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2006 NRA/MSSA JUNIOR SHOOTING CAMP

BY JOHN LEINBERGER & HAROLD MIEDERHOFF

Eighteen young people turned out for this year's SB Shooting Camp sponsored by MSSA. They were given thorough firearms safety instruction and lots of personal instruction while on the range. The group was very attentive and worked diligently toward improvement of their shooting performance. Positions were refined with the assistance of a group of very able and accomplished coaches including an "All American" collegiate shooter.

Participants at the camp were: Kirby Asher, Christopher Calumpong, Chisom Darnell, Andy Meyer, Sam O'Hanlon, Jordan Robertson, Garrett Spurgeon, Aaron Starbuck, Kellie Zurowski, Kyle Beauchamp, Kyle Branson, Ethan Carder, Kenny Jewell, Gage Nitzschke, Nathan Ringwald, Danielle Ross, Cody Staffen, and Sarah Thompson.

Medal winners from the match on the last day included: Kellie Zurowski, Sam O'Hanlon, Chisom Darnell, Kenny Jewell, Chris Calumpong, Garrett Spurgeon, Cody Staffen, Nathan Ringwald, and Andy Meyer.

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The President's Podium

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OLD FRIENDS AND NEW

A recent study claims that individual Americans have fewer friends than ever before. Not only does everyone in the world hate us, we are not too fond of each other either. I had not noticed; I'm a lawyer and no one likes me as a rule. If the researchers had studied the shooting community, they would have come to a different result. Our people support each other; a gun show is practically a family reunion where familiar faces watch adjoining tables or go for coffee. Members of various shooting organizations have stepped in to help members without the need of being asked.

This is why I was surprised to hear of a shooting event that had to be canceled for lack of a certified instructor. Had I known of this deficiency, I probably could not have fixed it, but I might have known someone who knew someone else who could. Regardless of shooting discipline, club, or sport we must all stick together. We could exist as individual clubs, individual events or disciplines, even as a mass of unorganized shooters; but we will not exist long. We will certainly never grow. If we do not grow we will not pass our rights on to our children. If we cannot pass on our rights, we cannot pass on our guns. We must take the long view on this. When my brother died, I took charge of his guns so that I could pass them on to his daughter. She takes no interest in guns, but in the fullness of time she may have children and in the fullness of time they may take an interest in guns. They can hold their grandfather's guns, hear the little story, and remember him. This will not happen unless we all work together to preserve the gun culture and with it the right to hold a grandparent's gun.

There are people working to preserve our culture and our rights. David Jones, immediate past president of MSSA, is circulating a petition to get back on the NRA Board of Directors, a consummation devoutly to be wished. This is an election year and a number of our friends are running for office. So are a number of people who are decidedly not our friends, some of whom are pretending to be friends for the occasion. The NRA and several Missouri grassroots gun rights groups are rating the various candidates. I live for the day when our gun rights do not hang by a thread, but we are not there yet. Our political strength could fall this year, and with it our rights.

The cowboy slogan is "Ride for the Brand"; it denotes loyalty to other members of the outfit. If we continue to exhibit loyalty to our brand we will someday show our grandchildren the stainless steel 1911A1 with the Pachmayr grips and night sights used at the Battle of the Little Bighorn, or however the story might have grown by then.

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.

JUNIOR SHOOTING CAMP

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Special awards were presented to:

Garrett Spurgeon - *Most Positive*

Kyle Branson - *Most Effort*

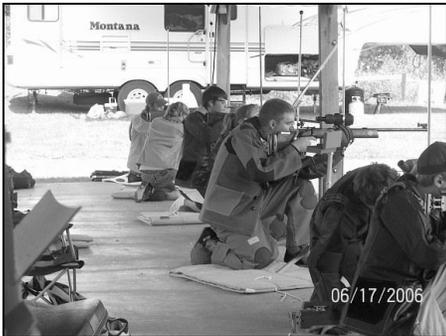
Andy Meyer - *Most Improved*

Kirby Asher - *Best Sportsmanship*



The camp was considered a great success, and plans are underway for next year about the same time in the middle of June.

Camp staff were: Sheryl Teeters, John Leinberger, Harold Miederhoff, Paul Villmer, Gary Darnell, Larry Spurgeon, Mike Stearley, Dan Rebhan, Melissa Zurowski, George Hamilton, Becky Schneider, and Lucas Leinberger.



As MSSA Director for Junior Activities, I want to thank all the staff who helped make the Junior Rifle Camp a success and Tim Oliver for sponsoring a \$100.00 scholarship for the camp.

Thanks,

John Leinberger

MSSA Director for Junior Activities



MSSA thanks the following organizations for their contributions to the Junior Program:

The 67 Gun Club

Donated \$500 to the Junior Program.

GCLA

Donated \$250 for the purchase of a Daisy 888 CO2 Air Rifle and a filler tube.

These donations are greatly appreciated.

On The Range

by Kent Finlay

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP & TOURNAMENT NOTES

June has been a busy month for me. I fired in 3 State Championships, 1 Regional and an Approved match. I have been doing a lot of reloading, and cleaning. June 3-4 was the Open Highpower State match at Bucksport Rifle Club. There were 52 competitors at that one, and James Obermeyer of Ellisville came away with his 1st Championship win. Ken Spears was the Senior Champ and 12 year old Christopher Calumpong took his 1st Junior Championship with a 759-15x.

June 4th was a Regional Pistol Championship at St. Joseph. Fifteen shooters participated with Paul Noles taking the Gold with a 2609-90x. While Chris Guerrero won the Distinguished Pistol 'Leg' match, Paul also claimed his 1st 'Leg' points as Chris is already Distinguished in Pistol.

June 17-18 was the State Service Rifle match at Benchrest Rifle Club. Forty-three shooters attended. John Schwent, a Captain in the USMC, won this title with 772-18x, and Tyler West took home the Junior honors with a 737-10x.

The State Outdoor Conventional Pistol

Championship was held June 25th with twenty-four shooters attending. Before the match started, Paul's good friend John O'Donnell showed me Paul's brand new NRA High Master card for Outdoor Pistol. It doesn't get any better than that!! And true to form, Paul won both the Championship with a 2618-102x and the Distinguished Pistol Match with a 272-4x. Will Sisson is Senior Outdoor Pistol Champion with a 2511-7x. (By the way, both Paul and Will were the Indoor Championship winners as well this past Spring.) Chris Guerrero took 2nd with a 2590-100x, and Eric Pearson took 3rd and 1st Expert with a 2574-84x. 1st Sharpshooter was Vic Olson with a 2442-50x, and 1st Marksman was George Small with a 2258-26x.

MSSA has an excellent Conventional Pistol team going to Camp Perry this year. Several of the team members appear to be "peaking" with their scores in recent matches. We'll follow in the next *Missouri Shooter* with their results. See you "On The Range" this summer and keep shooting those 10s & Xs!!

