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The **November** meeting of the Zia Rifle & Pistol Club is scheduled for **Thursday, November 21st** at 7:00 PM at **Bear Canyon Senior Center, 4656 Pitt NE**. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. If there is anything you would like to discuss, please contact Secretary, Chris Garrett.
See you there!

September 19, 2024 Zia Board of Directors Gathering Notes

The September 19, 2024 BOD meeting was not called to order due to not attaining a quorum of the board with 14/21 members in attendance and a specific shortage of Members at Large. We waited around discussing this and that hoping for another MAL to arrive until dispersing around 7:20PM.

The next BOD meeting will be held on October 17, 2024, starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Bear Canyon Senior Center, 4656 Pitt NE.

2024 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule
All meetings are held at the Bear Canyon Senior Center, and begin at 7:00 p.m. All Zia members are welcome to attend. If there is an issue you would like to bring up to the Board, please contact Secretary, Chris Garrett a week prior to the meeting so that you may be put on the agenda.

December 19



**Burque
Bandits**

**THE VA
ROLLING
CHILE PEPPERS**

The VA Rolling Chile Peppers and the Burque Bandits Air Gun Teams have matches coming up before long.

The VA Air Rifle Team has been challenged by the Valencia County 4-H Air Rifle Team to a winner take all match in the range house on December 4th. Apot luck will follow.

Both teams will be competing against the Valencia County Sharp Shooters in the NM Air Gun League's premier Fall Invitational on November 16th at Eldorado High School.

All team members will square off against the rest of the state for the NM Senior Olympics inaugural Winter Games this Janurary in Santa Fe.

**Ladies Personal
Protection Class
October 2024**

Congrats to the 21 ladies that graduated the October Ladies Personal Protection class. Everyone learned a lot and had a great time.

This class is offered two times per year, once in the spring and once in the fall. If you or anyone you know is interested in attending, contact Heidi at hchowning@aol.com. Registration will open to all ladies in the community (need not be a Zia member) in January.

While Heidi Chowning is the lead instructor, she has a great team that tirelessly volunteers their time to help make the class a success. Special thanks to Nate Eskey, Jon Knutson, Regan Swinehart, Agatha Sanchez, Randy Ryan, Becca Ivey and Rich Ivey.



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Toma Shaver is running for the Junior Director position on the Board of Directors.

**ZIA RIFLE AND PISTOL JUNIOR DIRECTOR
INTRODUCTION**

I would like to introduce myself to those who do not know me. My name is Toma Shaver, I am a 4-H leader (30+ years) and a passionate coach with over 15 years of experience dedicated to guiding youth in shooting sports. As the Valencia County 4-H Shooting Sports coach, I have helped many young shooters build solid foundations in safety, skill, and sportsmanship through rifle and pistol disciplines. I bring extensive qualifications, including certifications as a 4-H rifle and pistol coach, along with NRA (Rifle, Shotgun, Range Officer), CMP, and USA Shooting coaching credentials. With my USA Shooting SafeSport certification, I am trained to work with youth both on and off the line at all levels of competition. My mission is to carry forward the strong program built by Joel Martin, supporting young athletes in achieving their goals whether they aspire to compete locally, statewide, or even internationally. As Junior Director for Zia Rifle and Pistol Club, I will be committed to fostering safety, critical thinking, character, and discipline through competition and camaraderie in shooting sports. I would be honored to receive your vote and look forward to continue empowering youth to pursue their passion for shooting sports at every level.

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Member Spotlight Ted Simmons

Ted Simmons has been a member of Zia for over twenty years. He is Zia's Activity Chair for Family Rimfire, a competition loosely based on NSSF Rimfire. The rimfire activity is an entry-level action sport giving new shooters an easy, inexpensive entry into action shooting.

Ted started competitive shooting with Zia's Action Pistol activity and then shot 3-Gun for several years. He shoots a S&W-41 pistol and a Ruger 10/22 rifle in Family Rimfire.

When SASS moved to Edgewood, Ted and his wife Anara started competing in Cowboy Action. Now both retired they travel to SASS matches around the US where they both place highly or win their black powder categories.

