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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

It is with sadness I must report the loss of one of our members, Al Freiling.

Al was best known on the skeet field shooting with his friends the "Joy Boys" on Saturday afternoons. Al was an interesting guy, a master machinist, a hot rod builder, a man who produced many, one of a kind projects, for work and his friends. He loved fishing with his grandson every chance he could. He always had a project going but was willing to help you with whatever he could. He will be missed.

Greg Talamini

THUNDER VALLEY DAYS HELP NEEDED IN JUNE

Thunder Valley Days is one of our clubs biggest fund raisers. It takes a lot of help to put on this event. IWLA-WAC Volunteer "Waddies" are critical to the success of Maryland State Championship of Cowboy Action Shooting.

Volunteers will receive a Waddie Badge, work credit hours and free food on days where we have food for the shooters. Please look over the areas of help needed below and give the contact person a call or E-mail to volunteer.

We are in need of a coordinator for tear down on Saturday the 26th of June. Teardown takes less than two hours and it helps to have one person in charge. If you would like to volunteer for that job, please contact Chuck Crooks at 301-831-9666.

Match set up is on Wednesday, the 23rd. at 10:00 AM for most of the day. Contact [Chuck Crooks](#) 301-831-9666.

Vendor Set Up Contact [Dave Gold](#) 304-876-2484. Wednesday, most of the day and for a couple of hours on Thursday (24th) morning.

Kitchen and Food preparation help for lunch on 24, 25, 26 and a late afternoon BBQ on the 26th. Contact [Mac McCollum](#) 301-854-3707.

Parking on the 24th, 25th and 26th, mostly in the AM between 7:00 AM and 9:30 AM. Visitor parking help need throughout the day on the 26th & 27th. Contact [Chuck Crooks](#) 301-831-9666.

Target swap on the 25th at approximately 4:00 PM for about 1 1/2 hours. Contact [Chuck Crooks](#) 301-831-9666.

Shuttle Drivers on the 24th, 25th, 26th. Help needed throughout the day, starting at 10:00 AM on the 24th, 7:00 AM on the 25th and 26th, finished at 5:00 PM.. Contact [Rich Fried](#) 301-253-2789.

First Aid Station on 25th & 26th. Contact [Chuck Crooks](#) 301-831-9666.

Water Jugs on 24th, 25th & 26th. Set up in AM, get ice and replenish each morning. Contact John Leaman 301-972-1572.

Roaming Safety Officer (for visitors checking for ear and eye protection). Help is need for all day Friday and Saturday. Contact [Chuck Crooks](#) 301-831-9666

Match tear down on the 26th. Approximately 3:30 PM for less than 2 hours. Contact [Chuckaroo](#) 301-831-9666 to volunteer.

FOR SALE BULLETIN BOARD

If you have firearms and shooting related items you would like to offer 'for sale' to WAC members, the items can be listed on the bulletin board in the downstairs airgun range area of the chapter house. Print your ad on a card (along with photos if you wish) and display it on the board. Be sure to include your name and contact information and the date the card is posted. It will be displayed for 30 days.

GUN COLLECTION SOFTWARE – (Jean Aker)

Do you have a more than a few guns in your safe?

Have you ever worried about what information you would need for an insurance claim if something happened to your guns?

Could you supply law enforcement with your gun info if they were stolen?

This issue is rarely discussed and should be. The only way most gun enthusiasts track their collection is the classic pen and paper method. You simply list what you have on a piece of paper and store the list in a safe place. While I am sure this is adequate for most people there are a few things that would be nice to have.

How about a picture of your gun that can show its condition and configuration?

