

# Rio Salado Ricochet

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Remember we  
will be closed  
Thanksgiving  
Day!  
We do wish  
you a  
A Happy One!

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## ANNUAL ELECTION RESULTS

The following officers have been elected for the new membership Year:

President - Jim Fuller  
Vice President - Steve Horsman  
Secretary - Polle Blanton  
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We thank all of the outgoing officers for all their hard work. They have helped to make our club better than ever. Let's give the incoming officers all of our support for the coming year.

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Rio Salado Sportsman's Club now has a new Range Manager. Please come and meet Bill Lagusis. Bill looks forward to working with all the members in all the different shooting disciplines. Stop by and see him at the Activity Center Monday thru Friday or call him at the Range at 480-984-9610!

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## GUN SHOW VOLUNTEERS

Once again we are looking for members to volunteer to work our table at Ter-Mark and CrossRoads Gun Shows around the Valley. You will get a free admission to that particular show, plus helping to promote the club. Please contact Jonathon Martin at 480 985 4981 for more details.

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## Way to Go Practical Pistol

We would like to thank all the people who put on the 17th Annual Desert Classic! A First Class staff who put on a First Class Match! All 352 shooters had a wonderful time. Thanks for making our club look GREAT! We look forward to next year!

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# Changes in the 3P Smallbore Division

By Terry Abbott

The 3P Smallbore Division, which meets on Tuesday evenings, is going through some changes. In an effort to appeal to a broader range of shooters we are adding events to our program. One of the biggest changes is the addition of the Sportsman's Team Challenge (STC) matches. The STC is a combination of steel target and shotgun clay bird shooting. Formerly this match was only run twice a year in the Phoenix area. This has been a big drawback to making this competition grow. STC has now moved from Ben Avery to Rio Salado. It is our intention to hold several matches a year. The shotgun portion of the match will be held at Red Mountain Trap and Skeet and the steel portion at Rio Salado. Our goal is to hold four full matches throughout the year, one of which will be a Regional Match. In addition to the full matches, we are eventually going to hold either a steel match or a shotgun match each month. This is a similar idea to the 3-Gun competitors who practice by shooting an occasional rifle/shotgun match along with the opportunities to shoot in pistol matches. On Tuesday nights we are going to have some of the rimfire steel targets set up in addition to our usual 3P 50 yard targets. This will give the STC shooters an opportunity to come out and have some fun and get a little practice.

For those that aren't familiar, STC matches consist of six stages and can be shot with a two or three person team. The rifle stage is shot with .22 rimfire guns, the Ruger 10-22 being the most popular. The Combo stage is shot with .22 rimfire rifle and pistol. The handgun stage is a three part relay shot with one .22 rimfire and two centerfire pistols. There are three shotgun events. One is all incoming targets, one is outgoing targets and one is mixed targets very similar to 5-stand. All events are timed so the matches are very fast paced.

The 3P division will become the 3P/STC division so watch for notices on the website of upcoming events. Our first STC match is on October 30<sup>th</sup> and the entry forms are posted under the upcoming events area of the website. Many of you already have the equipment you need to shoot this match, so get a team together and join the fun.

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## Black Powder Division

In the past RSSC had a Black Powder Cartridge Division. It was disbanded due to lack of participation. I am trying to restart this format of shooting. If you are interested in this format, please contact me. I have received some interest, but I require more people who want to shoot this format to reinstate this shoot.

Inline rifles are becoming more popular each year. There are currently no club events for this format of shooting. I have received some interest but I require more people who want to shoot this format as well.

It only takes as few as ten people to get started so please get in touch with me as time is running out to begin these processes.

Shooters who are interested in one of both of these events will be the ones who decide on how the shoots are established. Shooting events at RSSC are a lot of fun so please feel free to give it a try!

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## FROM THE HIGH POWER RANGE

Fellow Competitors:

The new shooting season is fast approaching. Camp Perry is now becoming a memory. Those of you that were able compete this year congratulations. The reports that I heard indicated that it was a challenging year due to the weather. All in all the competitors from here did well. One of our Juniors made the Presidents 100 this year and one of our Junior teams placed second in the NTIT/Rattle Battle. We also had a team place in the top twenty of the Whistler Boy.

Rio and the ASPRA fielded a large team of Juniors again this year. Many thanks to those who volunteered time, material, money, etc. The coaches this year did a great job of training up large number of new shooters. The coaches this year were Myles Gorin, Tom Kirby, Rex Powers, and John Wilder. Rio Salado, Phoenix Rod and Gun, ASRPA, and DeGreen Financial made cash contributions. Sierra Bullets provided a sizable quantity of bullets and Bill Gomm provided some much needed powder. Don Johnson, Jeff Miles and Jeff Murch slaved over some hot grills at the George Washington Birthday Match, the monthly Cowboy matches, the Blackpowder championship that provided some much needed funding. The Friends of the NRA provided a grant this year that was used to purchase a rifle, scopes and stands, slings, mats, stools, gloves, coats, and some spare parts. Again, thanks to all who contributed to the growth of our young shooters.

