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- NEW MEXICO BIG HORN GUN CLUB SCHEDULE FOR 2005

LA CUEVA MARINE CORPS JROTC 2005 SHOOTING SCHEDULE

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Charlie Weisleder

The Annual Meeting took place on February 5th and we had a number of invited speakers and NMSSA members who spoke on a variety of subjects.

Doctor Tom Arvas, who is a New Mexico Game Commissioner and NRA Director, talked about new legislation in this session, the increase in licenses for New Mexicans and out-of-state hunters, and he answered numerous questions from the attendees.

Patrick Lyons, Commissioner of Public Lands, talked about a new shooting range for the Roswell Gun Club and other land deals that will benefit existing ranges and new range development.

Representative John Heaton talked about House Bill 641 which will improve the existing concealed carry law. It lowers the age limit, extends the term of a renewed license, streamlines the handgun caliber qualifications and provides DPS the authority to enter into reciprocal agreements with other states.

Joe Thompson, who was a State Representative for several years, is now lobbying for NMSSA and NRA. He and Tara Reilly Mica (NRA/IRA) will work with Rep. Heaton in moving the bill through two house committee's and get a favorable floor vote.

Darren White, Bernalillo County Sheriff, is always a great speaker and supporter of NMSSA's goals and legislative issues. He talked about our crime rate and the problems with gangs which is State wide, and he had to leave early because of another homicide incident.

Other speakers included Robert B. Goode, NRA Field Representative & Friends of the NRA; Ryan Irsik, NRA/ILA Grassroots coordinator who has recently replaced Joel Partridge, needs Election Volunteer Coordinators (EVC's) in the second and third districts in New Mexico; Coralie Carrier, Women On Target; Richard Barbaras, a new Executive Officer for Refuse to be a Victim Program; Wes Shumaker, who is now the NMSSA Membership Secretary; Paul Rockhold, who stays busy with the Eddie Eagle Gun/Safe Program and Paul Lisle explained what NMSSA is doing in this legislative session and provided everyone with names and phone numbers of all committee members who will vote on HB 641.

During the day we presented Representative Heaton with a Kel-Tec .380 which is for his wife to take the concealed carry course. Senator Shannon Robinson is also interested in a firearm for his wife. We also have a Seecamp .32 for Tara Reilly Mica. This is all being paid for by the donations that many of you provided.

This is my last Presidents Corner because I could not run again for that office. Matt Riggs, who has been our Vice President for two years, will be the new President. I am also pleased that Roger H. Buelow agreed to be our Vice President. Roger is extremely busy in the insurance business and is one of the top lobbyist in Santa Fe. I thank both Matt and Roger for taking these leadership positions and moving NMSSA forward in a positive direction.

> Charlie Weisleder, Past President

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SILHOUETTE SHOOTING

The following dates/ locations for the Silhouette National Matches in 2005 are as follows. Long Range Pistol May 14-21 Wilmington, NC

Small Bore Rifle June 12-14 Phoenix, AZ

High Power Rifle June 16-18 Phoenix, AZ

Hunter Pistols July 11-14 Bradford, PA

Cowboy Lever Rifles Aug. 11-13 Raton, NM

Black Powder Cart. Rifle Aug. 15-18 Raton, NM

Black Powder Rifle Scope Aug. 19-20 Raton, NM

If you have shot at any of the above disciplines in 2004, you will receive a 2005 program for the same discipline. If you want to shoot in another discipline or didn't compete in a 2004 National Silhouette match, you will have to contact Greg by Ed Pfeiffer

Conner at NRA HQ at (703) 267-1450 and request a 2005 program in the type of Silhouette Shooting that you are interested in or you can email your request at: silhouette@nrahq.org.

