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The May meeting of the Zia Rifle & Pistol Club is scheduled for **Thursday, May 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, Chris Garrett.

See you there!

March 19, 2026 Zia Annual Meeting Minutes

The Zia Rifle and Pistol Club monthly board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on March 19, 2026, at Bear Canyon Senior Center, with President Pat Milesosky presiding. A quorum of the BOD was achieved with 16 of 21 board members in attendance.

Item I - Approval of Agenda

The meeting Agenda was approved with one addition (Pat Milesosky: Donation for USPSA 2026 High Desert Sectional)
The February meeting Minutes were approved without changes.

Item II - Treasurer's report

Sharon Foreman presented the Treasurer's Report. She reviewed the February Statement of Activity. The accountant's office told Sharon that we are allowed 15% of total income from non-member sources and we are at 11%. The Club Secretary independently researched this, and the IRS publication governing 501C-7 non-profits states we are allowed to make 35% of income from non-member sources, so we are miles away from any danger. Activity budgets were discussed. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Item III Legislative Action Committee Report

Nothing to report.

Item III - Old Business

Chris Garrett counted the mail-in ballots. 128 certified ballots were received either by mail or at the annual meeting. All uncontested positions were reelected. For the Presidential race, Laure Haney received 50 votes (39%) and Casey Ahner received 78 votes (61%). Therefore, Casey Ahner is the new Zia President, and he takes office on 4/1/26. A motion was made to certify the results, seconded, and passed.

The BoD engaged in additional productive discussion about Zia joining lawsuits. Multiple points of view were shared. Pat Milesosky updated us on dirt work around the range. On the East range, the final berm is 85% flattened and Joe's crew will need to return to finish. Some of the dirt from that berm was used to fill in the wash out on road to the east range target area. A couple of other berms were extended and raised. Pat started working on flattening the bottom of the Action bays. The berm that protects the Range House from the East range needs to be raised/redesigned for additional protection. Requirements need to be drafted so that bids can be collected for the range house berm work.

Item V - New Business

Pat Mileschosky led a preliminary discussion on a potential piece of land near the Cerro Colorado landfill. Several minutes and good topics were shared.

Pat then let the board know that a dumpster was delivered to the range and was left on the East range. He reminded us that we have it for another two weeks and to please flatten boxes before throwing them in.

Pat also asked the board to donate to the USPSA 2026 High Desert Sectional Championship match. A motion was made to give \$1000, seconded, and passed.

Finally, the board discussed what to do about filling the vacant 2nd Vice President position with more to come in April.

Item VI - Adjourn

After discussing all the items on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m. The next BOD meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on April 16, 2026 at the Bear Canyon Senior Center at 4645 Pitt St. NE.

Long time Zia member, Bill Swantner, passed away on April 13, 2026. The tribute below is reprinted with the permission of Anthony Segura, New Mexico Shooting Sports Foundation.

**“In Memoriam of a remarkable person whose legacy will never be forgotten.”
William (Bill) Swantner**



It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of William “Bill” Swantner on April 13, 2026. Bill was a Life Member of the New Mexico Shooting Sports Association and dedicated many years of service to the Association through numerous leadership roles on the Board of Directors.

Bill was well known and respected throughout the New Mexico shooting sports community for his dedication, integrity, and unwavering commitment to the future of the Association. In recent years, he served as the leader of the CMP Program and as one of the trustees overseeing the NMSSA Life Member Funds, positions that reflected the deep trust and respect he earned from the membership over the years.

His contributions to the shooting sports community and to the protection of our Second Amendment rights in New Mexico will not be forgotten. Bill’s steady leadership, volunteer spirit, and willingness to always step forward and help the Association made a lasting impact on the NMSSA and its members.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and membership of the NMSSA, we extend our heartfelt condolences to Bill’s family and friends during this difficult time. He will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing and working alongside him.

Rest in peace, Bill Swantner. Your years of service and dedication to the Association will always be remembered.

In remembrance of William “Bill” Swantner and his many years of dedication to the shooting sports community, the New Mexico Shooting Sports Foundation has established the William Swantner Memorial Scholarship to help keep his legacy alive for future generations.

Bill believed strongly in supporting the future of the shooting sports and the importance of passing down knowledge, responsibility, and tradition to young shooters. Through this memorial scholarship, the NMSSF will continue that mission by helping support young individuals involved in the shooting sports and related educational opportunities throughout New Mexico.

The William Swantner Memorial Scholarship stands as a lasting tribute to Bill’s commitment, leadership, and service to the New Mexico Shooting Sports Association and the shooting sports community across our state.

Though Bill is no longer with us, his dedication and impact will continue to inspire future generations for years to come.

Anthony Segura, President

New Mexico Shooting Sports Foundation

Member Spotlight Jimmie Russell

How long have you been a Zia Member?
About 15 years.

What made you want to join a shooting club?
I found the local facilities too limiting and too expensive for what I wanted to do.

