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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

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The holiday season is upon us. That means the annual meeting is just around the corner, January 11, 2010. The club needs your participation if we are to continue as a viable organization. It is critical that we have a quorum present to have a legal meeting.

This year there will be an election for the Director At Large positions. Ballots will be handed out at the meeting. You will actually have a choice. The candidates to date are:

James Timm            Joe Husband            George Lyle            Willie Hall  
Mark Lacey            Joseph Giannetti

Additional information about these candidates can be found on our website HYPERLINK "<http://www.phoenixrodandgun.org/>"<http://www.phoenixrodandgun.org/> Click on the ANNUAL MEETING link.

There is also a bylaw change that will need to be voted on.

If you have some issues you would like to discuss at the meeting, please forward them to me at [glyle@ix.netcom.com](mailto:glyle@ix.netcom.com).

I hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday season. See you January.

**George Lyle,            President**

## RANGE MASTER REPORT

Hello Members!

Thank you all for a great summer. Things went pretty well through the summer, no major issues. The weather is cooling down and lots more members will be utilizing the range. Please remember to be courteous to the other members and allow them to go downrange to place their targets at regular intervals. Just a quick note on the etiquette as far as going downrange to place targets. It is the practice of this range to unload and open the actions on all firearms before anyone is going downrange. Also, please do not handle firearms while other people are downrange. This is to ensure the safety of all members of the club. Also please remember to shoot at only approved targets. Glass bottles, plastic bottles, and other breakables are not allowed.

Please stay safe. And I hope to see you all at the general meeting in January.

**Darrell Fretwell            Rangemaster**

## **JUNIOR SMALL BORE DIVISION**

The Junior membership is growing rapidly. Our current number is twenty and increasing every two weeks. In order to offer the greatest amount of quality instruction to our new members, we are infiltrating them in by five and six at a time. It's expected that we should be able to fill the smallbore line of forty five shooting points in about two to three months.

In other news, four of our Juniors entered Bob Metzger's monthly smallbore match and acquitted themselves quite well with Richard Layton shooting a 1595 -127x to finish second to the overall winner Rick Curtis(state champion) 1597-102x. Richard shot the possible in the Dewer match, the 50 meter and 50 yard before choking and losing five points in the 100yard segment and the overall match. Thats pretty good when you consider he has been shooting only about two years. Our other Juniors,despite their very limited time in the sport also did well. Matt Roessel, age 13 shot a nice 1526-46x while Jay James in his first competition, using his brand new Walther KK300, shot a1521-38x and Scott Frye another one our 13 year old Juniors fired a 1497-45x. These young adults are but a few of the up and coming Juniors that you will hearing about shortly. Our entire program has benefited from a substantial grant we received from Arizona Game & Fish as well as the mentoring system employed that allowed our Juniors to advance at a more rapid pace.

The club needs some help! A grant is available from the Arizona Game & Fish for up to \$50,000 for facilities improvements. Someone with knowledge of construction costs is needed to help with the grant application. The application would be for funds to build a new indoor range for the juniors and indoor small bore and airgun shooters. Please contact Fred Shapiro if you can help.

**Fred Shapiro, Junior Smallbore Division Director**

## **SMALL BORE DIVISION**

The range repairs have been completed and we now have 34 points available at all three yard lines, and all 45 at the 50 yard line. We have both an NRA approved winter league and a summer league. In addition to the leagues, we are hosting a one-day regional prone match on March 7, 2010 and the Arizona State Prone Championship on April 10 and 11, 2010. The one-day regional is an unusual course of fire recently approved by the NRA in which half of the match is shot with iron sights, and the other half with any sights. The national records for this course of fire are well within the reach of many local competitors, so we expect to see some records fall on March 7.

Dig that smallbore rifle out of the closet and come out and shoot a match! The full schedule

of matches can be found on the PRGC website on the smallbore division page. Check back often as we intend to offer additional matches and Fred's Juniors program continues to produce new shooters and the demand for matches increases.

**Robert Metzger, Smallbore Division Director**

## **PRACTICAL FIREARMS DIVISION**

Thanks to the many active members of this club for their participation in the many matches at the Practical Range. We currently are having IDPA, USPSA, ICORE, PPC, 3 Gun and Steel matches, Please check the PR&G website for our schedule.

We are currently IDPA and ICORE affiliated. WE are working on becoming an affiliated USPSA club.

We are also currently in the planning stages to have a Sanctioned IDPA match in the next year.

Come on out and enjoy our range. We have shooters of all levels that are more than willing to make new shooters enjoy the matches.

**Bill Barron Practical Firearms Division Director**

## **HIGH POWER RIFLE DIVISION**

The high power range is seeing more and more activity all the time! The 100 year-old classic "Across the course" (standing, sitting, prone, slow & rapid fire, 200, 300 500 yd) shoot still occurs once a month, and the newer 500 yd and occasionally 300 yd prone & F-class (scopes & bipods permitted) shoots occur 2 or 3 times per month. These shoots demand consistent precision shot after shot with typically multiple 20 shot strings.

We've also added some fun new shoots. Leading a group of rifle shooting refugees from practical pistol, Scott Milkovich has created a shoot he calls "Precision Rifle". This involves multiple stages (different every month) of just rifle shots, usually under time pressure from various positions and distances, usually at steel targets. This puts an emphasis on first shot accuracy. Bolt Rifles, scopes and gear are typically high-end "tactical" style. One of the largest such shoots in the US is held at our club in February bringing shooters from around the nation.

This shoot will be fired on the 3rd Sunday of most months in 2010. (with Feb.19 - 21, 2010 being the big championships!)

The surging interest among recreational shooters in the AR-15 style rifle has led the practical shooters to add a variant of the Precision Rifle shoot for SDM style AR's patterned after the rifles used by the army's "Squad Designated Marksmen", .223 ARs with bipods and scopes. This shoot will be fired on the 5th Sunday when that occurs in May and August next year.

High Power division is also hosting a new "Hunting Rifle Shoot", I will be running it. Sort of like Precision Rifle except with "Hunting" style rifles, scopes and gear and life-sized paper-animal targets. This shoot emphasizes first shot accuracy from field positions and distances. This shoot will be fired the first Saturday of most every month (except November and December hunting seasons)

For exact shoot dates, check the club calender & website! Due to conflicts, some dates will be substituted.

So grab your favorite rifle and come out and SHOOT!

**Submitted by; Bill Poole**

## **PISTOL DIVISION**

PR&GC sponsored both of the Arizona State Rifle & Pistol Association Conventional and International championship matches, The conventional match was held October 17 & 18, 2009 and the International on November 20,21,22, 2009. Both were well attended, and if you missed one of them and plan on making any of our championship matches next year and want more info you can Email me at: [donpla@msn.com](mailto:donpla@msn.com) .

I have also posted calendars at the North end of the members range for up coming events. Enjoy the holiday's, so we can see all of you at the annual meeting on January 11, 2010.

**Don Plante**

**Pistol Division Director**

# *Seasons Greetings*

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