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Gun Rights Rally On!

BY SHEILA STOKES-BEGLEY
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For those of you that didn't get to go to the 23rd February rally at the Missouri Capitol, we missed you there. (According to the AP press, there were about 100 people there. According to people who CAN count, there were around 200 there.) The Rally takes place every year and is a joint effort of the Missourians for Personal Safety, Gateway Civil Liberty Alliance and the Western Missouri Shooters Alliance.

There were drawings for door prizes, and thank you to those who donated, and those who rounded up

those donations too!

Our Master of Ceremonies was MSSA Board member, Zac Bauer, founder of *MissouriCarry.com*. (A wonderful forum web site, if you've never been there. It is like an online family.)

John Sigler, First Vice President of the NRA, spoke to us about the "Castle Doctrine." (If you haven't heard about it on the news, that would be because they persist in calling it the "shoot-first law." Where these hysterical people come up with these titles I don't know!) Did you know that 25 states already



NRA 1st Vice President John Sigler, addressing the crowd gathered in the Missouri State Capitol Rotunda during the 2006 Gun Rights Rally.



have this law on the books? The Castle Doctrine is not new, nor is it radical. It simply says, when threatened with lethal force, you can respond with lethal force without a duty to retreat. Mr. Sigler pointed out it is morally RIGHT to protect ourselves and our families. This would put the law back on the side of the victim. It would also prevent the attacker's

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The President's Podium

Kevin L. Jamison, MSSA President

On 21 January, 2006, I spoke at the annual dinner for the Lafayette Gun Club, an excellent club, and an excellent dinner; however, there wasn't anyone there born after the Eisenhower administration. If we do not have a new generation of gun owners, we will lose our sports, lose our ranges, lose our clubs, and lose our gains in the law. If we do not recruit new shooters, our sport will die with us. How to recruit young shooters is the problem.

We are frequently advised to "take a young person shooting." This is a very good idea, but luring the young person to the range can be difficult. If a young person wants to shoot, there are any number of video games which purport to provide the experience. Convincing the youngster to lie on the cold ground or in the hot sun, or both (this is Missouri after all), in order to punch holes in paper targets may be a difficult proposition when the alternative is killing video zombies from the comfort of a couch.

Young people feel that instant gratification takes too long. Best results are obtained by placing them in front of targets which drop, dissolve, or otherwise provide an immediate reward.

It could be useful to take new shooters to events such as Cowboy Action shoots, where putting a bullet through a target is merely the climax to a whole lot of fun. It could also be useful to give a young shooter a chance to shoot the real version of the guns he sees in his video games. There are .22 rifles and air rifles which resemble military type guns; these smaller guns can reduce the amount of bruising in the shoulder area.

John and Grace Leinberger and Kyle Lairmore have done yeoman work with our junior shooting program. They have created a trailer designed to support shooting with .22's and air rifles. They have opened up enormous possibilities, if the rest of the membership takes advantage of their efforts. We cannot place the burden of recruiting the next generation of shooters on these three members.

We need the membership to become involved in Scouting, 4-H, and Sunday Schools. This will give us the opportunity to expose young people to our sport, create the new generation of shooters, and save our sport, our ranges, and our rights for posterity.

There is also a better than average chance we will save some young person from drugs, degeneracy, evil, and the Kansas football program.

MSSA MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the MSSA is to protect and preserve the shooting sports at the state level. MSSA will promote and improve the shooting sports by sponsoring marksmanship training and competitions throughout the state of Missouri. MSSA will work for the rights of the gun owner, shooter, collector, hunter, archer, black powder enthusiast, and trapper. MSSA will support the free exchange of ideas, information and education related to gun ownership, shooting, hunting, firearms and related topics.

Gun Rights Rally

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family from suing you.

Which bring us to our next speaker, the famous and talented author (and MSSA President) Kevin Jamison. Kevin raised the issue of trying to make life altering decisions under stress. You are attacked, you have to decide, is this a lethal threat? Will I be sued or prosecuted? (Decide wrong and it is not an issue, because you are dead.) Kevin recounted the story of an elderly man that was attacked in his mother's living room. He shot and killed the intruder. He was acquitted after spending thousands of dollars. He was THEN sued by the assailant's family.....So, this poor man was victimized three times: Once by the attacker, then by the "justice" system, then by the attacker's family. HOW can this possibly be right. More to the point, unless you want to live through such a thing, get those pencils out and start writing, or emailing or calling your legislative people.



Kevin Jamison & Tim Oliver

MSSA Board member Tim Oliver also spoke about how CCW has saved lives. He gave us some

history on Governors that have vetoed concealed carry bills (bye-bye to Ann Richardson in Texas and OTB in Missouri). He gave us a recount of the battle to get CCW through and then the 11th hour restraining order and how the

LTC Legal Defense Fund came to be. The legal defense bill is paid off now, by funds other than those collected by the LTC Legal Defense Fund -- from a generous, if less than willing, donor (hypothetically, of course). Tim was later presented the **Liberty Award** for all his hard work and his tireless efforts to help us all. Tim could already carry legally before all this started as he was a commissioned officer, there was nothing self-serving in what he did to help the rest of us.



Sheila Stokes-Begley

to death and so was able to go ahead and speak. Zac gave me a really great introduction that helped to put me at ease. The first part of my speech was a true life story that had been recounted by a **MissouriCarry.com** forum member named "Wolfgang."

Wolfgang was the victim of an attempted robbery who used his CCW to prevent that, and ultimately the criminals were

caught! Wolfgang had authorized me to relate the story as he was unable to be there himself. It was very powerful. No matter what the press, Moonbats or the 25 remaining members of the Million Misguided Mommies say, CCW DOES save lives! My own topic was eternal vigilance.

There were other speakers, of course, and other groups. MSSA was in great company and well represented, especially with Board members Lee Koester and Harold Miederhoff there, manning the MSSA table. They answered questions and signed up new members, greeting everyone with a warm smile and letting folks know what a great organization MSSA is. As longtime members who have volunteered countless hours for MSSA, both men truly represent the best of the Missouri Sport Shooting Association and its membership. MSSA is fortunate to have such good "ambassadors," and it was good to see them there.



Harold Miederhoff & Lee Koester

CMP Releases 2006 Competition Rules

The 2006 10th Edition of the *CMP Competition Rules* has now been approved by the CMP Rules Committee and is posted on the CMP web site. The new rules contain very few changes concerning traditional service pistol and service rifle shooting, but they provide rules for new events that will be included in the 2006 National Matches and one new event that is in the CMP Western Games program. The new rules are posted on the CMP web site at:

<http://www.odcmp.com/Competitions/Rulebook.pdf>



The Saddle Soapbox

By Sheila Stokes-Begley, Editor

Eternal Vigilance

I mentioned in our Rally article that I spoke on vigilance. In Cass County (which is basically a rural county), from Dec. 22nd to Feb. 21st, we basically lost our rights to shoot. Or hunt with a bow & arrow, or paintball, or believe it or not, use a slingshot. How could this happen you ask? Well, the Sheriff's Department put forth what was termed a "standard law enforcement package" to our County Commissioners, and without reading it (they admitted that to me), they passed it. Someone tipped off a concerned member of the 2nd Amendment community and the Commissioners were flooded with phone calls resulting in the disgusting portion of the County Code being removed. This was put through 3 days before Christmas. So, since this was a standard package, you might want to check with *your* County and see if it is there as well. This would mean no Junior programs, no hunting, no competitive shooting, no target practice, no self-defense, no nothing! We all have to be alert, there is much at stake.

