

GUN COLLECTORS NEWS

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NMGCA Membership Dues:

Annual renewal for
regular members,
under age 62, is
\$30.00.

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over age 61, is
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52nd Anniversary Gun, Sword & Knife Show

Buy, Sell, Trade & Browse
Over 500 Tables.

June 3rd and 4th

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(New Mexico State Fairgrounds)

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8 ft. Table \$65.00 (Member \$55.00)

Cost for electrical hook up is extra

For Table Reservations,

Contact 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

Under 18 must be accompanied by adult, I.D. required.

NRA Members with Card \$5.00

Police Officers with Badge Free

No Alcohol, No Smoking, and No Dogs.

A Call to Arms

Improved Range to Host NRA Event

By Paul C. Lisle

The NM Legislature passed and the Governor signed House Bill 622, which provided almost \$1.4 million for the planning, design and construction of improvements at the Albuquerque Shooting Range Park in Albuquerque.

The NRA National Police Shooting Championships will be held the last week of September and first week of October. I am requesting that you contact, by either phone or e-mail, and thank the following people in Santa Fe that made this happen.

These elected officials are truly our friends starting with Governor Bill Richardson, 476-2200, www.governor.state.nm.us/.

The following Senators and Representatives all live in Albuquerque and they allocated some of their assigned capital outlay funds to the shooting range. This is where the \$1.4 million came from along with the money the Governor provided .

Sen. John Ryan (R-10) 343-1400, johnchrisryan@yahoo.com; Sen. James Taylor (D-14) 877-4986, jamesg.taylor@nmlegis.gov; Sen. Shannon Robinson (D-17) 998-6600, shannor.robinson@nmlegis.gov; Sen. Bill Payne (R-20) 884-6872, William.payne@nmlegis.gov; Sen. Kent Cravens (R-21) 294-1368, klcravens@alphagraphics.com; Sen. Joe Carraro (R-23) 898-9369, joecarraro@aol.com.

Rep. Eric Youngberg (R-23), eric_youngberg@msn.com; Rep. Al Park (D-26) 256-0818; Rep. Larry Larranaga (R-27) 821-4948; Rep. Jimmie Hall (R-28) 294-6178, jimmie.hall@nmlegis.gov or jimmie.hall@aol.com; Rep. Tom Anderson (R-29) 897-2593, kb5ysg@arri.net; and Rep. Justine Fox-young (R-30) 897-2593, foxyoung@gmail.com.

If you would prefer to thank these people by writing them, contact me and I will provide the address.

The \$1.4 million will probably not be enough to do all that must be done to improve the range. Volunteers are needed and they can do many tasks. I am building a list of people willing to help make this event a success, so that both competitors and visitors will want to come back in 2007. To volunteer, give me a call at 299-3933 and I will put your name, e-mail and phone number on the list.

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the US House of Representatives that you need to call your Representative and urge their support.

These bills are as follows: HR-5005 Firearms Correction and Improvement which makes a number of changes to the federal firearms law including prohibiting disclosure of firearms trace data to anyone outside of law enforcement investigations. HR-4547 will change existing regula-

tions governing concealed carry within a state would apply to all licensed visitors. For the two states without concealed carry licensing provisions, Illinois and Wisconsin, this bill would establish a federally mandated standard for licensed out-of-state visitors.

HR-5013, Disaster Recovery Personnel Protection Act of 2006, would prevent disarming of citizens during a disaster like what happened during Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

HR-1243, Secure Access to Firearms Enhancement Act of 2005, would give law-abiding citizens easier access to their firearms. Guns with a trigger lock or locked away in a safe or the trunk of a car are useless in a time of crisis. This bill would change laws like Oklahoma's law that requires handguns to be locked in the trunk of a car (licensed concealed carry holders are exempt from this law).

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Four New Members

The following new members were approved at the 12 Apr 2006 NMGCA Board Meeting:

Rob Baldinell, William and Janice Kerper, Edward G. Mason, and Rick Whitlow.

Welcome to the NMGCA. We look forward to your support.

George Smith Patton, Jr. and the 1912 Olympics

Few today are aware that "Old Blood and Guts" not only participated in the Military Pentathlon of the 1912 Olympics, he came in fifth and, in all probability, should have earned the gold. The event supposedly grew out of a romantic vision of the wild adventures of a liaison officer whose horse is brought down in enemy territory. He then defends himself with his pistol and sword, swims across a raging river and finally delivers the message on foot.

Patton placed high in all but one of the events, even taking first place in fencing, ending the French Champion his only defeat. However, ultimate victory and the gold medal was not to be his. For the pistol competition, in which he was considered the top contender, he chose the .38 service revolver instead of the .22 favored by the other competitors. He scored all 9s

NMGCA Secretary and Board Vacancy

Secretary, Carl Bartlett submitted his letter of resignation (due to medical reasons) from the Board of Directors. The Board regretfully accepted the resignation.

The NMGCA needs to fill this Board vacancy as well as the Secretary's position. If you know of anyone who is interested and qualified, please call 262-1350 or email to newmexicogca@aol.com.

and 10s but the target scorers could not account for one round and declared a miss! The previous day Patton had set a new world record in practice for this event and it is highly unlikely that he would have missed the target paper entirely. Lacking the moving paper behind the target to preclude this type of problem and given the ragged hole in the center of the target, the judges had no choice but to drop him to 21st place, even with the one "miss." Patton, always a true man of the hour, declined to protest the ruling.

Based on his fencing abilities, and aggressive personality, he was later intimately involved in the design of the Army's final Cavalry Sword – the M1913 "Patton" Saber. He was also the first (and I believe only) person to hold the title of Master of the Sword when he taught use of the weapon at Fort Riley, Kansas.

Submitted by Don Couchman

Pitch from the Membership Chair:

Have you considered becoming a Life Member of NMGCA? For members under age 62 the cost is \$250.00 with a \$150.00 cost for your spouse. And the cost for members over age 61 is \$150.00 and \$75.00 for the spouse. One advantage: Life members don't have to worry about whether they've renewed their membership for the year

Summary of NMGCA Board Meeting, March 8, 2006

The NMGCA Board of Directors met 8 March 2006 at 6:30 pm at Calibers, 5600 Holly NE. The February minutes were approved as presented.

Darlene Couchman presented names of 11 new applicants for membership. The applicants were accepted with the standard 1-year probation. Ms. Couchman also distributed for the Board's consideration, an information sheet for prospective members that delineates NMGCA goals/mission and benefits of membership.

Ron Smith distributed information regarding proposed new member requirements. Mark Covell provided a report on the March 2006 Gun Show and distributed the Gun Show Report.

Discussion included Boy Scout set-up assistance, advertising, parking cost, and volunteers' support.

Ken McCorkle presented potential revisions to the NMGCA By Laws. After discussion on each recommended revision, they were accepted with the following caveat: changing the word "shall" to "will" in Section 3b (vacancies) will be discussed at a future meeting.

Treasurer, Dan Brovont, distributed a financial statement from January 1 through March 8, 2006 and the report was approved as presented.

Winners of the March Gun Show Drawing:

Dominic Hidalgo and Fred Sedill.

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