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The Missouri Sport Shooting Association (MSSA) is the official state association for the **National Rifle Association (NRA)**, the **Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP)**, and **USA Shooting**, and an affiliate of the **Conservation Federation of Missouri**.

MSSA's Eatin' & Meetin'

BY SHEILA STOKES-BEGLEY

January 20th, MSSA was finally able to hold their Annual Member's Meeting. The meeting, originally scheduled for the 2nd of December, had been postponed due to very unsafe road conditions. As it turned out, it might have been a blessing in disguise. The attendance for the banquet went up!

The Annual membership meeting had

several dignitaries in attendance. Former MSSA Presidents Don Rayfield and Willis Corbett were there. Willis Corbett was one of our guest speakers, as was Don Rayfield from Lindenwood University. The Annual Members Meeting is also Board election time. The Board of Directors remains as it was. Grace & John Leinberger were re-elected, as was Kent Finlay, Lee Koester and Terry Struse. Larry Crawford, Tom Zenthoefler and Harold Miederhoff were

confirmed. Kent said after 10 years of his Executive Officer duties, he was ready to step down from that position. MSSA was fortunate that another capable officer was nominated and stepped up to the plate. Congratulations go out to Grace Leinberger! Thank you, Grace!

One of the other changes decided at the business meeting is the months in which the meetings will take place. Having the members' meeting so close to Christmas makes it tough for some members to attend. The increased attendance at the

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Member Willis Corbett, a guest speaker at the Members' Meeting, socializes with Board Member Michael Meyer during the Banquet.

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The President's Podium

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RANGE PROTECTION

The Pioneer Gun Club Brickyard Range had served the Kansas City area for as long as anyone could remember. The contour of the hill had been changed by the impact of rifle bullets and trees had grown tall on the berms shading members when they repaired target frames. Sons and grandsons of members shot trap and competed in small bore and high power rifle matches. An indoor pistol range improved the facility and an archery range was planned. They were not concerned over a developer building houses above their valley and a golf course over the hill behind their berm. They had been there first; "first in time is first in right" was the slogan and it seemed like a pretty good principle, and a pretty good slogan. But that is not how things work.

The Brickyard Range operated under a "non-conforming use" permit from the zoning commission. In a part of the county that had once been agricultural the range was not, nor was it commercial or residential. When the permit expired, the developer objected to its renewal. Never confronted with opposition before, the club went to the biggest law firm in town, told them what had been raised for a defense fund, and asked what a defense would cost. Coincidentally, it cost exactly what they had raised. The club was fortunate to preserve shooting on the indoor pistol range with the right to put in an outdoor archery and air rifle range. The Club fathers were honorable men who thought that other men would act honorably and justice would be done. But that is not how things work.

Disputes continued between the Club and the developer. In the early 90's I noticed circular holes in low-lying areas of the Club's property. Soil samples had been taken with the clear intent of proving lead contamination. Such contamination would force the Club to engage in expensive clean-up efforts. Perhaps the results convinced the developer to leave the Club valley as a quiet country view for his expensive houses, rather than try to take lead-tainted property. That is how things work.

Pioneer Gun Club was forced to move the bulk of its activities further out into the country, further away from its members, and to spend a great deal of money and time to set out new ranges and facilities. Lafayette Gun Club is currently facing a similar problem. Other ranges are under attack by persons who moved within earshot long after the range was built. The owners of brand new adjoining homes even closed down the Clay County Sheriff's range. These new homeowners were upset by the sound of law enforcement officers practicing to defend them. Missouri's Range Protection law at RSMo 537.294 primarily protects clubs established before 13 August, 1988. It protects the "normal" use of such ranges, but only the average use for the twelve months prior to 13 August, 1988. Clubs seeking to change the type, amount, or frequency of use roll the dice with their neighbor's sensitivity. Ranges established after 13 August, 1988 are only protected if the shooting points are 1,000 feet from an inhabited structure, or the shooting points are enclosed or sound baffles are used. The effectiveness of such baffles could bring the ranges into court for a judge to decide if its activities are as important as the sensitivity of its neighbors. Representative Brian Munzlinger is expected to introduce legislation to improve this law.

We have learned more about range protection, and attacks on ranges, since Pioneer lost most of the use of its Brickyard Range. The knowledge has been expensive and hard won. It is less expensive to prevent problems. In the next issue, if the editor allows, we shall take up protective measures.

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.

MSSA's Eatin' & Meetin'

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January meeting has prompted us to change. Meetings will now be held in January, April, July and October.

Another exciting item on the agenda was the unveiling of the long-awaited MSSA pins. The image is sharp and crisp, the colors are beautiful. You will want to get some of those.

Board member Zac Bauer, who created the wonderful Missouri Carry forum, (www.missouricarry.com) shared the results of the MO-Carry picnic. He donated \$1000 to United Sportsmen's Club who then donated it to the Youth Hunter Education Challenge. Also receiving gifts were: \$1481 for MSSA to help support other Youth Shooting Activities, \$1481 to GCLA of St. Louis to support 2nd Amendment efforts, and \$1481 to WMSA to support 2nd Amendment efforts. Thank you Missouri Carry Family! It was a great meeting, with business just clicking along.

Then we were ready for the eatin' part of the evening. Those that attended were not disappointed. The food provided by Osage Catering was melt in your mouth yummy, and I haven't heard of anyone leaving hungry. The door prizes were procured this year by Marvelous Michael Meyer. And I expect that anyone who won one of them now considers him Marvelous also! I was a little unhappy that one of the prizes wasn't an Anheuser-Busch Clydesdale, but I suppose it would have been hard to get it home in my car, and my other horses might not have been too happy either.

Cathy Ergovich from "What-Ya-Say" hearing and vision protection also donated raffle prizes for us. You can see Cathy's ad on this page. Welcome aboard Cathy.

NRA Secretary Land was unable to make it to the meeting, but we were very fortunate to have Missouri's own Representative Brian Munzlinger speak.

The annual awards were also presented at our dinner, and you can see pictures of the winners on our "2006 Award Winners" page. All in all, it was a great time, and if you missed it you can start planning for next year!

MSSA BANQUET 2006

BY LEE KOESTER

Because of bad weather maybe it should be called the 2007 dinner, and nearly 2008 the way weather toll this year.

A really good dinner by any name. Fried chicken and baked ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, corn, salad and fresh baked pies. Those who could not attend, you missed a good feed. Those who attended appeared to eat their fill and go home a little heavier. I know I did. I think they also got a little heavier from the wonderful awards, only one award winner did not make it this year, and door prizes.

Prizes were donated by Roscoe Morris, Cathy Ergovich, the NRA and Anheuser-Busch. Thanks to a letter from Board member Michel Meyers to Anheuser-

Busch, we were blessed with some truly great prizes. We had a variety of prizes that did us proud. From the great hats and T-shirts from places like NRA and Hodgdon, knives donated by Cathy, and books from Roscoe, to items like the poker chip set, the washer toss game, Hibachi style cookers, and the mini refrigerator from Anheuser-Busch. Well over 100 prizes total. We drew until all were gone.

Attendance was about 55, down from predicted but still excellent considering the weather threats. We all left in the snow and ice. All arrived home safely as far as I have heard.