For those of you interested in the Arizona State Championship Silhouette Matches, the dates/locations are:

High Power Rifle April 9-10 Phoenix Contact Jim Hebenstreit (623) 878-4640

Small Bore Rifle May 14-15 Tucson Contact RonCalderone (520) 886-3103

The lady from Yuma, AZ that lives at the Whittington Center in the summer has decided not to put on a New Mexico State Hunter Pistol/Cowboy Lever Championships this year. I am open to any other state club that would like to sponsor a state shoot for 2005. Call me at (505) 445-5933 or email: nmironturkey@zianet.com.

The following New Mexico clubs are holding silhouette matches starting in April thru Sept. Cowboy Rifle/Pistol 2nd Sun San Juan Wildlife Fed Farmington Tom Maddox 325-2889

Hunter Pistol 3rd Sun Farmington – Frank Blackmer 598-1661

.22 Benchrest 3rd Sun Farmington – Jeff Tafoya 632-0312

Small Bore Rifle 4th Sun Farmington Doug Hutson 632-2576

High Power Rifle 4th Sun Farmington Burl William 598-8654

Cowboy Lever Rifle 4th Sun Farmington -Burl William 598-8654

If any club would like to advertise their monthly silhouette matches, please contact Ed Pfeiffer, Silhouette Director. Phone and email address above.

The Gila Rangers Cowboy Action Shooting Club, the local chapter of the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) international organization, has announced that it will host the 3rd Annual "Victorio's Run", SASS™ New Mexico State Championship Shoot, April 14 – 17, 2005 at the old Fowler Lumber Mill on NM 35, Mile Marker 10.5 in the Mimbres Valley near Silver City. The event is expected to draw more than 180

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dors. The State Shoot will be staged at the Gila Ranger's replica western town named Fowler City. The beautiful Gila Wilderness serves as a backdrop. Dry camping is offered on-site. Referrals to many nearby restaurants, hotels or RV campgrounds are available. Registration includes a Saturday night dinner. Entertainment will be provided.

For registration information about Victorio's Run, go to the Website at www.gilarangers.com; e-mail at gr@gilarangers.com, or contact Chico Cheech (aka: Frank Ferrara) at (505) 388-2531 or Capt. Eli McDaniel (aka Jim Jones) at (505) 388-4060.

The State Shoot will be staged at the Gila Ranger's replica western town named Fowler City.

NMSSA Muzzle Loading

Tony Trennel

At our annual meeting we discussed the need to hold a fun shoot dedicated to muzzle loading and events associated with the black powder era. Events such as marksmanship, tomahawk, axe and knife throwing (possibly even period cooking!). Charlie Weisleder announced that he will be the ramrod for setting up these fun shoots. The likely muzzle loader shoot and other activities will be held in conjunction with the New Mexico Big Horn Gun Club (NMBHGC) annual Cache Le Pleu. The rendezvous set up will be at the NMBHGC range located southeast of Edgewood, NM. The dates are not yet set but will likely be in September.

Moon of the Crow Rendezvous will be held April 1-3, 2005 in the Gila national Forest. There will be many events, rifle and pistol trail walks, smoothbore shoots, mountain man run, knife and hawk matches, ladies shoot, junior and kids events, one tie-all-tie, auction, council fire and other activities. Fees, adult competitors

\$20, junior \$10, non-competing camper \$5, max. family \$50 and traders a prize. This event is sponsored by The Gila Trappers in conjunction with The New Mexico Mountain Men. Pets on leash at all times. Primitive dress and accoutrements to play. Patched round ball and open sights. Area code 505 contacts for further information; Hands 535-4316 and Red Capote 534-0007. Directions; from I-25 about 15 miles south of Truth or Consequences take Exit 63 west onto State Highway 152. Go west about 50 miles to San Lorenzo. You will climb up into the hills. Turn north on Hwy. 35 (through Mimbres valley). About 20 miles up this road you will see signs for the rendezvous site - just off the highway on the west side.