Kent

Executive Officer Notes

I wanted to give everyone a "heads up", as I will not be returning to this position at the December 06 elections. I've had this position since about 1998, and I am thinking it is time for someone else to take it over. The position is mostly records keeping and paperwork, though these days the "paperwork" is more computer and email. Keeping track of MSSA's rifles is the primary job, but also approving Missouri's State Championship programs for the NRA, an annual CMP report form to be filled out, and trying to make the quarterly meetings in Jefferson City are very important. None of this takes that much time, and someone efficient with a computer will do well. If my opinion counts for anything, I would think someone already in the Highpower shooting fraternity should pick up this position, as being available at the tournaments is a plus.

To become Executive Officer, you need to be elected to the MSSA Board of Directors, and then be picked from there to serve as a member of the Executive Committee. If you want the position and plan on helping MSSA keep the shooting programs progressing forward, then this is your chance. For more information, you can contact me at any of the ways listed in your Missouri Shooter.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve!!

Kent

2006 NRA/MSSA Junior Shooting Camp Results

	PRONE	STAND	KNEEL	AGGREGATE	
Zurowski	187-3	166-2	184-2	537-7	GOLD
O'Hanlon	191-5	152-1	183-7	526-13	SILVER
Darnell	182-1	168-1	174-1	523-3	BRONZE
Robertson	189-5	147-0	158-1	494-6	
Asher	179-3	136-1	167-2	482-6	
Beauchamp	169-2	148-0	144-0	461-2	

Jewell	177-1	136-0	166-0	479-2	GOLD
Calumpong	185-2	122-0	157-1	464-3	SILVER
Spurgeon	179-0	126-0	158-1	463-1	BRONZE
Branson	159-0	125-1	138-1	422-2	
Carder	165-1	96-0	134-1	395-2	
Starbuck	125-0	78-0	118-0	321-0	
Ross	149-0	70-1	94-0	313-1	
Thompson	25-0	22-0	46-0	93-0	

Staffen	160-0	96-0	137-0	393-0	GOLD
Ringwald	160-0	72-0	124-0	356-0	SILVER
Meyer	113-1	56-0	53-0	222-1	BRONZE
Nitzschke	DNF				

Well, it was another fun shooting camp.

On behalf of all the coaches and staff, I would like to thank all of the participants for their participation and attentiveness toward improvement. Progress was made and, with some practice, more progress will be made.

Best wishes to the 4-H team at the national championships in South Dakota.

Harold





The Saddle Soapbox

By Sheila Stokes-Begley, Editor

It's Never Too Soon

The NRA convention is scheduled to be in Missouri in 2007. The 136th annual meeting will be in St. Louis on April 12th through the 17th. The last time the NRA graced our fair state was 2001 when the convention was held in Kansas City. Denny and I got to go to that one, and oh my! Talk about Alice in Wonderland. I was mesmerized by the video of Annie Bianco doing her Mounted Cowboy action shooting.

As the state affiliate for the NRA, MSSA members will be called upon to help out in whatever ways they can to prepare for this honor and work the show. We now have a committee to work with the NRA team so that when the time rolls around, we will be ready. You will find information on our committee chair Dan Smith, and some contact information so you know who to get in touch with to volunteer. Even though this may seem a long way off, it will roll around before you can believe it's here.

MSSA will have some exciting things for the convention, too. We are looking forward to putting out a special edition newsletter, a new brochure, and the much missed lapel pins should be back by then with a sharper, cleaner look, thanks to our volunteer graphic wizard, Mona Oliver. (The current and last issue's new layout of *The Missouri Shooter* newsletter is also due to Mona's talent!)

July 4th has just passed. Denny and I usually celebrate the holiday by working like maniacs, but we also try to watch *The Patriot*, starring Mel Gibson. Believe it or not, for me, one of the most frightening parts of the whole movie takes place towards the beginning of it – the part where the redcoats come marching through the cornfields. The little family is clustered on the front porch listening to the cannons booming in the not that far off distance. Shortly after that the leader of the dragoons gives the order to burn the house and barns, kill the livestock, and take the horses. Okay, now you are probably seeing why this gets to me. Imagining *my* home being burned, *my* horses being taken... It gives me a huge rush of gratitude for those serving in our armed forces. I do believe that the wars being fought today are keeping them from being fought on American soil for a while. Although that could still

happen.

I also watched a special on the American Revolution on the history channel. Yes, the part about the battle of Lexington & Concord. The battle was fought because the British realized that if the Colonials were allowed to have arms and ammunition, they could resist the will of the crown, and that would just never do! So General Gage sent 700 Redcoats to Concord to destroy them. The Minutemen were organized, and prepared to do battle at a minute's notice. Luckily, they were able to keep the New York Times from finding out about the plan to warn John Hancock, Samuel Adams, and move the guns and ammo, so the British remained unaware of the plans as well. The American Patriots were able to hang onto their means of resistance. Yet in this day and age, rather than leaders of courage, pride and patriotism, we have Chuckie Schumer, Ted Kennedy, Jean Francois Kerry, Diane Feinstein (who has a rare California concealed-carry permit), and Hillary who carelessly turn away from the huge sacrifices made by our ancestors. They blame America for being attacked. Rather than being leaders, they behave worse than a flock of chickens that realize one of their flock is hurt and peck it to death.

In Missouri we will have to work to defeat Claire McCaskill. While she will happily and smilingly lie and tell you she is pro second amendment, don't believe it for a minute. The woman has told so many lies, and all the while hoping to take our hard earned rights away. Jim Talent has been a friend to us, as well as doing good for a lot of people. He deserves our support. The war for Independence was fought so we could have freedom. It was fought with guns, knives, courage and knowledge. If we have any hope of avoiding the necessity of a repeat performance, we need to spend some effort, time and money fighting in the political arena so it won't come to that. I do NOT want to see those redcoats marching through MY hayfield. What about you?

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Santa Claus Is Coming To Town?

BY SHEILA STOKES-BEGLEY



Remember when you were a kid, how much you looked forward to Christmas, to waking up and seeing what Santa Claus had brought you that year?? That feeling of excitement and anticipation? Well, I got the same feeling (okay, maybe not to the same degree) when I found out that Wayne LaPierre was going to be in Kansas City signing copies of his new book The Global War On Your Guns. I have to admit to being pretty excited and nervous about meeting Mr. LaPierre.

The signing was well attended with nice folks waiting to get their book signed. Well known local author and MSSA President Kevin Jamison was there, as you can see. Most impressively, Mr. LaPierre knew who Kevin was. I felt really honored to be in a photo with the two men. I also am now having an overwhelming urge to write a book, since they are both authors.

