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FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been too long since our last newsletter. We continue to provide a safe shooting environment and offer a variety of shooting disciplines for shooters to enjoy. From static target shooting, precision rifle, to run and gun tactical pistol, there is something for every level of shooter from beginner to master. Check the calendar to find out what is happening on the various ranges.

New is the South Mountain Shooting Sports Foundation Inc. It is a private grant-making foundation organized to support and provide training, equipment, and facilities support for international and national amateur shooting sports. The organization is comprised of long standing PRG members and accepts donations that are charitable tax deductions. For more info send email to info@SMSSF.org. If you get a chance make time to attend the NRA Annual Meeting being held this year at the Phoenix Convention Center, May 14-17. A few of the vendors will be using PRG to demonstrate new products to gun enthusiasts and writers. This is certainly a win for PRG. For more information go to <http://www.nraam.org/default.asp>.

The next annual meeting of the PRG membership is January 11, 2010. Over the past few years these meetings have been attended by a small percentage of our membership. Remember, the officers of the club are chosen by the members.

A few of our members are not adhering to the range safety rules. They shoot at rocks and metal target stands and other not approved for shooting targets. This causes ricochets (no one knows where they go) and damages that are repaired with club funds. If you observe anyone demonstrating this behavior, do not confront them. Record date/time and report occurrence to range master or any BOD member. Please help to preserve the integrity of our club.

George Lyle, President

RANGEMASTER REPORT

Hello members!

First off I want to thank everyone for an exciting first year for me as the rangemaster. There have been some bumps in the road and a lot of hard work, but I have enjoyed every minute of it.

There are a few things I would like to remind everyone of. First please be on the lookout for snakes and other critters on the range as spring and summer come upon us. This is the time of year when snakes come out to warm up and the other wildlife like javelin and coyotes frequent our range.

Second, if you have a skill that you think may be of use to your club, please let us know! Also, any volunteer time you would like to donate would be appreciated. There is always something to do around the club or you can volunteer to help watch the public range.

Lastly, we have been having a lot of trouble with target frame destruction and shooting at unauthorized targets (cinder blocks, etc.) on the public range by the members during the week. We thought we had remedied this by providing sticks and cardboard with binder clips for members to use during the week, but then the binder clips started getting shot! The club is not required to leave any targets out for the members to use, and if the target destruction and such continues, we will stop leaving any target stands out and you will have to bring your own.

I hope you all continue to come out and have fun shooting, and don't forget we have regularly scheduled competitions if you would like to come out and socialize and have a good time with your fellow members!

Darrell Fretwell Rangemaster

SMALL BORE DIVISION

The smallbore range is under repair! Points are being added at all yard lines and the canopy is being replaced on the right side where it was taken down years ago. When the work is complete there will be 45 available points at the 50 yard and 50 meter lines, and 34 at the 100 yard line. These repairs are required to support the ever increasing participation in the league matches and to support Fred's Juniors grant from Arizona Game and Fish, which is expected to greatly increase the number of juniors in his program. The range repairs should be complete before May 1. Watch the PRGC web site for additional matches once the repairs are finished.

HotHouse 1200. The Smallbore summer league, started last year as an informal series of matches run in the slack time before Camp Perry, was so popular that it is back in 2009 as an NRA Approved League. This time we will be running a 120 shot metric course of fire. Participants that shoot at least three of the matches will get a classification card for metric prone from the NRA. As always, the matches will start at 7 AM sharp with a guaranteed completion before 11 AM. The temperatures are quite comfortable shooting under the canopy early in the morning. The match dates are May 3, May 24, June 7, June 14, and July 5. Mark your calendars now.

Robert Metzger, Smallbore Division Director

JUNIOR SMALLBORE DIVISION

We are currently maintaining our numbers. As some go to off to college or other endeavors, new youngsters come in for training.

Recently we received a grant from Arizona Game and Fish to the tune of \$12,880 for the purpose of expanding our junior program by at least 50 additional members. It will necessitate the purchase or acquisition of at least 30 or more target rifles. Currently I'm negotiating for some of them. The duration of the grant will be for a period of one year and will require us to train those juniors in three position smallbore rifle. Game and Fish will require written updates as well as an on-site inspection.

The benefits to our club will be the very real possibility of increasing our membership base. If anyone out there has and can donate the use of target rifles, slings, jackets, ammo, etc. please let me know. Any assistance will be helpful whether it be in the form of equipment or your experience.

On a different note, two of our juniors, Richard Layton and Zack Kofron fired in this past weekend's Road Runner smallbore match held at the Ben Avery Range and did quite well against some very fine shooters.

Fred Shapiro, Junior Smallbore Division Director

PRACTICAL FIREARMS DIVISION

Hi everyone,

Things are going well in the Practical Firearms Division. Even with the price of ammo being so high we continue to see many of you out shooting with us.

I would like to thank all of the Match Directors and volunteers for their hard work helping to keep the Practical Division running. Without all of you we would not be the great place we are to shoot.

For those of you who may be thinking of coming out and trying our sport here is our regular schedule of events.

1 st Saturday – Single Stack 8am	1 st Sunday IDPA – 1 pm
2 nd Saturday – ICORE 8am	2 nd Sunday IDPA – 8am
3 rd Saturday – no event sched.	3 rd Sunday USPSA Style – 8am
4 th Saturday – IDPA Classifier 8am	3 rd Sunday 3 Gun – 8am

If you have any questions you can email me; prgpractical@gmail.com

Shoot safe,

Debra Fretwell Practical Firearms Division Director

PISTOL DIVISION

Hello Fellow shooters, It has been a long time since we have told you about the Competition part of our club. First I want to thank all of the volunteers that have helped make this part of the club a success. The first national match we held was the Open Sectional, this is fired Indoors on our 22 Cal only range and we had a great turnout. Next was the International Sectional, and this really could use more shooters. Our shining spot was the Midwinter Classic, we had two full relays for three days running, plus three days of International shooting. Pistol put up five 45 Cal. pistols for each class winner, The class winner had to place in there top of a Service pistol match to win a pistol, thus a 2700 plus a 900 for a max total of 3600 points. Two of our club members won, and one AMU and one from Colorado won. The next big match is the April 25 & 26 Regional, we also have a EIC and Distinguished Revolver match on Sunday the 26 after the 45 matches. Interested, give me a call at 480-855-0002.

Don Plante Pistol Division Director

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