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Membership
Dues:

Annual renewal for
regular members,
under age 62, is
\$35.00.
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\$15.00.

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senior members,
over age 61, is
\$30.00.
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55th Anniversary Gun, Sword & Knife Show

October 3rd and 4th
Over 400 Tables
EXPO NEW MEXICO
(New Mexico State Fairgrounds)
Manuel Lujan Buildings A & B,
Central Ave. & San Pedro, Albuquerque
Buy, Sell, Trade, Browse

8 ft. Table \$75.00 (Member \$65.00)
Cost for electrical hook up is extra

For Table Reservations, Contact Our Show Host

NMGCA Show Host, P.O. Box 13687, Albuquerque, NM 87192.
Ph. 505-262-1350. Email: newmexicogca@aol.com.

Set-Up (Table Holders Only):

Fri 12:00 Noon - 8:00 pm, Sat. 8:00 - 9:00 am.

Open to the Public: Sat 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Sun. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Admission: 13 and up - \$6.00 Children under 12 - Free with Adult
Active Military - \$1.00 NMGCA Members - Free
NRA Members with Card - \$5.00 Police Officers with Badge - \$1.00
Under 18 must be accompanied by adult. I.D. required.

No Alcohol, No Smoking, and No Dogs.

You Are Never Too Young (or Too Old) for Gun Safety

By Dianne Jones

In December of 1967, I was nine and a half years old. Like most children that age, I was wondering what I would be getting for Christmas. On Christmas morning, one of the gifts I unwrapped was not on my Christmas list – an Ithaca Model 49, singleshot, .22 caliber rifle. My very first gun! My parents, having been around guns most of their lives, had decided that I was old enough to learn how to safely use a rifle.

So, in the spring of 1968, I enrolled in a hunter safety course where my father, a lifetime NRA member, was one of the California certified instructors. Over several weekly sessions, the class learned about different facets of gun safety, such as how to always check a firearm before handling it to determine whether it is loaded or unloaded, about the different types of gun sights and actions and how they operate, and we even learned about shotguns.

Being the youngest girl in the class (and an avid lover of animals of all kinds), I did not care that I needed to pass the course and be 12 years old in the State of California in order to obtain a deer hunting license.

However, as a matter of pride, I did care about passing the field trial at the end of the course. On a Saturday morning, my dad drove me out to the field trial site. I remember being very nervous about the trial and then petrified when I learned that my group of students had drawn a California Fish and Game Warden as our field evaluator!

We kids set out and the warden put us through our paces to show that we could safely carry our firearms in a group, “load” and “unload” our

weapons safely at appropriate times in the field, and safely cross a fence. Our fence was barbed wire and before crawling under it I handed my rifle across and put the first scratch on the stock. Fortunately this was not a gun safety issue! Imagine my relief when my group returned to the starting place and I found that I had successfully passed the course!

During the Hunter Safety Course, in addition to learning not to point an unloaded firearm at someone I learned to never point a firearm at someone unless I intended to use it. And so, what came next has always remained with me.

As a finale to the course, one of the instructors placed a head of cabbage on top of an empty metal gasoline can and asked us to imagine this vegetable as someone’s head. He then pointed his rifle, which had been loaded with a blank, at the cabbage, and fired from a distance of a few feet. The cabbage was completely shredded and I learned that blanks can and do kill!

Over the years, the lessons I learned from the Hunter Safety Course have stayed with me. As my two younger sisters reached appropriate ages, they too received their Ithaca Model 49 rifles. We have enjoyed going target practicing as a family, always with gun safety in mind. And when I hear of someone, especially a young person, who has died from injuries inflicted by an accidental gun shot I am saddened to think that a little gun safety knowledge might have saved their lives.

Perhaps, we are never too young or too old to learn about or refresh our memories on the safe handling of firearms.



A Call to Arms

Bingaman Opposes NRA Plan

The following is an excerpt from Paul Lisle's current Call to Arms column

... The biggest defeat for the NRA happened on July 22nd, 2009. The Senate anti-gunners defeated Senator John Thune's bipartisan amendment that would allow individuals to lawfully carry concealed firearms across state lines so long as the laws of the host state are obeyed was defeated by a vote of 58 to 39. Sixty votes were required to avoid a filibuster. One of the Senators voting against this amendment was New Mexico's senior Senator Jeff Bingaman. I urge every one to contact Senator Bingamann and tell him

how disappointed they are in his vote.

... Gun owners suffered another defeat when Sonia Sotomayer was appointed to the Supreme Court. Sotomayer voted that the Second Amendment only applies to the federal government and not to states or cities. The Supreme Court overruled her ruling. Sotomayer ruled in the United States v Sanchez-Villar (2004) that "the right to possess a gun is clearly not a fundamental right".

... Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But then I repeat myself. Mark Twain (Samuel Clemons).

Old West Show 2009

The 2009 Old West Show provided a great opportunity to experience some sights and sounds of Western America. There were many interesting items for sale and great entertainment by the Buckarettes.

As always, the long horns were a tremendous hit! A big thanks to all who helped make the show such a success.



Left: Great music by the Buckarettes.

Right: Fred and Bob.

Below Right: Abrams taking a break.



Nice Longhorn, Nice Longhorn...



2009 Show Calendar

Gun Show:

October 3rd and 4th

Mini Shows*

August 26, October 28

*Mini Shows are free and open to the public. They are held at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, which is on 12th St. between Menaul and Indian School. All NMGCA members are welcome to set up a table at no charge to sell gun related items.

2010 Membership Cards

NMGCA 2010 Membership Cards will be available at the October Gun Show.

NMGCA Web Site

The NMGCA Web site is under construction and will be up and running soon.



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