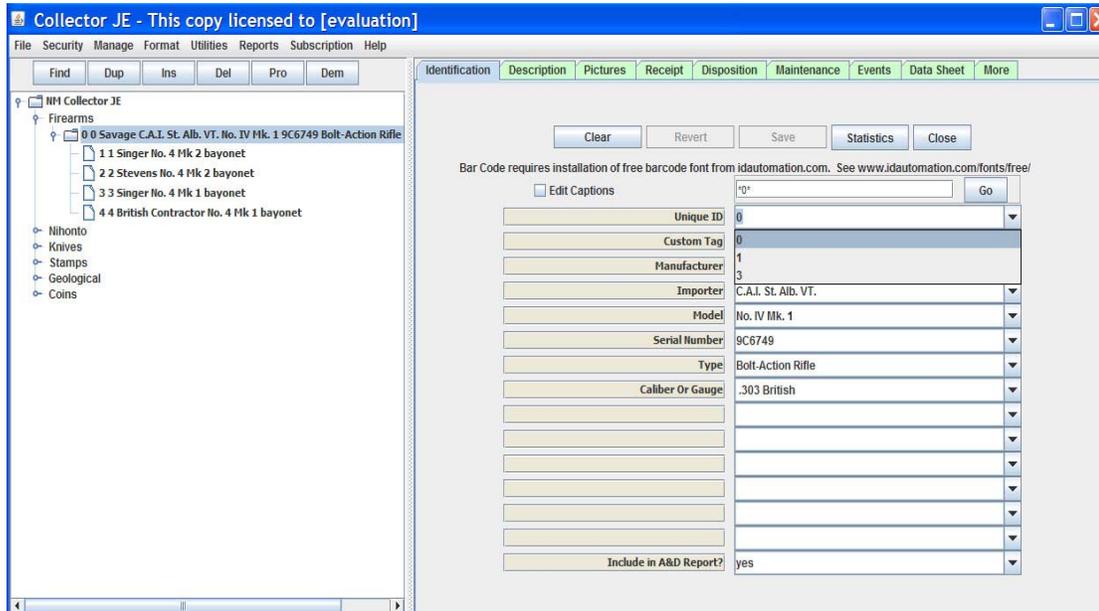
How do you easily change or update the information on your list?

I did a little research on this and discovered that that computer industry is ready to help.

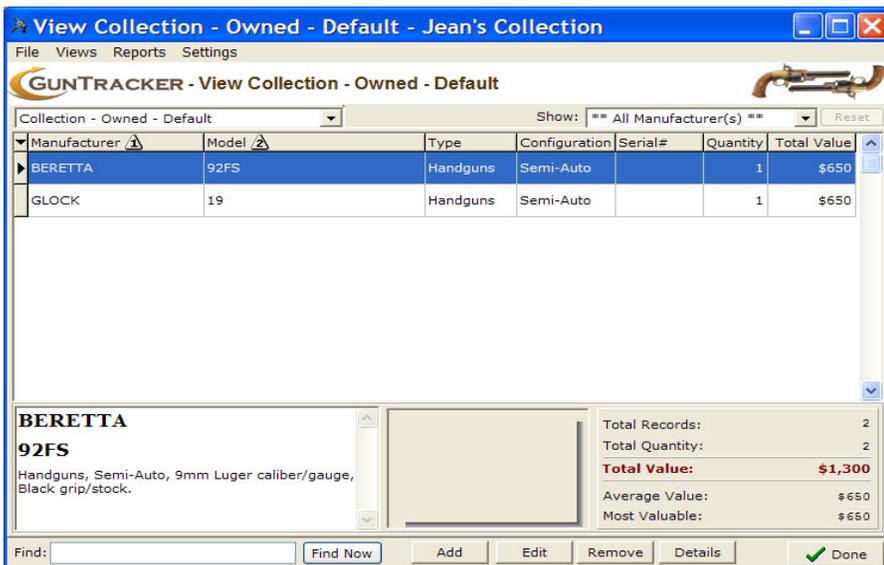
I found three free programs that will allow a gun owner with a PC and a minimum of computer literacy to maintain a fairly complete database of their collection. All of them allow for the attachment of images and are easily changed or updated when necessary.