Mr. LaPierre seems like a very nice man, who really was sincere when he told both Kevin and myself that if he could help us in anyway, he would be glad to. I am so proud of Mr. LaPierre, for all the work he has done in trying to help Americans be more aware of the United Nation's nefarious plans for the United States Bill of Rights. Mr. LaPierre is one of those radicals that believe the UN should keep it's grubby, corrupt mitts off our Constitution and our Bill of Rights. So do a lot of us. In fact, a lot of us would like to see the UN kicked out of US, the

United States as Paul Harvey says. For those that think this sort of thing won't affect them, as they only hunt or target shoot, and that the debate is over self defense, they should think again. When Mr. LaPierre debated Rebecca Peters, who is head of the IANSA (International Action Network on Small Arms) in England, she was asked by an audience member if she was at all bothered because his target shooting guns had been confiscated. Her response?

“Countries change, laws change, why are firearms exempt? The definition of sporting activity is always under pressure. Target Shooting is not a legitimate sport! If you miss your sport, take up another!”

I'm sure this comes as a surprise to members of the MSSA to find out that they are not competing in legitimate sports. But, you say, that will never happen here! Well, since the U.N. has been unable to ram down such measures as owner licensing, registration, certain categories of guns unavailable, and limits on how many guns you can own as a “treaty,” they are trying to propose it as a “convention.” As a convention, it could be accepted by a mere stroke of, oh, say for example, President Hillary's (God forgive me for putting that word in front of Hillary's name) pen. No Senate approval required! Be **SCARED!**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 2007 NRA ANNUAL MEETING

BY DAN SMITH

The 2007 NRA National Convention will be held April 12-17 at the America's Center in St Louis, MO. It is expected to be one of the largest ever, attracting over 60,000 NRA members and other attendees.

The real work of making a Convention of this size run like a finely-tuned watch falls on individuals who will volunteer throughout the Convention. MSSA, as the "host" NRA State Affiliate, will be coordinating the interface with the NRA in preparation for the Convention and staffing the large pool of volunteers needed to make it happen. About 250 volunteers will be needed, and the NRA asks that each volunteer work sixteen hours throughout the conference, if possible.

Volunteers are needed to staff many areas, such as the NRA membership desk, hospitality areas, and the NRA store. NRA Instructor volunteers are needed to staff the air rifle range and assist in the vendor set up and management of the Exhibit area.

There are some "perks" for NRA Convention Volunteers. In addition to the gratitude and acknowledgment of the NRA, any volunteer who works a minimum of sixteen (16) hours is reimbursed the cost of attending the annual NRA Banquet. The volunteer purchases a ticket for the Banquet with his or her registration, but is reimbursed (usually \$65-\$85) after the Convention.

MSSA has asked Dan Smith to head the MSSA-NRA Coordinating Committee, and the following MSSA members have agreed to serve on that committee: Terry Struse, Frank Mercer, Larry Deptula, Lee Koester, John and Grace Leinbarger, Harold Meiderhoff, David Jones and Stuart Strickler. *Contact one of the above or MSSA to volunteer.*

Finally, anyone interested in attending the 2007 NRA Convention in St. Louis should make reservations early! Every hotel room anywhere around St. Louis will be booked early with the expected 60,000 attendees, so go to www.nraam.org and register *now!*

Mark Your Calendars



JULY

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

AUGUST

- 5** ATA Trap
Ozark Shooters
- 12** Council of Churches Foundation
Shoot
Ozark Shooters
- 19-20** NSCA Fun Shoot
Ozark Shooters
- 26** **MSSA MEETING** – 12 noon at
Missouri Dept. of Conservation
Runge Nature Area (MDC-RNA)
- 27** Dove Tower Shoot
Ozark Shooters

SEPTEMBER

- 1-4** Friends of NRA Classic
Ozark Shooters
- 9-10** **Smallbore Prone**
Bucksnot
H. Miederhoff
- 23** Knights of Columbus Shoot
Ozark Shooters
- 23-24** **3-Position Smallbore**
Bucksnot
H. Miederhoff
- 30** **MissouriCarry.com Picnic**
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OCTOBER

- 7** ATA Trap
Ozark Shooters
- 7-8** **High Power Long Range**
Bucksnot
Strannigan
- 14** Ladies Handgun Charity Shoot
Ozark Shooters
- 29** Witches Brew
Ozark Shooters
- 26-29** Cowboy Action Shoot
Ozark Shooters



TIME TO RENEW...?

If your membership expiration is getting close, please use the application on the back of this issue of THE MISSOURI SHOOTER to renew now!

Early renewal helps support MSSA!

Not sure when your membership expires? Note your address label on THE MISSOURI SHOOTER envelope, *it contains a special code that reveals your membership expiration date.*

The first two digits represent the year of expiration, and the second two digits represent the month of expiration. For example, the code "A 060401" denotes a membership which expires in 2006 during the month of April. (The letter designates type of membership: "A" means annual member, "J" means junior member, and so on.)

Early renewal supports MSSA by saving the expense of sending out reminder notices (paper, printing and postage) and MSSA's all-volunteer workforce some time. Help save resources which could be utilized for other MSSA activities!

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!

Annual 2006 MissouriCarry.com Picnic

The Annual 2006 MissouriCarry.com picnic planning is well under way!

The date of the picnic will be

Saturday, September 30th

and it will be located at

**United Sportsmen's Club
in Jefferson City**

Just like last year, this picnic is sure to bring out a lot of people and raise money for a good cause, namely our gun rights and the continuing education of our young people and others in the shooting sports.

The picnic last year raised \$5000 which was donated to the Legal Defense Fund, a fund that was created to help pay for the legal battle concerning "Right to Carry" legislation in Missouri. Now that those legal defense bills are paid off, MissouriCarry.com has decided to split money raised into 4 donation groups.

100% of the money raised will go to:

1. Missouri Sport Shooting Association
2. Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance (www.gclastl.org)
3. Western Missouri Shooter Alliance (www.wmsa.net)
4. NRA Youth Hunter Education Challenge (state level)

\$1000 of the money raised will go towards the NRA Youth Hunter Education Challenge. The rest will be divided among Missouri's top three gun-rights organizations. It's these three organizations that continue to fight for your gun rights in Jefferson City every year, as well as help to pass on the shooting traditions to younger generations.

The grand prize in the raffle this year will be an AR-15 rifle.

More information can be found by logging on to MissouriCarry.com or visiting the online forum at: www.missouricarry.com/forums

Thanks, and we hope to see you there on Saturday, September 30th.

NRA's National Rifle and Pistol Matches To Begin July 10, Camp Perry, OH

From July 10th to August 14th, the National Rifle Association of America will conduct its annual National Rifle and Pistol Championships. The event is broadly divided into five phases: Pistol, Smallbore 3-Position, Smallbore Prone, High Power, and Long Range.