When did you start shooting?
I started hunting rabbits when I was in the fifth grade. I started shooting bigger stuff when I joined the Marine Corps when I was Seventeen (August 1956)

What do you like most about Zia?
The wide variety, of shooting events, reasonable membership dues, friendly and safe shooting environment, and honest people. If you lose something you will find it laying on the sign-in table, the next event. There is more but that is enough for now. Also, you learn a lot just being around good shooters.

What activities do you participate in at Zia?
Mostly action-handguns. But I am thinking about the shot gun. I originally wanted to shoot three guns, but several operations stopped that.

Which of your guns do you enjoy shooting the most



The Scattatco XC Comp with Green Dot site is the most fun.

What are your thoughts on the things the club should do in the future?

Make another action handgun pit, have moving targets if feasible, more coaching or instruction for new shooters. When I first started, I got chewed out sometimes because I did not know the rules and techniques; like always turning into the gun, left-hand and right-hand shooters methods, always know where your targets are, plan on when and where to change magazines, trust your second shot. Maybe identify trauma trained shooters.

Who do you shoot with most? My shooting partner for many years is Alex Kim, the one I went through Gun Site with. Lately I shoot with the Vice Squad on squad two.

If you could get shooting lessons from anyone, who would it be and why?

Jeff Cooper, if he was still alive, instead of that, a couple of the instructors at gun site. Reason being, he carried the Marine Corps fighting physiology forward into the training which I agree with. What is something interesting about you that's completely unrelated to shooting? Some people think it is interesting that I have nine children.



Zia Rifle and Pistol Club Air Gun Activity



The air gun activity is asking for input on future air gun activities.

As of now we have Veterans air gun on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday AM this is under an adaptability program through the VA.

We have an air gun club, Burque Bandits, who shoot every Wednesday. From 2:00 to 4:00 and 4:00 to 6:00 on Veterans days and 12:00 to 2:00 and 2:00 to 4:00 on other Wednesdays.

We have just started shooting Move United games on Tuesday afternoons at 12:00. Move United is for disabled shooters but non-disabled can participate. These matches are virtual with clubs all over the USA.

If any Zia members would like to find out more, please visit us on one of our shooting days.

We would like to attract our younger members to participate. BB gun ages 6-10 and pellet gun from ten up. If any of our members have an interest in this, please let me know. There is a program called Student Air Rifle with which we would partner. Roswell gun club just started this program and has homeschool groups partnered. I think it would be great if Zia could do the same. If there is enough interest, we will present the program to the Zia Board.

So, members please see if your children or grandchildren are interested in air gun activities and let me know. Our shooting sports need younger members!

Thanks,

Bill Richardson, 505-385-6022

Veteransairgun@ziarifleandpistolclub.com

We had a Move United virtual match on April 22nd. Our shooters took 8th, 15th and 28th places out of 44 entries from Albuquerque, NM; Mesa, AZ; St. Peters Mo; land SanAntonio, Tx.

Weekday closures on the East Rifle Range will extend until the end of May. **After further discussion with the FAA, we anticipate reopening the East Rifle Range fully on the 28th.** Between now and then it will remain open on weekends only. There is no use of the range between Sunday night and the following Saturday morning at this time. Check the calendar for activities using the range!

Signs will be posted to this effect. Please follow posted signs. The Shotgun Ranges will remain open.

If you see or hear anyone shooting on the East Rifle Range Monday-Friday, please inform them that the range is closed per this email and posted signs. If they refuse, contact a member of the board.

The board obviously wishes that the East Rifle Range did not have to be closed. However, given that reality, the board has approved money for work on berms visible from that firing line to be done in the coming weeks to take advantage of this closure. Work will also be done to open up a new large action shooting berm on the west range and improve the surface of the existing action shooting bays.

Congratulations go out to Ross Haney, Zia's 3 Gun Activity Director. He finished 1st Place in the Heavy Metal Division match at the Superstition Mountain 3-Gun match. It was held at the Rio Salado Sportsman's Club in Mesa AZ. This is the 5th year in a row Ross has taken top honors!

Ross collecting medal #5!



Ross's growing collection of 1st place medals!



Ladies Personal Protection Class April 2026



Ladies Personal Protection Class Instructors



Congratulations to Valencia High School senior Cohen Ahner, who has been named the first recipient of the William Swantner Memorial Scholarship. Cohen is also a member of the Zia Junior Rifle Club.

The scholarship recognizes outstanding young individuals who demonstrate dedication, leadership, and a commitment to the future of the shooting sports community. Cohen's selection as the inaugural recipient marks an important milestone for the program and honors the legacy of William Swantner through continued support of New Mexico's youth.