On April 10th the NMBHGC will have a black powder shoot for new shooters from 1:00 pm until dark. This event is sponsored by the Rendezvous Committee. New shooters need only to show up as all equipment necessary to

shoot will be provided. To reach the range exit I-40 at Edgewood then proceed south to the traffic light. Turn left onto Old Highway 66 and travel to Lexco Road (across from Mountain View School). Turn south and proceed about 2.4 miles to Martinez Road. Turn west on Martinez road and travel about 2.3 miles then turn south (road heads uphill and is rough) and proceed into the Torrance County Park bearing left and continuing to the gate for the shooting range. If you have never tried muzzle loading and wish to do so go to this event. The instructors are very knowledgeable and you can be well on your way to a degree of proficiency by participating. Bring the family as it is fun and you will likely get hooked!

The next newsletter will have information on upcoming events in New Mexico and surrounding states. If there are any special requests for this column send to ttrennel@msn.com.

Become an NRA Certified Instructor in 2005!

NMSSA is pleased to announce a new Education and Training program for 2005. The Association has received a grant from the NRA Foundation to defray the expense to individuals who want to become NRA Certified Instructors in rifle, pistol, shotgun, personal protection, home firearms safety or range safety officer.

The grant will cover at least 50% of the current cost and in some cases may cover

100%. The percentage to be covered will be determined by the number of people in the class, expense such as classroom rental, and the distance the Trainer will have to travel. Persons working with junior shooters will be funded 100%. Coralie Carrier, an NRA Training Counselor, will coordinate the workshops for individuals and clubs.

To participate, please contact Coralie at 505-382-9087 or by e-mail at safe@zianet.com. "This will be a unique opportunity to expand the number of Certified Instructors across the state"," said Robert Goode, NRA Field Representative, " and good instructors will help keep all our programs alive, from the Youth Hunter Education Challenge to the Becoming an Outdoors Woman workshops.

Give Coralie a call soon because we expect the slots to be filled up quickly."

Moon of the Crow Rendezvous will be held April 1-3, 2005 in the Gila national Forest.

A CALL TO ARMS

By Paul C. Lisle

The NRA and New Mexico Shooting Sports Association assisted in writing a bill to improve the concealed carry law. This bill did four things. Reduce the age from 25 to 21. Extend the license from 2 to 4 years. Authorize the Department of Public Safety to enter into reciprocal agreements with other states. In an effort to streamline training and eliminate qualifying with many guns of the same type, the licensee would be allowed to carry the largest caliber of pistol and/or revolver that the applicant qualified with and any smaller caliber of the same type. This bill, HB 641, was introduced in the House by Rep. John A. Heaton (D-Carlsbad). The bill was assigned to two House committees, Government & Urban Affairs and Judiciary. As I write this column neither committee has held a hearing on this bill and there is only one month left in this sixtyday session. An analyst named Peery wrote a Fiscal Impact Report, base on responses received from the Department of Public Safety and the Attorney General's Office that was negative to all parts of the bill except lowering the age to 21. In one month this bill needs to pass the

two house committees, receive a favorable floor vote in the house, move to the Senate where the bill will be assigned to at least two Senate Committees, pass those committees, receive a pass on the Senate floor and go to the Governor's desk. This is assuming that none of the four committees tack on bad amendments that would require us to kill the bill. In my opinion, the chance of us getting our proposed changes to the concealed carry law to the Governor's desk this year is slim to none and I hope that I am dead wrong. It took nine years to get our concealed carry law so why am I surprised that we cannot improve the law in only one year.

Rep. Candy Spence Ezzell (R-Roswell) has introduced HB 908 which would provide for reciprocity agreements with other states for concealed carry licensees based on other states background checks being as through as New Mexico's. HB 908 limits the DPS to looking at only background checks while HB 641 authorizes DPS to look at other states concealed weapons laws that are similar to New Mexico's. I like HB 908 but I am sure it will be strongly opposed by DPS.

The good news is that no bad gun bills have been introduced. The only bill that concerned us was HB 161, a bill that would change firing a gun within 150 yards of a building being unlawful to 450 yards. This bill was introduced by Rep. Mary Helen Garcia (D-Las Cruces) and was tabled in the Consumer & Public Affairs committee on a 3 to 3 vote. We were concerned that this bill would adversely affect hunters and some shooting ranges. Since the bill was tabled it should be dead.