"The National Matches are among the largest and most prestigious championships in the world," said NRA Director of Competitive Shooting, M.S. Gilchrist. "This year we expect over 4,000 competitors of all skill levels to visit Camp Perry to shoot with, and learn from, the finest rifle and pistol shots in the country. Many competitors attend with their families, not only to compete but also to participate in other activities offered at Camp Perry and in the surrounding area," Gilchrist added.

CALENDAR

www.nrahq.org/compete/cp-calendar.asp

July 10

First Shot Ceremony

July 10-16

NRA National Pistol Championships

- The NRA's Harry Reeves Memorial Pistol Match
- The Revolver Distinguished Match National 2700 Championship
- Team competition for the USA Civilian Pistol Team, International Challenge Match.
- Team competition for the Mayleigh Challenge Cup, International Pistol Match.

Entry closing: July 12. For information on the NRA's Pistol Shooting Program or on the Pistol championships, including the National Trophy Matches, call Bob Piccoli at (703) 267-1451.

July 20-27

NRA National Smallbore Rifle Championships

- Smallbore Three-position Championships
- Smallbore Prone Championships
- Team competition for the Dewar and Randle International Challenge Trophies, and for the Whistler Boy Team Trophy

Entry closing: 3-Position, July 18; Prone, July 22. For information on the NRA's Smallbore Shooting Program or on the Smallbore championships, call George Harris at (703) 267-1475.

August 6-10

NRA National Individual and Team High Power Rifle Championships

- NRA Team competition for the Enlisted, Rumbold, and RNDC Trophies
- Shoulder-to-shoulder competition for the 2006 U.S. National Rifle Championship.

August 11-14

Long Range Championships

- Elimination contests and shoulder-to-shoulder shoot-offs for 1000-yard rifle championships.
- The Palma Individual Rifle Match conducted at 800, 900, and 1000 yards.

Entry closing: Aug. 5. For information on the NRA's Rifle Shooting Program or for more on the Rifle Championships, including the Long Range Championships and the National Trophy Matches, contact Don Ide at (703) 267-1454, or by e-mail at competitions@nrahq.org

2006 CMP Sponsored Events

National Matches. For information on CMP-sponsored events, contact the CMP at 419-635-2141, ext. 1114 or competitions@odcmp.com

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| July 10 | First Shot Ceremony |
| July 10-11 | Pistol Small Arms Firing School |
| July 16 | National Trophy Pistol Matches |
| July 23 | National Rimfire Sporter Match |
| July 28-30 | USMC Junior Rifle Clinic |
| July 29-30 | Rifle Small Arms Firing School |
| July 31 | President's Rifle Match |
| August 1 | National Trophy Individual Rifle Match |
| August 2 | Hearst Doubles Match |
| August 3 | National Trophy Team Match & M1 Carbine Matches |
| August 4 | Infantry Team Match and Springfield/Military Rifle Matches |
| August 6 | John C. Garand Match |

WANTED!

ONE-HANDED PISTOL SHOOTERS

Want to shoot on a team where you are able to participate at every match and not simply sit on the bench?

If you've always wanted to be able to shoot one-handed, this is your chance. The ILL-MO BULLS-EYE LEAGUE is looking for shooters for the fall season, October-March 2006. Like bowling leagues, teams compete against each other in matches held each week. There is a season's end match and an annual awards banquet. The winners are awarded trophies, and there are valuable attendance prizes as well as a fifty-fifty drawing.

No experience is necessary. You'll be trained to shoot better than you believed possible. A .22 cal. automatic pistol, eye and ear protection, and ammunition are all you need. Competition is conducted indoors at the heated Piasa range, downtown Alton, Illinois, just a short drive from St. Louis. Being on a pistol team will help you develop your shooting skills, and firing on the line with other shooters will help improve your competition skills. In each match, you'll shoot at your skill level. Like golf, you achieve a handicap after three matches, and as you improve, your handicap score will help the team.

Cost? No more expensive than a bowling league. Participation is limited to shooters 21 years of age and older unless accompanied by a parent, and safety training is also provided. The league is conducted on a *safety first, safety last, safety always* basis.

Teams are forming now! For more information contact:

DON WEIHL (314) 516-2696 Extension 3614
or AL BOXDORFER (618) 233-0160.

NRA to Sponsor 19th Youth Wildlife Art Contest

The NRA is now accepting entries for its 2006 Youth Wildlife Art Contest. The contest, the 19th in the annual series, is open to students in grades 1 through 12 (including home-schooled children). NRA membership is not required. The deadline to enter is October 3, 2006.

Winners in each grade category will receive \$500. Second-place finishers will receive \$250, and the third-place award will be \$100.

Entries may be submitted in one of four categories, based on school grade. Category I includes grades 1 through 3. Category II is for grades 4 through 6. Category III covers grades 7 through 9, and Category IV includes grades 10 through 12. Entries may portray any North American game bird or animal that may be legally hunted or trapped. Endangered species and non-game animals, such as eagles and snakes, are not eligible subjects. Call (703) 267-1531 if you need to confirm whether a certain animal or bird is eligible.

Contestants are limited to one entry each. Entries may be in a medium of the artist's choice (oil, water color, pastels, pencil, pen and ink, charcoal, etc.). Submissions should be on good quality bond or drawing paper, or illustration board. Preferred sizes for the image are 8-1/2 x 11 inches or 11 x 14 inches; matting is optional. Entries need not be framed. Composition

must be original. Photographs may be used for reference, but artwork determined to have been traced or copied from an existing photograph or work of art will be disqualified.

Entries must arrive at NRA by October 3, 2006, and must be accompanied by a brief statement signed by the student's parent, guardian, or teacher attesting to the originality of the work and verifying the artist's grade level as of October 3, 2006. In addition, the artist's name, age, home address, phone number, and grade must be printed on the back of the entry or on a note attached to the back of the entry. Entries will be judged on effort, creativity, anatomical accuracy, and composition.

Send entries to:

NRA Youth Wildlife Art Contest
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Entries will be returned only if accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. NRA assumes no responsibility for lost or damaged artwork, and reserves all rights to reproduce entries. The immediate families of NRA staff members are not eligible to enter. Questions regarding the contest may be directed to (703) 267-1531.

For photos of last year's winning entries, see:

www.nrahq.org/youth/wildlife.asp

The contest is supported through a generous gift from Jim Broering, President of AcuSport Corporation, for the creation of the James and Kathleen Broering Endowment.



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Gasconade County Youth Shooting Sports

BY KYLE LAIRMORE

This organization was formed in 2002, by the Tri-County Friends of NRA in Owensville, Missouri. Each year this group hosts a Friends of NRA banquet, which provides an exciting evening of raffles and a live auction for many area sportsman and women. After five banquets, a total of \$62,310 has been raised. This is deposited into the National NRA Foundation account. The State of Missouri receives half of all net proceeds raised back each year to support local shooting sports organizations and projects. To date, The NRA Foundation has funded more than 3,400 state grants for a total of \$8.6 million; including, but not limited to: youth firearms safety and education programs, hunter education, range development and improvement, support materials for training classes, women's safety classes, and wildlife conservation efforts.

