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The June meeting of the Zia Rifle & Pistol Club is scheduled for **Thursday, June 18th** 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!

April 16, 2026 Zia Meeting Minutes

The Zia Rifle and Pistol Club monthly board meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. on April 16, 2026, at Bear Canyon Senior Center, with First Vice President Heidi Chowning presiding. A quorum of the BOD was achieved with 18 of 21 board members in attendance.

Item I - Approval of Agenda

The meeting Agenda was approved with one addition (Bill Richardson: land discussion) and one change (move the 2nd VP vote up)

The March meeting Minutes were approved without changes.

Item II - Treasurer's report

Sharon Foreman presented the Treasurer's Report. Sharon discussed the 2026 Quarter 1 Statement of Activity. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Item III Legislative Action Committee Report

Nothing to report.

Item IV Second Vice President

Motion to appoint Laure Haney to the 2nd VP position, seconded, and passed.

Item V - Old Business

Pat Milesosky gave an update on the dumpster recently rented by the Club. Activities were able to do some clean up and fill the dumpster thanks!

Heidi Chowning informed the Board that the Club was able to get more director's insurance coverage for less cost by moving the policy to Locktin.

Heidi then described some dirt work that needs to be done, including raising the berm that protects the indoor range, leveling and compacting the bottom of the established action berms, and finishing the 4th (far west) action berm. Heidi received a bid from a Club member with Dutton Diesel Repair for \$35,700. They can start within 2 weeks. A motion was made to approve up to \$36,000 to accept this bid and get started ASAP. The motion was seconded and passed.

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Finally, Heidi talked a little about the Club telephone number. Pat confirmed the account for our old number has been closed/disconnected. After discussion, a motion was made to research options for a Club phone that can easily be passed or forwarded to alternate board members. The motion was seconded and passed.

Pat also mentioned there are two culverts on the East range that need to be replaced. This needs to be added to the overall East range improvements project that is currently being scoped by the Activity Directors that use the East range.

Item VI - New Business

Toma Shaver had 4 of our junior shooters come and give a report to the BOD on the Jr Olympics. The shooters gave their reports and thanked the board for the support, coaching, and place to train.

Heidi gave an update on the FAA situation. Through discussion with the project foreman, we discovered they are only working Mon-Fri, but will not be completed until the end of May. The BOD all agreed to the decision to open the East range on the weekends to support the membership and the activities. An email will go out to the membership on Friday, 4/17.

Heidi then asked the Board for their wish lists this is something that Casey wants to know so that the Club can formulate a 5-year plan to realize these ideas for improvement.

Bill Richardson talked briefly about Zia needing to be proactive and stand up a committee to actively search out and study pieces of land for the Club to move to.

Item VII - Adjourn

After discussing all the items on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next BOD meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on May 21, 2026 at the Bear Canyon Senior Center at 4645 Pitt St. NE.

Congratulations Juniors!

We had five Juniors from Zia who competed at the Junior Olympics, some for the first time. Overall, each of the kids had personal bests and shot well in windy conditions at the top match of the year. We are extremely proud of each of them.

Small Bore Rifle

- Cohen Ahner (4th Overall Men's U18)
- Cora Brown
- Tessa Fernandez
- Navaeh Hoycott
- James Tucker (Gold Men's U15)

Air Rifle

- Cohen Ahner
- Tessa Fernandez
- James Tucker (4th Overall Men's U15)



Tessa Fernandez and Cohen Ahner



James Tucker receiving Gold Medal for Small Bore

Member Spotlight Ernie Simpson



1. *How long have you been a Zia member?*

Combined, approximately 18 years. First joined in ~1988 until 1997 when work took me out of state and country, then 2016 to present.

2. *What made you want to join a shooting club/Zia?*

Originally met a gentleman named Lou Keating who taught me the NM Gun Safety Course at the age of 12 in Tucumcari. Our paths crossed again in Albuquerque in the 1980's with Lou working for State Farm, Lou invited me to join around a half dozen folks at the base of Tome Hill for a few rounds of an El Presidente, I believe Lou was the original Action Handgun Chairperson at Zia. I was hooked, lean times, so I acquired a used Gen 2 Glock 17 and joined Zia.

