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TIME FOR THE ANNUAL MEETIN' AND EATIN'!

by Sheila Stokes-Begley

This year our annual dinner and member's meeting will again be held at the Disabled American Veteran's Hall in Jefferson City on January 26th. The member's meeting is at 2 PM, with the dinner at 6 PM.

Last year's event was wonderful, we had a great turnout, one of the highest! The food was wonderful, the door prizes were fantastic, enough good just can't be said about Michael Meyer's efforts!

There are a few differences though, this year the dinner will be catered by the DAV. This years Bill of Fare will include Fried Chicken, Roast Beef, corn, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, and yes, be still my beating heart, pies and the overwhelming message has been sent, there must be chocolate! There will also be salad, rolls, and coffee. Did I mention chocolate?

Dinner prices are still only \$15, fun and fellowship with buddies, free.

Last year the weather for the meeting was awful, and driving home was horrible. I've spoken to our President Kevin, to see if he couldn't do something about that so we can have more pleasant driving conditions this year.

But come join the fun, who knows, maybe this year will be the year for a Clydesdale!

So be sure to send your \$15 to

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This will also be our elections, so be sure to bring your membership card to the meeting.

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The President's Podium

by Kevin L. Jamison, MSSA President

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

At a recent gun show I saw a book entitled Twenty Years of Trapshooting in Missouri. The book concerns the founding of the Missouri State Game and Fish Protective Association. The book was published in 1898. So, when Jesse James still rode, a group saw the need to preserve our shooting sports. I'm not sure what happened to the group (I wish now that I had bought the book) MSSA was founded in 1928, next year will be our eightieth birthday. Current members running the membership drive report that prospects for membership ask what they will get out of membership. This is a good question and deserves a good answer. Members get a quarterly newsletter to keep them up to date on shooting events in Missouri, but some prospects have no interest in such things. Membership provides a voice in Missouri politics, but some prospects are members of the NRA and expect it to handle all such matters. MSSA promotes the shooting sports in Missouri, but some prospects have no interest in shooting competitions. MSSA has a strong youth shooting program which can result in college scholarships, but some prospects teach their own children to shoot and don't need scholarships. MSSA helped pass legislation to preserve hunting in the Missouri flood plains, but some prospects have been hunting on Grandpa's place all their lives and don't need this protection. MSSA helped stop an expansion of the lead bullet ban in Missouri, but some prospects do not believe that this would ever happen. MSSA is protecting shooting ranges in Missouri, but some prospects consider that to be the NRA's job.

These are credible reasons not to join MSSA, they would have been good reasons not to join when we began in 1928. These reasons would have been excellent in 1878, but times change and continue to change.

In the past year MSSA Board members have found that a large proportion of the staff at the Missouri Department of Conservation, the department charged with hunting regulation, does not hunt and does not shoot. This reflects the Missouri workforce, and voting force. A great number of Missouri residents no longer see the importance of the shooting sports. Greedy politicians and bureaucrats look at the conservation funds gathered by the sales tax on ammunition, and scheme of ways to divert the money.

The NRA has done great things in Missouri but can only function through its Institute for Legislative Action representatives, who must cover more than one state. I once asked why Missouri's representative was given such a heavy workload in addition to Missouri. I was told that this was possible because Missouri has a strong grassroots organization. NRA relies to a great extent on grassroots membership for success at the state level, and entirely for success at the local government level. (cont. page 2)

What's In It For Me?--(cont. From page 2)

Missouri is increasingly urbanized. Land traditionally used for informal shooting is now strip malls. Grandpa's farm need not be lost in order to destroy shooting on the property. It is only necessary for a new neighbor who has fled the city, but brought its values, to complain about the shooting. Some rural counties have adopted modeling plans and county ordinances provided by urban-dominated think tanks which ban shooting. Cass County adopted such an ordinance which banned shooting everywhere in the county for any reason; even on long-established ranges, even for hunting, there was not even an exception for self-defense. Organized complaints had the ordinance repealed for our time.

We can continue to block or repeal such ordinances. However, these efforts require strength, and only in unity is there strength.

To many prospective members I will have to admit that MSSA will do nothing for you. But we will do great things for your children and magnificent things for your grandchildren. We must do these things now or lose the opportunity. To do these things we need members. The return question is, do you want to preserve shooting for your children?



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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.