The Gasconade County Youth Shooting Sports organization has also received funds from organizations such as the Missouri Sport Shooting Association (MSSA) and the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF).

How the Friends of NRA has Benefited the Owensville Community

Owensville has sponsored a Friends of NRA event for five years now, raising approximately \$62,310. Gasconade County Youth Shooting Sports has applied for four grants through the NRA Foundation, which has totaled \$16,481. The grant money was put to good use.

With the first grant, they purchased a gun safe and three shotguns. With the second grant, they purchased three more Shotguns, three Air Rifles, three Air Pistols, three .22 Rifles, and three Muzzleloaders. The third grant was used to purchase an automatic trap thrower and a 7' x 14' Cargo Trailer. The last grant approved was used to purchase a computerized LaserShot



training system.

The Owensville area currently supports two different youth groups: The Owensville High School Trap Team and the Gasconade County 4-H Shooting Sports Club. The Owensville High School Trap Team currently has twenty members, while the Gasconade County 4-H Shooting Sports Club currently has fifteen members with ages ranging from 8 to 18. Each participant learns how to shoot shotguns, air rifles, air pistols, .22 rifles, .22 pistols, muzzleloaders, and archery.

They also have a chance to compete at the state and national level against other youth from around the state and country.

So as you can see, monies raised from the Friends of NRA banquets in this area are returned to this area – to benefit the local youth.

Gasconade County Youth Shooting Sports is currently setting up a “Mobile Firearm Safety Unit.” This unit consists of a 7' x 14' cargo trailer that will carry all of the organization's equipment so that they can travel around the state to put on Shooting Sports events for youth who do not have access to gun clubs or equipment.

The group currently participates and helps with the following events: National Wild Turkey Federation “Jakes” and “Women in the Outdoors,” NRA and MSSA youth camps and “Women on Target,” Missouri Department of Conservation Hunters Education, Quail Unlimited, and Ducks Unlimited events.



The mobile unit is great for these events because it carries all the necessary equipment to put on a shooting sports event, all in one trailer, along with certified instructors. We currently have four certified instructors helping with this organization: John Leinberger, Phil Andersen, Bill Nowack, and Kyle Lairmore.

In closing, on behalf of the Gasconade County Youth Shooting Sports, I would like to thank the NRA Foundation, MSSA, NWTF, and all its supporters who contribute to the great organization. It is because of these organizations and their supporters that groups like ours grow and can reach out to many individuals, promoting shooting sports and firearm safety.

Thank you,

Kyle Lairmore, Director
Gasconade Co. Youth Shooting Sports
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A YEAR-END SYNOPSIS BY

REP. REX RECTOR OF THE 124TH DISTRICT

Our nation's constitution guarantees the right of the law-abiding individual to keep and bear arms in order to defend person and property. Be assured that I work hard to preserve this right.

During this session of the legislature, I voted for a bill known as The Castle Doctrine. The House approved the bill but the Senate did not. The intention of this legislation was to give you the right to protect yourself as you protect your family and your home. The current legal climate in Missouri is unreasonable and gives criminals greater protection than that of their victims. If someone breaks into your home, it is reasonable to presume that your safety is in jeopardy. This bill eliminates the requirement that a person attempt to flee from life threatening danger prior to using deadly force in the attempt to defend his or her own person and family. Additionally, when we do pass this bill anyone who uses deadly force in a lawful manner will be immune from civil and criminal penalties.

We also worked on legislation to eliminate the 'permit to acquire' (PTA) a concealable handgun. In Missouri if you wish to buy a handgun, you are required to obtain a PTA through your county sheriff, who runs a criminal background check. Then before you buy the handgun, the dealer must perform a background check. A PTA is even required of those who already have a conceal carry permit. Only 12 states require a PTA along with the redundant check at the point of purchase. Eliminating the PTA would free-up resources in our sheriff's offices as well as remove the burden of an additional fee on our state's citizens. However, a dealer would still do the background check at time of purchase, even if the buyer does have a permit to carry a concealed weapon. Although this bill did not pass this year, we plan to work for its passage again next session.

Sen. Delbert Scott passed Senate Bill 919 that cleans up the language in Missouri Statute that allows the city council of any third class city to prohibit and punish the carrying of a concealed deadly weapon. It was my privilege to present this bill on the House floor and work for its approval. The governor signed this bill. The effective date is August 28, at which time, a person with a conceal carry permit may legally conceal a handgun in a third class city. This will not permit someone who does not have a conceal carry permit to carry a gun.

Even though it is often a slow process to change laws, I am committed to preserving your constitutional right to keep and bear arms.



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Permit Reciprocity News For Traveling Missourians

BY DAN SMITH

Good New For All Of Us! I received a phone call from the office of Jay Nixon, Attorney General for the State of Missouri. The gentleman who called me is Peter Lyskowski (email Peter.Lyskowski@ago.mo.gov and phone number 573-751-8824), an attorney in the AG's office.

He called to inform me that the task of communicating with all states on the subject of gaining reciprocity for our Missouri permit was under his official duties, and he was actively and earnestly communicating with all states to promote the Missouri permit. We discussed many issues and especially the states where reciprocity is still a possibility. There are some states that do not recognize any other states' permit. Illinois and Wisconsin have no concealed carry provisions whatsoever...even for their own citizens.

We reviewed recent events that "coincidentally" occurred since several [MissouriCarry.com](http://www.missouricarry.com) members began extensive written and verbal communications directly to other

states' Governors and Attorney Generals.

One of the issues we discussed is the fact that **nowhere** in MO Weapons Law (RSMo 571) does it task any individual or agency in Missouri government with a "duty" to promote the Missouri permit, or seek reciprocal arrangements with other states. As a result of the phone calls, emails, and letters to Mr. Nixon and other states' officials, the office of the Missouri Attorney General, and Mr. Lyskowski in particular, have assumed (even if not mandated by law) the "go to" task of getting it done.

So, here is where we stand today:

Either by examining www.packing.org or www.handgunlaw.us or individual state web sites, Missouri permits appear to be valid in: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Ohio, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, and Vermont – and of course, right here at home in Missouri! We can probably add Mississippi to that list; reportedly, the "official" letter from MS is "in the mail." **So, very soon we should be at 24 total.**

States where the MO AG's office are actively in communication (at some level of resolution) are Delaware, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia, Washington, Wyoming, and West Virginia.

Washington and South Carolina are kind of "iffy." Both require that another state's CCW law must be essentially similar to theirs, and both have provisions in their law that require an applicant in their state to waive the privacy of the applicant's mental health records as part of the process. *Missouri law doesn't do that.*

The following states simply have no provision for CCW or don't recognize any other state's permit: Illinois and Wisconsin (no carry), Connecticut, Hawaii, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, and Rhode Island.

