will be available from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

Cost for a round (25 targets) is \$10 for club members and non-members alike, regardless of age.

A Reminder

(yes they are still out there!)



Watch your step!

Yes, we do have snakes at the range! And as the days get warmer, you are likely to see one. Please remember, you cannot shoot them! (Member Guidebook, item 9, Policy and Procedures.) Just keep an eye out, and remember: they don't want to be bothered any more than you do! This guy was spotted at the smallbore silhouette range across from the clubhouse. Thank you Joel Martin for the pic!

Sporting Clays April 20, 2025

91
88 Pump
86 Pump
85
83 Pump
81 Pump
79 Pump
77 Pump
76 Pump
74
74
73 Pump
72
71
67
67
64
63
63 Pump
61 Pump
60 Pump
56
50
47 Pump
20 Pump

Thanks to those who helped set up and clean up. We can't do it without you. Special thanks to Tim and those who finished the clean up so I could make it to a family function.

Easter Sunday was a great day to shoot sporting clays, and for those of you who were so inclined, drag the old pump gun out of mothballs. Several made the comment to me that shooting the pump didn't really hurt their scores, and I have to admit, I am probably in that group as well.

See you all next month, Lyn



New Mexico Shooting Sports May Fundraiser Drawing



Radical Firearms FR16-5.56SOC-15RPR, AR-15 Rifle 5.56 NATO,

16" Socom Profile Barrel, RPR Free Float Rail – 30 Round Mag and a Red Dot Sight

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You must be at least 18 years old and be able to pass a standard FFL Gun Purchase Background check.



Calling All Competitive Shooters!

Do you shoot competitively? Have you placed or won a trophy in a match recently? If so, please let us know. We want to hear all about it. Send us your accomplishments as well as the information on the match, when it was, where and what type match it was. Please include a photo, and we will put it in the newsletter.

You can send it to: newsletter@zizrifleandpistolclub.com or printprof@aol.com.



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Results of the Small-Bore Rifle Silhouette Match April 6, 2025



Top picture: Pictures from Left to Right Class winners: Luis F., Cohen A., Guy N., Tesa F., Cora B., and Kaylee H. Bottom row left - 1st time "in a row" winner Luis F., Bottom row right - Sister & Brother Kaylee & Nathan H.



April 6, 2025 ½ Size Target Results

COMPETITORS NAME	CHICKEN	PIG	TURKEY	RAM	TOTAL	CLASS
Cohen A.	8	0	<mark>10</mark>	<mark>9/5</mark>	<mark>37</mark>	M
Jerry C.	10	10	3	9/5	32	М
Tom F.	8	9/5	7	7	31	М
Kaylee H.	7	8	8	8	<mark>31</mark>	AAA
Bill S.	7	7	8	7	29	AAA
Casey A.	8/5	8	6	6	28	AAA
Gary B.	5	6	8	7	26	AAA
Tesa F.	<mark>6</mark>	<mark>9/5</mark>	<mark>5</mark>	<mark>6</mark>	<mark>26</mark>	AA
Javier C.	9/5	6	5	6	26	AAA
Sharon F.,	4	9/5	6	6	25	М
Nathan H.	4	6	7	7	24	AA
Bill S.	5	6	8	6	24	N/C
Luis F.	<mark>6</mark>	4	<mark>5</mark>	8	<mark>23</mark>	U
Dennis B.	5	6	4	7/5	22	AA
Guy N.	<mark>7/5</mark>	4	4	7	22	A
Cora B.	5	<mark>9/5</mark>	3	3	<mark>20</mark>	В
Freddy M.	2	6	3	8	19	AAA
Luci B.	7	5	2	3	17	AA
<mark>Jordan S.</mark>	3	5	0	<mark>5</mark>	13	<mark>Iron</mark>
Vic E.	6	3	3	1	13	AAA
Bryan B.	2	1	1	3	7	В
Chris M.	3	2	0	0	5	U

It was a perfect day to shoot. The lighting was incredible and again we were honored to have some of the Valencia 4H shooters and their coaches attend. And as evidenced by the results, they again humbled us with their amazing shooting skills. There were 4 full relays with 23 shooters and we all had a great time!



April 6, 2025

1/5 Size Target Results

COMPETITORS NAME	CHICKEN	PIG	TURKEY	RAM	TOTAL
Luis	10	<mark>5</mark>	6	1	<mark>22</mark>
Cohen A.	6	4	5	6	21
Jerry C.	7	4	5	3	19
Casey A.	7	4	5	3	19
Guy N.	4	3	4	3	14
Kaylee H.	5	4	3	1	13
Jeb B.	5	5	1	2	13
Dennis B.	4	4	3	1	12
Freddy M.	4	2	1	2	9
Nathan H.	2	3	0	1	6

New to our group was Luis F. who not only placed 1^{st} in the $\frac{1}{2}$ size unclassified class but also won overall in the $1/5^{th}$ size targets. Following close behind was Cohen A. with 21. Luis also received a "10 in a row" chicken pin. Way to go Luis!

Highlighted scores indicate class winners.

Please note the 5 and 10 in a row pin 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".

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.

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 commands CEASE FIRE and READY.

The small-bore rifle silhouette match is held on the first Sunday of each month.

