



# The Ricochet

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

## **The President's Column**

We have a lot of work to do at RSSC in the near future. First, we are in the preliminary stages of getting our new maintenance building project underway. This project is the first in line of a series of improvements to make our facilities more user friendly. Once we complete this project we can proceed with removing the old range office trailer and revamping the entrance and parking of the Main Range. In conjunction with that project we will be cleaning out the area by the training bays and opening up that area for more parking as well. This will decrease congestion and improve the traffic flow for those using the training bays and sporting clays area. It will also help users of the Small Bore range. Your board works hard to improve the quality and appearance of RSSC facilities to benefit all users of the range.

The Arizona Game and Fish Department is currently reviewing all ranges under their control for potential safety and operational problems. They have visited us twice over the last two months to do a safety inspection and make recommendations. The good news is they consider RSSC to be the best run and safest range in the state other than Ben Avery. However, due to the very high usage of our range and the concurrent use of multiple ranges they feel some improvements are in order. I expect them to issue their report within the next month or so. The report will give us information on what needs to be done. Arizona G&F does not expect RSSC to fund all of these improvements. They will assist us with funds and planning to accomplish any necessary changes. Arizona G&F is very supportive and committed to keeping our range operational. Recently, two other ranges in the state have had their operations restricted due to safety concerns. So, we must take this seriously and we must work hard to follow the Arizona G&F recommendations. Your board will be doing just that, but it will not happen overnight. Temporary range use restrictions may be required during some of the work. We will make every effort to minimize this, but we ask your understanding and support if you are affected. See you on the range.

Terry Abbott  
President

Join or Renew your NRA Membership right here at the Range!

### **Range Manager's Desk**

Due to safety concerns at the Main Range, there will be no shooting paper targets at the 300 yard mark. You can shoot steel only at this time. We will be putting additional steel targets out at that distance for your shooting enjoyment.

If you have any brass at home you want to get rid of, bring it out to the Range. We would be glad to take them off your hands. It's scrapped out and the money goes into the club treasury.

We now have lights on the Training Bays. This will really help our Commercial customers during the summer evenings. On Training Bays 1 & 2 only pistol and shoguns are allowed. No rifles please.

Jim Rasmussen had coordinated a Winter Sporting Clays League along with Rio's President, Terry Abbott and Range Manager, Bill Lagusis. There was a payback at the end of the session by Lewis Class. Also, donations were given to be used for Prize Drawings. Jim's focus on the league is FUN. Everyone that had participated enjoyed themselves and smiled when they received their winnings. This was the 2<sup>nd</sup> league shoot and I'm sure there will be more. Great news, all machines are now fully automatic.

Spring is here, so come on out and shoot in this wonderful weather. Be safe and see you at the Range.

Bill Lagusis  
Range Manager

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### **Annual Elections**

The annual members' meeting is scheduled for September 8 this year, and with it are the annual elections to the Executive Board of the Board of Directors. The elected offices are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Officer, and Chief Instructor. The Rio Salado Sportsman's Club By-Laws has a short summary of the duties of each position. A copy of the By-Laws is available for you to review in the Activity Center Administrative Office.

All adult members are eligible to run for office, and are strongly urged to do so. Working on the Executive Board is a great opportunity for members to contribute to the Club in a positive and on-going way.

Interested members must submit their names and a short biography or statement (no more than half a page) to the Range Manager by June 15th. Please note, the Club's By-Laws requires Board Members to be members of the National Rifle Association (NRA). If you are elected at the annual meeting you will have to show evidence of your NRA membership at that time. Candidates' names and bio's (or statements) will be published in the summer issue of the *Ricochet* as well as put on our Website.

On a personal note, I've been on the Executive Board for four years, in two different offices. While naturally there is some frustration with any such participation, the feeling of satisfaction is immense. You learn things about the Club that are fascinating, and have the opportunity to have significant input into improving it. In addition, and perhaps one of the best benefits of being on the Board is the number of members you meet and talk with about one of your favorite subjects – the Shooting Sports. I strongly encourage you to run for office.

Mike Janas  
Secretary

**Alternate Chief Instructor**

Our Rio Members are used to seeing a message here from Chief Instructor, Craig Cox. Craig is going to be away from the range for the next few months and not wanting to leave a void at the Chief Instructor's position asked if I would be willing to fill in for him until he returns.

My name is Gregg Harrington and the Board of Directors has been kind enough to allow me to serve as Chief Instructor in Craig's absence. I am looking forward to working with the Rio members and serving the BOD. We are looking to schedule NRA classes in the next few months and several Members who are also NRA Instructors have volunteered to teach. I would like to hear from anyone who is looking for a class in a specific discipline to see if we can accommodate your needs. Please feel free to contact me by email at [chiefinstructor@riosaladosportsmans.com](mailto:chiefinstructor@riosaladosportsmans.com) or just corner me at the range.

I look forward to working with and meeting as many of our members as possible.

Gregg Harrington  
Alternate Chief Instructor

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