L - R - Nate Eskey, Roger Finzel, Jon Knutson, Heidi Chowning, Randy Ryan, Jeremy Kirschbaum, Terri Harwood and Regan Swinehart

**Sporting Clays
April 19, 2026**

Bob Tottman	87
Tim Johnson	86
John Hunt	85
David Yee	84
Jamie Anderson	81
Lyn Chowning	81
Rob Baldinell	78
Ross Haney	78
Lyn Carter	76
Peter Gregory	76
Ralph Jordan	75
Dave Curry	73
Al Osmund	73
Ken Cox	71
Javier Chavez	69
Andrew Kuehn	69
Clay Kuehn	68
Vic Echeverria	66
Jerry Shipman	66
Spencer Elston	66
Linus Bosley	66
Dean Pappas	65
David Neale	64
Mike Nolan	63
Johnny Perea	62
Ron Bjornberg	60
Pete Makarenko	60
Josh Lawhorn	60
Tim Cornish	59
Jordan Parker	58
Curt Montman	57
Steve Ploetz	56
David Wiederholt	53
Bob Pariza	53
Clair Revekant	52
Jordan Hinojos	47
John McClintic	42
Sam Tabet	40

We couldn't have asked for a better weather today. It was sunny, in the sixties, with a light breeze, and beautiful conditions for playing golf with a shotgun. We had 38 shooters, along with the regulars, we had a couple of new members, 6 guests, and we threw about 4,000 targets. The traps were set low and tight, but seemed to function well. We will continue to improve the course and tweak the presentations each month to keep it fun and challenging. Thanks to all those who helped set up, squad and clean up. This is a volunteer organization, and it would be great if more people chipped in to help support this club. Let me know if you are available.

Thanks!

Tim Johnson
520-310-9374

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Contact Jamie Anderson for more information:
505-373-5597



**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.

2026 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 18
July 16
August 20
September 17
October 15
November 19
December 17



- Volquartsen Classic .22LR, Low round count with the Brown Sporter Stock. It went back to the factory to have the barrel threaded. Scope is a Vortex Diamondback Tactical 4-16x44 in SIG Alpha rings. Classic | Volquartsen Firearms. New list is \$1785 and the scope is \$399. Asking \$1250.

- CZ 457 Varmint MTR with a threaded Lothar-Walther 20.5" 22lr stainless barrel (\$350). The receiver has been professionally bedded (\$125) and has a picatinny scope rail. The trigger is currently set at 8 ounces (spring change and polished with the Scar trigger pin). It also has a custom spiral bolt knob (\$35). Scope is a Sightron SIII long range 6-24x56 scope mounted in Burris Signature Zee rings. Asking \$1100.

- Dan Wesson Pointsman PM-9. Comes with case, 7 magazines, an Ed Brown arched mainspring housing (currently fitted), and a spare Wilson recoil spring cap. Gun is smooth and tight. Was carefully lubricated before first firing and has shot no more than 500 rounds with zero feed issues. Lists for \$2099, asking \$1150.

IM to Lewis at 907-444-8044 for photos and more details. I am in Corrales-can meet at any local FFL.

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**East Rifle Range Open
Weekends Only
Through Mid May**

**Zia Activity Calendar
May / June 2026**

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High Power	Shotgun	Small Bore Silhouette	Action Pistol Berms	Indoor	Saturday	Sunday	High Power	Shotgun	Small Bore Silhouette	Action Pistol Berms	Indoor
		ARA Benchrest 4 Target Match	Family Rimfire Steel	Junior Practice	May 2	May 3	600 Yard Prone F-Class		SB Rifle Silhouette		
			Action Handgun	Junior Practice	May 9	May 10	SB Benchrest Silhouette				
Precision Tactical Rifle		ARA Benchrest 4 Target Match	3 Gun Tactical Berms 2 & 3	Junior Practice	May 16	May 17	Hunter Pistol Silhouette RF & CF	Sporting Clays			
3 Gun Tactical			Action Handgun	Junior Practice	May 23	May 24		Wobble Trap			
		ARA Benchrest 4 Target Match	Action Handgun Carry Match	Junior Practice	May 30	May 31					NMO 0900 - 1200 Lois 281-2800
		ARA Benchrest 4 Target Match	Family Rimfire Steel	Junior Practice	June 6	June 7	600 Yard Prone F-Class		SB Rifle Silhouette		
			Action Handgun	Junior Practice	June 13	June 14	SB Benchrest Silhouette				
Precision Tactical Rifle		ARA Benchrest 4 Target Match	3 Gun Tactical Berms 2 & 3	Junior Practice	June 20	June 21	Hunter Pistol Silhouette RF & CF	Sporting Clays			
3 Gun Tactical			Action Handgun	Junior Practice	June 27	June 28		Wobble Trap			NMO 0900 - 1200 Lois 281-2800

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

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	Tim 520-310-9374
Wobble Trap		1000-1200	Peter 417-1495

Air Gun Activity

Indoor Range
1st & 3rd Wednesday of Each Month
Bill - 385-6022

Practice (Veterans Only) 0800-1400

Match (Zia Members) 1800-2000

May 6	June 3
May 20	June 17



Sign up via email to:
ziasignup@gmail.com

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 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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