



# Newsletter

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## Note!

**Very important:** if you have sold raffle tickets & have not yet turned in the tickets & money that you collected, call Jim Greene at 384-5480 to arrange to turn in everything before the June 17 meeting. That will really help our raffle run smoothly – thanks!

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## Minutes

### General Meeting • 20 May 2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Club President Jim Greene. Twelve members were present. Also present were Ike Ensey and Bill Pohl.

#### 1. Presentation.

Ike Ensey, Republican candidate for Torrance County Sheriff and current senior criminal investigator for the New Mexico 7th Judicial Court, introduced himself, outlining his experience in law enforcement and his goals if elected as sheriff. Ensey would focus on improving the training of Torrance County deputies, so that investigations are run in a professional manner resulting in successful prosecutions.

#### 2. Minutes.

Kathleen Clute announced that she had already corrected the minutes that were distributed by adding the word “yard” between “400–500” and “range” in the first paragraph of item 5, the Range Development report.

George Immerwahr moved to accept the minutes as amended; Rick Lopez seconded. The motion carried.

#### 3. Treasurer's Report.

Ken Jackson reported that the club's current cash on hand is \$4946.03. There are 28 active members (who have paid their 2010 dues). After a question by Kathleen Clute, Ken corrected the May 20 financial report to show that a \$150 expense went to the NRA for club dues (instead of to Print Professionals, which expense had been recorded on the previous statement).

Kevin Dunlap moved to accept the treasurer's report as amended; Trini Griego seconded; the motion carried.

#### 4. Officer's Report: Range Development.

Jim Greene gave the Range Development report on behalf of Robert Chung, who is out of town. Jim first invited Bill Pohl, the property owner, to speak.

Bill reported that he has been talking to his neighbors about the project and has had good reception all around. His neighbor to the east was involved in a range in Grants and brought up some good points for us to incorporate. Bill himself would like a concessions license as part of his compensation for our use of his land and he encouraged us to give a complimentary membership to Mr. Miller, his eastern neighbor, as well (in addition to the memberships for Bill and his

son). The only neighbor Bill has not yet contacted is Mr. Chilton, from whom he does not expect opposition.

Robert's report, read by Jim Greene: Robert and other committee members had walked the space and plotted it with a GPS. It was then mapped by Alan Warren of the Forest Service, who had been in the group. The range will use 40 acres and be able to include shotgun, pistol, and rifle ranges, as well as parking and a gate for safety.

Robert's report also mentioned that the lawyer recommended to us by the Zia Rifle & Pistol Club is Charles N. Latkins, a member of the Domenici Law Firm in Albuquerque. He charges \$150/hour and is willing to work with us without a retainer. Bill Pohl has requested that we draw up the lease we want and offer it to him.

The next steps for the club are to complete a lease and get it to Bill; get the insurance; and go to the county. Robert is expected to be back in town soon.

#### **5. Officer's Report: Governmental Filings, Newsletter.**

Kathleen Clute explained her confusion from the previous month about the IRS filing resulted not from Form 1024 (the application) but from Form 8718. On that form, which specifies the fee we pay to the IRS for filing Form 1024, if our annual gross receipts average more than \$10,000 during the first four years, then we pay a fee of \$750; if our gross receipts average less than \$10K, then our fee is only \$300. That's where the confusing "\$10,000 limit" came from! Elaine pointed out that she created budgets that stay under the \$10,000 limit. Kathleen believes this limits our fund-raising (for range development) and thinks perhaps the club would be better just to pay the higher fee.

This month Kathleen is more concerned about a limit on Form 1024, which specifies that only 35% of club gross receipts may come from outside the membership fees. That is clearly impossible for us to meet as long as we are fund-raising to build the range. Kathleen plans to contact Bighorn's treasurer, Karma Whelchel, who is a CPA, for advice in this matter, and would like to hire her to look over our entire application.

The filing for the NM Department of Corporations was sent in; Kathleen is midway on completing the online filing for the NMAG office.