Our thanks to the great turnout by members and award winners. Let's make next year the best ever.

MSSA's next Awards Dinner will be January 26, 2008.

WE HAVE A WINNER!

BY LEE KEOSTER

Boy, do we ever have a winner. Life member Mr. Ladislav (Laddie) F. Vyskocil from Squires, Missouri is the winner of the Armsco M-1600 .22 cal rifle. The winner was drawn by Vice President Grace Leinberger the night of the Annual Awards dinner.

Upon contact with Laddie by phone the following Monday, you could hear disbelief and pure joy in his voice. "Maybe my good luck streak has started," he said, "I never win anything." After giving Laddie the particulars on how to retrieve the rifle, we chatted briefly, and he asked who won the M-1 Garand. Here is what I told him:

"Shortly after Grace drew the M-1600 winner, our President, Kevin Jamison, drew for the M-1 Garand. *And the winner is: Mr...Ladislav (Laddie) F. Vyskocil!!*"

"Laddie? Did you fall out of your chair?"

"I know you didn't buy many raffle tickets."

"Yes, you won both of the rifles. Drawn at different times from different containers by different people."

He couldn't believe my words at first. But it is true.

Laddie told me he practically slept with his issued Garand during military service. With elation in his voice, I thought I almost heard a tear fall to the floor.

I received a call an hour later from a gun dealer that Laddie was already getting his paperwork together for the M-1600 rifle. CMP will contact him with all necessary papers to acquire from them. The dealer thinks we should bottle Laddie and sell off parts for good luck. Doesn't sound like a bad idea.

On behalf of the MSSA Board and Membership, ***Congratulations, Laddie!*** We know you will enjoy.

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2006 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

600-YARD HIGHPOWER

The Bucksport Shooting Club picked another great weekend for their 600-Yard Long Range Championship.

The October 7-8 match was attended by 72 of the best prone shooters from several states.

The top 3 positions were won by guys coming to Missouri to “show us how it’s done.” And they did, too! Out of 800 possible points, McCann fired a 798-42x for 1st, Borkon shot 797-33x for 2nd, and Solderstrom fired 796-35x for 3rd place. (I want these guys on my side of the fight!)

Ken Spears was our State and Senior State Champion with a 792-42x. Greg Meredith was Long Range Service Rifle Champion with a 777-21x. Emily Perez fired 728-10x for the Womans Championship, and Kevin Costello fired a 760-17x for the Junior Championship.

Fourteen 4-man teams participated in the team match on Sunday. Scores were again tight as 2 points separated the top two teams.

The team from “way up north,” comprised of Hamer, Knutson, Satern and Solderstrom, posted 1587-86x for Match winner. The State Championship Team LCSA Gold, comprised of Kevin Costello, Kevin Moore, Greg Meredith and Christopher Calumpong, fired 1514-47x for their title. By the way, half of that team were Junior shooters!! Congrats to all the winners!!

While I did not win anything, I did get a Long Range Master Classification card in the mail about a month later. I must be improving, and that is what it’s ALL about!

10s & Xs,

Kent

Bullseye Notes

by Kent Finlay

The 2007 season is already upon us, and I’m slow getting started as usual. Green Valley has one indoor match left this winter and it’s the Missouri State Championship, March 18th. George Monahan has several scheduled for Pioneer’s indoor range off of Noland Road near KC, an 1800 scheduled for February 11th, and a 2700 scheduled for March 11th. That same weekend, on Saturday, March 10th at Pioneer, there will be an Open Conventional Pistol Sectional Championship. For match information to the Pioneer pistol matches, you can contact George at:

bullseyegeo@netscape.com

While the Missouri State Outdoor Championship date hasn’t been set, yet, I do have dates for the Approved 2700 matches at Green Valley: April 15th, August 19th,

September 16th, and October 21st. The State match will be either the third or fourth weekend in June. I can be contacted for further info at:

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Phil McFall in St. Joseph has scheduled a Regional Championship for June 3rd. Phil can be contacted at:

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Other outdoor matches will be set at Pioneer and St. Joseph as well as at the Arnold R&P Club, and I will let you know of those dates in the next issue. Till then, keep those “10s & Xs” coming!

Kent

2006 AWARD WINNERS

BY HAROLD MIEDERHOFF

The postponed MSSA awards dinner was held on January 20, 2007. About 55 members, spouses, and assorted others were in attendance. Present and receiving shooting championship awards included:

Paul Noles	<i>Pistol</i>	John Schwent	<i>High Power</i>
Ken Spears	<i>High Power</i>	Kellie Zurowski	<i>Smallbore</i>
Chris Calumpang	<i>High Power</i>	Emily Perez	<i>High Power</i>
Greg Meredith	<i>High Power</i>	Tyler West	<i>High Power</i>

MSSA congratulates these individuals and all other shooting award winners. It should be noted that Kellie, Chris, and Tyler are juniors who have a great future in competitive shooting.



Greg Meredith & Chris Calumpang
Not shown: Kevin Moore & Kevin Costello
Long Range HP Team Champions



Emily Perez
Long Range HP Champion



Tyler West
High Power Champion



Ken Spears
High Power Senior Champion
Long Range HP Senior Champion



John Schwent
Service Rifle Champion



Greg Meredith
Civilian Service Rifle Champion



Kellie Zurowski
Smallbore Champion



The Saddle Soapbox

By Sheila Stokes-Begley, Editor

How Do I Love Thee?

How do I love thee?? Let me count the ways...well, since Valentine's Day is coming up, thoughts turn to romance, love and great gifts. A few years ago, when concealed carry would have been in effect if the dancing team of Miller & Newman performing to the music of Alvin Brooks hadn't placed on injunction on our right, Denny got me a great Christmas gift. A Taurus .38, the most beauuuuutiful Taurus. Blue, with gold controls and pearl grips. Even better, it shoots great. This is a man who knows if he gives me a vacuum cleaner, refrigerator, or Cuisinart for a gift, I'm going to have to hurt him. Actually, I just looked on the Cuisinart website to make sure I was spelling it correctly and on their homepage they have a note that since babies don't come with a manual to visit their new baby section. On a Cuisinart web page, that is a little disconcerting!

So, back to the topic. Tack, or show or school gear is always a nice present, but nothing says love like giving the gift that allows a gal to have a chance to stay safe.

When I was a little girl, I used to watch my Dad work on cars, and he would teach me things. When I started driving, I already knew how to change a tire, and do a few other basic things. That knowledge came in handy as I was riding home with my girlfriend Susan after school one day.

Me: "Susan, I think you have a flat tire."

Susan: "Naw, I think there is snow in the tire."

Me: "Susan, HOW is snow going to get into your tire?"

Susan: "Well, I don't know, but it sounded like this when I came to school this morning."

So, in the high school parking lot I had her pull over.

Me: "Do you have a spare tire?"

Susan: "I don't know."

Me: "Well, give me your trunk key, I'll check."

Susan: "Which one is the trunk key?"

I took her keys, found the key, opened the trunk & changed the tire as all the teachers drove past us. Not one stopped, which was okay, it didn't take me but a few minutes & we were on the road.