The three programs are Gunsafe, GunTracker, and NM Collector.

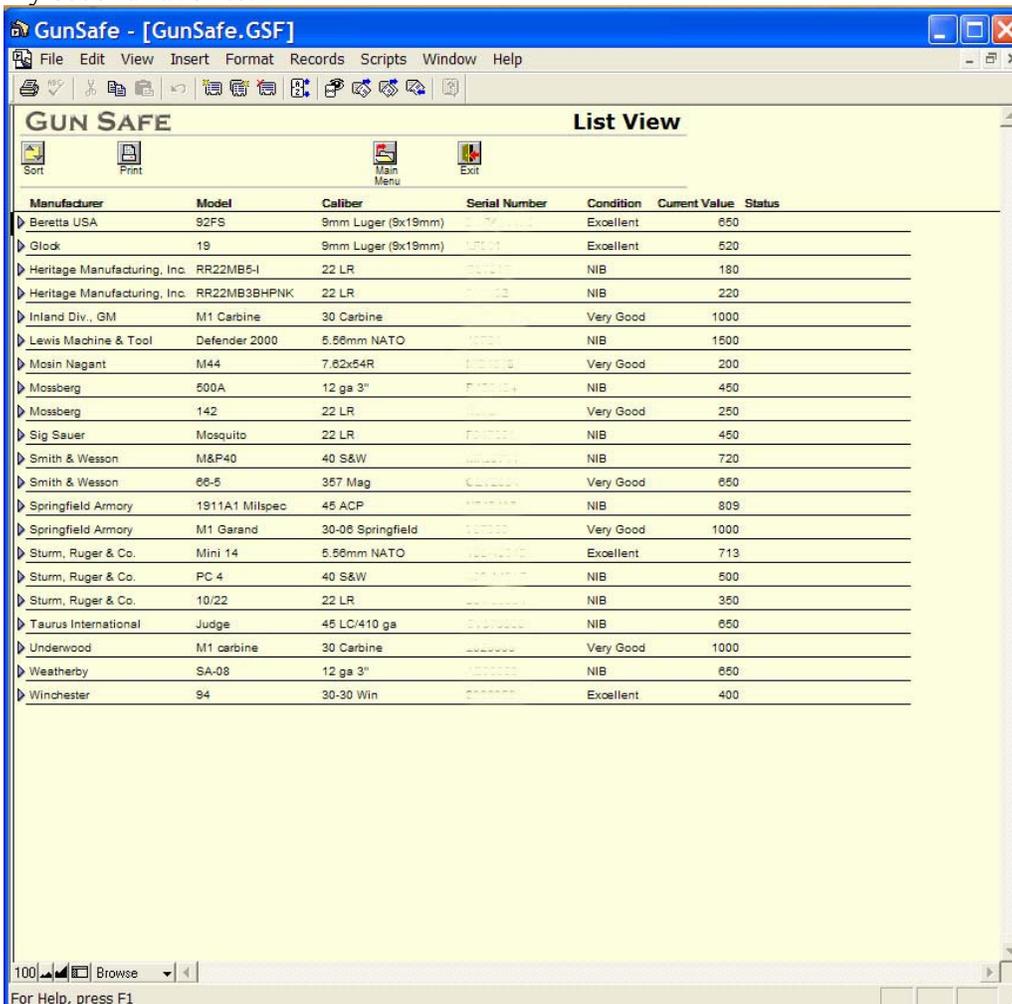
I installed all three to evaluate them and present my findings here. This is a highly subjective effort, but my years in the IT industry should give me some useable insights. All of them could do what I thought a good gun collection database should do. Two of them allow for full use of all functions without having to pay a fee.