Kathleen created a newsletter, the first issue of which members received by email earlier this week, to fulfill another requirement in the IRS tax-exempt application. She requested that the club approve reimbursement for mailing expenses so that she can mail newsletters to the handful of members who do not have email. Ken Jackson moved that Kathleen be reimbursed for all mailing expenses she incurs for the club; George Immerwahr seconded; the motion carried.

#### **6. Unfinished Business: Fund-Raising.**

Jim Greene reminded everyone that the raffle drawing will occur at our June meeting, and therefore everyone MUST turn in all money and sold tickets by that meeting, and preferably sooner. Nearly all tickets are sold already.

Discussion about a pie auction at the raffle was brought up. Since the primary election will have occurred by then, Rick Lopez suggested we wait until September or October for the pie auction.

#### **7. General Question about Range.**

Lonnie Greene asked what kind of fencing is needed at the range to satisfy insurance requirements. Kathleen Clute will look into this. Kevin Dunlap noted that Donn Gallahue has excellent warning signs for posting along the fence.

#### **8. New Business.**

Jim Greene reported that a member had wondered if the club will create a membership category for people who do not plan to use the range. George Immerwahr commented it is too soon to consider that, since we have so much to accomplish yet to build a range. Rick Lopez thought that a non-range-use membership up to \$50 might be reasonable. Dorothy Greene thought that would look good for a business, but cautioned that we should still require NRA membership.

#### **9. Next Meeting.**

The next meeting will occur on Thursday, June 17, at 6 pm, at Ancient Cities Cafe. The raffle drawing will take place at 7 pm, at the conclusion of the business meeting.

#### **10. Report.**

Kathleen Clute reported that she had an excellent and enjoyable adventure at the New Mexico Becoming An Outdoors-Woman weekend at NRA Whittington Center the previous weekend. Kathleen strongly recommended that all women join her in attending the 2011 BOW weekend. She will make sure club members get the information at the right time.

George Immerwahr moved to adjourn; Kevin Dunlap seconded, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Clute, secretary

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## Becoming an Outdoors Woman in New Mexico

At the Friends of the NRA banquet in Moriarty in April, I won the auction for a scholarship to attend the 2010 BOW–NM program at the NRA Whittington Center. BOW–NM is only offered in mid–May, so even though I was registering late for this year’s program, I decided I’d rather attend this year than wait for a full year before I could cash in my winnings, and so I embarked on the adventure of becoming an outdoors–woman.

The BOW program was developed in the early 1990s, to give women the opportunity to learn the skills that will make us comfortable in the outdoors, and is offered in several states around the country. The curriculum includes shooting classes (more on that in a moment), archery, fishing and fly tying, map and GPS skills, and wilderness first aid and survival skills — as well as digital photography, soap making, dutch oven cooking, and wildflower and animal track identification. Really, with 34 classes to choose from, my very first challenge was deciding what to try to sign up for when I registered. The weekend includes four classes (half day each), but the registration form suggests choosing nine, so that if some are full you still end up in a class you want.

Beginning at lunch on Friday afternoon May 14, BOW welcomed more than 80 participants, who each could take four half–day classes. Right away I noticed that many women recognized each other: either they attend with friends, or they attend yearly, or both. Most other participants seemed to know each other already, and there was a lot of laughter and ribbing as they caught up on each others’ news.

The four classes I made it into were: Introduction to Firearms and Firearm Safety (yay! pre-requisite for all other shooting classes); Shotgunning for the Beginner; Basic Map & Compass; and Wilderness First Aid and Preparedness. I was lucky to get into the two firearms classes, as I’d been told they were already full. And I was even more lucky to have the introduction to firearms class on Friday afternoon, as it was taught indoors and Friday afternoon at Whittington was cold and wet.

The teachers for all the classes were knowledgeable, patient, humorous, and interesting. The firearms intro class was team–taught and included time for lovingly fondling the various guns the teachers had brought. Even though the rule was no ammunition in the classroom, and the teachers carefully demonstrated that each weapon in the room was unloaded and safe, they eagle-eyed us to make sure we followed safe *and* polite procedures in handling the guns: no pointing at people!