I wish to thank the people that traveled to Santa Fe and spent many hours promoting our Second Amendment efforts. Parking in Santa Fe is such a challenge I am amazed that we continue to go to Santa Fe. I also want to thank all of the people that called the committee members and urged them to support our bill. Remember, all is not over until the fat lady sings. Maybe by some miracle, our bill to improve concealed carry will become law.

La Cueva Marine Corps JROTC

2005 SHOOTING SCHEDULE

| Mar 10-12 | Jr. Olympics 3P (Sporter and Precision) | La Cueva MCJROTC |
|------------|---|---------------------------|
| Mar 21-27 | Spring Break | |
| Mar 23-27 | National JROTC Rifle Championships | Ft Benning GA |
| Apr 1-2 | Military Skills Competition | Caprock MCJROTC, Amarillo |
| Apr 15 | 2 Position Match | POSTAL |
| Apr 28-30 | WESTERN REGION AND | |
| | New Mexico State Rifle Championships | AHS |
| Apr 30 | STATE DRILL AND FITNESS Competition | AHS |
| June 14-17 | National Guard National Air Rifle Championships | TBA |
| June 17-22 | Junior Olympics National 3p Air Rifle Championships | TBA |
| June 23-25 | Daisy National Air Gun Competition | TBA |
| June 25-28 | NRA National Air Rifle Competition | TBA |

BIG HORN GUN CLU DULE FOR 2005 NEW MEX

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12th - 9:00-12:00 - Cowboy Action Shooting 20th - 9:00-12:00 - Bullseye Shooting PM – Qualification Shooting for Concealed Carry Course

April

1-3 - Rendezvous - Moon of the Crow 7th – Monthly Meeting – 6:30-7:00 Executive Council, 7:00 General Membership 9th - 9:00-12:00 - Cowboy Action Shooting 10th - 1:00-Dark - Black Powder new shooters 16th - 1:00- 4:00 - New Member Range Orientation 17th - 9:00- 4:00- Bullseye Shooting 23rd - All Day - Pig Shoot 30th - Sporting Clays

May

5th - Monthly Meeting - 6:30-7:00 Executive Council, Dates TBD - Cache Le Pleu 7:00 General Membership 14th - 9:00-12:00 - Cowboy Action Shooting 15th - 1:00-4:00 - Bulleye Shooting 21st – Sporting Clays 28th - 9:00-12:00 - Work Party 1:00-4:00 - New Member Range Orientation

June

2nd - Monthly Meeting - 6:30-7:00 Executive Council, 7:00 General Membership 4th - 9:00-1200 - \$ Shoot 11th - 9:00-12:00 - Cowboy Action Shooting 11-18th - Santa Fe Trails 19th - 1:00-4:00 - Bullseye Shooting 26th - Sporting Clays

July

7th - Monthly Meeting - 6:30-7:00 Executive Council, 7:00 General Membership 9th - 9:00-12:00 - Cowboy Action Shooting 17th - 1:00-4:00 - Bullseye Shooting 23rd - 1:00-4:00 - New Membership Range Orientation 24th - Sporting Clays 30th - 9:00-2:00 - \$ Shoot

August

4th - Monthly Meeting - 6:30-7:00 Executive Council, 7:00 General Membership 7th – All day Pig Shoot 13th - 9:00-12:00 - Cowboy Action Shooting 21st – 1:00-4:00 – Bullseye Shooting $27^{th\text{-}1st}-Angel\ Fire$ 28th - Sporting Clays

September

1st - Monthly Meeting - 6:30-7:00 Executive Council, 7:00 General Membership

2-4th - Rendezvous at McGaffey 10th - 9:00-12:00 - Cowboy Action Shooting 1:00-4:00 - New Member Range Orientation 11th – MM Ham Shoot 18th – 1:00-4:00 – Bullseve Shooting 24th – Sporting Clays