NM Collector JE has been migrated to the Java format. The original Windows full version is no longer supported. The programmer has made the full Windows version available for free. It is useable indefinitely despite the demo countdown clock warning. It features several categories of collections besides Firearms, including Nihonto (Japanese swords), Knives, Stamps, etc. The Firearms database allows the user to input a tremendous amount of data for each entry. All the data is presented in a Windows dialogue box and tabs allow for quick access to more information associated with each entry, including pictures. You can find it @ <http://www.nmcollector.net>. The download is 18 MB and it installs easily. My impression was that the interface was too busy and presented a lot of options that I did not have a use for and did not need. Besides, I was looking for a guns only application and this one just tries to do too much. I did not even bother to input any data into it. The data in the image came with the program.

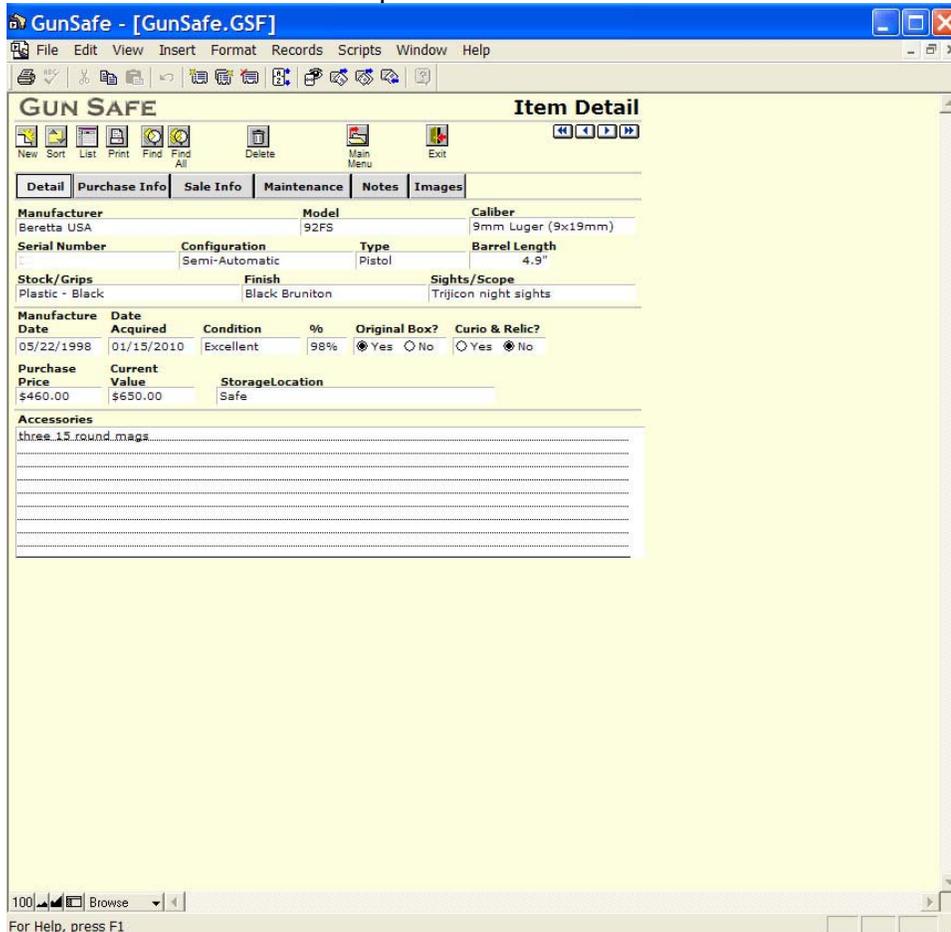


GunTracker 2.4 is available in a Full version and a Demo. The Demo version is free and can be used indefinitely. It only lacks the complete gun value price list that the Full version contains. You can get it @ <http://www.bangzoom.com>. I liked the interface that GunTracker uses, but it was harder for me to get around in it. It is a guns only database and I liked that. The download is about 12MB and installs easily. This one was my second favorite.



