



# Newsletter

## July 2010

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### Note! Very Important!

We **MUST** have your NRA number on file by the end of this month's meeting on Thursday, July 15. This is very important for our application to the NRA for a range development grant.

If you are coming to the meeting, bring a mailing label from your NRA magazine; **or** a xerox of your card; **OR** just bring your card. Kathleen will bring her camera to the meeting and photograph any NRA cards for which she has no other copy.

If you cannot come to the meeting, please xerox your NRA card and mail it to MMGC, P.O. Box 93, Mountainair, NM 87016. Alternatively, scan the card, save the scan as a pdf, and email that to Kathleen at [herself@ackc.name](mailto:herself@ackc.name).

There are 13 paid members for whom we have no NRA info on file. If you are not yet an NRA member, we can take your membership at the meeting. In addition, any Board member has the ability to take your membership. But remember: **this MUST be done on or before July 15.**

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### Monthly Meeting • 17 June 2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Club President Jim Greene. Sixteen members were present, as well as a contingent of future members from Claunch, Alamogordo and Mountainair. In addition, Mountainair Chief of Police Don Lyles was present.

#### 1. Minutes.

Lou Rupnick moved to accept the May minutes as published in the June Newsletter; Paul Chavez seconded; the minutes were approved.

#### 2. Treasurer's Report.

Ken Jackson reported that the club took in 41¢ interest, bringing the club balance to \$4946.44. There were no renewals or new members during the month. Due to an uncashed check returned from the NM PRC, the club balance is really \$4956.44, but that is not yet reflected in the official report.

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

#### 3. Officer's Report: Governmental Filings.

Kathleen Clute reported that she just learned that the filing she did for the NM PRC was not necessary. The PRC returned the \$10 sent in, which we appreciate. Kathleen has nearly completed the NMAG filing and just has to resend certain information.

Kathleen had emailed Karma Whelchel, Big Horn Gun Club treasurer and CPA, to ask about the IRS requirement that no more than 35% of club income come from sources other than club activities. Kathleen was worried that our fundraising amounts would make us ineligible for IRS tax-exempt status. As it turns out, our fundraising for the range

is a core club activity, so we are not disqualified. Kathleen will attempt to finish the IRS filing this month.

Jim Greene also had emailed Karma about our having a non-taxable certificate, so as not to pay gross receipts tax. Unfortunately, we are not eligible for that, so we will be paying GRT on any purchases (raffle tickets, fences, etc).

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

Robert Chung reported that he, Alan Clute, and Kathleen Clute, met with Albuquerque attorney Charles Lakins. Mr. Lakins will work with the club for \$150/hour, without retainer. The meeting was partly meet & greet, and partly to review the lease we would propose to Bill Pohl for the range. Mr. Lakins had several points to make about additional clauses to add to the lease, to make everything very clear, to protect both the club and Bill.

Robert summarized the basic terms that Bill Pohl would like to see in the lease. For \$1/year, Bill will allow us use of approximately 40 acres, for a term of 15 years. Bill would like the exclusive right to provide concessions (cold drinks, etc) at the range. Robert has hammered out most details with Bill. Regarding "improvements" and what would happen to them on termination of the lease, Bill would like to keep the lease language flexible. For water, we will put a meter on the water line about 1/4 mile away. For electricity, we will go to CNMEC. We would re-negotiate the lease if we ever become for-profit. Overall, things are on the move finally!

#### **5. Report: Appleseed Shoot.**

Alan Clute attended the June 5 & 6 Appleseed shoot in Socorro, where the temperatures reached 108°! The Appleseed Shoots provide an excellent introduction to the fundamentals of riflery, as well as teaching Revolutionary War history. One of the things Alan learned at the Appleseed Shoot was that the first battle of the War, the Concord and Lexington skirmishes, were fought over gun control, as the British had embarked on their raid intending to confiscate the supplies at the colonists' armory in Concord.

#### **6. Unfinished Business.**

Jim Greene reported the Moriarty FNRA banquet in April brought in \$45,145, which will most likely be the highest grossing banquet in New Mexico. In addition, the Moriarty banquet had a 60% profit (through under-writing), while the national average is a 52% profit. This places the Moriarty banquet in the top 10% of FNRA banquets in the nation, and our club is what has pushed them over.

#### **7. Announcement.**

Robert Chung reported that Donn Gallahue will be offering a concealed carry class in Albuquerque on June 26. Also with just 4 more people, Donn will offer another class in Mountainair. Donn charges \$125 for MMGC members, and he does the fingerprinting and takes in the student's application to Albuquerque. (The state fee is in addition, of course.) Contact Robert if you are interested in the concealed carry class.

Along these lines, Jim Greene pointed out that we need to find someone to teach the state Hunter Safety class here, for the Mountainair (Abo, Claunch etc) boys and girls.

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

Kathleen Clute brought up the issue of applying for an NRA range development grant this year. Although we are still in planning stages, Kathleen believes that we are far enough along to make a case for receiving funds. The deadline is early August. Kathleen requested that someone volunteer to take on this project. Denise Immerwahr volunteered. Alan Clute and Robert Chung said they would be willing to help (and indeed they know more about the proposed range than anyone else at this point). Rick Lopez volunteered his wife. Wana Beth Fox said that she would help with proof-reading.