Shotgunning was a hoot and a half, and although I have never used a shotgun before, after a while I began hitting the clays! The shotgun I started with was 12-gauge and actually too big for me, which helped me really keep it snuggled into my shoulder since otherwise I couldn’t reach the trigger. Hey, no recoil at all!

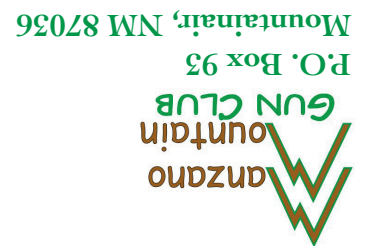
I really enjoyed the Map & Compass class, especially when we were outside orienteering around. Our triangulation wasn’t too bad for beginners; I doubt we’d have been lost for long if dinner was at stake. The Wilderness First Aid class was very eye–opening, and I’m looking at the remoteness of where we all live with a new respect because of the pointers our teacher gave.

On Saturday evening I attended the talk given by Ron Lautenbach of Las Cruces. Ron is the rock climbing teacher at BOW, and he is a professional mountaineer. His slide presentation on the Denali (Mt. McKinley) expedition he climbed with in the early 1990s is mind–bending: the expedition was planned to cover a route that had only previously been tried by 38 men, all of whom had died attempting it. The team was carefully selected from thousands of top mountaineers and then trained together for two years before the climb. I don’t want to say more, since I cannot do any justice to Ron’s talk. But for an evening that gives you an idea of what the human spirit is capable of, and what the human body can at least endure or outlast, Ron’s talk has to be among the top inspirational lectures anywhere. He gives this presentation all over the world, not just at BOW, so be watching for it.

The NRA Whittington Center, near Raton, is beyond beautiful; pictures of it on the Whittington website don’t capture its grandeur. I saw an antelope hunkered down in the field one morning on my way to breakfast (the only time I’ve ever seen one antelope alone), and there were bear tracks outside the dining hall that same morning. The accommodations were basic but comfortable enough for two or three nights. I actually drove up on Thursday afternoon so that I wouldn’t need to drive early on Friday, and I was able to stay at Whittington overnight for a mere \$26.

At BOW–NM, I made new friends, learned new skills, got hugely inspired, and had the best time. I strongly recommend this program to all women in our club — let’s all go to Whittington together next May!

Kathleen Clute



## When to be Where

### *MMGC*

**June 17, 6 pm, Monthly Meeting**

at Ancient Cities Cafe in Mountainair

**June 17, 7 pm, Raffle Drawing**

at conclusion of meeting, Ancient Cities Cafe

**July 15, 6 pm, Monthly Meeting**

**August 19, 6 pm, Monthly Meeting**

### *General Interest*

**June 5 & 6, Appleseed Shoot**

Socorro Gun Club

**June 5, 9 am–5 pm, Gun, Sword & Knife Show**

**June 6, 9 am–4 pm, Gun, Sword & Knife Show**

Lujan Building, EXPO New Mexico, Albuquerque

**August 28 & 29, Appleseed Shoot**

NRA Whittington Center, Raton

**September 11 & 12, Appleseed Shoot**

NRA Whittington Center, Raton

**November 13 & 14, Appleseed Shoot**

Butterfield Shooting Range, Las Cruces

for info about Appleseed Shoots, contact Alan Clute,  
alan@ackc.name

## Note!

If you have not yet renewed your Manzano Mountain Gun Club membership, this will be

**the last newsletter you receive.**

To avoid that terrible fate, re-up today! Send your dues (\$20 payable at this time\*), the membership application, and a copy of your NRA card to the club at the address above.

The membership application can be found on our website, <http://www.manzanomountaingunclub.org>, on the Documents page. If you need it mailed to you, call Kathleen Clute at 847-0306.

\*Dues are \$120/year, once the range is open. In the meantime, pay **\$20**. When the range opens (maybe in just a few months!) we will expect payment for the rest of the membership year (which ends March 31) in the amount of \$10/month.