

Rio Salado Ricochet

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Please Note

In consideration of our neighbors' requests and our willingness to be a good neighbor —

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

ELECTION TIME

Yes, it is that time of year again! It is time for you to elect officers for the Rio Salado Sportsman's Club, Inc., Executive Board. It seems just yesterday we were marking our ballots for the 2004-2005 Executive Board. Serving on the board is a great way to get involved in the club and helps make it a great place to shoot. Please vote for the officers who will run **YOUR** club for the next year. Short biographies were received from the candidates and are enclosed in this newsletter for the positions of: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Officer and Chief Instructor.

The annual Members' Meeting will be September 10, 2005, 3:00 p.m. All ranges will be closed at 2:00 pm. You are encouraged to attend The meeting will be at the range in the Activity Center. Please come and give your support to this year's and next year's Board. These individuals voluntarily give their time and expertise to make Rio Salado Sportsman's Club, Inc., the fine club it is today. Please attend to show your appreciation.

SPORTING CLAYS

In the last Ricochet, we had an article "**Sporting Clays is coming to Rio.**" Yes, it is now up and running for members and guests . At this time, it is limited to Friday, Saturday, & Sunday only. Bird hunters or those who just like to shoot your shotguns, get a group together, come out, and see our new Sporting Clays range. To schedule your group, contact Bill Lagusis, Range Manager, at the administrative office. (480-984-3724)

CANDIDATES FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD OF 2005-2006

BIOS for PRESIDENT:

Terry Abbott:

As a member of RSSC for many years and a long time member of the Board of Directors, I am interested in serving you as your President. I have many years of experience with the major issues concerning our Club. I am well aware of the financial obligations of the Club, as well as, our inter-organizational obligations with the Arizona Game and Fish Department. As a member I have participated in almost every type of shooting offered at this Club and am well aware of the needs and benefits of the various divisions. As a long time board member, I have a good working relationship with all of the division directors. I have been involved multiple times with set up, and served as a range officer, for our two big matches, the 3-Gun and the Desert Classic. Most recently I was in charge of the committee to develop and build the new Sporting Clays Range.

In the near future, we have additional work ahead of us. The continued development of the Bay east of the Smallbore Range, improvements to the Main Range, and installation of a new septic system are all necessary to maintain the quality of our range. We have an outstanding and growing club. I am interested in continuing to improve our club for all shooters and I would appreciate your support in the upcoming election. Sincerely, Terry Abbott

BIOS for VICE PRESIDENT:

Pete Carstensen:

I am requesting your vote to be the next Vice President of Rio Salado Sportsman's Club Inc. I believe you get back what you are willing to put in, so I am asking for the opportunity to help make our range even better. Here is a brief background on me: **1)** Last fall, the Rio Board of Directors asked me to help out with their outdated membership program. Over the winter, John Brinjak and I implemented and converted the old data into a completely new Membership System that not only meets our needs of today, but also will work for many years to come. In February, the system was "turned on" and we produced our first new cards. The cards may be white, but there is plenty blood, sweat and tears behind them! **2)** As the appointed Membership Chairman, I have worked extensively with the Board to provide accurate information about our over 2600 members, developed new membership materials, procedures and increased communications to our members via email and other means. **3.)** I have been a member of RSSC since 1997 and am most active in Practical Pistol. I am certified as a Chief Range Officer, as well as, the USPSA Area Coordinator for our range. Together with Rick Koskela, we developed the MatchPro program which Practical uses for seven of our monthly matches including Tuesday Night Steel. I am also the Practical Division Webmaster and maintain the email list for results and announcements. **4.)** I also shoot Black Power just because those folks are just fun to be around and have helped my son and I so much. To go from 25 rounds a stage to 25 rounds a match seems like a loss, but it is truly a match that I look forward to each month. **5.)** You will often see me out with my son Chris. He is now 14, is certified as a Range Officer (working with his CRO), and has been shooting competitively at Rio since he was 10. Shoot with us and he will likely beat you as often as he does me.

I believe very much in how wonderful our club is. The new Sporting Clays activity is only one of many exciting things happening at RSSC, but it all takes work. We have challenges ahead (or perhaps to the south with all those houses!) and it will take the skills and efforts of all of us to keep our range open in this anti-gun environment. I can help and ask for your vote as Vice President.

(BIOS for VICE PRESIDENT: continued)

Larry D'Agostino:

I have been a member of RSSC for over 25 years and it's about time I gave back to the Club. As a double retiree from both the Air Force and Motorola, I have spent a great deal of time enjoying the shooting at one of the finest facilities in the United States, and I've seen a lot of them. As a long time member of USPSA, having reached the level of Rangemaster, over the past 15 plus I have attended the USS National Pistol and 3-Gun competitions all over the US and have seen many ranges. There are NONE better than what we have here.

During the years 1999-2002, I was the Match Director for the Rio Salado Desert Classic and have participated at one level or another over its entire history. I believe our club has done some exciting things over the years and I believe I have the experience (and certainly the desire) to see it continue forward over the next year and through the challenges that face the sport. I am asking for your vote for Vice President.