Credit goes to many on www.missouricarry.com for this turn of events ...*SFC Stu, petria, bhk*, and others. Our voices – polite, respectful and direct – have been heard.

We have a place to go, someone to talk to, and a point of accountability; that's all we wanted.

Mr. Lyskowski was forthright and a pleasure to talk with.

THE MISSOURI SHOOTER newsletter is published quarterly and will be mailed between the 1st and 15th of the months of January, April, July, and October. Deadlines for articles and advertisements are December 20, March 25, June 25 and September 25. This publication is distributed to MSSA members and interested parties free of charge at the discretion of the MSSA Board of Directors for the purpose of the free exchange of ideas, information and education related to gun ownership, shooting, hunting, firearms and related topics. Authors and article sources will be attributed if known. THE MISSOURI SHOOTER shall endeavor to print true and factual information and will note when facts and figures are not verifiable. Readers are cautioned to corroborate for themselves the validity of any questionable information. Errors or corrections should be submitted in writing and will be printed in the following issue. In no case shall MSSA, its officers or members be liable for any accidental misinformation.

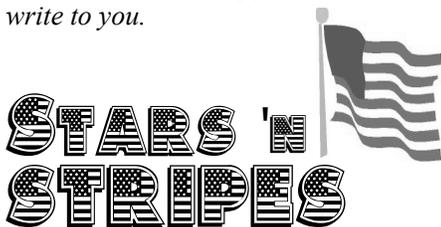
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WE WANT YOUR STORIES! MSSA is soliciting true and original shooting, hunting or firearms related articles by MSSA members and other interested parties for publication in THE MISSOURI SHOOTER.

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](mailto:Sheila.Stokes-Begley@missourishooter.com), 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!*

Well, I said this would be your column, for those of you in the armed forces. But I haven't received any mail from you yet, so I am using your column to write to you.



I don't know why the American Press delights in trying to cause you grief. I don't know why they don't report with pride the many good things you are doing while you are there – not just defending us from attack and rooting out those who hate us for what we are, free – but also the schools and health care, fresh water and opportunity you have brought to the countries where you are serving.

There are emails that make their way around the net showing photos of you: How you care for those you are living among. Poignant photos of you sniffing a letter sent from the home you must miss so very much.

There are many, many people back here in the US that admire, respect you and honor your service – to us, and to our country. We are proud of you and pray for your safety daily. One thing that worries me is that if you should find your life in danger you might hesitate to defend it. Please don't hesitate. Murtha, Kerry and others who would cast mud on your service are not worth the dust on your combat boots.

Freedom has never been free. Our 4th of July has just gone by. Those that gave us this freedom sacrificed enormously for us. We are aware of the sacrifices you are making for us to not only keep our freedom, but our very lives.

For this, I thank you from the bottom of my heart, and may God Bless you and your families.

Sheila
mssa_editor@netzero.com

I received the following via e-mail, it seems appropriate, thanks Nunz.

The Final Inspection

The soldier stood and faced God,
Which must always come to pass,
He hoped his shoes were shining,
Just as brightly as his brass.

"Step forward now, you soldier,
How shall I deal with you?"

Have you always turned the other cheek?
To My Church have you been true?"

The soldier squared his shoulders
And said, "No, Lord, I guess I ain't,
Because those of us who carry guns,
Can't always be a saint.

I've had to work most Sundays,
And at times my talk was tough,
And sometimes I've been violent,
Because the world is awfully rough.

But, I never took a penny
That wasn't mine to keep...

Though I worked a lot of overtime
When the bills got just too steep,
And I never passed a cry for help,
Though at times I shook with fear,
And sometimes, God forgive me,

I've wept unmanly tears.

I know I don't deserve a place
Among the people here,
They never wanted me around,
Except to calm their fears.

If you've a place for me here, Lord,
It needn't be so grand,
I never expected or had too much,
But if you don't, I'll understand."

There was a silence all around the throne,
Where the saints had often trod,
As the soldier waited quietly,
For the judgment of his God.

"Step forward now, you soldier,
You've borne your burdens well,
Walk peacefully on Heaven's streets,
You've done your time in Hell."

~Author Unknown~

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Liberty Notes

BY KEVIN L. JAMISON

18 June, 2006

We have one year and five months until Hillary Clinton officially starts her presidential campaign. I only mention this to remind our members that things can get worse, and quickly.

I saw one of the movies about Flight 93, the flight in which the passengers rose against the terrorists and saved either the White House or Capital Building. One scene showed the passengers' charge up the aisle to attack the terrorists. It is only a representation of what must have happened, no one survived, the cell phones recorded little, and the evidence was smashed to pieces with the plane. This charge will live in history with the Charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava, Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg, and the Rangers up the cliffs at Normandy. In those charges the men were professional soldiers, veterans who had trained together. On Flight 93 they were citizens who had never met before. Militias come in all sizes and types.

I read of an incident in which a citizen's gun came to the attention of authorities. It had been stolen some years ago, before being sold to the citizen. The citizen was arrested on suspicion of receiving stolen property. He was soon released, but it was a bad night. The fact of his arrest will appear on official records. Without a corresponding disposition, he may find it difficult to pass a NICS check.

The May, 2006 issue of Small Arms Review recounts a rare shooting test. It appears that at the end of WW II a veteran tossed two loaded 1911 magazines in the bottom of his footlocker, and never touched them again. Sixty years later, his heirs unearthed the magazines and determined to test the notion that if magazines are kept loaded, they weaken the spring. The test proved that the magazines functioned flawlessly.

Expert opinion is that well-made springs and properly heat-treated magazine feed lips will not deform if the magazine is left loaded. Paul Brammer tells me the story of two 1911 magazines that had been loaded in 1918 and fired 39 years later, flawlessly. The important consideration is quality construction. Another important consideration is maintenance. Rust will defeat the best-made magazine, even stainless steel.

At the last general membership meeting, a lady chased her toddler into our meeting. I told her that the child was welcome to join us if he felt so strongly about it. The lady, a good mother, asked what kind of organization we might be. I told her, and she said that she had always wanted to learn to shoot, but that most shooting groups were like Jethro of the Beverly Hillbillies. I told her that Sheila could vouch for us; some may need more vouching than others. I gave her some information; I should have asked for her phone number, but I am not very good at that.

A reporter interviewed Sheila after she was elected President. She asked if there had been any backlash from our guys over electing a woman president. Actually, it has never been mentioned. The only attribute we look for in a president is being crazy enough to do it. Our meeting place has been changed to the National Guard Armory, just a few minutes east of the location we have been using in the Trails West Library on 23d Street in Independence.