The Board's Kyle Lairmore and the Leinbergers have created a trailer that is mentioned in **The President's Podium**, hopefully in the next issue we'll have photos for you and a schedule of where you can see it!

We are also glad to welcome Harold Miederhoff back to the Board. *Harold, it's great to have you back!* Harold has a wealth of experience and wisdom to offer, and besides, he is just a very nice man to work with.

As the weather gets nicer, and we all get out more, be aware that now is the time to watch for ticks which can carry Lyme's Disease. The CDC has information on prevention and what to watch for, here's their webpage (the address has been separated on several lines for easier reading; just type it in the browser as one line and without the extra spaces):

http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/lyme/Prevention/ld_Prevention_Avoid.htm

It pays to stay safe!

Sheila Stokes-Begley

IT HAS BEEN REPORTED TO MSSA THAT ONE OF OUR MEMBERS HAS FALLEN IN BATTLE.



LCPL ERIK HELDT WAS KIA IN AR RAMADI, IRAQ ON JUNE 16, 2005.

LCPL HELDT WAS FROM THE MID-MISSOURI AREA, AND WE NEED TO PRAY AND WISH CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY.

ALL OUR BRAVE SOLDIERS NEED OUR SUPPORT, OUR THANKS AND PRAYERS FOR ALWAYS BEING VIGILANT IN PURSUIT OF OUR FREEDOMS.

LEE KOESTER

DR. GEORGE RUPPRECHT

It is with a lot of sadness that we report the passing of longtime MSSA Benefactor and member, Dr. George Rupprecht, on March 11, 2006.

Dr. Rupprecht was a competitive rifle shooter, NRA referee, and NRA Certified Instructor. He had also served MSSA as a Board member and officer. He did everything very thoroughly, and if any of the courses that he taught netted anything above expenses, he made a donation to MSSA. "Doc" will be missed.

INNER CITY YOUTH HUNT

BY SMITH DEWLEN



The Central Missouri Chapter of Safari Club International (www.cmfsci.com) participated in its first inner city youth hunt December 17-19, 2004. Members Dennis Moore and Sue Ann Loesch, with Smith Dewlen as well as other members of the chapter, participated in introducing four young men and one young lady to hunting and the outdoors.

The day started at 4:00 a.m. when a luxury bus headed from Fulton, Missouri to St. Louis to pick up the kids at Senator Maida Coleman's office. At 6:00 a.m., we were introduced to Brandon-21 (aka: Hot Sauce), Surron-15 (aka: Snooze Dog), Quintie-13 (aka: Q-man), Mia-13 (aka: Princess), William-15 (aka: the Duke), and Carolyn who chaperoned the adventure. The kids, blurry-eyed and all, crawled onto the bus for the ride back to Callaway County. First lesson was for us old fogies! We had to learn a little different dialect of the English language. When they got on the bus, the comment was made that it was "cold." They were assured the heater was turned on and that it was very comfortable. After being looked at like we were from a

foreign country, it was explained that "cold" meant "very cool." Go figure!

They were fascinated by seeing, for the first time, wild turkeys and the amount of land between houses. While driving past a heard of cattle, William and Quintie wanted to know if they were "wild cows." After being assured they were not, they wanted to know if they went into the field with red on, would they be charged like they saw on television. It was suggested they not try to find out!



Our first stop was Tonanzio's restaurant in Guthrie, Missouri for

a hunter safety class, given by Drake Dawson. Everyone including the chaperone participated in the class on the first full day and the morning of the second. According to the Missouri Department of Conservation, hunters must complete a 10-hour certified training course and

then pass a written exam before being able to purchase a hunting license. Everyone passed the test, with Mia scoring 100%! After an early lunch on the second day, the kids went to a shooting range where they were taught how to safely handle a rifle. Once it was felt they had the safety aspects of hunting grasped, they honed their marksmanship skills by firing at paper targets. The kids took this part of the adventure very seriously. They were extremely conscience of where the muzzle was pointed, that the weapon was unloaded, and no one was down range when the rifles were being handled.

That afternoon the kids went out hunting at Whitetail Dreams in Fulton, Missouri. On hand was an outdoor television crew, "The Real Sportsman" from Arkansas. I don't know if the kids enjoyed the walkie-talkies or hunting the most. The batteries had to be recharged after being in constant use by the kids. We would have two kids, a guide, a cameraman, and a SCI chapter member in the blind. The kids would keep talking to each other on the walkie-talkies. It was finally

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2005 Missouri State 3-Position Indoor Smallbore Championship Results



1 st Master/Unclassified	Dan Rebhan	1132-53x
2 nd Master/Unclassified	Kellie Zurowski	1129-37x
3 rd Master/Unclassified	Jordan Smith	1108-35x
1 st Expert	Kevin Witbrodt	1151-47x
2 nd Expert	Brian Nienhaus	1114-45x
1 st Sharpshooter	Paul Boughan	1124-41x
1 st Marksman	Joshua Holtman	1145-47x
2 nd Marksman	Joe Reinders	1105-36x

STATE CHAMPION	Kevin Witbrodt	1151-47x
WOMEN'S STATE CHAMPION	Kellie Zurowski	1129-37x
JUNIOR CHAMPION	Kevin Witbrodt	1151-47x
INTERMEDIATE JUNIOR CHAMPION	Kellie Zurowski	1129-37x
SENIOR CHAMPION	William Pollhan	885-13x

*Congratulations to 3-P Indoor Smallbore Champions
Kevin Witbrodt, Kellie Zurowski & William Pollhan!*

2006 MSSA-NRA International 3-Position Smallbore Rifle **JUNIOR SHOOTING SPORTS CAMPS**

MSSA-NRA's annual International 3-Position Smallbore Rifle Junior Shooting Sports Camps will be held at the Bucksnot Gun Club Rifle Range near Marshall, Missouri.

Dates for the camps are June 15-16-17-18, 2006 and June 22-23-24-25, 2006. Fee for each camp is \$100 per camper which includes ammunition and targets, meals, and a place to sleep (you bring your own sleeping bag or sheets, blanket, and pillow). We do have some rifles, spotting scopes, shooting mats, kneeling rolls, etc. for campers needing additional equipment.