Gunsafe is the one that I use. It is only available as a freeware application and is available @ <http://www.somanyroads.org>. It is written to take advantage of the FileMaker Pro 5.5 runtime database program. It is not installed, but is a stand-alone executable program that runs in its own Windows dialogue box. When launched the main menu consists of eight button icons that allow the user to query different aspects of the

database or Exit the program. One button allows for an image only database. The image above is the View Current Collection button response.



Each entry in the collection is accessible by clicking on the triangle in the left margin. This screen print is the page displayed for the first gun in the list. The buttons along the top allow access to sufficient data to satisfy any requirement for insurance or law enforcement. You can modify the program by adding new entries for most categories. If you want you can even create a new category for ammo so you can keep a running inventory of your ammo.

A comprehensive, easy to use, and complete database to keep track of a firearms collection is one way to give the enthusiast a little piece of mind should the unthinkable occur. If you are interested in using one of these please go to the website listed.

Editors note: This article was submitted as a general interest item to our membership. Since most of us have a few firearms ,this software just might be worth a look . Due to space limitations, it will not appear in the print newsletter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARCHERY (Tom Ouellette)

The traditional archery club will begin the 2010 season starting Monday, May 3rd. We shoot weekly on Monday evening starting @6:30 PM. All interested archers should meet at the parking lot to the archery/airgun range with your bow and as many arrows as you want.

AIRGUN (Phil Dean)

AIR PISTOL TROPHY WINNERS

Three WAC air pistol shooters have won awards for their performance in the International Airgun Postal League, an eight match event that was fired on Monday nights as part of the Adult Airgun Program. The participants fired the NRA 10 meter air pistol course and the scores for the eight matches were submitted to the coordinator in Oregon. He ranked these scores along with those of the other shooters from the US and Canada and sent out a bulletin for each of the eight matches and the final bulletin which shows the individual standings for all of the participants.

Jim Piateski won the match award in the Seniors Class. Carl McMahon was the winner in the Open Class. Don Hunt, a new participant in the air pistol program, was recognized as the Most Improved shooter over the course of the match.

Other chapter members participating in the postal match were: Karl Krchma, Phillip Dean, Rick Blatchford, and Stephen Meyer.

New shooters are invited to come out on Monday evenings at 6:30PM for air pistol and / or air rifle shooting in the downstairs airgun range. Contact Phillip Dean (301-865-8202) for information.

CHAPTER AIR PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

The annual WAC air pistol championship match will be fired on Monday nights April 19 and April 26, 2010, at the indoor airgun range in the chapter house. You can fire on either of the nights. The regular Monday night adult airgun program will be held on both Mondays. The course of fire will be the standard NRA indoor 10 meter air pistol match of 60 shots fired in groups of 5 shots per target at 12 targets. The range setup begins at 6:30 PM and firing begins at 7:00 PM.

Contact Phillip Dean (301-865-8202) for additional information.

CONSERVATION (Meo Curtis)

Brookeville Tree Maintenance: Saturday May 15

Last fall, a very hardy dozen souls participated in Phase 1 of our partnership with Montgomery County Department of Parks to reforest along the Reddy Branch. The Reddy Branch is a tributary to the Hawlings River which flows into the Upper Patuxent.

On Saturday May 15 from 9 a.m. to noon, there will be a Conservation Committee event to continue the reforestation efforts. The next scheduled planting area is a 1- to 2-acre field with an abundance of volunteer trees. Many of them are red maples, as well as other high quality native trees. We've been asked to help protect these high quality trees from deer browse by building wire cages around them. About a dozen volunteers are needed for this conservation credit activity. All materials, gloves, water, and light snacks will be provided. You must sign up in advance for this activity. Contact Jeffrey Deschamps at 301-604-3736 or Jim Piateski at 301-253-4950 of the Conservation Committee for more information.