Now, I knew Susan's Dad. He was a great guy, and he really loved her & her brother. He just didn't think that women needed to know things like that. My Dad would teach me anything I wanted to learn. We rebuilt a carburetor together, he helped me change tie rod ends, and yes, how to change tires. He also gave me my first shotgun when I was living on my own after a bad scare. He loaned me his .10 gauge till he could find me something. Dad loved me, and he never, ever wanted me to

be helpless or at someone else's mercy.

Denny is the same way, they would both have done anything they could to protect me, but the best thing these fine men did is realize there would be times when maybe it would come down to me. They wanted me to have the tools, knowledge and skill to do what needs to be done.

This year for Christmas, Denny gave me a darling little .38 derringer. Just fine to carry to the barn in case one of those nasty possums or coons gets between me and my shotgun while I am doing chores and setting up stalls or cleaning them out. Ever had a possum come at you? They move faster than you think, and their mouth if full of nasty sharp dagger like teeth. And you can just tell, they DON'T floss! Ahhh, that man! He knows the way to a girl's heart. Well, to my heart anyway!

And that's the view from my saddle.

Sheila Stokes-Begley
Editor

A HUGE THANK YOU! TO THOSE WHO DONATED FOR OUR MSSA BANQUET

From Anheuser-Busch:

- 20 cases of beer; in total:
- 7 cases - Bud
- 7 cases - Bud Light
- 6 cases - Bud Select 16oz bottles



Plus these terrific door prizes!

- 1 - BUD Retro Vending Machine,
- 1 - Budweiser football shaped grill
- 1 - Budweiser Washer Toss Game
- 1 - Budweiser World Poker Tour chip set
- 1 - Budweiser World Poker Tour Texas Hold 'em Tabletop
- 1 - Budweiser outdoor fire pit
- 1 - Budweiser rebound game

Many great prizes were also donated by others.
Among those who contributed:

Roscoe Morris
Cathy Ergovich
and the

National Rifle Association

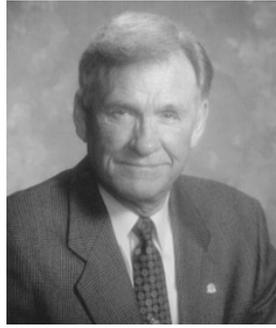
Michael Meyer did an outstanding job.
We thank him, and all who donated, very much.

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Re-Elect

David C. Jones

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- Past President, Missouri Sports Shooting Association (Currently on BoD).
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- Served on Pistol, HPR, Law Enforcement & Clubs & Assn. Committees.
- Favor law suit protection for firearms manufactures. Strongly oppose UN Gun Ban Schemes.
- Competitive shooter. Proficient in 7 National and International disciplines.
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- Competitive rifle and pistol shooter. 33 years at Camp Perry, OH.
- Certified NRA Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun and Police Firearms Instructor.
- NRA referee. Strong supporter of youth and women's shooting programs.
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*Please attend the 136th NRA Annual Meeting & Exhibits
in beautiful St. Louis, Missouri.*

Zurowski Signs Letter of Intent

BY MONA OLIVER

Kelly Zurowski has been shooting since the seventh grade (beginning with the NRA's Youth Hunter Education Challenge) and, as we all know, has been highly successful in the shooting sports, winning an impressive number of trophies and championships in air rifle, muzzleloading, and smallbore. Now, college bound, Kelly has signed a letter of intent to shoot on the rifle team for the University of Tennessee-Martin, where she will also be studying agriculture. Way to go, Kelly!

ATTENTION MSSA Members!

The NRA's Annual Meeting this year in St. Louis is right around the corner. Please volunteer and/or recruit others to help with the event.

*MSSA is the official host for this
NRA convention.*

Both the MSSA and the NRA are needing volunteers. There are forms for both MSSA and NRA volunteering in the back of this newsletter, on the flip sides of the same sheet. To volunteer for both, or for recruiting, please make copies, as each form goes to a different address.

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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, 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!*

Mark Your Calendars



MARCH

- 10,11 Bullseye Match
Pioneer Gun Club
- 10 Black Powder Cartridge Silhouette
Bench Rest
- 18 Owensville Benefit Shoot
Owensville Gun Club
- 25 High Power Silhouette
Bench Rest
- 31 Cowboy Action
Pioneer Gun Club

APRIL

- 1 Black Powder Cartridge Silhouette/22 BPCR
Bench Rest
- 1 NRA Action Pistol
Pioneer Gun Club
- 2 Open Trap Shoot
Pioneer Gun Club
- 8 Smallbore Silhouette Match
Pioneer Gun Club
- 11 Cowboy Action
Pioneer Gun Club
- 14 NRA Registered Long Range Match
Bench Rest
- 14 Bullseye Match
Pioneer Gun Club
- 15 Garand Match & Springfield/Carbine Match
Bench Rest
- 21 **MSSA MEETING - Noon @ Runge Center**
- 21 Highpower CMP
Pioneer Gun Club
- 20-22 Friends of the NRA Classic
Ozark Shooters
- 22 ARA Match
Pioneer Gun Club
- 29 High Power Silhouette/Cowboy Lever Action
Bench Rest

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- June 9-10 SB Prone Regional
- Sept. 8-9 State SB Prone
- Sept. 22-23 State SB 3-Position

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- May 5-6 HP Regional
- June 2-3 State HP, Open
- July 28-Aug 5 Planet Match
- October 6-7 State Long Range HP

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PROGRAM

For details, see (wrapped link):

http://www.odcmp.org/1206/default.asp?page=M1S_FOR_VETS

The *Owensville Gun Club* invites other Gun Clubs, individuals, businesses and Veterans Organizations to join in this benefit shoot as co-sponsors of the event. Co-sponsors will be included in all publicity generated for the shoot and will be entitled to enter one shooter in the shoot at no cost.

The fee (contribution)
for a co-sponsor is \$100.

Course of fire and match info is as follows:

Any semi-auto rifle capable of a clip/magazine change can be used. There will be separate categories for scoped and iron sighted rifles. All targets (SR-1) will be shot at 100 yards.

Stage 1: 25 rds single load, slowfire prone in 25 minutes. 5 rds are sighters and 20 are for record. Sling and shooting coat may be used.

Stage 2: 10 rds rapid fire, standing to sitting or kneeling in 80 seconds. A magazine/clip change is required. Sling and shooting coat may be used.

Stage 3: 10 rds rapid fire, standing to prone in 80 seconds. A magazine/clip change is required. Sling and shooting coat may be used.

Stage 4: 10 rds single load, standing in 10 minutes. Shooting coat may be used. The sling may NOT be used and must be in the parade position or removed from the rifle.

The fee (contribution)
for the shoot is \$20.

Payout for the shoot is for each category:

High score: **15%** of fees collected for that category
2nd High: **10%** of fees collected for that category
3rd High: **5%** of fees collected for that category

Registration starts at 8 AM (0800)
Shooting at 9 AM (0900)

In keeping with our big bore shooters policy to encourage more shooters to participate in our matches, competitors over 60 years of age, and those not physically able to assume positions in the rapid fire stages from standing, may start the stage in the stage position, prone-sitting or kneeling. The rifle must be off the shoulder before command to commence fire with bolt open and competitor must not fire the first shot in the stage.