Ted's favorite firearms for SASS are Ruger Old Army revolvers, a Marlin 1894 lever action rifle and a CZ Sharptail SxS shotgun all shot with black powder. Ted also shoots Sporting Clays twice a week with some local cowboy shooters. This practice helped him to win two cowboy clays matches this year shooting a Browning SxS shotgun. His wife Anara recently won the ladies black powder category at the Arizona State SASS match in Tombstone. She placed second overall in the senior lady's black powder category at the SASS nationals in Oklahoma City.

Ted likes the low-key competition and friendly atmosphere at Zia. Living just eight miles south of the range, he and his wife can easily practice at Zia, test ammo and test repaired firearms before competition.

Ted doubts the Zia Club will be on its current range for another fifty years and wonders where it might relocate.

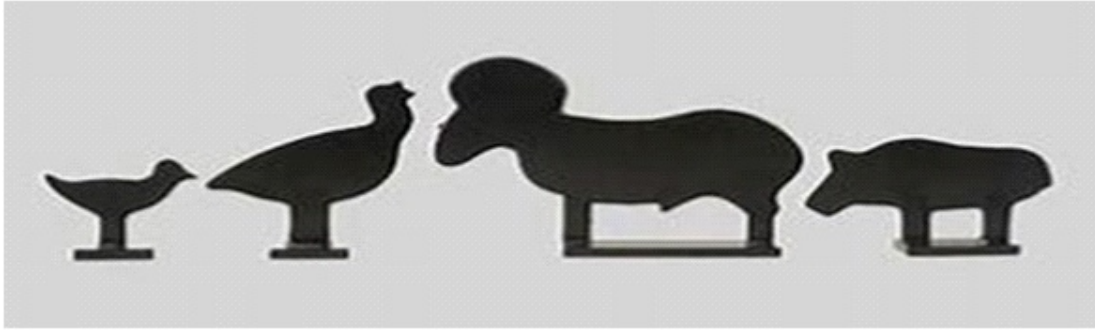
Also, Zia cannot offer every shooting competition possible. Cowboy action belongs at other ABQ area ranges with their permanent props. Skeet shoot belongs at the ABQ City Range with its numerous skeet fields. Zia's Sporting Clays Activity is a welcome addition to the other sporting clays opportunities around Albuquerque.

Before joining Zia, Ted spent twenty years as a strike team leader for Albuquerque Mountain Rescue, helping to extract injured hikers off the Sandia Mountains.

Thanks Ted!



Ted dressed as a railroad worker.



**Results of the
Small Bore Silhouette Match
October 6, 2024**

My sincere apologies for not having any pictures of this event. Although, I DID change the header of the newsletter! I will try harder next month...

Mother Nature was in a good mood and blessed us with a perfect day for shooting silhouettes. The temperature was comfortable and there was virtually no wind. We had 16 shooters for 3 relays. Jerry C. started out strong with 10 Turkeys followed by 10 Rams. We all thought that he was well on his way to the elusive 40 maybe next time Jerry! All of the scores were quite impressive, with many shooters getting 5 and 10 in a row pins. If you have never tried this, you are really missing out on a good time. The group is supportive of each other and always excited to get new people involved.

½ Size Target Results

COMPETITORS NAME	CHICKEN	PIG	TURKEY	RAM	TOTAL	CLASS
Jerry C.	7	8/5	10	10	35	M
Dennis B.	10	8	6	7	31	AA
Gary B.	9/5	9/5	5	7	30	AAA
Sharon F.	9/5	9/5	8/5	3	29	M
Luci B.	7	8	4	9/5	28	AA
Jeb B.	7	8/5	6	7	28	AA
Jordan S.	5	8	10	4	27	AA
Bill S.	7/5	9/5	5	6	27	AAA
Bill S.	7	5	8	5	25	NC
Cora B.	7	6	4	6	23	B
Tom F.	7	5	5	6	23	M
Steve S.	4	8/5	7	3	22	A
Lu S.	5	5	3	3	21	AA
John B.	4	6	4	6	20	M
Jordan S.	3	7	8/5	2	20	Iron
Dennis B.	3	5	6	3	17	Iron
Charles E.	3	3	4	4	14	Iron

Highlighted scores indicate class winners.

Please note the 5 and 10 in a row winners as indicated in the score table.

