

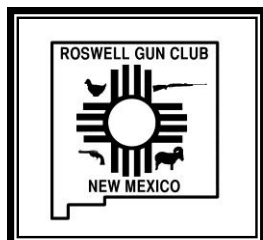
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This is the first issue of the New Year and we hope everyone had a happy Christmas and a safe new year and hope we will see you all out at the range.

FIRST SUNDAY MATCHES 12-4-11

By James Cravener, Match Director

Today started out pretty cold, but warmed up quickly. After the snow yesterday, we only had 8 shooters out.

In the Cowboy Low Power Match, Overall Winner went to Mike Russo with 32, AAA went to Ernie Edmonston with 29, Ron Young won A Class with 16, and Audee won B Class with 9.

In Cowboy 22 Rifle, Bill Hamilton won Overall with 29, Bob Beeson won AAA with 22, and I won AA Class with 23.

I want to thank everyone for coming out today.

200 METER CAST BULLET MILITARY RIFLE MATCH 12-11-11

By Juan Paco, Match Director

Today's match had a low turnout due to the weather. It was in the 30's, mid 80% humidity and a slight breeze at about 7 mph out of the SSE. Not a normal windy day but a bitter cold that you could really feel deep down. However we had 6 shooters come out and stuck around to play.

Overall winner was Ernie Edmonston with a score of 31. He got 8 chickens, 7 pigs, 7 turkeys and 9 rams. He was using his 1909 Argentine Mauser. His load was a 314299 Lyman in 210 grains with 20.0 grains of 2400. I'm guessing he used the last bit of Unique on his eggs this morning. AAA went to Alan Bloomer with a 25 after a 1 shot shootoff with John Thosen. AA went to Scotty Davis also with a 25. James C. and John W. finished close behind with a 24 and a 23 respectfully. Thanks for shooting today and hopefully January holds better weather in store for us.

BENCH REST CHICKEN SILHOUETTE MATCH 12-10-11

By Bill Kennedy Match Director

We had fog with visibility holding to about 700 meters. The temperatures were in the mid 30's, and with no wind. These conditions were great and it showed in the scores. This month we had 13 shooters.



Before the Low Power Match 12-3-11

REGULAR LOW POWER MATCH 12-03-11

Reported by Scott Davis

The match today started off with about an inch of snow, overcast skies with a temperature of around 32 degrees and no wind, really a nice day for a match. Eleven shooters signed up to shoot. There were 6 scope shooters and 5 iron sight shooters. Ernie Lewis took top honors in the scope category with a score of 37. Ernie used a Remington 700 in .221 Fireball with a 50 gr. V-max bullet ahead of 13.8/H-4198. He knocked down 10 chickens, 10 pigs, 9 turkeys and 8 rams. Other winners were: John Thosen – Master score 31, Jerry King – AAA score 27, And Paula Thosen – AA score 29.

In the iron sight category Ernie Edmonston took top honors with a score of 35. Ernie used a T/C contender carbine in .30 carbine with Lyman 311410 cast bullet ahead of 11.0/H116 to take 8 chickens, 10 pigs, 9 turkeys, and 8 rams. Other winners were: Scott Davis – Master score 27, James Cravener – AAA score 24, and Ron Young -AA score 26.

Ernie Lewis was the overall winner with a perfect 40. Ernie was using a Savage model 12 F/TR chambered in 308 shooting a 155-matchking bullet and 47g of Varget. The AAA class winner was decided after a three shot shoot off. Kenny Padilla ended up with the win after getting 36 +3.

Carroll Hargrove took second AAA with 36 +2. The AA class winner was Bill Kennedy with 35 and my first AAA score. Bob Elder was second AA with 34 and is now an AAA shooter. In A class the winner was Jim Pruett with 18, Jim took the win after winning the tie breaking coin flip with Ron Young.

We had a great match and just remember that the second Saturday of next month will be this match. Thank you to all the people that shot the match and the guys who came out to watch. I also want to thank the new shooters that came out and the shooters that drove in just for this match

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"O. F." 30-30 MATCH, 12-14-11

By Ernie Edmonston, Match Director

The temperature was up from what it had been the past few days, but a fog bank kept us standing by the fire until about 9:45 AM. There wasn't but 8 of us, but we've done worse and we shot like as if we had a full house. The berms were wet and it was very difficult to tell where misses were.