Questions, requests to co-sponsor,
early registration to:

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\$25,000 in Prizes Up for Grabs

The NRA/Springfield Armory M1A Match will make its debut at the 2007 NRA National Rifle and Pistol Matches held at Camp Perry, Ohio. And it may be the most prize-rich High Power event ever. Springfield Armory has put up a total of \$25,000 in cash and merchandise awards for the match.

“This is a unique arrangement, one that may never happen again,” said Mike Krei, Director of NRA’s Competitive Shooting Division. “Springfield wanted to encourage more use of the M1A, and they were willing to sponsor all of the needed cash and product awards to make it happen at Camp Perry. So we worked together to create a brand new match that we are certain will be very popular. Not only will the match give current M1A owners a new competitive opportunity, it will stimulate renewed interest in a highly respected firearm.”

“It’s a natural progression,” said Bill Dermody, Marketing Manager for Springfield Armory. “For many years, the M1A was the firearm of choice for rifle competition. It’s fitting that for the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Camp Perry as the home of the National Matches, we are going back to our roots to use these rifles again.”

NRA 1st Vice President John Sigler added,

“Springfield Armory is to be commended for its dedication to Camp Perry. Their desire to play a major role in making the Camp Perry experience more meaningful for NRA’s competitive shooting community sets an example for other individuals and companies to emulate in the future.

On behalf of all NRA shooters, I want to thank Springfield Armory for stepping to the plate in a truly meaningful way and for their sponsorship of this truly unique event. With partners like Springfield Armory, NRA intends to make the National Matches at Camp Perry a truly world-class event, this year and every year.”

Any configuration of the M1A will be allowed in the new match. The course of fire will be 50 shots for record shots at 300 yards on the new MR-65F target, as follows:

5 sighters
20 shots slow-fire, prone
10 shots rapid-fire, prone
10 shots rapid-fire, kneeling or sitting
10 shots slow-fire, standing

The breakdown of awards is as follows:

Winner Civilian-\$2,500 Cash
Second Civilian-\$1,500 Cash
Third Civilian-M1A Rifle
High Military-\$500 and Springfield Pistol
High Woman-\$500 and Springfield Pistol
High Senior-\$500 and Springfield Pistol
High Junior-\$500 and \$500 to Shooter’s Junior Club

Place Winners-Any competitor-Lewis Class- depending on number of entries, \$200 cash to 20 competitors.

Medallions-M1A match medallions to *top 50 competitors*

Special Drawing-“Beat Rob Latham’s Score.” All competitors who shoot a score better than Rob Latham will have their name entered in a drawing for a Springfield TGO pistol valued at \$3,000.

General Competitor

Drawing-All competitors eligible-three Springfield rifles and three Springfield pistols. Competitor number will be drawn.

NRA Gun Raffle-One engraved Springfield rifle and one engraved Springfield pistol. Proceeds to help offset volunteer expenses.

The match is tentatively scheduled for August 5, to be held right after the popular M1 Garand match, since it fits that vintage rifle venue. The 2007 NRA National Rifle and Pistol Matches are scheduled for early July through mid-August.

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THE SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK

MINUTES* – MSSA Annual Members Meeting

January 20, 2007

*tentative; subject to Board approval

The Annual Meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. by President Kevin Jamison, after which the members stood and joined in the *Pledge of Allegiance*. Board members in attendance were Kevin Jamison, Grace and John Leinberger, Kent Finlay, Lee Koester, Tim Oliver, Harold Miederhoff, Tom Zenthoef, Zac Bauer, Greg Jeffrey, Michael Meyer, and Sheila Stokes-Begley; absent were Terry Struse, David Jones, Kyle Lairmore, and Gary Davis. The 2006 Annual Meeting had been canceled abruptly in December due to severe winter conditions; but despite being rescheduled on top of another round of inclement weather, there was a good turnout of approximately 50 members total.

Tim Oliver summarized the minutes of the last meeting as published in *The Missouri Shooter*, which were then approved by the Board as published.

Lee Koester gave the Treasurer's report; ending balance, checking, \$11,248.04. MSSA is doing well financially. Lee also reported that the MSSA pins were purchased and delivered. The Treasurer's report was then approved by the Board.

Kent Finlay gave the Executive Officer's report. Regarding the seventeen M14 rifles issued to MSSA by the Civilian Marksmanship Program, Kent reported receiving a letter from the CMP advising that they are ending that program and recalling all of the CMP rifles; reasons cited included security and accountability issues and that the M14 was no longer the standard service rifle for highpower shooters. Roughly ten states have already fully complied; Kent has collected eleven of the rifles and made contact regarding the last six, refunding half of the \$100 issue fee under certain circumstances. The rifles are due at the CMP no later than May 15, they will cover shipping. Once received, the CMP will provide \$100 purchase credits for each rifle with the stipulation they be used for purchases from vendors at the National Championships. Kent thought the credits could be used to buy AR-15 type competition rifles, and that it may be enough to buy two rifles. Regarding MSSA's ten .22 rimfire and five air rifles, all are issued to either Kyle Lairmore or John Leinberger for Junior programs. Regarding state championships, there were eight state championships last year, but no results were received for a 3-P Smallbore in St. Louis. The Executive Officer must receive these records; another Board member who had contact would look into it. Five state championships are already scheduled for 2007.

Zac Bauer reported on the MSSA pins (currently stored in his basement). For the NRA 2007 Annual Meeting, Zac recommended attaching each pin to a promotional card instead of leaving them in their "Made in China" marked baggy; attendees could wear the pin and put the MSSA info in their wallet. A sample printout was passed around, with pin attached, for the Board's review. Zac reported that ten thousand printed, high-quality color/glossy cards would only be \$200 in total. Discussion followed; a motion was made and seconded to spend \$200 for cards and was unanimously approved. There was discussion on whether to sell or give away pins at the convention, which then leaned towards asking for a donation. Zac had nothing new to report on the website.

John Leinberger gave the Juniors Program report. Due to increased interest in camps and competition, there will be two camps in 2007 held June 14-17 and June 21-24 at Bucksnot. Regarding the 2006 State Championships, Junior attendance was up in all categories. Regarding shooting scholarships, one Junior is already receiving one, John is trying to get a second for another Junior. John emphasized there was a great need to promote the scholarship program; students should be aware to start competing in their freshman year for college coaches to notice them later, but most are not aware that shooting scholarships are available. Kevin requested John and Zac collaborate to add scholarship information to the website. John reported on the status of several Junior competitors and upcoming events. John then reported receiving a letter from the Missouri Youth Sport Shooting Alliance inviting MSSA to join (no fee), which he recommended doing; a motion was made and seconded to join the Alliance and was unanimously approved. John then gave the Juniors financial report; ending balance, \$1622.81.

Lee Koester announced an additional \$280 for the Junior Programs (\$250 donated for the Skip Simmons Memorial Fund and \$30 in general donations from members), which was applauded. Following that, John Cuba, President of Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance, presented MSSA with a \$250 check for the Juniors Program from GCLA, which was also well applauded.