For information and applications for the camp, contact:

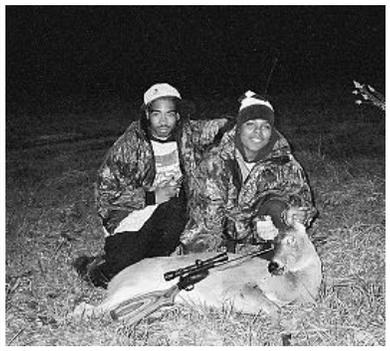
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suggested that maybe they could just set them down and whisper to each other since they were only two feet apart!

Four of the five kids harvested a whitetail doe that evening. Hot Sauce had a first-time experience.

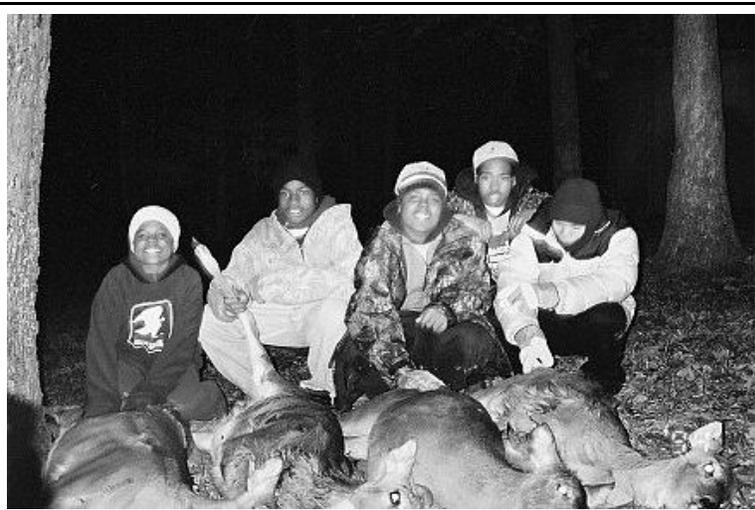


He saw a doe come out into the field. He picked-up his rifle, aimed, and began to shake. He said he didn't know what was the matter but thought he had better sit down. A second doe entered the field and again, he began shaking from head to toe. By the time the third doe walked out, he was calm enough to take the shot. He said he thought he had come down with the flu, but was quite relieved to learn he had suffered from "buck fever." (Been there and done that.)

You have never seen such big smiles on kids' faces as we saw that evening. Pepsodent toothpaste smiles if ever I saw one. The idea of learning something and then using the information to obtain the desired result went over well.

When we all arrived back at the lodge, the kids saw a Missouri State Trooper car and an officer standing there. They became very quiet. When the officer smiled and asked how they had done on the hunt, they were a bit reluctant to say anything. I believe this was their first good experience with the police. Each was given a souvenir trooper badge and, after they had opened up, were offered a ride in the trooper's car. They accepted and were taken for a trip around the area, lights and siren were most definitely used. It was pleasing for them to have a good relationship with a law enforcement officer. They all shook hands with the trooper, and Mia added her special goodbye, a big hug.

The kids wanted to see how a deer was processed into food. So, we all went to the processing building where they got to assist turning their deer into food. On Friday morning, Surrone went back out into the field, and by 10:00 a.m., he had harvested his doe. After lunch, it was back onto the bus for the ride to St. Louis to end the outing.



I am not sure who enjoyed the adventure more, the members of the Central Missouri Chapter or the kids themselves. They were able to experience something new and exciting, will have venison for the holidays, and Mia will have her whitetail doe mounted and hanging in her house as she had the highest combined score for her written exam and marksmanship skills. An overall great experience for all and one that will hopefully have meaning to the kids that participated.

Two events will stick with me from this outing. One was when Brandon was talking to a couple of other members and his whole body, arms especially, were in movement. I stepped up and placed a hand on his shoulder and asked if he would do me a favor. "Sure, man," he replied. I then asked him to put his hands in his pockets. He did, and I announced to all, "Now he cannot talk." Brandon led the group in the laughter. He then retorted, "Man, you got me. Got me good."

With handshakes, and hugs all around, we watched them depart.

We could see smiling faces and waving hands at the windows. Then the bus horn tooted several times, as a final goodbye.

Several months later my wife and I were on the Metro Link headed for downtown Saint Louis, when several young men boarded the same car. I recognized Surrone,

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Bullseye Notes

by Kent Finlay

The Conventional Pistol discipline has had a couple of good tournaments lately with some fine scores fired. George Monahan opened up March with a 25yd Indoor 2700 on the old Pioneer Brickyard range near KC, March 11th. A full house of 16 shooters signed up, and Paul Noles from Florissant took the match with an outstanding score of 2633-110x. The race for 2nd & 3rd went down to Xs as Chris Guerrero took 2nd overall with a 2580-94x and Eric Pearson was 3rd with a 2580-87x. High Master Joe Chang shot this range for the first time and put out a 2576-99x. Kent Finlay was 1st Ex with a 2517-77x, and Frank Harles took the combined MK/SS class with a 2411-50x.

The match was followed the next day by an NRA Sectional on the same range. After the shooting benches were moved up to 50 feet, Dwain Hurt fired a 869-23x for the win. Eric Pearson was 2nd with a 867-28x and Chris Guerrero 3rd with an 866-29x. High Expert was Daniel Toole at 852-25x, and the combined MK/SS class was won by Gregg Miller with a 824-12x. 17 shooters attended and 3 teams were formed. MSSA "Gold" was formed from Pearson, Guerrero, Finlay, and Jon Kjelshus and took 1st with a 1134-25x. Pioneer's team of Toole, Nick Gordanier, Dennis West, and Phil McFall was 2nd with a 1112-20x, and the MSSA "Z" team of Jeff Schotland, Kevin Thomas, Will Sisson, and George Monahan was 3rd with a 1065-13x. Sectional scores go to NRA to form an Indoor National Championship of sorts. Some of the scores may do well on the national scene.

The very next Sunday was the MO State Indoor

Championship held at Green Valley R&P Club in Columbia. 21 competitors fired a 50' 2-gun 1800 match. Paul Noles again showed us how it's done by firing another outstanding score of 1750-64x to become the Missouri State Champion. Chris and Eric also battled it out for 2nd with Chris edging it with a 1725-48x and Eric 3rd with a 1711-54x. 1st EX was Kent Finlay at 1697-36x, 1st SS was Nick Gordanier with a 1587-20x, and 1st MK was George Small with a 1520-9x. Nick is from Leawood, KS, and George is from Litchfield, IL, which shows you how popular this match has become.

I've been shooting Bullseye for about 28 years now and I believe Paul Noles is well on his way to becoming Missouri's first Indoor High Master! At least in recent history. Missouri has had a few Outdoor High Masters, but most of them have not shot enough Indoor matches to make the grade. Paul also took 1st place in the Civilian Master class at Camp Perry in 2005. He shot on the MSSA "Gold" team along with myself, Chris Guerrero from Moberly and Jeff Schotland from Parkville. MSSA "Gold" placed 4th of 12 in the State Association Class, despite having 2 masters and 2 experts on the team. We look for good things to happen again this year at Perry. Eric Pearson has recently moved back to Missouri and both he and Dennis West have expressed an interest in competing there.