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 April 13, 2025

The standard long range, using 1/5 size targets, had most shooters for the day. And even though the wind was blowing pretty good (15mph 17mph) yours truly, Tom F. mustered all 10 turkeys to have the high score of 39. John R. had a good showing at 36, and Jerry C. and Guy N. tied with 32. Either one of the matches, be it standard long range or Xtended long range, we are all still looking for the elusive 40X40. Particularly in the Xtended long range match where the rams are set at 330yds!

Ryan P. had to use his trusted pocketknife to eject cases from his rifle during each relay. It appeared that Bryan was suffering from ejectile disfunction. Ejectile Dysfunction (ED) is a common shooter's condition characterized by the inability to achieve or maintain a shell ejector sufficient for satisfactory shooting performance. You really need to get that

checked out Ryan!

Results of Standard Long Range:

COMPETITORS NAME	CHICKEN	PIG	TURKEY	RAM	TOTAL
Tom F.,	10	10	10	9	39
John R.	10	9	9	8	36
Jerry C.	9	10	8	5	32
Guy N.	10	10	7	5	32
Sharon F.	10	10	6	5	31
Lyn C.	10	10	4	7	31
Frank C.	8	7	9	6	30
John Z.	8	10	7	4	29
Bob H.	4	9	3	6	22
Ryan P.	7	8	3	1	20
Jared B.	6	5	0	4	15
David N.					Incomplete

April's match started out with little or no breezes until about 10:30, then the wind picked up out of the west, and that's where the trickery started at the longer ranges. Even so, in the Xtended long range Guy N. still had the high score for the day with 23 and David N. (little brother) came in close behind with 22. But the wind was getting bad by the end of the match. By then, it was time to pack up and go home. Ah, springtime in New Mexico.

Results of Xtended Long Range

COMPETITORS NAME	CHICKEN	PIG	TURKEY	RAM	TOTAL
Guy N.	9	7	2	5	23
David N.	3	9	5	5	22
John R.	7	9	4	0	20
Jared B.	2	4	6	7	19
Frank C.	3	9	4	2	18
Jerry C.	7	5	3	3	18
Bob H.	4	7	5	1	17
Tom F.	3	7	1	6	17
Ryan P.	1	1	2	2	6

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.

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.

2025 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.

June 19
July 17
August 21
September 18
October 16
November 20
December 18

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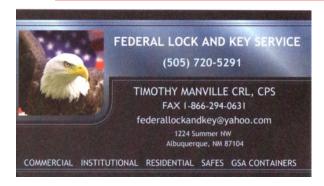
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Zia Activity Calendar May/June 2025

High Power	Shotgun	Small Bore Silhouette	Action Pistol Berms	Indoor	Saturday	Sunday	High Power	Shotgun	Small Bore Silhouette	Action Pistol Berms	Indoor
		ARA 4 Targets Unlimited & Factory	Family Rimfire Steel	Junior Practice	May 3	May 4	MR Prone F-Class		SB Rifle Silhouette		
			Action Handgun	Junior Practice	May 10	May 11	SB Benchrest Silhouette				
Precision Tactical Rifle		ARA 4 Targets Unlimited		Junior Practice	May 17	May 18	Hunter Pistol Silhouette RF & CF	Sporting Clays			
3 Gun Tactical			Action Handgun	Junior Practice	May 24	May 25		Wobble Trap			NMO 0900 - 1200 Peter 250-3200
			Action Handgun Carry	Junior Practice	May 31	June 1	MR Prone F-Class		SB Rifle Silhouette		
		ARA 4 Targets Unlimited	Family Rimfire Steel	Junior Practice	June 7	June 8	SB Benchrest Silhouette				
			Action Handgun	Junior Practice	June 14	June 15	Hunter Pistol Silhouette RF & CF	Sporting Clays			
Precision Tactical Rifle		ARA 4 Targets Unlimited & Factory		Junior Practice	June 21	June 22		Wobble Trap			
3 Gun Tactical			Action Handgun	Junior Practice	June 28	June 29					NMO 0900 - 1200 Peter 250-3200

*Note to non-members: Please coordinate with the Activity Director prior to the activity to ensure you can get onto the range.

Air Gun Activity

Activity	Setup/Sign In	Match	Contact	
3-Gun Tactical	0800	0900	Ross	350-2557
600-Yard Prone (F Class)	0830	0900	Pat	266-8904
Action Handgun	0800	0900	Vic	239-2516
ARA Benchrest	0700	0800	Jay	717-5633
Family Rimfire Steel		0900	Ted	737-8580
Hunter Pistol Silhouette RF & CF	0800	0900	Dennis	239-4016
Junior Practice		0930-1530	Toma	307-2273
Precision Tactical Rifle	0730	0800	Steve	239-7554
SB Benchrest Silhouette	0730	0800	Tom	350-4026
SB Rifle Silhouette	0800	0900	Sharon	250-8546
Sporting Clays	0900	0930	Lyn	269-1017
Wobble Trap		1000-1200	Peter	417-1495

Indoor Range 1st & 3rd Wednesday of Each Month Gary 681-3687

Practice (Veterans Only) 0800-1400

Match (Zia Members)

1800-2000

May	June
7	4
May	June
21	18



Burque Bandits



Sign up via email to: ziasignup@gmail.com





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 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	Precision Tactical Rifle and 600 yd. prone
	Silhouette	(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.