Kevin requested input from the convention committee. Chairman Dan Smith reported that the NRA was anticipating a record attendance at the St. Louis Annual Meeting on April 13-15 (the current record being approx 60,000). As the

official NRA State Association, MSSA is the host (corrected from last meeting: hosting will not be split with IL) and will have a table in the reception area for greeting attendees and visitors. Separate forms for NRA and MSSA volunteering are available; with 250-270 needed for 4-5 days (includes set-up, April 11-12), volunteering for both is not a problem and appreciated. MSSA will have a special addition of *The Missouri Shooter* and pins at the convention. Recruiting volunteers and promotion of the NRA Annual Meeting is paramount.

Tom Zenthoef gave the legislative report for the state level. [See the *Legislative Update* section in *The Missouri Shooter*.] Discussion followed with emphasis on the "Castle Doctrine." This concluded the Board reports.

Kevin introduced a speaker, Don Rayfield, benefactor member and past president of MSSA, and a shooting coach at Lindenwood University (a new MSSA Affiliate). Don announced that Lindenwood was the only university providing shooting scholarships, with 62 students under scholarship now; this was well applauded. Don then spoke on how he was approached to start the shooting program and provided an overview of its history and accomplishments. Youth interested in shotgun shooting should keep Lindenwood University in mind.

No old business was presented when called.

New business: Zac introduced Willis Corbet, life member of MSSA, who was invited to speak on concerns recently brought to the Board's attention. After relevant personal history, Willis spoke of concerns regarding plans and actions of Missouri Department of Conservation administration which negatively affects the hunting and sport-shooting community. Among concerns added by Don Rayfield: Lindenwood University's efforts to promote new range development and offers of funding have been ignored by the Department of Conservation, while other funds available to the Department for ranges had been utilized elsewhere or had expired; too, no consideration was being given to an abundant land space to develop a range. Discussion followed; the Board will follow up with inquiries.

Zac, representing MissouriCarry.com, distributed funds which had been raised during their last Annual Picnic on September 30. First, a check for \$1000 was presented to the United Sportman's Club, accepted by its vice president, Gregg Pearre, who in turn presented it to Jan Morris who accepted it for the Youth Hunter Education Challenge. After applause, Zac stated he had 3 other checks for WMSA, GCLA, and MSSA, each for ~\$1481; Zac then presented the check to MSSA to support youth sport-shooting programs, which also drew applause.

Jan Morris was asked to give a presentation on the Missouri Youth Sport Shooting Alliance which MSSA had agreed to join. Jan explained how Willis and he had worked to form an alliance of sport shooting organizations which could serve to coordinate activities and provide services. The Alliance now represents approximately 20 thousand kids in Missouri, and they are preparing to incorporate. March 10 will mark the first Missouri Youth Shooting Summit in Jefferson City. USA Shooting expressed interest in using MYSSA as a model in the other 49 states (none having similar), if the MO alliance proved successful.

Board elections were then conducted. Six Board members were at end of term, those being Larry Crawford, Kent Finlay, Lee Koester, Terry Struse, and Grace and John Leinberger, and two Board members were mid-term appointments which required confirmation, those being Harold Miederhoff and Tom Zenthoef; in all, eight positions. All were running for re-election; however, when new nominations were called, there were none. Even so, the membership cast their votes by secret written ballots, which were then dutifully counted. All who were currently serving were re-elected.

Sheila requested Board members use the private mailing list set up at Yahoo.com (aka YahooGroups) for auto-distribution of Board email, while explaining other features also included with the service on site. The Board seemed amenable.

Don Rayfield then addressed the Board to express how he did have concerns about MSSA after last year's elections, but after observation, now believes things are running just as well, if not better; in particular, he thought the newsletters have been excellent. This was met with applause.

The meeting concluded at approximately 4:30 p.m. as the Board sequestered itself to vote on executive positions. (Results of session: Grace was elected to also serve as Executive Officer; all other executive positions remained unchanged.)

Mathew Brady photograph of the color bearers and color guard, 7th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, armed with Henry rifles.



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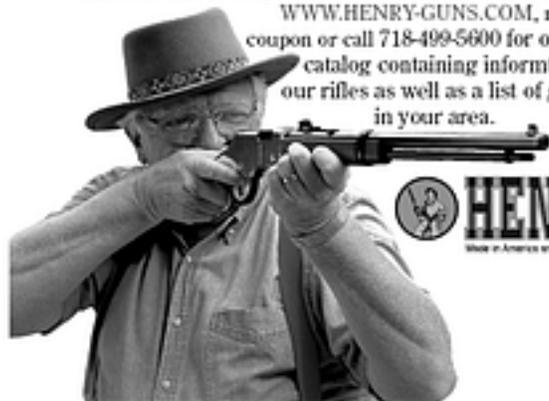
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THE GAVEL

Legislative Update by Tom Zenthoefter

State Bills

With a few exceptions, the house bills have been read twice but not assigned to a committee nor scheduled for a hearing. Most of the senate bills have been read twice and assigned to the Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Law committee.

The following bills are good and should be supported with some possible changes:

- **HB 189** - a castle doctrine bill, this bill is better than the other bills. This one has no duty to retreat from a place that you are legally allowed to be. The protection portion is weaker though, a law enforcement agency must determine probable cause that unlawful force used for criminal action to be initiated. You can be compensated for a wrongful civil suit. We want immunity from civil prosecution.
- **HB 345** - prevents the Governor from using his or her emergency powers to confiscate firearms or revoke a permit to carry any firearm. Remember Katrina.
- **HB 363** - allows military veterans to receive deer and turkey hunting licenses and permits at no cost.
- **HB 462** - eliminates the requirement to obtain a PTA to purchase a hand gun.
- **SJR 2** - proposes a Constitutional amendment preserving the right to hunt and fish.
- **SB 217** - repeals the section of 21.750 that allows political subdivisions to regulate open carry of firearms.
- **SB 225** - designates 100 year flood plain as Hunting Heritage Protection areas and, subject to state and federal laws, discharge of firearms for lawful hunting, sporting, target shooting, and all other lawful purposes shall not be prohibited.

The following bills are "not bad." There is nothing that is actually good about them, but they are not bad bills, and we need to watch them so that we can detect if they "go bad."

- **HB 60, SB 41, and SB 62** – all are castle doctrine bills that have the same wording and have a major flaw in them; there is no duty to retreat from a dwelling, residence, or vehicle that you have a right to be in. We want that there is no duty to retreat from *any place that you are legally allowed to be*. These seem to be the same bill that last year passed the senate but was not voted on by the senate. Because of this flaw, these bills are likely to die in committee as they are written.
- **HB 152** - is a bill regarding work place violence. At this time it is not a problem, but I think that it could be amended to put some anti-gun language in. This bill needs to be watched for changes in committee, and on the floor.
- **HB 180** - allows Sheriff/Police Departments to sell or trade "crime guns" to dealers instead of only being able to destroy

them.

- **HB 396** - adds federal flight deck officer to the list of those allowed to carry concealed weapons.
- **HB 430** - makes it a crime for a person convicted of a crime punishable by more than one year in prison to possess or discharge a firearm. This bill will duplicate federal law into Missouri law.
- **HB 615** - allows municipal judges, prosecutors, and federal flight deck officers to carry a concealed weapon.
- **HJR 9** - proposes a constitutional amendment requiring a two-thirds majority for voter approval of initiative proposals that restrict harvesting bird, wildlife, or forestry resources.
- **SB 151** - sets penalties for poaching while trespassing on private property.
- **SB 257** - prohibits prohibitions or restriction of the lawful possession, transfer, sale, transportation, storage, display, or use of firearms or ammunition in an emergency.
- **SB 317** - requires individuals to pay restitution to the state for illegally obtained antlered deer intended to be sold.
- **SB 351** - requires all hunters to wear orange during firearms deer season.
- **SB 378** - defines an explosive weapon and prohibits possession of one by someone who has plead guilty or been convicted of a felony.