Well, that's all for now. We're hoping to see you all this summer "On the Range!"

10s & Xs,

Kent

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Quinton, and William. I smiled and told my wife who they were. When I was spotted, Quinton nearly shouted his hello and told the others I was one of the guys that had taken him hunting. Soon we were surrounded by 7-9 kids. All wanted to hear my hunting stories. They listened intently. When their stop came, all shook my hand and paid their respects to my wife.

I believe the Central Missouri Chapter of SCI made a difference in young lives.

It Was The Week Before Christmas

BY KARL SCHMITT

It was the week before Christmas on a cold winter's night, when all bundled in clothes, Paul Noles strode to the line. He set up his gear, and with pistol in hand, settled his position, and with the command to fire, he did. This he continued until the last shot was fired downrange. Then, as he put away his gear, he took a deep breath, and smiled, for Paul Noles had just shot a new personal record of 597-27X/600.

Congratulations Paul, from your teammates and League members!

Paul, as most readers of The Missouri Shooter will recall, is the current 2700-3 gun State

Champion, and this past summer at Camp Perry, won the National Competition in the Master's Class. And now to shoot a 597 in indoor competition is simply awesome!

I would describe Paul as a "power shooter." No fuss, no looking for that elusive silver bullet, just point and shoot, and shoot quite well at that. His equipment is quite ordinary and the only support he gets is from League members and his Lady. His .22 pistol is a standard, out of the box Marvel conversion, mounted on a well used receiver. On it is mounted a Ultra Dot Match Dot sight and he shoots factory standard CCI ammo. This truly confirms, what has been so often said in the past, that the shooting equipment commonly available today far exceeds the shooter's inherent or perceived ability.

Paul shoots with the ILL-MO League, home based at the Piasa Gun Club, with a nice indoor range in the town of Alton, IL.

*Paul Noles
strode to
the line.*

*No fuss...
just point
and shoot.*

Essentially, this is a "duffers" League, and mostly we shoot for the fun of it. Yes, we do have a few shooters in the Master class, but most of us get along just fine in the sharpshooter or expert class. We shoot one or two nights a

week, during the fall and winter months. Summer evenings finds us at the range one night a week for informal shooting, after which we go out for a bit of comradely. At the end of the season, we do have an awards banquet, which this past spring featured Mr. Brett Olin, a Manufacturing Engineer in "Rim Fire Production" with CCI. Brett, who has been involved with the production of CCI ammunition for some twenty years, spoke on the production of rim fire ammunition. From him we learned how CCI produces and grades the ammunition many of us shoot, interesting incidents involved in production over the years, and the dispelled myths associated with graded match-grade ammo, plus he simply awed us with the production capacity of CCI. Thanks CCI, for sending Don to our banquet.

Indoor Bull's Eye pistol shooting requires little to get started and to enjoy the sport. Most any .22 autoloader plinker or target type pistol will do at first, along with some basic safety gear, inexpensive ammunition, and the desire to shoot. The League is open to all, including Ladies and juniors, and the friendly members will help you learn how to shoot and compete. And, as we use the handicap system, we will soon have you improving your score and standing in the League. Interested? Then go to the Piasa web site at www.piasaclub.com and look us over. Then give our president, Paul, a call, his number is on the web site, and he will surely make you feel welcome and invite you to the range to give us a try. So come on out for a summer evening of shooting fun!

Mark Your Calendars



MAY

- 6 Ladies Charity Shoot
Ozark Shooters
- 7 ATA Zone Shoot
Ozark Shooters
- 24-27 **The Bianchi Cup** (see article, pg 11)
Green Valley
NRA

JUNE

- 3 **MSSA MEETING** – 12 noon at
Missouri Dept of Conservation
Runge Nature Area (MDC-RNA)
- 3 ATA Trap Shoot
Ozark Shooters
- 3-4 **High Power Rifle**
Bucksnot
C. Strannigan
- 10-11 NSCA MO State Warm-Up Shoot
Ozark Shooters
- 17-18 **High Power Service Rifle**
STLBRC
Shad Cramer
- 25 **Conventional Pistol Outdoor**
Green Valley
K. Finlay

JULY

- 1-3 Fiocchi Cup Main
Ozark Shooters
- 15 Centerfire Rifle Balloon Shoot
Green Valley

Don't see YOUR club's match listed?

Contact the Editor of THE MISSOURI SHOOTER
to get your range or club's matches listed in future issues!

SEPTEMBER

- 9-10 **Smallbore Prone**
Bucksnot
H. Miederhoff
- 23-24 **3-Position Smallbore**
Bucksnot
H. Miederhoff

OCTOBER

- 7-8 **High Power Long Range**
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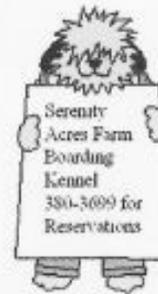
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NRA National Action Pistol Championship Returning to Columbia, MO

FAIRFAX, VA — Over 200 of the world's best pistol marksmen are expected to take part in the 28th NRA National Action Pistol Championship — also known as the NRA Bianchi Cup — from May 24 to 27 at the Green Valley Rifle and Pistol Club's Chapman Academy Range outside Columbia, MO. The competitors represent the United States and as many as a dozen other nations. Substantial cash and merchandise awards make this one of the richest shooting tournaments in the world.

Action pistol differs from conventional bullseye shooting in a number of ways, several of which make the match appealing to spectators. Firing is done with both hands, within short time limits, and competitors must start with the gun holstered instead of in hand. In the

course of the matches, participants fire at turning, cardboard silhouette targets; moving targets; and steel plates that must be knocked down to count as a hit.

Defending champion Doug Koenig, of Alburts, PA will return and attempt to extend his string of victories to 10. Among his challengers will be Bruce Piatt, a New Jersey police officer (and former national champion) who took second place in 2003, 2004 and 2005. Well-known former champions Mickey Fowler, Rob Leatham, and John Pride will be back as well.

Among the women competitors, Vera Koo of the Atherton, CA, will vie for a seventh crown against stiff challenges from top female shooters such as 2005 Runner up Helen Jeavons, of Harrisburg, MO. and Third Place Doris Seibert, Team Germany, as well as 2004's Second Place Woman Robin Ginger (Estreich) from Australia.

On the final day of shooting, an invitational match called the Bianchi International Speed Event will be held. The top-shooting competitors in the open championship, plus the top-scoring four women, junior, and senior competitors, are invited to an elimination contest to see who can draw, fire on, and knock down five steel silhouettes in the shortest time.

A new Ambidextrous Match will also debut at the competition this year with competitors firing .22 pistols at steel plates, alternating between strong hand, weak hand and freestyle (either two-handed or one-handed).