I managed to win the match with the score of 31 using a Browning model 1885 in 30-30 caliber. I used a Saeco 150 gr. bullet ahead of 22 gr. AA 2200 to knock off 9 chickens, 8 pigs, 6 turkeys, and 8 rams.

Scotty Davis won AAA Class with 26. Bob Elder beat out Ernie Lewis for AA Class after a shootoff, both having scored 28. Ron Young won A Class with 24, and there were no other classes represented.

The other shooters present were Virdis Isler, Mike Borem, and Sonny Odell.

CAST BULLET, LOW POWER 12-17-11

By Ernie Lewis, Match Director

Today we had 11 shooters come out on this nice cool morning. Of the 11 shooters, 4 shot iron sights and 7 were shooting scope.

Alan Bloomer took overall with iron sights. Alan took 10 chickens, 9 pigs, 4 turkeys and 6 rams. Alan was shooting a Marlin 357 magnum with a 160 gr. cast bullet over 6 gr. of Superfield. Ron Young won AA with 25, and Sonny Odell took A class with 16.

Ernie Lewis won overall in the scope category with a 35. Ernie took 10 chickens 10 pigs 8 turkeys and 7 rams. Ernie was shooting a Remington 700 221 Fireball with a 55 gr. RCBS over 12.4 gr. H 4198. Jim Byrd won AAA with 28, and Bob Elder took AA with a 34 and a promotion to AAA.

COWBOY 30-30 MATCH, 12-17-11

By Ernie Edmonston, Match Director

A really good crowd showed up today despite the cloudy weather. There were 21 shooters signed up including 7 from Clovis and 1 from Carlsbad. The temperature stayed around 45 degrees, the clouds remained, but best of all, the wind didn't blow.

Ernie Edmonston won Overall with the score of 38 by missing 2 turkeys and using a 1885 Browning in 30-30, a Saeco 150 gr. bullet and 22.0 gr. of AA 2200.

1st AAA went to Bill Hamilton with 35, 2nd AAA went to Alan Bloomer with 32, AA was won by Mike Russo with 25, 1st A went to Bob Elder with 30 and 2nd A went to Mike Borem along with a promotion to AA Class with 29. B Class went to Ross Vaughan with 15. Garrett Baldock won Jr. A Class with 11 and Ethan Baldock won Jr. B Class with 14.

O.F. CAST BULLET MATCH 12/21/11

Reported by Scott Davis

Eight shooters competed in today's match; there were seven iron sight shooters and one scope shooter. Ernie Lewis won the scope competition (being the only scope shooter). Ernie took 9 chickens, 8 pigs, 6 turkeys and 7 rams for a score of 30, he used a Remington 700 chambered for 308 Winchester with a 150gr/RCBS bullet ahead of 22grains of IMR-4198.

In the iron sight category Ernie Edmonston took top honors with a score of 33. Ernie was using a Ruger #1 chambered for the 7mm Rem/BR and he used a 168-grain RCBS bullet ahead of 20 grains/H-4198. He took 7chickens, 10 pigs, 9 turkeys and 7 rams. Alan Bloomer won AAA class with a score of 31. Carroll Hargrove won AA class with a score of 28, and Ron Young won A class with a score of 27. Other shooters were: Scott Davis, Mike Russo and Sonny Odell.

DENNIS SULLIVAN 22 MATCH, 12-24-11

By Ernie Edmonston, Match Director

The Match was cancelled today, see below.



5TH SATURDAY MATCH 12-31-11

By Ernie Edmonston, Match Director

This was the last Match of the year and a rather miserable affair. The heavy snow we had was pretty well melted leaving a sticky, muddy mess. The berms were wet and the targets hard to see. This was, as usual on a 5th Saturday, a 200 Meter Pistol Caliber Rifle Match.

The weather didn't affect Ron Young all that much as he won the Match with the score of 31, a good 7 points ahead of 2nd place. Ron has been improving immensely the last few weeks. Ron used a Marlin 1894 in .357 Mag., a 180 gr. Cast Bullet, and 11.0 gr. 2400 to score on 9 chickens, 7 pigs, 9 turkeys, and 6 rams.

I won Master Class with 20, Scotty Davis won AAA Class with 24, Mike Russo won AA Class with 19, and Sonny Odell won A Class with 12.

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FIRST SUNDAY MATCHES 1-1-12

By James Cravener, Match Director

The turnout wasn't all that bad considering the snow and slick mud with 11 braving the elements.