A client of mine is charged with assault. At a preliminary hearing, he appeared in decidedly casual attire. I advised him to wear a suit and tie for the trial, he asked if that was necessary. Well, we were trying to convince the judge that he was a responsible, respectable member of society, someone who respects the rules and conventions of society, someone who is like the judge, who wears a suit and tie in court. Yes, it is necessary.

I hear that there is no emergency plan to evacuate Kansas City. The emergency planners cannot envision a natural disaster which would require an evacuation. Let us hope that nature also has a limited imagination.

One of the objections to appointing a General to run the CIA is that the agency is a civilian agency and should not be run by a military officer. The CIA has run private armies in Cuba, Laos, Tibet, Indonesia, Viet Nam, Nicaragua, and for the most part done so badly. Having a general on board might not have improved those adventures, but it could scarcely have gone worse.

A news program showed an X-Ray of a duck which appears to show that the duck had eaten an alien. This should put off an invasion; even our ducks can kill them. It's all about the message.

The Kansas City Star interviewed various religious leaders about the morality of assassinating Hitler. A Lutheran minister had been part of a plot on Hitler's life and this inspired the question. An astonishing number said that assassinating Hitler was NOT justified. Some qualified this, saying that it was permissible to pray for the success of our young men in killing masses of German young men, but not to pray that the snake's head be cut off. I do not agree. War is a terrible thing, and once begun it must be won as quickly as possible, and if that means the death of a named party, then "Aim small, miss small."

The question of assassination came up after the death of terrorist leader Abu Musad al-Zarqawi. One pundit says that the enemy leader's death is no reason to rejoice. Some claim that a better leader will emerge after his death. This was an argument in the movie "Munich". In that movie, no matter how many terrorist leaders the Israeli team killed, they were replaced and the replacements were worse. Perhaps they were. During WW II, there was an assassination attempt on Rommel, and a successful attempt on Admiral Yamamoto. In each case, the question was who was likely to replace

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THE SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK

MINUTES* – MSSA Board of Directors Meeting

June 3, 2006

*tentative; subject to Board approval

The meeting was called to order at noon by Kevin Jamison. Board members present were Kevin Jamison, Harold Meiderhoff, Lee Koester, Tim Oliver, Grace and John Leinberger, Sheila Stokes-Begley, Zac Bauer, Tom Zenthoefer, Larry Crawford, Greg Jeffery, Bob Sliger, and Michael Meyer; absent were Gary Davis, Kent Finlay, Dave Jones, Kyle Lairmore, and Terry Struse. The minutes of the last meeting as printed in The Missouri Shooter were approved by the Board after being summarized by the Secretary, Tim Oliver.

Lee Koester distributed his Treasurer's report and then gave a summary. The balance in the checking account was \$11,409.87, and there was \$5,500 in the Certificate of Deposit. The Boone County National Bank account still had \$1,400 left in it. In total, there was \$15,809.87 available for checking. The CD matures in December, at which time the Board will need to decide what to do with it. Overall, things appear okay financially. Lee also announced that a donation of \$500 had been received from the 67 Gun Club, designated for the Junior Account, which was applauded. The Treasurer's report was then approved.

John Leinberger provided a financial report on the Junior's Account. The account was opened in April 2006 with a beginning balance of \$1000. Deposits totalled \$2,600; withdrawals, \$199.75. Current balance was \$2,400.25. The Junior Camp would begin using the funds soon. The financial report for the Junior Program was then approved.

Kevin relayed a message from Kent Finlay that the last newsletter was "GOOD!" Sheila responded that some of the credit went to Mona Oliver as she did the layout. She anticipated the newsletter would continue to improve; the print quality especially as it would be output from a PDF. There was a discussion about doing a special issue of The Missouri Shooter for the NRA convention, possibly tabloid-sized and with a colored cover. Sheila would check costs for producing one. She advised there would also be an improved image of the MSSA logo to use as Mona was already working on a new (vector) graphic of it for the newsletter. Sheila then discussed her ideas and plans regarding MSSA brochure.

Kevin introduced Larry Crawford, a new Board member (appointed earlier by Kevin and approved by the Board after a resignation). Larry had served in Missouri government for many years (as a State Representative; he also sponsored the License-To-Carry law). He was warmly welcomed. Larry addressed the Board and Members and said it was his privilege to be associated with MSSA and assisting with MSSA's mission. Bob Sliger then reported that Larry had been bestowed the NRA's "Carter Knight" award this year, which was also applauded.

Regarding the Mobile Range, John clarified that this trailer is owned by the Gasconade County Shooting Sports. He had received calls asking if MSSA had bought a trailer, indicating confusion; MSSA had helped fund the Mobile Range. A discussion followed on needs and getting further donations from other groups.

Kevin reported on the tax foundation: Very soon, MSSA would need to provide a processing fee for the tax exempt paperwork, possibly around \$750. The Board authorized Kevin to spend up to \$1000 to be sure to cover it. Kevin said the good news was that donations prior to approval could be retroactive. Discussed: With tax exemption, there would be NRA grants available, including grants to help fund MSSA brochure and newsletters.

Lee relayed the Small Bore report from the Executive Officer, Kent Finlay. Of the .22 small bore rifles: 3 Remington 513T rifles had been transferred to Kyle Lairmore, one is in Kent's possession to be repaired before Junior Small Bore Camp. Of the M14 rifles: 8 are in Kent's possession, 4 are actively used, and the rest are stored. Of the AR15 rifles: All 4 are out to Juniors, but another is still needed. The Board discussed the purchase of another rifle and then approved up to \$850 for the purchase of an AR15.

Zac reported on the website: The MSSA application webpage now prints on one sheet. John advised that the Committee webpage needed to be updated with Kyle as Shotgun/4H. Regarding Affiliates listings: In the past, some groups receiving complementary copies of newsletters had incorrectly been listed as affiliates, but this had been corrected in recent months. After discussion, the Board approved Wil-Nor and Hunter Trailers as lifetime Affiliates, to be listed due to generous past donations.

John Leinberger provided a Junior report: 18 kids had signed up, and there were 3 were on stand-by in case of cancellation. They would hold one camp, June 15-18. John advised GCLA would be donating a Daisy 888.

Greg Jeffery provided the legislative report; in brief: The session ended, they didn't get what they wanted, we didn't get what we wanted, now we're onto the elections which will be very important this year. Tom Zenthoefer pointed out that one pro-gun bill did get passed, SB919, which eliminated cities of the third class from prohibiting concealed-carry. The bill was on the Governor's desk.

Unfinished business: Lee has tickets to be able to raffle off the ArmsCo rifle; after discussion, tickets will run \$1 each and \$5 for six, the drawing will be in December. There were follow-up reports on pricing/types of MSSA pins and further discussion; Mona needs to have the new vector graphic ready for pin work by August, at which time matters regarding pins will be finalized. Grace advised the DAV room and same caterer are reserved for December; a discussion followed; there will be desert, we will have a cash bar, and we would hold the meeting at that location as well; members will need to make reservations for the dinner.