The Bianchi Cup is a traditionally festive event, and the tournament will include a host of demonstrations and shooting events for spectators, plus a commercial arcade that will interest the sportsman/shopper. Also look for the NRA World Action Pistol Championship to be held outside Sidney, Australia in late October 2006.



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Renewal only uses 1 of the 4 applications sent with the newsletter during the year. Another excellent way to help support MSSA would be to use the other 3 to recruit new members. Sign up a few friends – or even a local range! Help grow your MSSA organization, it works to promote and protect shooting sports and hunting as well as gun rights!



THE SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK

MINUTES* – MSSA Board of Directors Meeting

March 4, 2006

*tentative; subject to Board approval

The meeting was called to order at noon by President Kevin Jamison. Board members in attendance included Kevin Jamison, Michael Meyer, Greg Jeffery, Kyle Lairmore, Kiki Chosid, Jeff Chosid, Terry Struse, John Leinberger, Grace Leinberger, Tim Oliver, Sheila Stokes-Begley, Lee Koester, Kent Finlay, Zac Bauer, and Dave Jones; Robert Sliger and Gary Davis were absent.

Treasurer Lee Koester gave the financial report. Lee reported \$2,013.13 still remained in the old checking account which should be phased out over the next six months. The new checking account's balance is \$9,096.49; combined, the total for both checking accounts is \$11,109.52 as of March 22, 2006. The certificate of deposit at the U.S. Bank is still holding at \$5,500. The CD matures in December of this year. Lee reported that MSSA was looking pretty good financially. The Treasurer's report was then approved by the Board.

Lee then gave the membership report. He reported that there were currently 804 paid annual members; of those, 703 were adults and 101 were juniors. Since January 1, MSSA had acquired 20 new adult members and 14 new juniors while, overall, the total number of members has remained about the same from quarter to quarter. Lee reported that there were 147 current life members. Since January 1, three members had upgraded to life, with one new life and one new benefactor membership. Lee reported that there were 30 active club affiliates and that there had been two new affiliates, Osage Orange Sharp Shooters in Springfield and Missouri 4-H Shooting Sports in Columbia, also since January 1. He reported there were 6 free one-year memberships for active military, with most of the free military memberships having now expired. Lee advised that with active military, they sometimes don't know where they'll be and so may not continue membership until they get a permanent duty station. Lee reported that there were about 951 MSSA members overall. There was an addendum to the Secretary's report to include a new affiliate, the Clark County Long Beards, brought in by Stu Strickland.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved by the Board.

A report from the Legislative Liaison Greg Jeffery was distributed to the Board. In general, there appeared to be no serious threats. There was discussion regarding "no retreat" and PTA (permit to acquire). Castle in the home looks good, but outside the home is uncertain; the Civil liability portion is intact with either one. There may be some ground possible for repeal of the PTA system. Keep in mind, this is an election year which causes some of the politicians to be nervous. There was discussion on the need to keep a close eye on county and municipal-level politics due to recent issues.

John Leinberger reported on junior shooting and advised that it has been increasing in the state over the previous years; he further reported on the attendance and activities of various matches in the past. John, at Zac's request, had contacted Cleveland High School in St. Louis; he discussed the issues there and some issues related to schools in general. He will recontact Cleveland HS in May. John then provided details on the two upcoming junior camps in June which run about 16 to 18 shooters per camp. John also reported that Kyle would set up a booth at Owensville; they would be handing out MSSA applications, with videos and info on junior shooting programs. John was asked how many kids he would be handling over the next few months, and he indicated several hundred at least as he also deals with 4-H and they had about 800 at the State Championship last year. John was asked what could be done to help, and he replied they really needed to find more ranges where the kids could shoot. Lack of ranges was a big problem. There was also a need to promote the 3-P air rifle, to change the perception of "air pistol," and to maybe start at age 8. They also need more instructors; he receives calls and cannot find enough instructors. John thought the one thing that would help for now would be air rifles. There was discussion on acquiring a set of air rifles to have on loan, possible MSSA funding, and the possible availability of some donated Daisy 888's.

Kyle reported on a 7x16 foot trailer he's put together with a grant from the NRA. It has the Gasconade Co's Shooting Sports logo on it along with other shooting organization decals including the MSSA and NRA logos. On the bottom it says, "Mobile Firearms Safety Unit," and its purpose is to take it to events loaded with equipment. With instructors, everything would be covered. Eventually it will be a mobile shooting range, but for now it is used to haul equipment. They are using their own equipment, which is limited. Kevin asked what a good basic package was; John told him Crossman has a range it sells for around \$3000 and can be set up anywhere. Kevin requested they provide a list of equipment needed and costs, and MSSA could provide some funding. Kyle also reported having trouble getting insurance to cover the trailer; Kevin asked them to call him later as he had insurance contacts.

Kent Finlay then gave the Executive Officer's report. No change in the M-14 issue; one is issued to juniors, two are being used, the others are stored. All the 22's are issued to John. Kent reported on the State Championship coming up. No date had been set yet on the Highpower Open and the Highpower Long Range; waiting for approval. Jeff Chosid reported that their first highpower match was going to be a long range match in mid-April. Kent advised that it looks like, starting in 2007 (uncertain if at the end or beginning), 600 yards is not going to be considered long range anymore; long range would be more like 800, 900 or 1000 yards. There was some discussion about changing the name "long range" for the 600-yard match to something else.

NRA Rep. Greg Pearre was permitted to address the Board re the list of NRA instructors in state. He advised he would provide the list, but it may not be very helpful in that most instructors are compartmentalized; they get certification to do just one type of discipline and, unfortunately, are not normally inclined to cross over into others to lend a hand. He also spoke on grants, and that they were available. He also requested we consider changing the date of the December meeting; it conflicted with NRA's annual meeting which prevented him from attending MSSA's.

Jeff said he had an Arms Corp. 22 he had been evaluating; he suggested looking at alternatives for highpower. A discussion including merits of different rifles followed. Greg would contact Rick Kuel re a possible raffle for the 22. John advised Pioneer Gun club might put on a highpower camp and might help buy more rifles.

Zac reported on the website. He optimized the site for search engines. He'd like a webpage for each affiliate. Hosting for the site is \$147/year.

Old business: Kevin reported the 501 C3 tax foundation is set up and is a corporate entity. IRS approval on that paperwork is still pending.

New business: Discussion of and involving whether we should change the date of the annual meeting to Dec. 9th -- Lee would contact the DOC and report back next meeting; Grace would inquire about getting the DAV, the meeting and dinner could both be held there; Kent suggested moving the meeting location around to different parts of the state and get an affiliate to host it; Jeff suggested we find a room that allows concealed carry. Tim brought in 4 new affiliates: Ozark Sport Shooters Complex, Women's Recreational Shooting Sports, Ozark Shooters High School Trap, and Learn To Carry, LLC. Lee said we were almost out of brochures; we'd get more after Sheila designed a new one. We were also out of MSSA logo pins; several members would get some price quotes. Lee requested a laptop computer for his Secretary duties; a discussion followed; a motion was made by Jeff to purchase an MSSA laptop and printer, the motion was seconded and carried; Lee would get package/price info and report on it next meeting.