MISSOURI STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

BY HAROLD MIEDERHOFF

Smallbore Prone

Twenty six competitors, including nine juniors, from five states got together on Bucksnot Range the weekend of September 8-9, 2007 to enjoy some really nice weather and do a little bit of shooting. On Saturday, with iron sights, four individuals shot the same score. Only X's separated them and in one case, tiebreakers had to be applied. To have a tie score in an aggregate is a rare occurrence in a match of this size. So to have four with the same score is really an unusual event. Unfortunately, all four were from out of state. Former US Olympic team member, Boyd Goldsby from Arkansas, was the dominant shooter losing 4 points, 3 with iron and 1 with scope out of 320 shots. Among the resident shooters, Gary Tittle from Lee's Summit got off to an excellent start with a nice 1593 with iron sights and managed to hold off former champion Paul Villmer with any sights to capture the 2007 SB Prone State Championship by 2 points. There was a close competition between resident juniors Sam O'Hanlon from St. Louis and Jordan Robertson from Rosebud. Robertson shot one point better on Saturday, but O'Hanlon was two points better on Sunday to become resident junior champion by a slim one point margin.

On Saturday, after the tournament course is completed, a fun any-sight match is fired from 200 yards using pit operated targets. To hit a target from this distance requires raising the sights from 15 to 20 minutes above a 100 yard setting. Unlimited sighters are allowed and 20 shots are fired for record. The wind conditions were quite good and some good scores were expected. The 13 competitors dialed in and the scores were excellent. Kelly Snider from Independence won with a 198-11X, Tittle was second with a 198-4X, Harold Miederhoff from Columbia was third with a 197-13X. The amazing thing was sub-junior, Garret Spurgeon from Canton, shooting a 197-6X with a borrowed rifle.

Smallbore 3-Position

Fifteen competitors, eight of whom were juniors, turned out for the September 22-23, 2007 State 3-P SB championship at Bucksnot range. For the second year in a row, Kellie Zurowski from Pleasant Hill showed why she is now a scholarship athlete in shooting at University of Tennessee-Martin. She won the iron-sight aggregate with an 1101-25X and was second in the any-sight aggregate with 1115-21X for a grand aggregate of 2216-46X. This put her 2 points ahead of Mike Aeberhard from Wisconsin for overall winner. Jordan Robertson from Rosebud was first Sharpshooter with 2095-27X and Garret Spurgeon From Canton was first Marksman with 2069-34X. Both of these are juniors.

From the results of these two championships, it can be seen that Missouri is developing some excellent young shooters. MSSA's junior director, John Leinberger, is to be congratulated for the outstanding program he has established to assure the success of our youth in shooting and their attaining scholarships with collegiate shooting programs.



The Saddle Soapbox

By Sheila Stokes-Begley, Editor

MEMORIES

My cousin Jeff came out tonight to drop off his dog Sydney (about whom I could write *many* columns) and called me in the house. I told him I had writer's block when it came to my column for this newsletter, he just said he'd see me when they picked up Sydney. He called me back a few minutes later and suggested I take a look at a thread on the Smith & Wesson forum titled "The one gun that means the most to you personally". He also helpfully suggested I make a pot of coffee, and grab a couple of Puffs tissues, then read the whole 7 pages worth. I did, and it was worth it.

The reasons that the guns were highly valued varied greatly. Some were because of the way they shot, their owners had won competitions with them, or they were easy to shoot, good trigger pull, accurate, things like that. Interestingly, I don't recall seeing any mentioned with the reason given that they were worth large sums of money. Some were mentioned because they were rare, hard to find guns. The stories that really captivated me, as Jeff knew they would, were the stories about "family". They were guns that had belonged to Fathers, or Grandfathers and been handed down. One was a present from a Mother before she passed away, and had been engraved. One was a story about a gun a man got for his wife before they were married. She was dead now, and he had the gun that he had got for her, that one he wouldn't part with. There were guns that Fathers had carried when they were in law enforcement, or the war. There were guns that wives had bought for their husbands, and how much that meant to them. Not just the gun, but that they had a wife that would get them one. There were stories of when their Dads or Grandfather taught them to shoot, some of the prized guns were BB guns.

The thing that overwhelmingly tied them together in my mind, was the love. What made the guns so valuable seemed to be the feelings that were associated with each firearm. The memories that they conjured when being used, or just cleaned. I know one gun I will never get rid of is a little single shot 20 ga. Shotgun my Dad gave me. I was living alone, and one night I thought someone was trying to break in. The next day my Dad loaned me a 10 ga. Shotgun that had been his Dad's. Later he replaced it with a single shot 20 ga. that he bought from a friend. My own, my very own first gun. I won't tell you how old I was when I got that gun. Later I bought my first handgun (a Taurus .357, no big surprise there) with the help of the man that became my first shooting mentor.