Mickey Thompson:

I am running for the Board position of Vice President of Rio Salado Sportsman's Club, Inc. I have lived in Arizona since 1981 and I make my living as an electrical engineer. I have been a RSSC member since 1993 and an NRA member since 1985. I started shooting and reloading in the mid 70s and enjoyed casual target practice. I regularly shoot Tuesday Night Steel, and have shot High Power, Skeet, Trap and Small Bore. I am an avid and knowledgeable collector of submachine guns and belt fed machine guns. I have enjoyed all of the time I have spent with my finger on most any trigger. I am currently the Subgun Match director, which is run as part of the practical pistol division. My main goal as Vice President would be to make sure everyone has the opportunity to enjoy all forms of shooting. Rio Salado is a terrific facility that can be utilized by shooters of all disciplines

BIOS for SECRETARY:**Michael (Mike) Janas:**

I'm running for the position of Secretary of the Rio Salado Sportsman's Club, Inc. As for my qualifications, I first joined the Rio Salado Sportsman's Club in 1985, so I know the Club, and have watched it grow and change over the years. I shoot competitively in several matches, both rifle and pistol. I am a varmint hunter, and also a reloader. In previous years, I served on the Board of Directors twice as Division Director of the Small Bore Rifle Silhouette (SBRS) Division, and twice as Executive Officer. As Executive Officer I was heavily involved in getting the main road paved, the Main Range extended and covered, and both the High Power and Small Bore Range improvements, to name just a few items. I continue to volunteer at the Club. For example, I help out on Sighting-In days each year, and also serve on the Board of Directors when the current SBRS Director cannot attend. I am retired, so I can devote a lot of time to the range.

In addition, I worked over 26 years, as an administrative supervisor and manager for the Dept. of Defense, which gave me skills I believe, would benefit the club. I also served 12 years in the Naval Reserve, holding positions as Operations Officer, Training Officer, and Executive Officer, which added to these skills. I'm sure we all want a safe and clean shooting range for all our members, and the shooting public. I think the Club needs to address a number of issues to achieve and maintain this goal. I ask for your vote and support.

BIOS for TREASURER:**Arlee A. Janas:**

My name is Arlee A. Janas, (formerly Arlee A. Wilson). I am running for Treasurer of the Rio Salado Sportsman's Club, Inc. I was the Treasurer for the Club from 2001-2002 and the President from 2002-2003. While I was President, we accomplished many projects such as: getting the main road paved, the Main Range pad & awning extended, the High Power Range pad and awning extended, the Small Bore Range improvements, Handicap Restroom, and the Activity Center kitchen completed, to name a few. These projects were accomplished by applying for NRA Grants and Arizona Game and Fish Department matching funds (except for the Handicap restroom which was no cost to the Club) thereby, saving our Club monies. Toward the end of my office we submitted other projects, which were approved for matching funds and have not been completed. I would like to return and assist the Board in completing these projects, as well as, continue to improve and maintain our shooting range.

As for my qualifications, I began shooting at the Userly Mountain Shooting range in 1986.

I have watched it grow and evolve to a great Club. I am a competitive shooter in both rifle and pistol. I shoot varmints and also reload for both rifle and pistol. I am retired, so I can again devote a lot of time to the range. I have more than 20 years of Human Resources and over ten years of accounting and banking. I am again asking for your vote and support for the position of Treasurer.

BIOS FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER:**Jim Fuller:**

I have been a member of the Rio Salado Sportsman's Club, Inc., for three years. Over that time frame I have come to know many members and those on the Staff at the Club. I am qualified on the Small Bore, High Power, and Pistol Ranges. Although qualified to shoot on these ranges, I choose to spend most of my time at the Main Range.

I am currently employed at Southwest Gas as the Supervisor of Market Development for the state of Arizona. I work closely with Senior Management in developing sales and marketing programs. By nature of my job description, I inter-act with all types of personalities in searching for a common denominator that will afford the Company increased revenue while allowing the 35 sales Team Members freedom to sell and build relationships using their own style. I am responsible for creating and presenting workshops and seminars for local and national consumption.

I bring to the Executive Officer's position, management, organizational and communication skills. There are some significant changes evolving at the Club and these changes will require someone who can visualize the entire picture; the long range impact as well as oversee the completion of the immediate goals. I bring the ability to work closely with diverse personalities and to successfully administer, direct and supervise Range policy to employees as well as help implement new programs for the benefit of the Club. I also bring fresh new blood and the eyes to see things out of the current existing paradigm. I am a Past President of RSSC. References and Resume will be furnished upon request.

Thank you for your consideration, Jim Fuller.

BIOS FOR CHIEF INSTRUCTOR:

Craig Cox:

My name is Craig Cox, and I am running for the position of Chief Instructor. Many of you already know me from competitions, or just meeting over the many years. I have been a member of this club since approximately 1962. I have seen many changes over the years. One of the changes was in the area of training for citizens. People asked for a safe place to train, and they also asked for proper instruction. There have been many instructors over the years, and the job they have done has been admirable.