The following are bad bills and should hopefully die in committee and not be put on the floor for a vote:

- **HB 286** - allows non charter counties to establish ordinances to prohibit creating noise above a certain decibel level during certain times of the day. (What ever happened to 574.010. 1. A person commits the crime of peace disturbance if: (1) He unreasonably and knowingly disturbs or alarms another person or persons by: (a) Loud noise?)
- **SB 60** - prohibits celebratory gunfire in urban areas. The city of St. Louis arrested several people this past New Year for this. Why a state law allowing them to make such an ordinance when they already have such ordinances? There was a hearing Jan 22 at 7:00 pm in the Senate Lounge.
- **SB 61** - requires a Permit to Acquire (PTA) to purchase a stun gun or taser.
- **SB 144** - negligent storage of firearm (lock up your safety). How many children must die for laws like this to be discredited and repealed?
- **SB 337** - requires any business that sells firearms or ammunition to use video surveillance cameras to continuously record the area where such products are displayed or sold. The **tapes** are to be properly stored for at least 30 days and made available to law enforcement when requested. Not all firearms dealers have a storefront operation, so a constant recording of the firearms, customers, and employees is unnecessary. Video surveillance is moving away from tape to digital recording, why require the antiquated tapes? No restriction on law enforcement regarding their access to tapes. (Has anyone heard of the fourth amendment and probable cause?)
- **SJR 9** - constitutional amendment repeals prohibition against laws that are retrospective in operation, i.e. impose new and additional penalties for old crimes. Hearing on 29 Jan.

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Liberty Notes

BY KEVIN L. JAMISON

14 January, 2007

It is a good day for Liberty.

We have eleven months before Hillary Clinton begins her official campaign for president.

Mark Twain is said to understand that laughter leads to Liberty. After warming up his pen the old gun owner wrote a passage which had Satan say: "For your race, in its poverty, has unquestionably one really effective weapon—laughter. Power, Money, Persuasion, Supplication, Persecution—these can lift at a colossal humbug, push it a little—crowd it a little—weaken it a little, century by century: but only Laughter can blow it to rags and atoms at a blast. Against the assault of Laughter nothing can stand." So when the haters make some absurd remark about our rights we could respond with reams of statistics, mountains of constitutional arguments and shouts of outrage, or we could laugh it to death. Jokes, cartoons, limericks, and songs pass from one person to another and from one person to computers and from computers to immortality. People pay more attention to humor than political commentary and we can laugh our way to Liberty.

For the last thirty years I have used a Canon AE-1 35mm camera. For my column in Concealed Carry Magazine I have to e-mail photos with my article. It has been suggested that under these circumstances a 35 mm camera is as useful as Neanderthals scratching pictures on a cave wall with burned sticks. This sounds exactly like the kind of photography I can do, but I have buckled under to the world of digital photography. I was told that the quality of the picture is determined by how many pixies are on the job, throwing pixie dust at the image; and not just any pixies, but mega-pixies. I was told that I needed from five to eight megapixies on the job. The number of pixies does not affect the size of the camera, or its weight (I asked). I found it difficult to attract the attention of a clerk in the electronics store, so I fixed one with

my best psychotic lawyer stare and told him that I needed a digital camera. He inflicted me on a lovely lady whom I told I wanted a digital camera of up to 8 megapixies. "Oooh," she cooed, "A big strong man like you needs a big strong camera." Faced with such unassailable logic I purchased a 10 megapixel camera. I even took a picture with it. I even uploaded a picture to my computer, although I'm not quite sure how I did so. Sending the picture by e-mail is still a problem, and that is the point of the exercise.

According to the Toronto Star, Police Chief Bill Blair boasts of the success of gun control in Toronto stating that fewer guns were used in homicides in 2006. It seems that in 2005 there were 43 homicides in Toronto, in 2006 there were still 43 homicides; killers were forced to use other objects. The chief overlooks the salient point that dead is dead.

I saw an old episode of JAG titled "Defenseless". It concerns a Navy ensign who shot a Turkish diplomat who dropped by her apartment under suspicious but not easily articulated circumstances. Her explanation for shooting him was "intuition". This did not go over well. The Marine lawyer explained to her boss that when they left their offices that night they would do so in very different ways. The male officer would walk across the parking lot, get in his car and drive away. The woman would look around, alert to every shadow, her keys would be in her hand for quick access and for use as a weapon. Women have to be more alert to threats; they pick up on subtle signals and interpret this as "intuition". The male lawyer then does an outstanding job of eliciting the subtle signals that the ensign picked up on, things she was not conscious of knowing until he asked the questions.

I won in Kansas City Municipal Court on a point of law. This had nothing to do with guns, but it is rare enough to brag about. My client was charged with trespassing, the police officer did not fill out the penalty section of the ticket, which made it a defective instrument, and thus a

nullity. The City prosecutor was infuriated at this obstacle to her divine right of conviction and swore to re-file the case; technically they can do so. It ill befits a Great City to bring all its power to bear in order to convict a man for trespass, but perhaps it is just a great city.

Repeated blizzards hit Colorado and western Kansas stopping traffic, commerce, travel and the like. I am puzzled that no one has yet blamed President Bush for making it snow.

The Star of 5 January, 2007 page A-10 reports that a man in Somalia bought an AK 47, a real machine gun, for \$50. This further indicates that terrorists are not buying guns in the U.S. and shipping them home.

The Talent Campaign courted the African-American political organization Freedom Inc. Senator Talent had worked on legislation to cure sickle-cell anemia, which attacks persons of African descent, and to form a special unit in the Justice Department to prosecute persons who committed crimes against civil rights workers in the 60's. They did not ask for an endorsement so much as ask that the organization remain neutral. McCaskill's campaign ignored the cities to court the rural vote. Freedom Inc responded by endorsing McCaskill. This tells us that the African-American vote is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Democratic Party. I doubt Talent's initiatives will become law now; the Democratic Party doesn't need to court the African-American vote, and the Republicans get no benefit for doing so. There seems to be no grand effort that will break the hold of the Democrats on the inner city vote. It will take the long hard slog of convincing one voter at a time; and that is what we do.

A man in Southeast Missouri has been charged with possessing guns while under influence of drugs. However, the drugs were prescription medicines. While recreational drugs are intended to alter one's perception, prescription drugs are designed to return one to normal. He does not have the money to hire me to go out there, but I gave him some references.

A man in the St. Louis area was denied a Permit To Acquire due to his refusal to

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Federal Bills

Not Bad:

- **HR 73** - those not prohibited by federal law from receiving a firearm shall have a right to obtain firearms for security and defense. This is a restatement of right into law and should not be necessary.
- **HR 226** - provides for national recognition of concealed carry permits. Sounds good, but opens the door for future federal requirements.

