

# **BALD EAGLES NEWS**

Bald Eagles Rifle Club, Box 604, Raton, NM 87740

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## **BALD EAGLES MEETING**

Second notice: The Club will hold its annual meeting on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 at the Bald Eagles Building at Raton. Some items to be discussed are:

- Progress on the toilet building (see below).
- Dates for RMPM and the Spirit of America in 2010, 2011, and 2012. (Yes, we have three years worth reserved.) The dates for the '10 Spirit of America are August 27<sup>th</sup> thru Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- The F Class Nationals and World F Class Championships in 2013, if we win the bid for the Worlds.
- The scheduling of the Santa Fe Long Range Regional and the Rocky Mountain Palma matches. We will hold these two back-to-back to create a 6-day shooting event sometime in July. June is too windy!
- Election of Board Members. The terms of John Gaines and Middleton Tompkins are up this year.
- News update from the Veterans Rifle Team.

## **SOA '09 = NATIONAL FULLBORE RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The NRA has declared that the Spirit of America 2009 is the National Fullbore Rifle Championships. They are providing Gold, Silver and Bronze medals for the winners, and 450 award points for these matches. **We need volunteers to help with match operations.** Contact any of the Club officers if you can help.

## **ROCKY MOUNTAIN PALMA MATCHES**

I just returned from the Rocky Mountain Palma Matches that our club hosts every year, and it was a really good, well run match. We had thirty-seven shooters of whom six were F Class. The winner was German Salazar followed by Steve Cunico, Johnnie Franklin, Trudy Fay and Gene Klein. I even won "High Senior", proving the blind hog theory. We had one junior, Jason Laa from San Antonio, and we think he set some new national records. Results will be posted on the web page soon.

Steve Cunico was the match director and his wife Marcia was the statistical officer. Mark Horner ran the pits, Lige Harris drove the school buss, and Darrel DuPuy was range officer. Let's hear a round of applause for these folks!

Make a note on your calendar. The 2010 dates for the RMPM/Santa Fe Regional are July 10-15.

## **NEWS FROM THE WHITTINGTON CENTER**

Lonnie Kuhns and I met with Wayne Armacost, the new "honcho" at NRAWC and Robby Roberts about the toilet building. They want us to make it bigger, and they are going to talk to the .50 caliber shooters and other groups to kick in on the construction cost. They are looking to the future and think it needs to have more capacity.

They also said that the 1000 yard range is fast becoming a favorite range and will have more use in the future. In fact, they are looking to expand the 1000 yd. line (and the

500) to the east and build a new set of pits way out at 2000 yards, thus making it possible to shoot at 1500 and 2000 yards. So if you have been dreaming of a .408 Chey-Tac or a .338 Lapua Magnum, you just found a place to shoot.

Wayne and Robby also said that they were considering assigning one of the target sheds in the pits to the black powder folks, one to the .50 Caliber folks and one to the High Power and Long Range folks. One will also be reserved for the “public”. That way each group can make and take care of their own targets. Good idea!

Another interesting bit of news was that NRAWC can get some (quite a lot) “gop” which is coal/gravel byproduct from a nearby coal mine that is shutting down and they will use it to rebuild the firing lines...at last!

### **SOA'09 HOUSING**

Lonnie Kuhns has a few rooms in the Founders Cabins left. He is taking names of competitors who might want to stay there. Give him a call if you are interested. His phone number is 970-206-0394, and his email is [Lonniekuhns@aol.com](mailto:Lonniekuhns@aol.com).

### **THE VETERANS TEAM TO AUSTRALIA '09**

A group of Bald Eagles are included on the 2009 team to Australia leaving this month for the “land down under”. The team includes Eddie Newman, Bill Lair, Dave Driscoll, Robert Horn, Bill Otten, Armando Coello, Larry Walraven, Gary Henry, Randy Pike, Olaf Borge, and Tom Cunningham. Good luck and good shooting!

### **RAFFLE RIFLE**

Doan Trevor is again building another fine Palma rifle for the Bald Eagles to raffle off as a fund raising event for the '13 Veterans Team. The rifle will be assembled of all American components this time, including a Viper action, and Krieger barrel. Scott Riles is donating a front sight. Doan Trevor is donating the stock in addition to his time and talent. Tickets are printed and available to everyone to sell. Be sure to pick up a packet of tickets at SOA and sell, sell, sell!

### **CAMP PERRY TEAMS**

Any “paid-up” (see below) Bald Eagle member who is going to Camp Perry and wants to shoot on a Bald Eagles team in the team matches should contact Bob Jones ([bjonessights@yahoo.com](mailto:bjonessights@yahoo.com)). He is putting together the teams this year, but you should contact him in advance. At Perry he'll be driving a white '58 Chevy panel truck with a gutted muffler. It has “Bob Jones Sights” painted on the side. You can't miss it!

### **DUES ARE PAST DUE**

If you don't have a little sticker that says “Paid 2009” on your plastic member card, you have not paid. If you don't have the sticker, (or a card for that matter) you should let me know. I'll check it out. If you have not paid, a check for \$20 (under 60) or \$30 (60 or over) would be appreciated. Send to John Gaines, 122 Hidden Haven Dr. Boerne, TX 78006 or call me at 830-249-2095 (before 8:00 PM Central) or email at [jrgaines@gvtc.com](mailto:jrgaines@gvtc.com).

John W. Gaines, Secretary