Russ Gould came down from Clovis and Bill Hamilton came up from Carlsbad to be the only 2 pistol shooters. Russ won Overall in both Big Bore and Small Bore Hunter's Pistol with 29 and 30. Bill took Small Bore AA Class with 24.

Ernie Edmonston won Overall in Cowboy Low Power Rifle with 34 using a 106 year old Winchester model 1892 in 32-20. Bill Hamilton won AAA Class with 28, Mike Borem won A Class with 24, and Andee won B Class with 9.

Bill Hamilton, who shot 3 guns in 2 relays, won Overall in the Cowboy 22 Rifle Match with the score of 26 using a Marlin 39A rifle. Bob Beeson won AAA Class with 20, and Bob Elder won A Class with 26.

I want to thank everyone for showing up and hope to see you along with some new faces next month.

Even under ideal conditions people have trouble locating their car keys in a pocket, finding their cell phone, and Pinning the Tail on the Donkey – but I'd bet everyone can find and push the snooze button from three feet away, in about 1.7 seconds, eyes closed, first time, every time.

HOLIDAY CAST BULLET MATCH, 1-2-12

Reported by Ernie Edmonston

This Match came up on the spur of the moment and not many people got the word. The ground was still wet and sticky, so not many people would have come anyway. There were 7 of us who "slid" out to the range, 6 using iron sights and 1 using a scope.

Virdis Isler was the only shooter using a scope, so won hands down with the score of 21. Sorry Virdis, I didn't get your load or anything.

Ernie Edmonston won the Iron Sight side using a 112 year old Swedish Mauser in 6.5X55, a Lyman 150 gr. 266675 bullet, and 24.0 gr. of Re 7. This combo nailed all 10 chickens, 8 pigs, 7 turkeys, and 7 rams. Alan Bloomer won AAA Class with 30, Bob Elder won AA Class with 31, and Mike Borem won A Class with 29.

James Cravener and Ron Young were the only others to make it out.

O.F. LOW POWER 01-04-12

By Ernie Lewis, Match Director

We had 14 shooters come out today with 8 shooting iron sight, and 6 shooting scopes.

Bob Elder won overall shooting iron sight with a 28 after a shoot off. Bob took 9 chickens, 10 pigs, 5 turkeys, and 4 rams. Ernie Edmonston won Master with a 28. Jim Pruett took AAA with 21, and AA was won by Ron Young with 19. We also had an unclassified shooter with iron sight, and Andee shot a 15, not bad for her first time, making her an A shooter.

John Thoesen won overall with the scope shooting a 31. John hit 9 chickens, 10 pigs, 5 turkeys, and 7 rams. Ernie Lewis won master with 28. Alan Bloomer won AA with 23, and Mr. Newman took A class with 11

REGULAR LOW POWER MATCH 01-07-12

Reported by Scott Davis

This month's match consisted of 17 scope shooters and 8 iron shooters, of these there two unclassified shooters, one iron and one scope shooter.

In the scope category Bob Elder won overall with a score of 38. Bob used a CZ M-455 chambered in .22LR; his ammo was CCI mini-mags with a 40-grain bullet. Bob took 10 chickens, 10 pigs 9 turkeys and 9 rams. Ernie Lewis won Master class with a score of 37, Randy Dana won AAA- class with a score of 34 (this was after a shoot-off with Jim Byrd who also shot 34). This win gave Randy a promotion to Master class. This also gave Jim 2nd AAA. Paula Thosen won AA- class with a score of 29, which gave her a promotion to AAA- class. Dara Dana won A- class with a score of 18.

In the iron sight category Bill Hamilton won overall with a score of 34. Bill used a Marlin-39a chambered for .22LR with Federal auto-match ammo; he took 9 chickens, 10 pigs 7 turkeys and 8 rams. Ernie Edmonston won Master class with a score of 29, Bob Beeson won AAA-class with a score of 20, Ron Young won AA-class with a score of 25, and Andee Manness won unclassified with a score of 12.

IMPORTANT SAFETY MATTERS

As all of you know, ricochets can be very dangerous. There are several things that can cause these, but probably 99% of them occurring on the range are due to someone bouncing bullets off of flat ground. This most often happens when the shooter's target is set up without a proper backstop or too far in front of the impact berm. A bullet hitting the ground in front of an impact berm can very easily bounce over it.