Kevin advised the Board was short one member lacking Donna Struse; after discussion, Kevin appointed Tom Zenthofer to fill the position. The appointment was unanimously approved by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned shortly before 3 p.m.

Muzzleloader RAFFLE RESULTS

BY **TERRY STRUSE**
MSSA DIRECTOR

We're finally done with it I thought, as the winning raffle ticket was pulled for the Traditions Muzzleloader Package by our waitress *Christine* at Kriegers-Drew Station, on October 31st. The rifle was won by Mr. Ken Levin of Creve Couer, Missouri.

Mr. Levin purchased his ticket by mail after reading the article in the July issue of the newsletter.

Mr. Levin has been a member of the MSSA for fifteen years, and a member of the NRA for over forty years. He is also a member of Gun Owners of America (GOA) and Jews for the Preservation of

Firearms Ownership (JPFO). Mr. Levin, on receiving our phone call, was both surprised and delighted, *"I just wanted to make a donation to benefit junior shooting. I didn't expect to win. I own several guns but I don't have a muzzleloader... heck, I've never even shot one of those!"*

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benefit junior shooting. I never expected to see the rifle again, but here it was.

Former Director Mitch Peters and I talked it over and decided to raffle it off to raise money for junior shooting. We sold tickets all summer and up until about

The black powder firearm was donated by my wife and I to MSSA, last year for the 2004 Annual Awards Dinner.

It was first won by Mr. Paul Bass who subsequently re-donated it back to MSSA specifically to

three days before the drawing. We raised slightly over five hundred dollars which far exceeded our expectations. At Mr. Bass' request, we used the money to help fund the Texas County 4-H Competitive Shotgun Club run by former MSSA Director Joe Marsillo and Mr. Dick York.

Mitch and I had intended to hold the drawing out at the WIL-Nor Hunt Club on October 31st; however, due to last minute commitments, Bill and Jan Kunz (the owners) were unavailable. We did not want to change the date because we thought there was a good chance that the winner might want the rifle for the upcoming muzzleloading deer season. We met up at Kriegers near the Chesterfield Mall, and our waitress drew the winning ticket.

Congratulations to Mr. Levin, and thank you very much to all those who purchased tickets.

For all of you that didn't win, please know your participation helped disadvantaged young shooters better themselves.

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Junior members may submit school compositions and reports. We will also publish a range or club's upcoming events, matches, and gun shows. Graphics and photos may be included with your article (image files preferred). Please indicate if you would like photos returned, and we will do our best to do so; however, neither MSSA nor its members shall be liable for loss or damage of submitted materials.

All submissions should include name, address, and phone number so we may contact you regarding questions or editing. Articles may be sent via email as attachments. (Most document types are acceptable: Word, Wordperfect, OpenOffice, AportisDoc, etc., or plain text files.) Send all submissions to be considered for publication to Sheila Stokes-Begley, Editor of THE MISSOURI SHOOTER, at the physical or email address provided on page 2 under "MSSA Board of Directors." *We look forward to hearing from you. Feel free to contribute regularly!*



THE GAVEL

Legislative Update by Greg Jeffery

Jefferson City – This year, there have been several bills introduced and debated that could affect your ability to own and use firearms for sport and defense – in both a positive [pro-gun] and negative [anti-gun] way. Many will not make it out of committee. Some will be debated but not passed.

Even though it is the middle of April, there is still time to get some of these bills passed. Call your legislators today and POLITELY encourage them to pass “Castle Doctrine” and Repeal the PTA requirement for persons with valid Licenses to Carry.

ANTI-GUN-OWNER BILLS

MSSA recommends Missouri Gun Owners OPPOSE passage.

HB 1054 – Missouri residents that currently possess out-of-state [OOS] permits to carry concealed weapons would be required to apply for a Missouri issued permit within 30 days of enactment. Some Missourians obtained OOS permits like Florida’s so that they could carry in many states [FL permit recognized by most other states that allow LTC]. No hearing scheduled.

HB 1625 – Would allow cities and counties to prohibit the carrying of concealed firearms in any playground, park, pool, or athletic or recreational facility they own, lease or control. This bill would create a patch-work network of areas a person with a LTC would NOT be able to carry. This is a bad idea. No hearing scheduled.

HB 1635/1637 – Virtually the same, would allow a law enforcement officer to remove a firearm if he/she has probable cause to believe that an act of domestic violence has occurred and observes a firearm on the scene. Requires sheriff to deny or revoke PTA or registration for those with domestic violence problem. Laws like this in other areas have been used by disgruntled spouses to harass. No hearing scheduled.

HB 1844 – Allows non-charter counties to adopt noise ordinances that prohibits a person from creating noise above a specified decibel level that is disturbing to other persons in the surrounding area during certain specified times of the day. Could be used to shut down established shooting ranges. No hearing has been scheduled.

HB 1908 – Prohibits the sale or distribution of firearms that have a frame color other than chrome, nickel, black or blue steel. No hearing has been scheduled.

SB 628 – Treats stun guns and Tasers like handguns, would require PTA. Senate hearing conducted on Feb 6, but no action since.

SB 699 – Lock-Up-Your-Safety law would mandate how you

store your firearms or face potential prosecution for someone else’s crime. No hearing scheduled.

SB 922 – Adds to the list of unlawful use of a weapon the discharging or shooting of a firearm into the air for celebratory purposes in an urban area. No hearing scheduled.

PRO-GUN-OWNERSHIP BILLS

MSSA recommends Missouri Gun Owners Support

HB 1032 – Allows a court to authorize the sale of firearms and ammunition used in a crime instead of only allowing an order for the destruction. Could prevent senseless destruction of firearms.

HCS HB 1461, 1375, 1110 & 1103 – Protects against civil and criminal liability in a qualified self-defense action, also provides for compensation if prosecuted. It is on the House calendar for perfection. It can be called up at anytime for three hours of discussion and then vote for perfection. [SB 1111 is the Senate version of the same bill – no hearing yet.]

HB 1751 [Replaces HB 1587] – Changes the permit to acquire to a permit to purchase. Missouri CCW holder is exempt from need for PTP. [House hearing conducted on 04 April.]

HB 1817 [replaces HB 1639] – Attempts to prevent a Missouri version of New Orleans “emergency” gun confiscations. Bill states that the Governor’s emergency power does not include the confiscation of firearms or other weapons lawfully owned and possessed. [House hearing conducted 04 April].

HB 1752 – Bill would prevent a business from prohibiting its employees from storing a legally owned firearm in their locked vehicle on company property. Hearing was rescheduled.