The matrix for this class structure is:

Master	34 - 40
AAA	28 - 33
AA	21 - 27
A	15 - 20
B	0 - 14

This class structure has no bearing on any classifications or qualifications outside of this specific match. The purpose is to allow everyone a fair chance at competition and provide a structure for advancement. The way you advance to the next level is to shoot 3 subsequent scores within the higher range(s). New shooters will shoot “unclassified” and once a score is recorded, that will be the class in which they will shoot until higher scores move them “up”.

1/5 size target results:

Take a look at these scores! We had a tie both Jordan S. shooting iron/open sights and Jerry C. shooting a scope tied with 18! AND Jordan got 5 in a row Turkeys with open sights! Great shooting guys!

COMPETITORS NAME	CHICKEN	PIG	TURKEY	RAM	TOTAL	CLASS
Jordan S.	6	2	7/5	3	18	Iron
Jerry C.	6	5	5	2	18	Scope
Dennis B.	5/5	3	6	2	16	
Jeb B.	5	1	0	3	9	

Small Bore Silhouette shooting is one of the most challenging sports for individual marksmanship. Many great shooting competitions offer challenging shots at long range from a bench or other supported position. All our shooting is done from a standing position swaying in whatever breeze there happens to be. We shoot 10 chickens at 40 yards, 10 pigs at 60 yards, 10 turkeys at 77 yards, and 10 rams at 100 yards. A total of 40 rounds are needed for a match plus sight in rounds.

We shoot with .22 rim fire rifles with scopes or open sights. Any standard velocity or high velocity .22 short, long, or long rifle ammo is permitted but the extra hot rounds such as the STINGER or VIPER rounds and magnums are prohibited.

The following is information taken from the NRA Silhouette Rifle Rule book and explains the match time sequencing:

Time is not checked on each shot but is computed on the indicated allowance for each five-shot string. The Range Officer may terminate any relay before completion of the full time allowance, if all competitors in that relay have completed firing.

Time Allowances:

Ready Time - Fifteen seconds will be allowed after the command **READY** is given before the command **FIRE**.

Two and one half minutes will be allowed to fire one shot on each target of a bank of five targets. Targets are shot in sequential order from left to right.

Alibis - 30 seconds will be allowed for each unfired round of the series in which the alibi is allowed.

Shoot-offs - 30 seconds will be allowed for each shot fired in a shoot off of ties.

A minimum of 30 seconds will be allowed between the command CEASE FIRE and READY.

The small bore rifle silhouette match is held on the first Sunday of each month.

Setup starts at 8:00am. We will have a sight in/practice period starting after set up and will start the match promptly at 9:00am. This event is open to any Zia member/guest and all are welcome. Juniors are encouraged to try this fun and challenging shooting sport.

The adjacent bench rest/plinking range to the immediate West of the Small Bore Rifle Silhouette Range will be closed for the duration of our matches. This will allow us to provide participants with a higher level of safety.

For additional information contact Sharon Foreman, email: treasurer@ziarifleandpistolclub.com



Results of the Long Range/Xtended Long Range Bench Rest Rifle Silhouette Match October 13, 2024



Pictures from left to right: Top row: Roy T. who is a multi-time 50 BMG world champion,
Booty chest full of goodies, Bottom row: 4 relays 11 shooters, need more stickers!

Results of the Standard Long Range:

It was a perfect day for shooting, sun shining and no wind forecasted. We had 14 shooters and Guy N. was on his game with 37, followed by Kevin B. and Lyn C. with 34. From there the scores range from 32 on down. At the conclusion of the match we did a little game called "Score Card Bingo" this is an idea that Sharon F. uses at the Small Bore Rifle Silhouette matches to give small perks to a random winner, regardless of score. With all of the items that were generously donated by Roy T., we will continue make this a part of our monthly matches. Thank you so much, Roy!