We have already heard complaints from members using the two ranges we recently added. One member was setting a target down range on the new range #8 while someone else was target shooting on the new 150 yd. bay on range 7. Bullets were coming over the back berm and falling in the vicinity of the shooter down range. Naturally, we need to prevent these situations. Probably the best solution to this is to pick the range for the distance you want to shoot and make sure that your target is close enough to the impact berm to catch all bullets fired (don't set a target stand at 50 yards when the impact berm is at 150 yards).

Also, when using the new 600 yard sight-in range (#8), it might be a wise idea to inform anyone using the 150 yd. bay in Range 7 that you are going down range before you leave and when you get back.

Most of all, be conscious of where your rounds are pointed and avoid bouncing bullets off flat ground. All kinds of problems can be avoided with just a little common sense. It would be a pity to have to close our new ranges just because a few people can't observe a few simple safety precautions.

At such times there is a "3 gun" match going on in the new 150 yard bay, it is most likely that range #8 will be closed until the match is over.



NEW SHADES ON THE RANGE

As of 1-12-12 we have shades over the firing lines on 4 more ranges, no. 2, 5, 7, and the new #8. These will be especially appreciated next summer. The shades tend to magnify the noise from muzzle blasts, so hearing protection is certainly recommended when under them.

Our contractor, George Dairy Maintenance, Inc. was the same one who built the last shades we had erected and did an equally fine job of doing so. Our thanks go out to him and his crew. Also, a great big thanks is in order for Roswell Ready Mix who donated the concrete that was used in the construction of these shades. We didn't know this until time to pay the bill and discovered that there was no charge. It's our hope that Club members keep these deeds in mind whenever they have the call to need ready-mixed concrete.

COWBOY 30-30 MATCH, 1-15-12

By Ernie Edmonston, Match Director

This was a beautiful January day. It started out a little on the chilly side, but warmed up nicely and best of all, there was no wind. We had a pretty decent crowd today with 17 slots filled. We had Bill Hamilton from Carlsbad and 7 shooters from Clovis.

Bill Hamilton and John Wostal brought their pistols to try their luck, Bill outscored Paco 20 to 11.

Bill Hamilton also shot a rifle and won the Match with the score of 36, 9 chickens, all 10 pigs, 9 turkeys, and 8 rams. Bill used his old trusty Marlin 336 in 30-30 caliber, a Lyman 180 gr. cast bullet, and 20.0 gr. of AA 2230C.

I won Master Class with 34 which I thought was a pretty good score, but it actually came in 3rd. Alan Bloomer won AAA Class with 35, Mike Russo won 1st AA Class with 30, Don Upham won 2nd AA Class with 26, Alan Jones won A Class with 22, and B Class was won by Ross Vaughan.

We had two Junior Shooters, Garret Ford won A Class with 13, and Ethan Baldock won B Class with 10.

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THE ANNUAL BANQUET

The Annual Banquet will be held at the same place it was last year, The Los Cerritos Restaurant located at 2103 N. Main Street. The cost will be \$12.50 per plate, payable at the door. The price includes food, drink, and tip. As usual, we would appreciate anything you might want to donate for a door prize.

ELECTION 2012

The Club's annual election will be held at the Fish and Game Department conference room (back door) at the same time as the regular meeting, February 2nd, 2012. Your vote is definitely appreciated and the folks who have volunteered to run really look forward to getting your vote. We will try to get the polls open by 6:15 PM and they will probably close about an hour later. The address of the Fish and Game Office is 1912. W. 2nd St.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

As you've probably noticed, the Membership Renewal Form is attached. About all the information you need is on this form to renew your membership for the coming year. We would like to point out again that the key blanks we use are getting expensive, so please drop your old one in the box at the gate when you get the new one. We will have those re-cut for use next year and if we don't have it, we have to buy another one to take its place. This helps us keep the dues the same as it has been for several years now. It doesn't do us a lot of good for someone to save keys for several years and turn them in all at once, which happens more often than one would think. Thanks in advance for the cooperation.



Bench Rest

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Silhouette Match, 1-14-12

By Bill Kennedy Match Director

We had nice conditions for the second month in a row. With such nice conditions we attracted 14 shooters. Ernie Lewis was the over all winner with a perfect 39. Ernie was using a Savage model 12 F/TR chambered in 308 shooting a 155-matchking bullet and 47g of Varget. Just like last month the AAA class winner was decided by shoot off. Kenny Padilla ended up with the win after getting 38 + 1. Carroll Hargrove took second AAA with 38. The AA class winner was also decided by shoot off between Doug Mathis and Bill Kennedy. Doug beat me with 34 +1. James Cravener won A class with 30. We had a great match and just remember that the second Saturday of next month will be this match. Thank you to all the people that shot the match and the guys who came out to watch. I also want to thank the new shoots that came out and the shooters that drove in just for this match.

