



The Ricochet

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Pete Carstensen, Webmaster

The range is closed on New Years Day, Easter Sunday, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day each year.

Annual Election Results

The following people have been elected as the Executive Board for 2006-2007.

PRESIDENT—TERRY ABBOTT

VICE PRESIDENT—PETE CARSTENSEN

SECRETARY— MICHAEL JANAS

TREASURER—ARLEE JANAS

EXCUTIVE OFFICER— LEE KANON

CHIEF INSTRUCTOR—CRAIG COX

The Annual Meeting took place September 9, 2006, at 3:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. Thank-you to all who attended to show their support. We're off to another great year!

Membership Renewal

If you have an email address you will be sent a reminder notice 2 months in advance of your membership expiration. There is a 10 day grace period on renewing your membership. If you renew within that time period there will not be a \$25.00 Initiation Fee. All Members receive a Renewal Reminder letter and Membership Application via mail 1 month prior to the card expiration date.

Email Address:

Our Email address is: office@riosaladosportsmans.com

The President's Column

First of all I would like to thank all of the members of RSSC who showed an interest in the club by participating in the election. Regardless of who you voted for, it is important to support the process. I also want to thank all those who voted for me. You have my promise I will continue to do everything in my power to keep our club growing and moving in a positive direction. It has been a real pleasure to work with this board over the last year. They are a very talented and hard working group which has made my job as President relatively easy. I know they will continue to serve you well. I would also like to specifically thank Ed Roberts and the Junior's of the Junior Division for counting the ballots for the election.

In my report at the annual meeting I referenced back to last year's meeting when the board reported on the projects we were working on. Those included the new Main Range office, the pole berm on the main range, the training bays and the septic system. I was proud to report this year all of those projects have been completed. We are also continuing to improve the Sporting Clays range which has been a huge financial success for the club. Many other improvements to the operation of the club have been accomplished as well and I'm sure the other officers will include them in their reports. RSSC is in a strong financial position and range operations are running well. Our success is our biggest problem. Lots of people want to come out and enjoy our facility but our space is limited.

For this year we will continue to work on improving the main range parking area by removing the old trailer, erecting an information kiosk and maximizing the parking area. We also have plans to build a new larger maintenance complex and improve and enlarge the parking areas throughout the range. Shade structure construction will be in progress on the training bays and Sporting Clays areas by the time you read this.

Continue to take pride in your range by helping out when you can. Once again I am looking forward to working with the board and our hard working Range crew to make this another exciting and productive year for RSSC. See you on the range.

Terry Abbott
President

Range Manager Report

It's a busy time on the range. Everyone is getting ready to get their trophy. With it being so busy and to ease up on the congestion, I would ask members to sight in on an off day. We also need volunteers to assist as Range Safety Officers, if you would like to do this, please call the office at 480-984-3742.

Once again we are looking for members to volunteer to work our table at various Gun Shows around the Valley. You will get a free admission to that particular show, plus you help to promote the club. Please contact me at 480-984-3724 for more details.

We are looking for a week-end Activity Center Office Assistant to answer phone and walk in questions about Rio Salado Sportsman's Club. Some duties entail light clerical and computer work. Must be 18 years of age or older. Please call 480-984-3724 for information or apply in person M-F with the Range Manager.

Bill Lagusis
Range Manager

From the time you pick up a firearm, *you* become part of a system over which you have complete control.
You are the only part of the system that can make a gun safe-or unsafe.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation

Vice President's Report

Wow! The summer has gone, the 2006 – 2007 Board has been elected, the weather is getting spectacular, and the range is heating up for the many activities the season brings. Sighting-in days and Hunter Education classes are around the corner, stages for the Area II Desert Classic are being built, and preparations are well underway for several other major events to be held at RSSC over the next few months. We have the best range staff, match directors and club members anywhere so we can't but help having a great time this fall!

The Board is already working on several projects to improve the range. Since the Executive Team is largely intact from last year, we are hitting the ground running this year. We especially like to welcome our new Executive Officer, Lee Kanon, who takes over from Jim Fuller. Over the next month or so, we will plan out the projects we are going to focus on and will report to you their status in our next Ricochet. If you would like some input on this discussion, or would like to help, please come to the monthly **Board meetings held at 7 PM** on the third Wednesday of each month in the Activity Center.

See you on the Range!!!

Pete Carstensen
Vice President

Secretary's Report

Did you know copies of the Club's By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, Articles of Incorporation, Minutes of the Board of Directors' Meetings, and past editions of the Ricochet are available for you to read at the Activity Center Office? All that is asked is you do not remove these documents from the Activity Center. If you would like a copy, the office staff is available to help you.

On a more somber note. The club would like to honor those who have "Left the Range" by including their names on a Memorial Plaque in the Activity Center and the Ricochet. However, we need you to notify us if you know of a member who has recently passed away, as well as to give us some information on their contribution to the Club.

Mike Janas
Secretary

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Executive Vice President's Report

At the Annual Meeting, several questions arose concerning the Pittman-Robertson Act and the 10% tax on firearms, ammunition, fishing gear and archery equipment. The Pittman-Roberson Act, also known as the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act, was passed in 1938. It was amended in 1970 to include funding hunter education training programs, and developing, operating and maintaining public shooting ranges. The tax revenue is placed in a special trust fund administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of the Dept. of the Interior. The revenue is then shared with states based on the state's size and number of licensed hunters. Arizona receives about \$ 4 Million dollars from this fund.

This money is used by the Arizona Game and Fish Department to promote safe hunting, Hunter Education, large animal and fish research and other related areas.

Arizona is the ONLY state, to my knowledge, that provides funds for Range Development. \$100,000 per year is available for shooting range construction and improvements. This money is available only to non-profit and public use ranges.

A club applies for a Grant for a specific program or project, and must provide drawings and cost estimates for the project. After the Game and Fish Department reviews and approves the project, an agreement is signed by both parties and a notice to proceed is issued. Usually a club has two years to complete the project and must pay for it themselves. The club then submits documents to the Game and Fish Department when finished to be reimbursed for 50% of the approved cost of the project.

The Rio Salado Sportsman's Club has received more than \$200,000 of these funds over the past 25 years. Although some projects have been funded by NRA grants, with the exception of the original 20 positions on the Small Bore Range and the 11 benches on the High Power Range, almost all the other facilities have been built using funds originated by the Pittman-Robertson Act.

John Martin
Executive Vice President

Three Position Smallbore Division

Three Position Smallbore Rifle practice is now open for the season on Tuesday evenings. Sign up time begins at 6:00 PM with rounds downrange at 6:30 PM. For additional information please contact Ray Sutyak at ras1500@juno.com

Ray Sutyak
Three Position Smallbore

Black Powder Division

Black Powder Division has 3 regular monthly matches as follows:

2nd Sunday on the Smallbore Range is our Rifle Match at 8:30 AM

3rd Sunday on the High Power Range is our Black Powder Match at 12:00 PM

4th Sunday on the Smallbore Range is our Pistol Match at 8:30 AM

In October we will have a special 5th Sunday Match on the Smallbore Range at 8:30 AM, that will be a Halloween Rifle Shoot with paper targets.

Novembers 2nd Sunday Shoot is canceled due to a scheduling conflict.

Tom Hoverson
Black Powder

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