COMPETITORS NAME	CHICKEN	PIG	TURKEY	RAM	TOTAL
Guy N.	9	10	10	8	37
Lyn C.	9	10	8	7	34
Kevin B.	10	10	10	4	34
Ron B.	10	9	6	7	32
Karl K.	10	8	7	6	31
Roy T.	10	7	7	6	30
Steve S.	9	9	4	7	29
Dennis B.	8	9	1	10	28
Gary D.	9	10	4	5	28
Sharon F.	10	10	5	2	27
John R.	10	9	8	0	27
Jerry C.	10	10	1	6	27
Freddy M.	5	5	8	3	21
Rafael H.	9	0	0	0	9

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Results of the Xtended Long range:

The Xtended Long Range match is going gang busters with 11 shooters. Last month the goal was to beat 28, looking forward; the bar has now been raised to 30. Guy N. was HOT this weekend - with the highest score in both matches. Steve S. was closing in with 28, he has been very consistent. I see some of the guys experimenting with all kinds of ammo, and soon I predict that the scores will be in the mid 30s. It might be interesting to note that I have attained a small bag of 40 X 40 pins for either match. It's getting close! I want to personally thank everyone who helped set up and dismantle both ranges for this match. With everyone's help, everything runs smoothly.

COMPETITORS NAME	CHICKEN	PIG	TURKEY	RAM	TOTAL
Guy N.	6	8	8	8	30
Steve S.	8	9	5	6	28
Roy T.	7	8	6	4	25
Tom F.	4	6	9	5	24
Frank C.	7	8	4	2	21
Dennis B.	7	5	2	3	17
Gary D.	3	8	2	3	16
Jerry C.	5	5	1	4	15
Freddy M.	5	1	3	5	14
John R.	1	4	3	2	9
Rafael H.	0	3	3	1	7

The bench rest rifle silhouette (formerly known as "Mouse Gun") match is held on the second Sunday of each month.

For those of you that are wondering what we do...

For the Standard long range competition:

We take a scoped .22 rifle that has plenty of elevation adjustment and shoots long rifle ammo (**no stingers or hyper velocity**) and we shoot at 1/5 scale targets, whereas the chickens are set a 60 meters and are roughly 2"x2" in size. The pigs which are roughly 3"x4" are set at 100 meters, the turkeys, roughly 3"x5" tall are set at 150, and the rams 6"x4" are at 200 meters.

Relays consist of 10 chickens at 60 meters, 10 pigs at 100 meters, 10 turkeys at 150 meters, and 10 rams at 200 meters.

For the Xtended long range competition:

We shoot chickens at 150 yds. pigs at 200 yds., turkeys at 290 yds., and rams at 325 yds. The size of these targets are 3/8 scale much bigger than the standard 1/5 scale targets, but further away.

In order to shoot either long range match:

All you need is a sand bag, maybe a bipod, or perhaps a fancy bench rest rig, it doesn't matter as any type of rest is allowed. At the onset of each 15 minute relay, there are unlimited "sighters" at the beginning sighters being shots that are fired at a 8"x11" steel plate set at the same distance at each of the targets. When you are pretty sure that your rifle is sighted in good enough for that bay of targets, the "sighters" stop and you shoot 10 shots in left to right order in what is remaining of the 15 minute time allotment for score. This all done while sitting at a bench. It is a relaxed atmosphere and a ton of fun! A total of 40 rounds are needed for a match plus "sighters".

Setup starts at 7:30 am. We will have a sight in/practice period starting after set up if possible, and will start the match promptly at 8:00am.

I encourage anyone with a .22 rifle to come out and give this a try! Most folks that have are now hooked. If you have any questions, please call or text Tom 505-350-4026

Please note, on the 2nd Sunday of each month when this match is held on the East range, the F-Class range and the Precision Tactical range is closed for the duration of this event.

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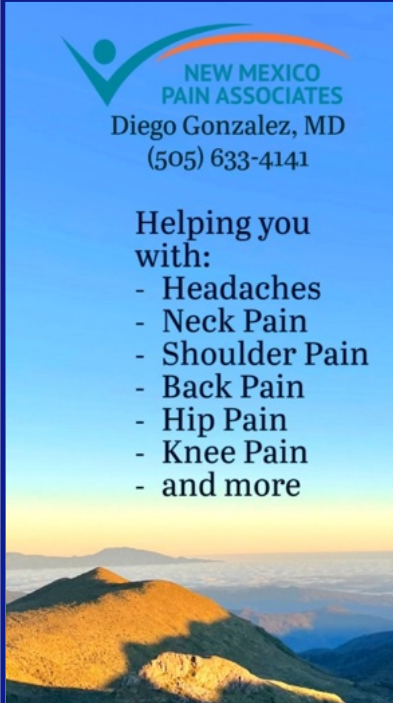
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Zia Activity Calendar