October

6th - Monthly Meeting - 6:30-7:00 Executive Council, 7:00 General Membership 8th - 9:00-12:00 - Cowboy Action Shooting 16th - 1:00-4:00 - Bullseye Shooting 22nd – Sporting Clays

November 3rd - Monthly Meeting - 6:30-7:00 Executive Council, 7:00 General Membership 5th - 1:00-4:00 - New Member Range Orientation 13th - 9:00-2:00 - Turkey Shoot

December

1st - Monthly Meeting - short General Membership meeting and potluck

| | | DATE MARCH | LOCATION OF GUN SHOW | SHOW HOST | PHONE |
|--------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| | | 5-6 2005 | ALBUQUERQUE FAIR GROUNDS | MARK COVELL | (505)262-1350 |
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| | | 26-27 | ARTESIA FAIRGROUNDS | ROBERT ELLIS | (505)746-3309 |
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| | | 2-3 2005 | EL PASO, TX | DWAYNE | (208)468-4017 |
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| | | 23-24 2005 | CLOVIS - ARMORY | STACY HODGES | (505)439-9738 |
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| | Ь | 7-8 2005 | ALBUQUERQUE FAIR GROUNDS | SUSAN FRANKS' | (512)360-3571 |
| | 2005 | 28-29 2005 JUNE | RUIDOSO - CONVENTION CENTER | STACY HODGES | (505)439-9738 |
| | Ň | 4-5 2005 | ALBUQUERQUE FAIR GROUNDS | MARK COVELL | (505)262-1350 |
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| | | 13-14 2005 | SANTA CLARA - NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY | GEORGE SHEPARD | (505)388-2360 |
| U | | 20-21 2005 | ALBUQUERQUE FAIR GROUNDS | MARK COVELL | (505)262-1350 |
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| | H | 3-4 2005 | RUIDOSO - CONVENTION CENTER | JACKIE POWELL | (505)257-6171 |
| | $\bigcup_{i=1}^{n}$ | 10-11 2005 | EL PASO, TX | DWAYNE | (208)468-4017 |
| | S | 10-11 2005 | FARMINGTON - CIVIC CENTER | WAYNE | (505)326-6397 |
| | | 17-18 2005 | LOS ALAMOS - PUEBLO GYNMASIUM | RICK | (505)672-3411 |
| | 24-25 2005 OCTOBER | ARTESIA FAIRGROUNDS | ROBERT | (505)746-3309 | |
| | | 1-2 2005 | ALBUQUERQUE FAIR GROUNDS | MARK COVELL | (505)262-1350 |
| | | 8-9 2005 | CLOVIS - ARMORY | STACY HODGES | (505)439-9738 |
| | 22-23 2005 NOVEMBER | LAS CRUCES - DICKERSON'S AUCTION BARN | JOE | (505)746-3309 | |
| | | 5-6 2005 | DEMING - ARMORY | STACY HODGES | (505)439-9738 |
| | | 12-13 2005 | AZTEC | JAMES | (505)334-6684 |
| | | 19-20 2005 | EL PASO, TX - SHRINE TEMPLE | JACK THOMPSON | (915)751-1919 |
| | | DECEMBER | | | |
| | _ | 10-11 2005 | ALBUQUERQUE FAIR GROUNDS | SUSAN FRANKS' | (512)360-3571 |

Concealed Carry

BY Richard Barbaras & Tara Reilly Mica

The need for practice...As we License

discussed in the class, you need to improve your shooting skills. There are several ways to do this, including participating in our local competitions. The Action Match takes place the third Saturday of every month. In addition to your pistol and around 100 rounds of ammunition, you will need a shotgun with approximately 25 rounds of ammunition. Things get started around 9:00.

Concealed Carry Permits in

Otero County...According to the Concealed Carry Unit of the NMDPS, 93 Concealed Carry permits have been issued in Otero County as of 01/25/2005. There have been 2220 issued statewide.