Several years ago, I too was Chief Instructor for a full term of four (4) years. During that time, several NRA basic handgun, and basic rifle classes were taught to adults and children in order to make them feel safe around firearms. As I have said, I am running once again for the position of Chief Instructor. My qualifications include, NRA training counselor, NRA instructor, pistol instructor, rifle instructor, shotgun instructor, personal protection in the home instructor, home firearms safety instructor, certified range officer, and certified chief range safety officer. My current goal is to upgrade to senior training counselor, and eventually master training counselor.

It has always been, and will be in the future, my goal to provide the best affordable training possible to anyone qualified to take the training in any discipline. It is also my feeling the children of today, are the future of shooting tomorrow.

If elected to this position, I shall do my best to live up to my personal standards of providing the best training possible to anyone wishing to learn.

-END OF BIOS-

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Have you got your RSSC Bang! recently?

You say that you go Bang! every time you come out to the range. Well, that's the point isn't it? This time, I am talking about a different kind of Bang! This one lets you know about things happening around the range, special events, and announcements from our range management team. The occasional RSSC Bang! will be sent via email so you don't have to do anything other than keeping us current with your email address.

Please be assured that your email address will never be given out, sold, or "spammed" in any way. You may also need to set your spam or junk filters to allow addresses from *.riosaladosportsmans.com. To update your email address, or anything else such as street address or phone number, please send an email to riosalado@earthlink.net or give our office a call at 480-984-9610.

Our new membership system has been a huge undertaking, but we have most of the kinks worked out now. You can see folks sporting their new membership cards all around - don't they look great! We also have a much better organization of our member records which really helps us help you more. One area where you can help may is by carefully and completely filling out the annual membership application. We try, but we can't read Sanskrit or ancient Egyptian or whatever some of that chicken scratch looks like on some application! If we do make a mistake on your card, please let us know and we will get it fixed.

Come on out to the range and get the Lead Out!

Pete Carstensen, Membership Chairman
membership@riosaladosportsmans.com



Official Ballot
Rio Salado Sportsman's Club, Inc.
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF OFFICERS
Annual Election - September 10, 2005
PLEASE CHECK ONE FOR EACH OFFICE

PRESIDENT:

Terry ABBOTT

(Write-in Candidate)

VICE-PRESIDENT:

Pete CARSTENSEN Larry D'AGOSTINO Mickey THOMPSON

(Write-in Candidate)

SECRETARY

Michael JANAS

(Write-in Candidate)

TREASURER

Arlee A. WILSON-JANAS

(Write-in Candidate)

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Jim FULLER

(Write-in Candidate)

CHIEF INSTRUCTOR

Craig COX

(Write-in Candidate)

(PLEASE NOTE: Your printed name, signature and Member number is MANDATORY for your ballot to be valid.)

Print Member's Name & Membership Number

Member's Signature

Please sign, enclose in an envelope, and mail to: RSSC BALLOT, 3960 N Usery Pass Rd., Mesa AZ 85207-9702, post-marked NLT 08/31/05 OR you may drop them at any time in the LOCK BOX at the Range until 2:00 pm 09/10/05.

| August 2005 | | | | | | |
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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
| | 1 | 2 4:00 Tues. Nite Steel | 3 7:30 Loomis Fargo/ TB 7:30 DOC | 4 5:30 UA Basic HG Bay 2 5:30 Junior SB | 5 2:00 Cowboy Set up 4:00 PM Cowboy Night Shoot | 6 7:00AM Cowboy Match 07:00 SB Hunter Ed |
| 7 9:00 Pistol Sil 9:00 Revolver 7:30UA-CCW, TB | 8 7:30UA-CCW-R, TB | 9 4:00 Tues. Nite Steel | 10 | 11 5:30UA-CCW, Bay 2 5:30 Junior SB 4 - 7 Drill Master Bay 3 | 12 2:00 Set up for Rifle/Shotgun | 13 9:00 Rifle/Shotgun 7:30UA - CCW, R TB |
| 14 8:00 UPPL - USPSA 8:00 MuzzleStuffers 12:00 LRPR | 15 | 16 4:00 Tues. Nite Steel 7:30UA-CCW, TB | 17 9:00 Tempe Swat | 18 5:30UA-CCW-R, Bay 2 5:30 Junior SB | 19 | 20 8:00 RSPP - USPSA 9:30 SB SIL 7:00 500 yd HP Prone Match 1:00 Benchrest HP |
| 21 7:00 Power Rifle Sil 9:00 RMPP 7:30UA-CCW, TB 1:00 BP Cart. Sil. | 22 | 23 4:00 Tues. Nite Steel | 24 8:00am DOC, Bay 3 | 25 5:30 Junior SB | 26 | 27 9:00 USPSA Hosemasters 4:00PM IDPA 7:00 HP 50 Shot |
| 28 8:00.22 Match - PP 8:00 Muzzle Stuffers 7:30UA-CCW, TB 1300 MCC-CCW TB | 29 | 30 4:00 Tues. Nite Steel | 31 | | | |

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