You will notice a few changes in the next shooting season. There are still going to be three weekends most months that you will be able to shoot. I guess the open weekend is for reloading, shooting at other ranges, or time with the spouse/honey do list. The Second Sunday of each month (except Oct and Mar) there is the Curio and Relic Match. This match is fifty shots with five sighters and fired at 200 yards. There are classifications for bolt guns (1903 etc) and autoloaders (M1). The 500 yard match is being expanded from a 45 round match to a 60 round match starting in September. That is three strings of twenty with sighters. The fourth weekend is a little more complex. During even months there is a M1/High Power clinic on Saturday and an 80 shot match on Sunday. During odd months there is an 80 shot match on Saturday and a M1 Garand match on Sunday. Bring your obsolete bolt out for that match if you don't have a M1 as there is a class for those rifles as well.

I've got a lot of other things going on and can use lots of help calling the line, running matches, fund raising, etc. I would also like to conduct a few more advanced clinics. There is a lot of voting coming up this year. I urge all club members to cast a ballot in the Rio Salado vote for Board Officers. I encourage and hope that everyone plans to vote in November. It is your right and responsibility.

In closing I also ask you to keep our servicemen and servicewomen in your thoughts and prayers.

I look forward to competing with you this season.

Hold Hard,

Larry

## HAVE YOU TRIED SMALL BORE SILHOUETTE

What is Small Bore Rifle Silhouette? In Small bore Rifle Silhouette you use a .22 rimfire to shoot at small metal targets at fairly short distances (out to 100 meters). Your .22 rifle can be a bolt action, lever action, pump, or even a semi-auto like a Ruger 10/22. It is a sport in which the whole family can take part. Here are some of the specifics:

When you show up you find the Match Director to sign up. Usually that's the person in the office trying to do all the prematch paperwork. After you sign up (your first match is free if you are a brand new shooter to the sport, otherwise the current match fee is \$5 for adults and \$3 for juniors. Juniors are anyone between 10 and 8. All juniors must have an adult with them, even if the adult does not shoot).

There are two kinds of matches - a 40 round match and a 60 round match. At Rio Salado we usually shoot a 60 round match. That means 15 shots at the chicken targets, 15 at the pigs, 15 for turkeys, and the rams get the same. We do this 5 at a time, with a short rest between each five shots. The targets are in meters and are located as follows: Chickens 40 meters; pigs 60; turkeys 77 and rams 100 meters. For small bore you shoot a .22 rimfire (no hi velocity ammo). Anyone can enter, and you shoot according to your skill level in classes.

You would first shoot in an unclassified class. After your first match you would fall into anything from B, A, AA, AAA and Master, depending on your score in your first match. You shoot standing up, no slings, heavy shooting coats, but scopes are o.k. and recommended. Small Bore Matches are the Saturday before the third Sunday at 9 AM April to September. October to March the match starts at 10 A.M. Practice and sighting in usually starts about an hour earlier. Typically there are modest cash prizes for winners in each class and for the overall match winner (juniors are not eligible for cash prizes). In case of ties there is a shoot off.

Basically a match goes something like this. Shooters are called to the line. The command Load/listo is given. 15 seconds later the command fire/fuego is given. (Spanish commands are sometimes used as the sport was invented in Mexico, and it is tradition, but optional) You have 2 ½ minutes to shoot 5 shots - one at each target animal in a row left to right. If you knock the animal over it is a hit, if you miss it, or simply turn it, or rock it, it is a miss. After the 2 ½ minutes are up, the command cease fire is given. Then you rest for about a minute, still standing at the firing position, then the routine is started again. It is done twice in each bank or set of target animals for a 40 round match, and 3 times for a 60. Then when you are finished with a bank of animals, you go on to the next bank. Shooters take turns in relays if there are enough. Between relays shooters walk out to set up the targets they knocked over. If it is your first time you are usually paired with an experienced shooter. It's a lot of fun, so bring yourself, your family, and your friends and a .22 rifle. Please keep in mind we emphasize shooting safety.

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***"On every question of construction (of the constitution) let us carry ourselves back to the time when the Constitution was adopted, recollect the spirit manifested in the debates, and instead of trying what meaning may be squeezed out of the text, or invented against it, conform to the probable one in which it was passed."***

***- Thomas Jefferson, letter to William Johnson, June 12, 1823***