Rain Barrel Workshop: Tuesday March 16

All 30 barrels had been spoken for prior to the evening of Tuesday March 16 at the 'Make and Take' workshop. Meo Curtis provided an overview on stormwater management problems, how rain barrels can help, and how to add the hardware to the pre-drilled barrels. Rain Barrels and similar storage containers have been used for centuries for conserving rooftop runoff for later use. Thanks to Bill Gazdik, Susan Borniak, and Rick Sommer for preparing the barrels for the workshop. Thanks also to Dave Stamper for donating 7 barrels to the workshop. The workshop presentation is posted on the conservation committee web page along with a one-page fact sheet on assembling your own rain barrel.

For information about the rebates available for Montgomery County residents who voluntarily install stormwater management practices, including rain barrels, on their lots, see www.rainscapes.org

Christmas Tree Planting Update: (Wendy Smith and Wade Dayberry)

We are looking for volunteers able to help us plant 100 Christmas tree seedlings on Sunday, April 25th – Chapter Maintenance Day. Please arrive at the Green Maintenance Shed by 10AM for instructions. Please wear hard-soled work boots if possible. This counts as a chapter conservation credit activity and SSL hours for students. Students should bring their SSL form for sign-off to the event. Any questions, please contact Wade Dayberry.301 787-5573

RIFLE AND PISTOL COMMITTEE (Jesse Lim)

Range Safety Officer News:

Saturday, May 1st: Rifle Sight-In Clinic to be held in conjunction with the Seneca Valley Rifle Match by Jesse-Thomas Lim:

A rifle sight-in clinic will be held just prior to the Seneca Valley Rifle Match on Saturday, May 1st at the rifle range. Please arrive prior to 9AM for the sight-in clinic. The Seneca Valley Rifle Match will follow. Many thanks to Mike Gugulis for helping coordinate this event. Any questions regarding the rifle sight-in clinic, please contact Jesse-Thomas Lim.

Reminder: May 8th - Introduction to WAC RSO program - Open Invitation and free of charge ~ please share and pass this email to your WAC friends and family.

The Introduction to Range Safety Officer training class on April 25th **will be moved to May 8th** –Saturday from 2:00PM – 6:00PM at the general membership meeting hall.

The Introduction to RSO class will be a 4 hour attendance certification class. The class will have an overview on safety, use of rifle and pistol ranges; review of the WAC Rifle and Pistol safety rules, information on how to get assistance for rifle and pistol sight-in and information on NRA classes available at our club.

Any questions please contact Jesse Lim, Cell: 240-832-0354 and to reserve your seats for the Introduction to Range Safety Officer **please send an email to Wendy Smith: smitty446@hotmail.com**

The NRA Basic Practical (Pistol) Class - by Jesse-Thomas Lim and Wendy Smith

At long last, and after several cancellations due to the winter weather, we were able to conduct our second Level Two class to an enthusiastic class of 5 men, 4 ladies and 5 teens on March 28th. The class was taught by Jesse-Thomas Lim and Wendy Smith assisted.

The class consisted of classroom instruction during the morning session and hands-on shooting instruction at the range using .22 caliber pistols during the afternoon. The focus of the training was on the safe handling and knowledge of firearms in order to educate and promote safe and responsible shooting.

A special thanks to our WAC RSOs (who are also NRA certified Basic Pistol Instructors) that helped assist in a teaching and RSO capacity at the range: Alan Palestine, Danny Smith, John Mullaney, Joseph Smith and Mary Heather Barber.



Please stay tuned to future newsletters and the chapter calendar for the next installments of the Level One (Introduction to Firearms) and Level Two (NRA Basic Practical Pistol) classes. If you have any questions about the instructional programs, please contact Jesse-Thomas Lim or Wendy Smith.