Bad:

- **HR 96** - special license required for gun show promoters. All gun show firearms transfers must be through a licensee.
- **HR 203** - when law enforcement determines probable cause that domestic violence has occurred, weapons may be searched for and seized. If protection order is issued, court may order defendant is prohibited from possessing any firearm or other weapon, and order any location be searched and weapons seized if court has reasonable cause to believe that a firearm or other weapons of the defendant is at that location.
- **HR 254** - federal hate crime bill. Bodily injury (including rape) because of actual or perceived race, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or disability of the victim will be federal crime, subject to certain interstate commerce provisions.
- **HR 256** - those under 21 would be prohibited from purchasing or possessing a "semi automatic assault weapon" or "large capacity ammunition feeding device".
- **HR 297** - states and other federal agencies are to send to the FBI, for NICS use, electronic records regarding ineligibility to purchase firearms under current law.
- **HR 345** - schools would be required to report to the government any incident regarding illegal possession of firearms at schools, on a school bus, or at a school function or school related activity.
- **HR 428** - bans realistic toy handguns.
- **S 77** - requires BATFE to disclose trace data. Also requires state and local law enforcement to report to BATFE all reports of thefts of firearms. It allows inspections of firearm dealers anytime that the attorney general may reasonably require. In addition it adds sales of firearms to ineligible persons, and illegal firearms trafficking to racketeering activity.



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answer illegal questions on the Sheriff's form. He filed a Small Claims action to contest the refusal. Unfortunately his courtroom technique was to declare that he knew his rights and to demand that everyone immediately respect them. He did not adequately explain why they should do so and he only succeeded in antagonizing the judge. He repeated this technique at the Circuit Court level. He then filed with the court of appeals. I gathered that the issues were not adequately preserved at trial, and the man knew next to nothing about the very technical rules of the Court of Appeals. I was able to convince him that if the court did not reject his appeal out of hand, it might take his case as an opportunity to create law that would hurt all of us. As a layperson, there is no reason for him to know how to preserve issues for appeal, and certainly no reason to know the convoluted rules of the Appellate Courts. Anyone trying to take a case past Small Claims needs to consult an attorney. The opinions of the Court of Appeals affect all of us, and we have to take care in deciding which set of facts will help.

It has been suggested that it would be helpful if persons could check to see if a gun was stolen. There is no easy way to do so.

Outgoing Attorney General Phil Kline announced that Kansas will recognize Missouri's License To Carry. The day after the new Attorney General was sworn in the approved list disappeared from the Attorney General's web site, and one person was told that the list was being "reviewed". It was back in place, unchanged, the next day. Two day later the paper reported that the list of approved state licenses was being "reviewed" and "few changes" were expected. The web site had been revised and the list of approved states was gone. People were advised to call before entering Kansas, but are given no indication that any answer would not change in the course of a shopping trip. This is an indication that all the progress we have made is never a done deal. The opposition can repeal or harass our rights whenever they feel strong enough to get away with it.

Missouri's License To Carry is now

recognized in thirty (30) other states. This is a remarkable accomplishment since we have had LTC for less than three years.

I found a copy of the July/August, 1992 issue of "American Handgunner". It contained a letter on a national Concealed Carry License from James Jay Baker, then the Executive Director of the NRA-ILA. He explains that such a concept was not yet feasible and when a measure is both advisable and feasible, members of Congress would be approached. Fourteen years after this letter was written, members of Congress started to talk about national CCW reciprocity. Regrettably this was the same year that virulently anti-gun Democrats were promoted to leadership of Congress. We shall have to wait at least two more years before such a measure has a chance of being discussed again. However, it is a measure of how much we have made things change that it was discussed even once.

Saddam Hussein is dead, and the world is a better place for it. The Iraqi government should have received a boost in prestige for killing the tyrant but lost the opportunity in an execution which resembled schoolboys tormenting a cat. This is unfortunate and means that more will die to establish a stable government in Iraq.

Every time the news comes on I hear from some talking head that the solution in Iraq is political not military. I have learned that talking heads do not contain brains. IT IS BOTH! In unconventional warfare, the political and military are inseparable. Political campaigns are backed by force, no military action is taken without consideration of the political effect. They are not separate wings, they are not one hand washing the other, they are more like two sides of the same coin, they go together. In Special Forces school we planned attacks, part of the planning process was to consider the political effect. The effect may be tactical. Having a person, even forcing him, to lay a booby-trap ties the person to the insurgency, it proves to him that he can strike back. The effect can be strategic; the nation-wide attacks during the Tet offensive never had a hope of strategic military victory, they were intended to tell the people of two nations that the Viet Cong could strike anywhere in strength.

Actually, the message was only for one nation, but it could not be helped if the Vietnamese noticed. It is the same for counter-insurgency. The political message may be that only the government can provide clean water to a community, but troops have to protect the project. After the community has enjoyed clean water for six month, if the insurgents destroy the pipes, the message is either that the insurgents are jerks who want people to die of dirty water, or the government cannot protect the community; it is a matter of spin. You would think that the mob we have in Washington would understand the concept of spin. I realize that this is off-topic, but the Editor allows me to rant on the theory that it gets stress out of my system and makes me easier to get along with, it is a game of inches. If there is opposition to these rants I'm sure that the Editor will employ his well-known brutality to keep me on topic.

Twelve people are running for mayor of Kansas City. WMSA is sending candidate questionnaires to them to see if there might be someone friendly to gun owners. Under state law there is little the city can do to affect our rights, but that does not stop them. In the past the city has sent lobbyists to Jefferson City to campaign against our rights, at taxpayer expense. Every little bit can hurt every little bit can help.

At a recent gun show President Sheila encouraged a person to join. He replied that he would not join us or the NRA until we chased all the anti-gun politicians out of Washington and Jefferson City. It seems that he is willing to join us for the victory party, but not for any of the work. Just the sort we want at a victory party, of course he would have some complaint about the food.

The Civilian Marksmanship Program is collecting all M-14's loaned to state organizations for competition purposes. It seems that very few persons are using M-14s or M1A's in High Power Competition. The CMP concludes that the rifles are not needed and AR 15's should be substituted, but not by the CMP. Another lesson on our rights, use them or loose them.

We shall overcome.