SB 571 – Protects against civil and criminal liability in a qualified self-defense action, also provides for compensation if prosecuted. Specifies that there is no duty to retreat if you are in a place that you are legally allowed to be. Senate hearing conducted on Feb 6, nothing new.

SB 731 – Completely eliminates the Permit to Acquire. Senate hearing conducted on Mar 27.

Mid-Term Elections THIS November

When you look at the above list of proposed legislation – look closely at the list of Anti-Gun-Owner bills. Most have been filed but have NOT gotten a hearing.

What does that mean? It means that WITHOUT a hearing, the legislation is dead unless the sponsor can muster enough support to attach similar bill language to another bill that is moving through the process. The amendment can be done during committee hearings or on the floor of the House or Senate.

There is a good chance that none of these anti-gun-owner proposals will be successfully attached to any legislation that will pass and become law.

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Liberty Notes

BY KEVIN L. JAMISON

12 April, 2006

It is a good day for Liberty.

We have one year and seven months before Hillary Clinton officially starts her presidential campaign. She needs 270 electoral votes to win. A local columnist speculates that she could get all of Kerry's 252 votes, probably Arkansas's 6 votes; if she took Virginia's popular former governor as a running mate, she might take another red state. President Bush barely won Ohio in 2004, and it has suffered scandals under its Republican governor. With this lineup, she could win the presidency with 20 electoral votes to spare.

Kansas has passed License To Carry. The governor vetoed the bill, and the legislature overrode the veto with more votes than originally voted for the bill. I thought that this was a miracle when it happened in Missouri, and now again in Kansas. We cannot count on continued miracles. People have called to congratulate WMSA for the Kansas vote. However, we cannot take credit. We advised, we offered, but the Kansans did it themselves. As of this writing, there are no rules specifying training. I spoke to Scott Hatstrup, a Kansas attorney, who is working with the Kansas Attorney General's Office on implementation. It does not appear that the rules will be onerous. The Kansas Attorney General has the authority to establish a list of state LTC's which will be recognized in Kansas. We believe that Missouri will be on that list. The Kansas law is not in effect at this point. When the implementation is certain, it will be reported on the WMSA web site, www.WMSA.net. Details can be found at www.ksag.org.

We had not finished celebrating the Kansas LTC when Nebraska passed its LTC. This time, the governor supports the law. Certain cities have threatened to pass ordinances prohibiting concealed carry despite the state law. With victory

in Nebraska, only Wisconsin and Illinois still prevent citizens from carrying the means of self-defense; two to go.

Indiana has passed, and its governor has signed, a law providing a lifetime LTC. Unless one commits a crime, the license never expires. The Indiana Second Amendment Patriots organization is to be congratulated for the success.

At a recent gun show, I found a 1911 magazine with a follower which had been put in wrong end up. I often find magazines which are badly dented, rusted or otherwise unreliable. This one had been maintained, but the owner had not paid careful attention when he disassembled the magazine for cleaning. The fact that it could be re-assembled wrong and still function after a fashion is doubtless a design defect and proof that we cannot rely on engineers to construct equipment which will prevent negligence.

There have been huge demonstrations for immigration reform. I did not expect this. All of the illegal aliens I have represented are too busy working to demonstrate. Many Mexican Flags were seen; this does not bother me, I see many Irish flags on St. Patrick's Day and Italian flags on Columbus Day. I am concerned over some "Kill the Gringos" signs which were reported. I think that the major lesson of these demonstrations is that we need to bring Hispanic elements into our movement. They represent a large block of voters, or soon to be voters; we need them on our side.

Representative Brian Munzlinger has introduced a bill to reform the Permit To Acquire system for handguns. The bill would make these permits necessary only for sales, not loans, and would exempt LTC holders from the need to get a license. This is a half-step forward, but the grass-roots groups discussed such a measure last fall and voted to support it. I appeared to testify in the committee hearings for WMSA and Missourians for Personal Safety. One advocate testified in favor of the bill by criticizing the sheriffs' implementation of the PTA

system. This was not a wise technique when an ex-sheriff sat on the committee. In addition, the sheriffs have a great deal of influence in the legislature. When advocating a position, one should consider one's goal, consider the audience, and then form an argument to which the audience is likely to listen. The committee became confused over the difference between the sheriff's checks and the NICS checks; an essential first step. Fortunately, one member of the committee was a firearms dealer. Despite the initial blunder of criticizing the sheriffs, the hearing saw a landmark change in the fight to abolish the PTA system. The representative of the Sheriff's Association testified that the PTA system was a nuisance and a liability to sheriffs, and the Sheriff's Association wanted the entire system abolished. The committee asked if they had heard correctly, and I am glad they did; I wanted to make sure that I had heard correctly. The committee swiftly, if informally, agreed. The bill will have to be re-written, then sent to the House for a vote, then the Senate. There does not appear to be enough time for this process in this session. If it does not pass, we will begin the next session of the legislature with a consensus that this law must be abolished.

A book has appeared which purports to be a history of the struggle for License To Carry in Missouri. Written by a University of Missouri-Columbia political science professor, *SHOWDOWN IN THE SHOW-ME STATE* was written ten miles from one of the major players in the LTC struggle, and thirty minutes from the political figures in Jefferson City, yet the author did not conduct a single interview. He excuses himself by saying that one side refused to talk to him, and he did not want to prejudice his work by only talking to the other side. Instead, he bases his research on newspaper accounts. Several times he mentions that the state newspapers opposed LTC; most people would worry about the effect of this bias on coverage. The author does not appear to have had any such concern. The problem with this approach is illustrated by his treatment of the supposed "death threat" against Senator Jet Banks in 1995. Late in the 1995 session, a LTC bill was poised to

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Legislative Update

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The reason for this is because, through the long years we have fought for legalized carrying of concealed weapons [License To Carry], we have steadily helped build a state legislature [Both House and Senate, Democrat and Republican] that supports the basic concept of your right to lawfully purchase, possess and use firearms for sport and self-defense purposes. This November will be a key election to determine if the majority of your elected officials will STILL support your firearm owner rights AFTER the vote.

The balance of power is at stake. If you wish to return to the days where Anti-Gun-Owner bills moved freely and were passed over our objections... then don't get involved in this November's elections.

But if YOU care about preserving your rights and promoting your rights... not only for yourself, but for your children... make a note NOW to get involved this election cycle. YOUR effort could mean the difference between anti-gun bills dying before they move... or moving on to become law.

Stay tuned and prepare to get involved. This upcoming election IS very important, and MSSA will do all we can to help you get involved.

Greg Jeffery

Washington DC Update – Tom Zenthofer

*The Stearns Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Bill.