New business: The NRA Convention Committee needs to get started. Dan Smith from the St. Louis area was appointed to chair till the committee meets, then they will elect their own chair. Committee members: Dan Smith, Lee Koester, Terry Struse, Dave Jones, Harold Meiderhoff, and John and Grace Leinberger. Bob Sliger noted the main responsibility is to find volunteers, then the NRA assigns them their tasks. Discussion continued regarding the convention. Other new business: Tim Oliver appointed his wife, Mona, assistant to the Secretary; Lee requested that anyone who gets coupons for printing from Office Depot who won't use them to pass them onto MSSA.

Grace requested official guidelines for the next elections; following discussion, Grace was assigned to come up with recommendations at the next meeting for that as well as the grace period of member expirations. Grace also wanted more frequent Board meetings; a discussion followed. Electronic meetings or conference calls could be done, more discussion was needed.

GCLA presented John with a check to pay for the purchase of a Daisy 888, which was applauded.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Liberty Notes

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the man, and how good a replacement would he be? When killing terrorist leaders, there is the additional consideration: the message. The message is always the same: we can find you, we can kill you. This tells the rank and file, and population, that the terrorists are not as powerful as they claim.

The Colorado Supreme Court was presented with the question of the constitutionality of Denver's ban on "assault weapons" and CCW. Due to a resignation on the court, the vote was 3-3, so the ban stands. On such hair triggers rest our rights.

I saw a map of neighborhoods where animal control most frequently gets calls for dogs running loose. It is very like the map showing murder locations, and the one showing poverty, and the one showing poor health care, and the one showing any other social problem. Science Fiction anticipates we will find answers to our social problems beyond the stars. The questions are here, we shall have to find the answers here.

After the hurricane, the people of New Orleans were left to defend themselves. As soon as authority began to assert itself, the police chief ordered that all guns be confiscated; "confiscate" is a dollar word for "steal." The NRA and Second Amendment Foundation cooperated to stop the seizures and won. The guns were ordered returned. Then New Orleans claimed that they had no stolen guns, then that they can't find the stolen guns, then that they did not have procedures to return the stolen guns. Now, the police chief has said that if another hurricane hits, they will again steal guns. Eternal vigilance is the price of Liberty.

Why do you carry a gun? This question is often answered with the macho bluster that some believe society expects. I carry a gun for the same reason I carry a spare tire, a fire extinguisher, a first aid kit, a handkerchief. Different emergencies call for different emergency equipment. The idea is not to hurt someone, but to

prevent someone from getting hurt. This question was addressed in the "Guncrank Diaries" column of the July/August issue of American Handgunner magazine. This column is at www.americanhandgunner.com – where the site prompts "search", type in "Lizzie". Little Miss Lizzie was forced to watch as her mother was brutally attacked. Later, her well-meaning school warned the children about "bad men." This brought the memories back and she ran to her neighboring gun nut and asked if he would protect her "When the bad mens come?" She said, when they came, not if. Anyone not willing to repel boarders for that little girl is just not worth having around. So the answer to "Why do you carry a gun?" is "for Life, Liberty, and Little Miss Lizzie."

The most recent attempt to discredit John Lott's More Guns Less Crime research is to claim research fraud. An editorial in the KC Star (a daily tabloid) claims that no one has been able to replicate Professor Lott's results. It claims that researchers who took his data found quite the opposite. It further claims that he invented his data. These are all lies. It is true that persons who picked and chose in Professor Lott's data and manipulated the figures managed to achieve an anti-gun result. This is not research. Real researchers who have taken his data, the most complete analysis of crime factors ever done, have confirmed his result. The opposition has realized that they can lie faster than we can tell the truth. They realize that the media will not dwell on their lies when caught. The latest lie is to claim that Professor Lott lied. This is staggering genius. It is also evil. Not once when the opposition has been caught lying has the media asked why they have to lie. If they have a case, why do they fabricate studies over and over again. In the O.J. Simpson case, a prosecution witness was caught in a minor lie, not even relevant to the case, and the prosecution case was over.

A researcher with the John Glenn Institute has written a book claiming that the founders wrote the Second Amendment so that people could have guns, but only to exercise their duty to join the militia. This is presented as a new argument, but it is not, it is the

same old claim that the Second Amendment provides an absolute Constitutional Right to join the National Guard. This would be a very peculiar right, very oddly expressed.

I listened to an audiobook of The Pirate Coast. This book focuses on an incident in the Barbary Wars. The Sultan of Tripoli, among others, raided the shipping of countries that did not pay protection money. We paid protection, he wanted more, we said no, he seized Americans and demanded ransom. His port was blockaded, and an imaginative officer discovered that the legitimate sultan had been deposed and was living in Egypt. He was a useless bastard, but he could be our useless bastard. The officer proposed supporting the deposed sultan against the usurper with the understanding that there would be no more tribute and no ransom. Seven Marines were detailed to invade Tripoli; they thought that was plenty and would provide a good line for the Marine Hymn. They allied with the deposed sultan's few followers, Christian mercenaries from a variety of countries, and defeated every force brought against them. The usurper sultan was on the verge of bankruptcy and military disaster when American diplomacy stepped in to save him. The usurper sultan did not show his gratitude and another force had to be raised to go back and do it over again. There is a lesson there, but few seem inclined to learn it.

I am informed that a power point presentation can be done on an Ipod. I've seen power point presentations; they are much like slide shows. My question was, "What is an Ipod?" I was told that it is like a PDA, which led to the obvious question. I was then shown a small plastic box with keys and a screen. I am still not clear on why they are essential equipment. I have seen some of these plastic boxes with keys so small that the daintiest finger would mash three at a time. I am told that a "stylus" is used to press the keys of these plastic boxes. At one time a stylus was used to write on clay tablets; this must mean something, I'm not sure what.

We shall overcome.

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The Missouri Sport Shooting Association

WE are MSSA

MSSA is a non-profit organization of Members united to protect and promote shooting sports and youth programs, hunting, and gun rights. Organized in 1928, MSSA is today Missouri's premier shooting sports and gun rights group. We're affiliated with the Conservation Federation of Missouri and are the official State Affiliate for the National Rifle Association, the Civilian Marksmanship Program, and USA Shooting.

MSSA MEETINGS IN 2006

Aug. 26 (at noon) and Dec. 2 (at 2 p.m.)

The MSSA Board of Directors schedules quarterly meetings in order to conduct Association business. Meetings are open to the Members, and the next meeting will again be at the MO Dept. of Conservation-Runge Nature Area (MDC-RNA), off 179 just north of Hwy 50 West, Jefferson City. **NOTE: The Dec 2nd meeting has been moved to the DAV (details to follow in next issue).**

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