IWLA RANGE ROSTER 2010 (Bob Cooley)

May 2010

Sat 5/1 Tim Mulreaney, Jay Jeffrey, Ron Trenti

Sun 5/2 Mark Gay, Paul Turska, Mike Agnelli

Wed 5/5 Berle Cherney, Carl McMahon, Jeff Greenhut (out of town), Ron Roberson

Sat 5/8 George Fichter, Dave Fichter, Paul Fisher

Sun 5/9 Seamus Webb, Mike Webb, Gerhard Bartsch

Wed 5/12 Brian Van Winkle, "Rip" Van Winkle, Bob Woodward

Sat 5/15 Mike Bowen, Dave Gold, Ira Wein

Sun 5/16 Jim Crowell, Judy Crowell, Jay DeVan

Wed 5/19 Richard Maple, Conley Phipps, Frank Bis

Sat 5/22 Bill Rahn, Charlie Weaver, Gary Green, Ed Grim

Sun 5/23 Buddy Michael, Robin Moore, Joel Gross

Wed 5/26 Debbi Perry, Heather Barber, Alan Palestine

Sat 5/29 Jim Kelly, Murray Welsh, Bob Griffin, Bob Cooley

Sun 5/30 Peter Sittner, Dave Stevenson, Bob Poth

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS (Nick Giuliano)

Membership Meeting Dinner

February 24

Our "Heavy Balanced Meal" was provided by:

Ed McNally, Cherie Aker, Don Hunt, Mary Hunt, Dotty Agnew, Linda Sampson and Steve Adams.

Rain Barrel Prep and Workshop

March 10 and 16

Meo Curtis (workshop leader), Jeff Deschamps,

Bill Gazdick (coordinator), Rick Sommer, Jim Piatieski, John Bortniak, Susan Bortniak and Tori Bortniak (getting SSL hours).

Invasive Plant Control / Tree Planting

March 20

Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, John Betz, Nick Giuliano, James Mooney, Barbara Sollner-Webb (non-member), Denis Webb (non-member) and Kimberley Knox (WSSC organizer).

Membership Meeting Dinner

March 24

An excellent Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner was provide by:

Ed McNally, Jorge Silva, Cherie Aker,
Don Hunt and Mary Hunt.

Cowboy Action Shoot Setup

March 26

Scott Wilson, Paul Bluteau, Steve Peck, Don Hunt, Rich Mitzbaur, Ron Romig and Ryan Romig.

Cowboy Action Shoot Tear Down

March 27

The following names are ether Real or Aliases:

Tug Hill, Ron Peddicord, Doug Hutchison, Andy Yeuae, Kerry Gahan, Dogmeat Dad, Teri Greenfield, Doug Greenfield, Montana Max and Lead Slinger Nick.

Chapter Maintenance Day

March 28

The entire day was devoted to Range Cleanup.

Pistol and Rifle

Al Goldschmidts, Don Hunt, Phil Berneburg, Michael Harmon, Sam De La Cruz, John Davis, Mike LaRoi and John Leaman.

Skeet / Trap and Shotgun Ranges

Rudy Werner, Gerhard Bartsch, Bill Wright, Mark Mckevitt, Paul Turska, J. Delauder, P. Sittner, Berle Cherney and Mark Gay.

Wood splitting

Bill Gazdik.

Board Meeting

April 7

The evening snack was provided by:

Ed McNally and Cherie Aker.

If your name does not appear in this issue of the newsletter and you have volunteered and signed an activity sheet, please send an email with your information to

nicolasgiu@yahoo.com

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Jim Piateski at jimpiateski@verizon.net)

Thanks to Nicolas Giuliano for mailing the printed version of the newsletter every month. Thanks to Meo Curtis, Nick Giuliano, Jesse Lim , Jean Aker ,Chuck Crooks and Bob Cooley for their contributions to this newsletter. Thanks to Chuck Crooks for posting the newsletter on the web in such a timely fashion.

If anyone has an article, picture or topic, which they wish to have included in future newsletters, send to Jim Piateski at jimpiateski@verizon.net and include some contact info in case there are questions. If you have photographs of chapter events that you would like to share with the membership in the on-line newsletter, please send them to Jim Piateski at the above email address. Please include the names of those pictured as well as the date and name of the event.

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