MSSA Affiliated Clubs and Associations

67 GUN CLUB
Farmington, MO

ARNOLD JUNIOR SHOOTERS
Festus, MO

ARNOLD RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB
Arnold, MO

BENCH REST RIFLE CLUB OF ST. LOUIS
Wright City, MO

BIG GAME HUNTERS
St. Louis, MO

BIG PINEY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB
Licking, MO

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BUCKSNORT SHOOTING CLUB
Boonville, MO

BULLSEYE GUN & ROD CLUB
Fenton, MO

CEDAR CREEK ROD & GUN CLUB
Columbia, MO

CLARK COUNTY LONG BEARDS
Williamstown, MO

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Owensville, MO

GATEWAY CIVIL LIBERTIES ALLIANCE (GCLA)
Brentwood, MO

GLENDALE SHOOTING CLUB, INC.
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Jonesburg, Missouri

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Joplin, MO

LAMBERT FIELD ROD & GUN CLUB
Florissant, MO

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St. Charles, MO

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Columbia, MO

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Hallsville, MO

MISSOURI 4H SHOOTING SPORTS
Columbia, MO

MISSOURI ARMS COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION
St. Louis, MO

MISSOURI GUN & QUAIL CLUB
Fenton, MO

MISSOURICARRY.COM
St. Louis, MO

NATIONAL MOSSBERG COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION
Festus, MO

OSAGE ORANGE SHARPSHOOTERS
Springfield, MO

OWENSVILLE GUN CLUB
Owensville, MO

OWL CREEK GUN CLUB, INC.
Fulton, MO

OZARK SHOOTERS HIGH SCHOOL TRAP
Walnut Shade, MO

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PIASA RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB, INC.
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Raytown, MO

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St. Joseph, MO

ST. JOSEPH RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB
St. Joseph, MO

ST. LOUIS ANTIQUE ARMS ASSOCIATION, INC.
St. Louis, MO

ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL RIFLE TEAM
St. Louis, MO

TEXAS COUNTY 4-H CLUB
Cabool, MO

U.S. RESERVE & SPECIAL OPERATIONS GROUP
Kansas City, MO

UNITED SPORTSMEN'S CLUB
Jefferson City, MO

WESTERN MO SHOOTERS' ALLIANCE (WMSA)
Kansas City, MO

WIL-NOR HUNT CLUB
Dittmer, MO

WINCHESTER RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB
Ballwin, MO

WOMEN'S RECREATIONAL SHOOTING ASSN.
Walnut Shade, MO

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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 2007

The MSSA Board of Directors schedules quarterly meetings in order to conduct Association business.

Meetings are open to the Members.

The next meetings will again be held at the MO Dept. of Conservation-Runge Nature Area (MDC-RNA), off 179 just north of Hwy 50 West, Jefferson City.

April 21 - noon July 14 - noon Oct 20 - noon

THE MISSOURI SHOOTER

Ad Policies and Opportunities

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Business Card Size	\$25/issue	\$100/year
1/4 Page	\$50/issue	\$200/year
1/2 Page	\$100/issue	\$400/year
Full Page	\$200/issue	\$800/year

Free Membership

To Missouri's Active Duty Military

MSSA will send a free one-year membership including "THE MISSOURI SHOOTER" to any active duty service member from Missouri. Here's how the free one-year membership works:

- ✓ Be full-time active military duty.
- ✓ Be a current or former Missouri resident, and register MO as your state of residence.
- ✓ Be recommended by a current MSSA member, or request your free one-year membership in writing to:

MSSA
P.O. Box 10170
Columbia, MO 64205-4002

If you qualify or know someone who qualifies, please fill out an application from either the MSSA website or from the back of this publication, "THE MISSOURI SHOOTER."

Instead of a membership dues check, please send a signed note and pledge that you/they are active duty military and a current or former Missouri resident and register Missouri as your/their state of residence.

If you are on active duty, and receiving THE MISSOURI SHOOTER and feel so inclined, send us a letter for publication! We've got a column reserved just for you. (*Stars & Stripes*)

For more info regarding MSSA, visit:

www.missourisportshooting.org

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MSSA Merchandise Order Form

DECALS	<i>FREE POSTAGE</i>	___ Inside ___ Outside	\$1.00 each	x QTY	_____	= \$ _____
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CAP all black			\$13.00 each	x QTY	_____	= \$ _____
CAP tan w/blue bill			\$12.00 each	x QTY	_____	= \$ _____
POLO SHIRT, black		___ M ___ XL ___ 2XL	\$28.00 each	x QTY	_____	= \$ _____
POLO SHIRT, gray		___ M ___ XL ___ 2XL	\$28.00 each	x QTY	_____	= \$ _____

Name: _____
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MERCHANDISE TOTAL \$ _____
 Shipping and handling (add 15% of total) + _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

Make checks payable to MSSA. Send to:

Missouri Sport Shooting Association
P.O. Box 10170
Columbia, MO 65205



MSSA Membership Application

Renewal New Application

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|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Member Dues - only \$15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Member \$50 – \$99 | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Membership \$250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Junior Dues (under 18) \$5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Silver Sustaining \$100 – \$499 | <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor (Life) \$500 |
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*for Active Duty Military – attach signed declaration of Missouri residency and active duty military service.

- I'm not ready to join, but send me a free trial issue of the current newsletter.
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Name (please print): _____ Date: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ - _____
 Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____ (optional)
 Website: _____ (optional, Club Affiliate)
 Sponsor Name: _____ (optional)

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Donation: _____

Merchandise Order: _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Return Application and Remittance to:

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Columbia, MO 65205

Volunteer Registration for MSSA Table at the NRA Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO April 12-15, 2007

The Missouri Sport Shooting Association is the NRA Affiliate organization in Missouri. As such, we will be "hosting" the NRA Annual Meeting to be held in St Louis on the above dates. Volunteers are needed to man the MSSA table in the reception/registration area throughout the event.

Please indicate what day(s) and time you will be able to serve as a volunteer.

Three volunteers are need per shift.
The Thursday AM shift will set up the table.
The Sunday PM shift will be responsible for tearing down the table.

Name: _____	Contact Phone Numbers:
Address: _____	Day: (____) _____
City: _____	Eve: (____) _____
State: _____ Zip: _____	Fax: (____) _____
Email: _____	Cell: (____) _____

Day	AM Shift 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM	PM Shift 12:30 PM – 6:30 PM
Thursday April 12, 2006		
Friday April 13, 2006		
Saturday April 14, 2006		
Sunday April 15, 2006		
Grand Total of Hours Available:		

Please mail, email, or fax your volunteer registration to:

Dan Smith
422 Mayfair Drive
Ballwin, MO 63011
Email - concealedcarry@earthlink.net
Fax (636) 256-3163
Phone (314) 422-9893

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM

NRA Annual Meeting – St. Louis, MO; April 11 – 15, 2007

Name: _____	Contact Phone Numbers:
Address: _____	Day: (____) _____
City: _____	Eve: (____) _____
State: _____ Zip: _____	Fax: (____) _____
Email: _____	Cell: (____) _____

Days & Hours Available to Work (1/2 day shifts, example: 8am-1pm or 1pm-6pm):

Day	Times Available (AM and/or PM)	Total Hours
Wed, April 11		
Thur, April 12		
Fri, April 13		
Sat, April 14		
Sun, April 15		
Grand Total of Hours Available:		

Assignment or Area of Interest:

<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Services <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibitor Registration <input type="checkbox"/> Firearms Inspectors (Thurs eve, Fri AM)
<input type="checkbox"/> Airgun Range (Must be certified NRA Instructor) Please provide certification # _____
NRA Store: <input type="checkbox"/> Cashier <input type="checkbox"/> Stock Clerk/Floor Assist. <input type="checkbox"/> Cashier Assistant (Bagging)

Note: Please plan to work at least a half-day shift. If you plan to work several shifts, consider working the same position each shift to reduce training needs. Please consider all special sessions, meetings, seminars or other activities you may wish to attend before submitting this request. Assignments and schedules may not be distributed until 2 to 3 weeks prior to the meeting. Thank you.

Additional Information: Previous NRA Meeting experience? Specify assignments, training, expertise, etc.
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Please mail, fax or email to:

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