#### **9. Raffle.**

Finally the moment everyone had been anticipating arrived. Jim Greene reminded us that there were 400 tickets sold for the raffle, and he had 400 stubs, in multiples of 100, ready to place into the bucket. The guns are at Charlie's Sporting Goods in Albuquerque, with the exception of the 1st place prize, the Kimber, which the store still has not received from Kimber USA. The winner of the Kimber will have the option of waiting for it to be built and shipped to Charlie's, or accepting an \$800 certificate to be spent on anything at Charlie's.

Jim introduced Mountainair Chief of Police Don Lyles, on hand to draw the raffle tickets. This time, the raffle tickets were be drawn in order, first to third. After each was drawn, Jim put the ticket in the envelope marked "1st", "2nd", or "3rd"; then he announced them in that order as well.

First Place Prize, the Kimber, went to David Saline of Moriarty. His ticket was purchased from Kevin Dunlap.

Second Place Prize, the S&W 642, went to the Wells Insurance Agency.

Third Place Prize, the Ruger LCP, went to Evelyn Averhoff of Edgewood. She also purchased her ticket from Kevin.

The highest sellers were Lonnie Greene, who receive \$150; and Kevin Dunlap, who received \$100.

**10. Next Meeting.**

The next meeting will be Thursday, July 15, at 6 pm, at Ancient Cities Cafe. Food will be available from the restaurant by then!

Lou Rupnick moved to adjourn; George Immerwahr seconded, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Clute, secretary



## Appleseed Rifle Training

*by Alan Clute*

The Appleseed Project is a program of excellent training in the Fundamentals (not just the Basics) of shooting a rifle quickly and accurately. Can you put out 20 rounds a minute and place them all in a 1-inch square at 25 meters? If not, you might have a little or a lot to learn at an Appleseed event.

The motto of the Appleseed Project is "Saving America, One Riflemant at a Time". In addition to the excellent rifle training, the purpose is to re-awaken a knowledge of our early history as Americans and re-ignite the sort of purpose and dedication shown by those who took up arms against the British Regulars on April 19th, 1775. To these ends, the shooting instruction is interspersed with personalized tellings of the history of April 19th, 1775, "When marksmanship met history and the heritage began..."

An Appleseed event consists of a two-day training, typically all-day Saturday and Sunday. Most of Saturday is spent teaching the fundamentals, including zeroing the rifle, the six steps of firing the shot "by the numbers", finding your Natural Point of Aim (NPOA), proper positioning, and the use of the sling. Sunday is spent in review, personal coaching, and shooting AQT's. The AQT is a version of the Army Qualification Test target, modified to be used at 25 meters and showing torso-sized targets with sizes simulated for 100, 200, 300, and 400 yards. Shooting an AQT happens in 4 timed stages, with a maximum score of 250 points. The Rifleman qualification score is 210 points or above.

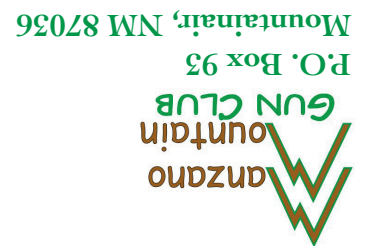
I recently attended an Appleseed event in Socorro at the Socorro Gun Club. In spite of 108 degree temps on Saturday, 11 students showed up along with 4 instructors. The students consisted of men and women and boys and girls. It's a great family affair.

On Sunday, the temperatures moderated into the mid 90's. 7 of us were left, and two of us qualified as Riflemen. The instruction was excellent, and the coaching was detailed and extremely helpful. My shooting improved a great deal and I reasonably hope to attain a Rifleman score at my next event.

Typically one shoots about 450 rounds over the two days of instruction. Any rifle is allowed, but most folks opt for .22 caliber semi-autos for ease of learning, quick handling when shooting timed AQTs, and low cost of ammunition. Those who also brought center-fire rifles were encouraged to try them on Sunday on steel targets at longer ranges.

An Appleseed Event is possibly the most reasonably priced quality instruction around. Women, anyone under 21, and active military including reserves and guard shoot for free. The rest of us only pay \$70 for both days or \$45 for one day.

More information can be found online at <http://www.appleseedinfo.org/> Upcoming events at the NRA Whittington Center in Raton are on August 28-29 and September 11-12. Another MMGC member and I have already signed up for the September 11-12 shoot, so maybe we'll see you there.



## When to be Where

### *MMGC*

July 15, 6 pm, Monthly Meeting, Ancient Cities Cafe  
July 15. NRA info due to club from all members – see  
**Very Important Note** on page 1.  
August 19, 6 pm, Monthly Meeting  
September 16, Monthly Meeting

### *General Interest*

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!

Feel free to share this newsletter with anyone you think might be interested in joining our club.

To join MMGC, interested parties should begin by attending a club meeting. This month's is on July 15.

It's also helpful to bring to the meeting a completed membership application as well as a xerox copy of your NRA card or a mailing label from your current NRA magazine.

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.