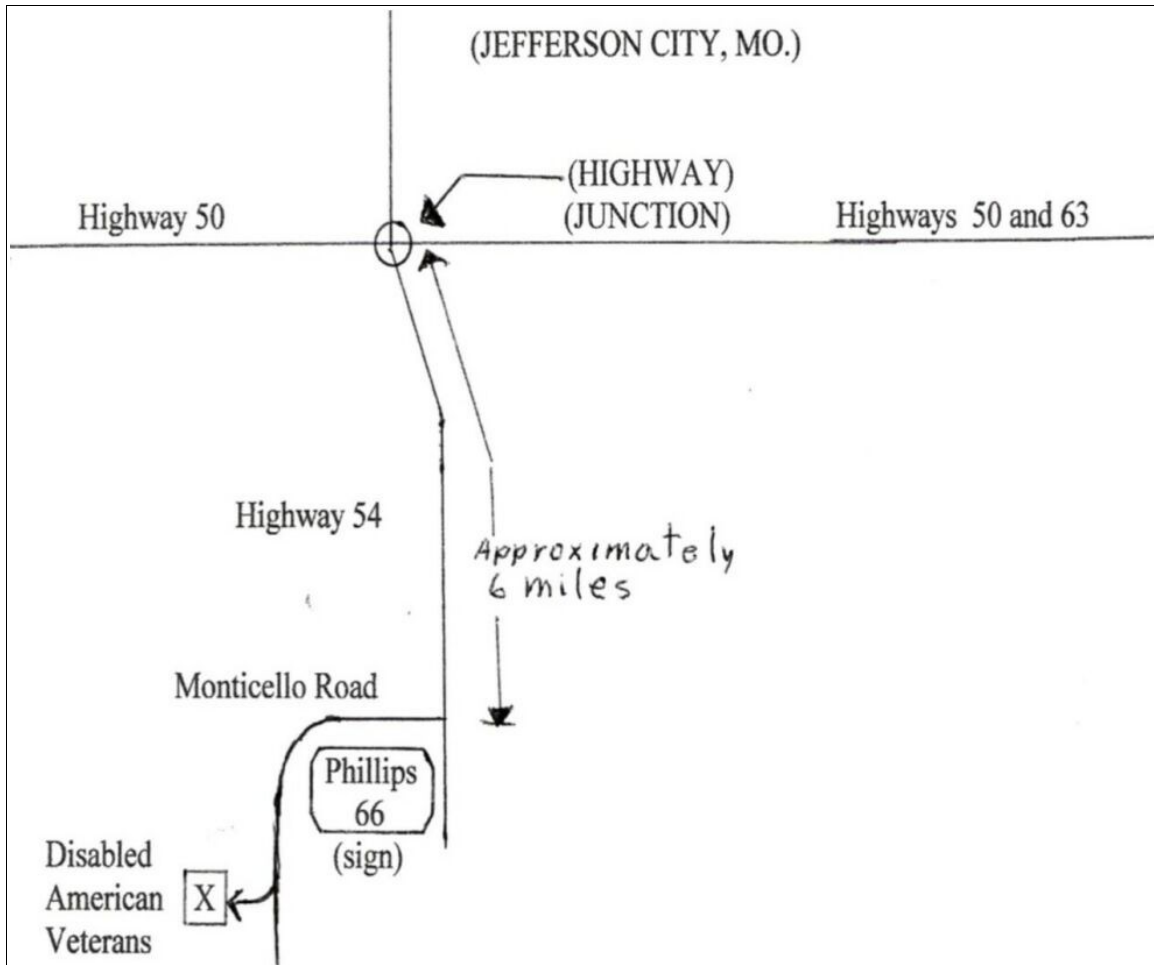
Memories are priceless only if the people that share them realize they are valuable. It saddens me to think of the people that pass away and their children have no regard or respect for the collection of guns that their parents or grandparents built up. They don't know the stories that go with them, or any history behind them. What a shame. They only value them if they think they are worth money. Christmas will be here before long, perhaps this Christmas would be a good time to create some special memories. I never got to go shooting with my Dad, he did teach me some gun safety when he gave me the shotgun, along with a long talk on the ethics and effect of what could happen if I shot someone, but I really wish we could have gone and shot together. I would say, it doesn't matter how old, if you are able, spend some time making shooting memories with loved ones. Share the stories of your guns with the next generation, and make some memories for them to share with their next generation.