November/December 2024

High Power	Shotgun	200 Yard	Action Pistol Berms	Indoor	Saturday	Sunday	High Power	Shotgun	200 Yard	Action Pistol Berms	Indoor
			Family Rimfire Steel	Junior Practice	November 2	November 3	MR Prone F-Class			SB Rifle Silhouette	
			Action Handgun	Junior Practice	November 9	November 10	SB Benchrest Silhouette				
Precision Tactical Rifle				Junior Practice	November 16	November 17	Hunter Pistol Silhouette RF & CF	Sporting Clays			
3 Gun Tactical			Action Handgun	Junior Practice	November 23	November 24		Wobble Trap			NMO 0900 - 1200 Peter 250-3200
				Junior Practice	November 30	December 1	MR Prone F-Class		SB Rifle Silhouette		
			Family Rimfire Steel	Junior Practice	December 7	December 8	SB Benchrest Silhouette				
			Action Handgun	Junior Practice	December 14	December 15	Hunter Pistol Silhouette RF & CF	Sporting Clays			
Precision Tactical Rifle				Junior Practice	December 21	December 22		Wobble Trap			
3 Gun Tactical			Action Handgun	Junior Practice	December 28	December 29					

Activity	Setup/Sign In	Match	Contact
3-Gun Tactical	0800	0900	Ross 350-2557
600-Yard Prone (F Class)	0830	0900	Pat 266-8904
Action Handgun	0800	0900	Vic 239-2516
ARA Benchrest	0700	0800	Jay 717-5633
Family Rimfire Steel		0900	Ted 737-8580
Hunter Pistol Silhouette RF & CF	0800	0900	Dennis 239-4016
Junior Practice		0930-1530	Joel 550-7988
Precision Tactical Rifle	0730	0800	Steve 239-7554
SB Benchrest Silhouette	0730	0800	Tom 350-4026
SB Rifle Silhouette	0800	0900	Sharon 250-8546
Sporting Clays	0900	0930	Lyn 269-1017
Wobble Trap		1000-1200	Peter 417-1495

Air Gun Activity

Indoor Range
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Practice (Veterans Only) 0800-1400

Match (Zia Members) 1800-2000

November 6	December 4
November 20	December 18

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Please see following page for adjacent range closures.



Important! Please Read!

**Scheduled Match in Progress
Adjacent range(s) closed for
duration of match**

You will start to see this sign at some of the scheduled matches starting in November. For safety purposes and as documented in the by laws, Article VIII, Section 2(b) states:

Matches or tournaments will take precedence over other shooting activities at the Range and for safety reasons certain ranges will necessarily be closed during the hours of the match or tournaments.

Every effort will be made to publish range closures in the Club Newsletter and on the web site prior to such a match or tournament. The Range Officer in charge of the match shall have the authority to halt firing on any adjacent ranges which he deems unsafe to the competitors or other shooters.

Closures will be as follows:

Day Scheduled	Event	Range(s) closed
1st Saturday	ARA Bench rest	Small bore silhouette & 200 yd. rifle sight in range
1st Sunday	Small Bore Rifle Silhouette	ARA Bench rest & 200 yd. rifle sight in range
1st Sunday	600 yd. Prone (F class)	Precision Tactical Rifle and Hi-power Silhouette
2nd Sunday	Small Bore Bench rest Rifle Silhouette	Precision Tactical Rifle and 600 yd. prone (F class)
3rd Saturday	ARA Bench rest	Small bore silhouette & 200 yd. rifle sight in range
3rd Saturday	Precision Tactical Rifle	Hi-power Silhouette and the 600 yd. prone (F class)
3rd Sunday	Hunter Pistol Silhouette RF & CF	Precision Tactical Rifle and 600 yd. prone (F class)

*Your best bet is to check the monthly calendar for schedule changes. However, no matter the day/date scheduled, **when the scheduled match is being held, the indicated adjacent range(s) will be closed.***

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