Advanced Concealed Carry

Class...Well, I'm not getting things together for the advanced class as quickly as I would like. At the end of February a few of us are going to get together and do a trial run of the class to work out the bugs, etc. Once that is done, I'll offer it to anyone who is interested. There will be lots of drills and lots of shooting...about 300 rounds worth. In addition, there will be a review of the legal aspects.

From the range...Jay Frost, who manages the Sydney Paul Gordon Shooting Range, has stated that he will give a discount on an annual pass to the range to folks who complete my concealed carry class. All you have you do is bring by a copy of your certificate. *Thanks, Jay...maybe this will encourage people to practice...*

Some interesting statistics...As of December 31, I have taught 73 students. Of those, 65% were men and 35% were women. The average age was 53.1 years. The youngest was 27 (a woman) and the oldest was a man at 76. 16 couples have taken the class.

From Tara Reilly Mica, NRA-ILA State Liaison (long but important... please read!)

The New Mexico Legislature is in full swing! State Rep. John Heaton (D-Carlsbad) has filed **HB 641**, an NRA-backed bill making changes to the state's carry law which we believe will encourage more New Mexico residents to apply for a Concealed Handgun

License. Heaton's bill:

* lowers the minimum age requirement for a license to 21;

* gives the Department of Public Safety the authority to enter into reciprocal agreements with certain other states;

* allows prospective licensees to carry the caliber of handgun they qualify with *and anything smaller (without requiring a separate quali-fication);* and

* extends the term of renewed licenses from two to four years.

These bills have been referred to the House Government & Urban Affairs and Judiciary Committees. <u>HB 641 is ten-</u> <u>tatively scheduled to be heard by the</u> <u>House Government & Urban Affairs</u> <u>Committee on Saturday, February 19.</u>

NRA and the New Mexico Shooting Sports Association are working hard to pass this bill. We realize that these are incremental reforms, but we believe that these are what may be achievable with the current makeup of the Legislature. <u>Here's what we</u> need you to do to help pass HB 641:

(1) Write the author of the caliber-specific requirement to the original law, Rep. Al Park, and explain the problems with this section of the law.

The Honorable Al Park New Mexico House of Representatives State Capitol Santa Fe, NM 87501

Some points you could include in your letter:

* This requirement forces instructors to spend more time with students that are experienced handgunners, since someone who owns 4-5 different caliber handguns and wants to carry any one of them must qualify with all of them. This is time that instructors could be spending with less experienced shooters, helping them become more skilled, familiar and comfortable with the handgun that is best for them.

* Two different handguns might use the same ammunition (.38s and .357s, for example) and currently, a license applicant would have to complete training with both a .38 and a .357 if he or she wanted to carry both. * Anyone who qualifies with a .44 or .45 can handle a smaller caliber handgun safely. Try drawing an analogy with some other product that has different levels of power or force. I'm more of a shotgunner, and I'm not sure that saying "if you can handle a 12gauge you can certainly handle a 20-gauge" is an appropriate analogy -- but you get the idea!