U.S. Rep. Cliff Stearns` (R-Fla.) national Right-to-Carry (RTC) reciprocity bill, H.R. 4547, would allow any person with a valid concealed firearm carrying permit or license, issued by a state, to carry a concealed firearm in any other state, as follows: In states that issue concealed firearm permits, a state's laws governing where concealed firearms may be carried would apply within its own borders. In states that do not issue carry permits, a federal "bright-line" standard would permit carrying in places other than police stations; courthouses; public polling places; meetings of state, county, or municipal governing bodies; schools; passenger areas of airports; and certain other locations. H.R. 4547 would also apply to D.C., Puerto Rico and U.S. territories. The bill would not create a federal licensing system; it would require the states to recognize each others` carry permits, just as they recognize drivers` licenses and carry permits held by armored car guards. Rep. Stearns has introduced such legislation since 1995.

* From NRA Grassroots Alert Feb 24, 2006

Election 2006

The mid term elections are coming up in November. Like all of the recent elections each seems to be more critical than the last. We need to not only re-elect the pro-gun candidates that are in office, but also vote out the anti-gun ones in office now. We must keep going forward or we will wind up going backwards. We need everyone to help, however they legally can, to elect pro-gun candidates.

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pass the legislature and land on the governor's desk. The back story is that the governor desperately did not want the bill on his desk. Senator Jet Banks dutifully rose in the Senate to claim that an advocate of the bill had threatened to kill him. The Senate closed ranks and killed the bill. The author quotes the newspaper accounts and treats the incident as if it really occurred, even stating that Senator Caskey, the sponsor of the bill, seemed to believe Senator Banks. Had the author spoken to Senator Caskey, or anyone present for his remarks, he would have known of the extreme sarcasm used to refer to the "honorable" senator. Had he spoken to anyone involved, he would have learned that when reporters told Senator Banks that LTC leader Tim Oliver had called him a liar, the "honorable" senator reportedly dashed through the corridors of the capital shouting, "I'll kill him, I'll kill him," an incident not reported in the newspapers. After the session ended, Senator Banks told newspapers that the LTC advocate he had accused had said that he could no longer support Senator Banks. The senator rationalized that since there was no other candidate in his district, this lack of support was a death threat. The author does not mention this absurd rationalization. The author's theme appears to be that the NRA did everything, that groups such as ours were formed and financed by the NRA, and that there was no significant local support for LTC. He repeatedly claims that police officers in favor of LTC were part-time gun dealers. He details the NRA friend of the court brief filed for the lawsuit on the constitutionality of LTC, but does not mention the Missouri intervener or the money raised by the Legal Defense Fund, or the financial hit taken by opponents of LTC due to the efforts of the Legal Defense Fund. The book reminds me of all the work done on LTC, all the people who have been involved, and that we have not truly won until we write the history.

I continue to meet people whose plan for post self-defense shooting is to "improve" the evidence in their favor or even conceal the event entirely. I must point out the lines of Exodus which describe

how Moses killed an Egyptian, attempted to conceal the event, and was found out. If God's best friend cannot escape earthly detection, what chance have the rest of us?

I have listened to a tape giving the history of Joan of Arc. The author went into detail on several subjects which did not interest me, including the Saint's bust line. To date, I have not seen a history of the Saint which explains why God wanted the English out of France. It may be that He had some long-range plan which depended on France and England having different governments. This separation worked out well for the American Revolutionaries. We should not, however, take too much pride in this accident. It may be that our nation is intended to be nothing more than another ball rolling across an eternal pool table to hit an unknown eight ball into a celestial side pocket. We shall see, but probably not in our time.

I spoke to the First Federated Republican Women's Club of Clay County regarding LTC. Since these ladies are party activists, I threw in how we can help candidates, and have helped candidates. The theme was that when politicians help us, they make good and effective friends.

New York's Mayor Bloomberg is now advocating nation-wide legislation which will limit purchasers to one gun every 3 months. Prohibitionists used to advocate a limit of one purchase each month. So much for being reasonable.

A client used a cell phone to call 911 for good and sound reasons. His phone immediately emitted a siren, which was not the desired result, the bad guys being within hearing distance. I am a big believer in cell phones but one should be sure of the accessories one is getting.

Ray County refuses to issue a LTC in less than 45 days even if the background check has come back clean. This is in violation of the law; however, taking him to Small Claims Court takes more than the 45 days. The sheriff needs to hear from his constituents.

Buchanan County demands that applications for a LTC be made within 2 weeks of taking the firearms safety class. This is questionable at best. The statute

does not specify how soon one must act on an application. If anyone is refused in Buchanan County based on this arbitrary standard, please call my office.

I hear that rape victims often bathe and change clothes after an assault, which changes or removes evidence. People who have acted in self-defense also often take counter productive acts, flee, throw away the gun, or lie about events. Both sets of actions are due to the stress of the event. The difference is that the actions of rape victims are treated sympathetically, the actions of self-defense shooters are not. On the contrary, the shooters' actions will be interpreted as evidence of evil motives. This is not fair, but it is to be expected.

At a recent gun show, I found a replica of a Winchester 1887 lever action shotgun. The gun was made in the People's Republic of China.

A newly discovered gospel claims that Judas was the good guy and the only disciple to really understand Jesus. As a defense attorney, I am always interested in new evidence which will provide a basis for a new trial. However, I am not inclined to take this new document at face value because it was written 300 years after both men died. This small detail seems to have been lost in the headlines about the discovery.

Iraqi terrorists have kidnapped Germans despite Germany's opposition to the war and have kidnapped, tortured and murdered an American anti-war "Peace Activist" who was in Iraq to document crimes by the US military. I grow less and less enthusiastic about these guys winning the war. If they commit such crimes against people who are on their side, what will they do to all those people who voted against them?

A pacifist who won the Medal of Honor has died. The gentleman was a combat medic and was awarded the Medal for the rescue of wounded while under fire. I have often criticized pacifists as being kept safe by better men and women. However, I must admit that there are pacifists who have seen the elephant and have even sought out the Beast.

We shall overcome.

MSSA Affiliated Clubs and Associations

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- Arnold Junior Shooters**
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Arnold, MO
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The Missouri Sport Shooting Association

2006 MSSA MEETINGS

MSSA Mission Statement

The mission of the MSSA is to protect and preserve the shooting sports at the state level. MSSA will promote and improve the shooting sports by sponsoring marksmanship training and competitions throughout the State of Missouri. MSSA will work for the rights of the gun owner, shooter, collector, hunter, archer, black powder enthusiast, and trapper. MSSA will support the free exchange of ideas, information and education related to gun ownership, shooting, hunting, firearms, and related topics.

June 3 (at noon) - Aug. 26 (at noon) - Dec. 2 (at 2 p.m.)

The MSSA Board of Directors schedules quarterly meetings in order to conduct Association business. These meetings are open to the Members and are held at the MO Department of Conservation - Runge Nature Area (MDC-RNA), off 179 just north of Hwy 50 West, Jefferson City, Missouri.

December is the *Annual Members Meeting* for the elections of MSSA Board members, its attendance is especially encouraged. (The annual MSSA Banquet is scheduled to follow this meeting.)

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