You never know when it will strike, but there comes a moment at work when you know that you just aren't going to do anything productive for the rest of the day.

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O.F. CAST BULLET MATCH 01/18/12

Reported by Scott Davis

Eight shooters competed in today's match. There were seven iron sight shooters and one scope shooter. Ernie Edmonston won the iron sight category with a score of 31. Ernie used a Ruger No.1 chambered in 7mmBR with a 168 grain RCBS bullet ahead of 20 grains/H-4198. He took 8 chickens, 9 pigs, 6 turkeys and 8 rams. Other iron sight shooters were; Alan Bloomer -AAA score 30, Carroll Hargrove-AA score 28, Ron Young-A score of 25 earning him a promotion to AA.

The only scope shooter was Jim Byrd with a score of 31. Jim used a Remington 78 chambered for .30-06 with a 150-grain cast bullet ahead of 24 grains/ Reloader 7. Jim took 9 chickens, 7 pigs, 6 turkeys and 9 rams.

MID-RANGE F-CLASS JANUARY 21, 2012

By Jerry King

We had a good turn out with 14 shooters showing up. I had a few more shooters tell me that they were going to be there, but probably something came up. Thanks to all the shooters that showed up. We had two new shooters today, and I hope that they will be back next month.

The weather was great for shooting and there was a slight breeze at the 300 yard line when we started, but the wind just kept getting stronger and back at the 600 yard line it was blowing 12 - 15 mph.

Next month again, let's try for both Classes: F-TR and FO. We will need a minimum of 5 shooters in class to have that class.

Remember that in February we will again be starting at 10 A.M..

A special congratulation to Coy Speer for shooting a great score: 446 - 21x. Last year he was shooting Marksman scores. Since the club put in the new sight in range and Coy has been using it. His score shows it.

MATCH WINNERS

Coy Speer	Match Winner	446 - 21x
Cory Bizzell	HM/MA Class Winner	445 - 21x
Bobby West	EX/SS Class Winner	432 - 7x
David Crider	MK Class Winner	411 - 8x

MATCH SCORES

1. Coy Speer	446 – 21x
2. Cory Bizzell	445 – 21x
3. Freddy Haltom	445 – 20x
4. Kenny Padilla	440 – 15x
5. Tim Click	440 – 9x
6. Joel Chino	435 – 14x
7. Bobby West	432 – 7x
8. L. J. Montano	427 – 6x
9. Steve Jones	415 – 8x
10. David Crider	411 – 8x
11. Adam Aichele	410 – 7x
12. Darek Templeton	410 – 5x
13. Alan Dickson	386 – 2x
14. Steve Martin	383 – 3x

CAST BULLET, LOW POWER 01-21-12

By Ernie Lewis, Match Director

This morning was a fairly nice morning except for being a bit cool. Today we only had 9 shooters turn out to shoot our match, 3 with iron sight, and 6 shooting scope.

Ernie Edmonston took overall iron sight with a 23. Ernie took 7 chickens, 9 pigs, 4 turkeys, and 3 rams. Ernie was shooting a Ruger #3 in 22 Hornet with a 50 gr. Lee cast bullet and 4.3 gr. WSP. Ron Young won AA with a 22, and Jim Pruett won A class with a 22.

Ernie Lewis won the scope class with a 39 which is also a record for this Match. Ernie took 10 chickens, 10 pigs, 10 turkeys, and 9 rams. Ernie was shooting a Remington 700 in 221 Fireball with a 55 gr. RCBS bullet and 12.4 gr. H4198. Alan Bloomer won AAA with a 34, and Scotty Davis took AA with a 30.

We would like to see more shooters come out and shoot this Match, it's a lot of fun and good practice.

01-22-12

Due to high winds this day's match was cancelled.



Shade on New Range #8



New shade on range #2 or "100 yd. Police Range"

The statistics on sanity is that one out of every four persons is suffering from some sort of mental illness. Think of your three best friends—if they are okay, then it's you.

See you all at the banquet.