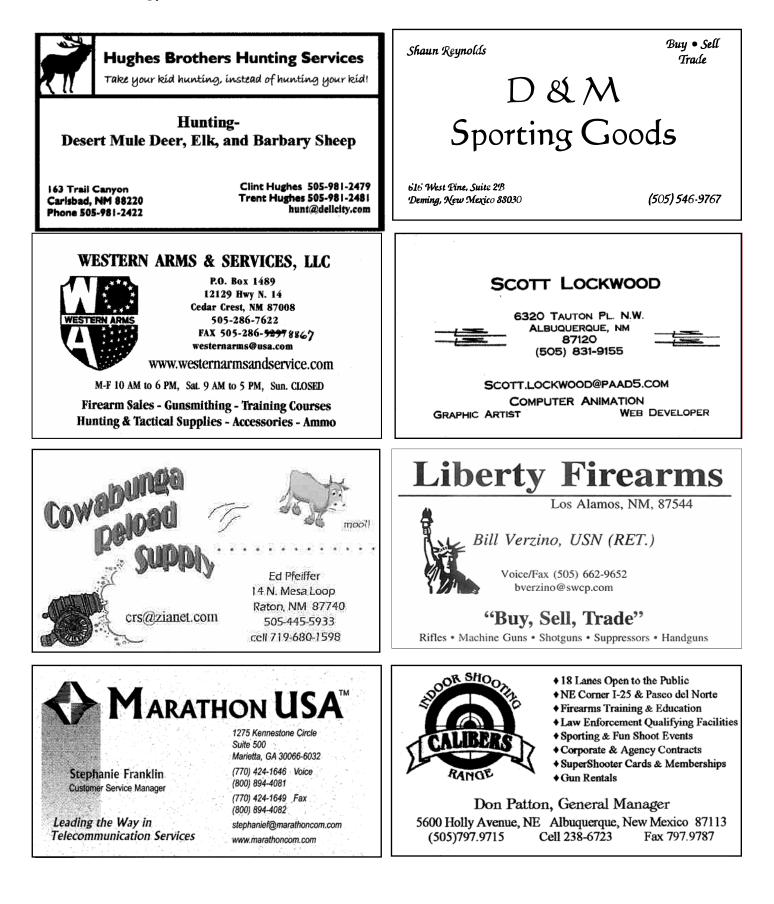
(2) Contact committee members and urge them to support HB 641:

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Thanks for your support! Tara Reilly Mica NRA-ILA New Mexico State Liaison (512) 636-9314

And a final thought...It is very important to contact your legislators, and the ones on the list that Tara included above, and make your input known. It is possible to change the law to make the Concealed Carry Act more user friendly, but it will take **YOUR** help...write or call these legislators! If your business card appears in this newsletter please let me know if you want it to run in the next issue. Just send me an e-mail: nmssaeditor@yahoo.com to let me know. Scott Lockwood



SHOOTING RANGES IN NEW MEXICO

We are putting together a list of known Gun Clubs and Shooting Ranges throughout the State. What follows is probably not a complete list, and we request that if your club is not listed, please get back to us with your club information. We would also like to know what type of shooting events your club has.

Zia Rifle & Pistol Club

P.O. Box 9131 Albuquerque, NM 87119-9131 President, Grant Reel www.ziarifleandpistolclub.com

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Picacho Gun Club Butterfield Trail Shooting Range Club President, Cindy Pollock Cpollo3@attglobal.net

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Seven Rivers Regulators

Carlsbad, NM Scott Cassingham (505) 236-1080

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San Juan Wildlife Federation P.O. Box 1411 Farmington, NM 87499 President, Mike Freestone www.sjwf.org

Del Norte Gun Club P.O. Box 15322 Rio Rancho, NM 87174

Rio Kancho, NM 8/1/4 President, Tony Ross www.delnortegunclub.com

Alamogordo Gun Club

343 Eagle Ave. Alamogordo, NM 88310 President, Butch Rials (505) 437-3663

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P.O. Box 1956 Tijeras, NM 87059 President, Ed Dresner (505) 269-6986 www.nmbhgc.org

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| 1975-1976 | Dave Bennett | 1975- Association name changed from NMR&PA | | |
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| 1981-1982 | John King | | | |
| 1983-1984 | Joe Albert | 1984 – Dues increased to \$6/year | | |
| 1985-1986 | Coralie Carrier | 1985 – Dues increased to \$10/year | | |
| | | 1986 – Preemption change to NM Constitution | | |
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| 1988-1990 | Rick Andes | | | |
| 1991-1992 | Don McCampbell | | | |
| 1993 | Coralie Carrier | | | |
| 1994-1996 | Larry Foster | 1995 – Dues increased to \$15/year | | |
| 1997-1998 | Jim McLemore | | | |
| 1999 | Troy Minton | | | |
| 2000-2001 | Dave Bennett | | | |
| 2002 | Richard Morely | | | |
| 2003-2004 | Charlie Wiesleder | 2003 - Concealed Carry legislation passed | | |
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