3. *When did you start shooting?*

Grew up on a farm in eastern NM, times were different, the philosophy was, if you were big enough to hold it you were good to go, most likely started shooting unsupervised around 7.

4. *What do you like the most about Zia?*

Quite a few reasons, first and foremost the activity shoots, followed by the 24 hour access and the tunnel.

5. *Which activities do you participate in at Zia?*

Zia Action Handgun and Zia Family Rimfire.

6. *Which of your guns do you like shooting most?*

Sig Sauer P320, I call Frankenstein, (parts from all over), it's currently in Time Out, so a CZ Shadow 2 Compact

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

I heard a quote, "nothing comes to mind", I believe we have a great leadership group that is doing an outstanding job.

8. *Who do you shoot with most?*

All the AHG and FR folks.

9. *If you could get a shooting lesson from anyone, who would it be and why?*

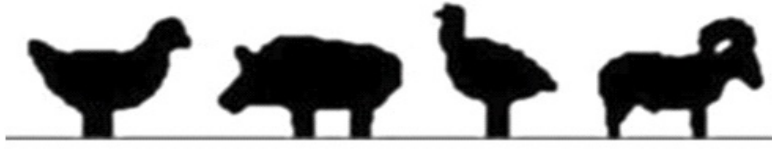
Zia has such a great group of outstanding competitors, I have learned quite a bit from the folks that we shoot with.

10. *What's something interesting about you that's completely unrelated to shooting?*

I am a stunt double and performance coach for Keanu Reeves, wait that's shooting,,, again, "nothing comes to mind"

Thank you for this opportunity.

Thank you Ernie!



Results of the Small-Bore Rifle Silhouette Match May 3, 2026



The 4th annual "Plinko de Mayo" was quite a festive event. There were 25 shooters including the newest member of our group Derrick R. who turned in a score of 11 his first time out! Well done! Mother Nature was cooperative with us and the wind didn't pick up until the final relay. To celebrate the occasion, we had a potluck and the food was delicious. If there is one thing that this group can do as well as shoot, we can EAT! Jerry C. and Bill T. turned in scores of 33 taking the top spot in each of their classes. Denise McT. and Ted McT. tied in the stationary class, and Denise took the win breaking the tie with 10 turkeys as compared to Ted's score of 9 turkeys. 2nd time shooter Kyle C. won AA with 24, Bryan B. placed 1st in A class with 21, Rachel T. was impressive in B class with 27, and Randall E. took iron sights with 20. And as indicated on the score sheets, many shooters got 5 and 10 in a row pins.

Guy N. won the 1/5 size match with a score of 20, with the rest of the field following close behind.



½ Size Target Results

COMPETITORS NAME	CHICKEN	PIG	TURKEY	RAM	TOTAL	CLASS
Ted McT.	8	10	9/5	10	37	S
Denise McT.	9/5	9/5	10	9/5	37	S
Lu S.	9/5	10	9/5	8	36	S
Jerry C.	8/5	8/5	7	10	33	M
Bill T.	9/5	10	4	10	33	AAA
Tom F.	9/5	7	9/5	7	32	M
Javier C.	9/5	8	7	8/5	32	AAA
Joe B.	8	6	7	9/5	30	M
Guy N.	6	9/5	6	7/5	28	AA
Gary B.	6	9/5	6	7/5	28	AAA
Rachel T.	7	8/5	6	6	27	B
Marshall M.	7	9/5	8	2	26	AAA
Sharon F.	6	8	3	8/5	25	M
Gary D.	8/5	6	5	6	25	AAA
Bill S.	6	6	7	5	24	AAA
Kyle C.	5	9/5	5	5	24	AA
Dennis B.	5	5	6	6	22	AA
Vic E.	9/5	4	4	5	22	AA
Bryan B.	8/5	8	4	1	21	A
Randall E.	5	5	4	6	20	I
Derrick R.	5	5	1	0	11	U
John L.	1	3	2	3	9	B
Jason E.	2	3	2	0	8	I
Chalrles E.	3		2	1		I

1/5 Size Target Results

COMPETITORS NAME	CHICKEN	PIG	TURKEY	RAM	TOTAL
Guy N.	5	4	6	5	20
Bill T.	5	3	3	6	17
Dennis B.	5	3	5	4	17
Jerry C.	6	3	4	3	16
David B.	7	3	1	5	16
Kyle C.	5	2	7	1	15
Bill S.	5	5	1	4	15
Joe B.	7	3	3	0	13



Highlighted scores indicate class winners.

Please note the 5 and 10 in a row pin winners as indicated in the results tables.

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

Congratulations to Laure Haney for winning **1st Place Lady** in the We-Man division at He-Man Nationals, a natural terrain 3-gun competition held at the NRA Whittington Center May 16th and 17th.



Congratulations to Ross Haney for winning 2nd place in the Heavy Scope division and 5th place overall at He-Man Nationals.



Congratulations to Dustin McGlasson for winning 1st place A Class Limited Optics at the Northern Arizona Classic May 14th in Prescott AZ



Congratulations to Scott Ripplinger for winning Top Senior in the We-Man Division at He-Man Nationals, a natural terrain 3-gun match held at the NRA Whittington Center in Raton on May 16th and 17th.



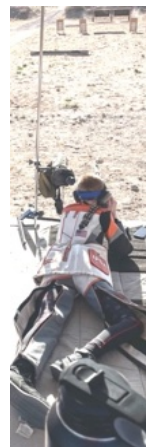
Congratulations to Jared Millinazzo for winning 1st Place We-Man division and 1st place overall at He-Man Nationals.



Zia Junior shooter, James Tucker won the 2026 USA Rifle National Championships (Under 15) this week in Anniston, Alabama. His score of 1228.4 was the two day total score in the 10 meter event. His first day score of 616.2 set the U15 National Record in the 10m event. James also just won the Small Bore, .22, National Championship at the USA Junior Shooting Olympics.



And There's More...



The Americans won the Drew Cup this year. This is a prestigious, international junior small bore, postal rifle competition organized by Great Britain. Teams from the USA, UK, Australia and New Zealand all competed. James Tucker shot on the three person men's team and the ten person, mixed team. Congratulations!

Congratulations to All!



**Sporting Clays
May 17, 2026**

Bob Tottman	86
David Yee	84
Ralph Jordan	83
John Hunt	82
Lyn Chowning	79
Javier Chavez	76
David Neale	76
Andrew Kuehn	74
Clay Kuehn	73
Lyn Carter	72
John Stroud	72
Larry Railey	72
Tim Johnson	71
Tim Cornish	70
Ken Cox	70
Patrick Snyder	69
Spencer Elston	66
Ron Bjornberg	65
Jim Hess	65
Vic Echeverria	63
Dean Pappas	62
Pete Makarenko	61
Jeff Kinderly	61
Linus Bosley	57
David Wiederholt	54
Mike Nolan	54
Michael Daniels	50
Daren Lewis	43
Mark Vitale	33
Bradley Gregerson	27
Emily Ortiz	DNS

The wind really whipped up the targets today, and the scores showed it. We had 31 shooters including a few new guests.

Thanks to all those who helped set up, squad and clean up. It's always a big help!

Remember to bring your pump shotgun to the next match on Father's Day, June 21st.

Thanks
Tim Johnson
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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.

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



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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.

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Zia Activity Calendar June/July 2026

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	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
			Family Rimfire Steel	Junior Practice	 July 4	July 5	600 Yard Prone F-Class		SB Rifle Silhouette		
			Action Handgun	Junior Practice	July 11	July 12	SB Benchrest Silhouette				
Precision Tactical Rifle		ARA Benchrest 6 Target Match	3 Gun Tactical Berms 2 & 3	Junior Practice	July 18	July 19	Hunter Pistol Silhouette RF & CF	Sporting Clays			
3 Gun Tactical			Action Handgun	Junior Practice	July 25	July 26		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) 0800-1300
Match (Zia Members) 1400-1800

2nd and 4th Wednesday
Match (Zia Members) 1200-1600

1st & 3rd Wednesday		2nd & 4th Wednesday	
June 3	July 1	June 10	July 8
June 17	July 15	June 24	July 22



Burque Bandits



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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