And that's the view from my saddle.

Sheila Stokes-Begley
Editor

MSSA ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING **December 2, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.**

MSSA Awards Banquet – 6 p.m. at the same Location!



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MSSA RAFFLE

Help support Junior Shooting

by Lee Koester

CMP/MSSA M-1 GARAND RAFFLE

MSSA, with help from the CMP, will conduct our 9th annual raffle* for an M-1 Garand. The CMP provides us with the rifle at a discount, and all funds raised from this activity go toward the support of junior shooting in the state.

The GARAND raffle will be the same as the past several years, tickets are offered at a donation of **\$5.00** each.

Take advantage of this opportunity to win a piece of military history, and at the same time, help the junior shooting programs in Missouri.

Raffle tickets may be obtained by sending the proper amount for the number and type desired to:

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*The drawings will be held at MSSA's Awards Banquet on January 26th 2008.

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THE GAVEL

Legislative Update

by Tom Zenthoef

The Missouri House and Senate have prefiled bills as of Saturday Dec 1 for the session starting Jan 9, 2008. Most of the bills do not include the full wording but only have the summary, but it is evident that there are bad bills that have been filed as well as good and those that have to be watched.

So far, none of the House bills are of interest to us.

Bad Senate bills are;

SB 812 expands unlawful use of a weapon to include discharge of a firearm in the air for celebratory purposes in an urban area. [identical to SB60 (2007) Wilson]

SB 813 makes possession of tasers or stun guns illegal except for certain persons. [identical to SB 309 (2005) Wilson]

SB 836 creates the crime of negligent storage of a firearm. **Lock up your safety.** [identical to SB 144 (2007) Bray]

SB 851 prohibits a person from possessing a concealable firearm if they have been convicted of a dangerous felony. – Federal law prohibits this for any felony, not just a dangerous one. [Justus]

The good and questionable are;

SB 834 includes language that creates an absolute defense against civil liability or prosecution for killing a dog in certain circumstances. [Bartle]

SB 860 prohibits the condemnation of property owned by a gun club or sportsmen's club. – Range protection? [Shoemyer]



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Liberty Notes

BY KEVIN L. JAMISON

15 December, 2007

Hilary Clinton is eleven months from election day.

Today is the anniversary of the Bill of Rights.

The President of Pakistan has declared martial law. Lawyers are in the streets rioting. This is interesting. American lawyers are outraged over the latest lawyer joke and have resolved to riot. Planning for the riot is becoming involved. It has been decided to send a fact finding team to Pakistan to study the lawyers rioting there. There is a dispute over which group of lawyers will send the team. The International Law committee insists that it should be responsible because of the obvious international aspect. The Urban Law committee insists that it has more experience with riots and it should send the team. The two committees threaten to decide the matter "in the streets", which promises to be a riot over a riot. Live in fear.

I note with some concern that our President Sheila has never promised not to impose martial law. If she did promise not to impose martial law, I would have to wonder what makes her think of it. Either way one must be concerned over her intentions. On the other hand, perhaps imposing martial law on a group of independent, heavily armed individuals might be difficult.

Perhaps that was the idea.

Tim Oliver and I have produced a DVD of the legal portion of the License To Carry course. It is a two-disk set lasting a total of 2 hours and 49 minutes. The title is "Missouri Concealed Carry and Self-Defense Law". The set covers everything required for the legal part of the License To Carry course. It will serve as an update for those who have not had a class since the self-defense law changed on 28 August, 2007. It took an entire day to shoot and two days to edit. During the editing they put in the special effects that made me look smart and eloquent. I asked if they could make me look handsome as well, but we did not have that kind of money. Until we are worthy of our own web site they are available at www.learnnocarry.com. The set goes for \$49.95 plus tax which totals \$53.75. Many companies have an "NRA Roundup" in which the price is rounded up to the nearest dollar and the change going to the NRA, we shall be doing something similar rounding up to \$54, but the change will go to local groups. Perhaps the NRA owns the copywrite on the concept but I'm sure they will let us use it.

A high school girl called me for a school project. She asked about becoming a lawyer, and asked what sort of preparation she should make. I told her that she should understand people, which she took to mean courses in psychology;

I meant nothing of the kind. I advised her to volunteer at shelters for battered women or something of the kind, to know how people act under stress. To learn about people is not necessarily to know people, and law is about how people act in their darkest moments.

A credit card company is demanding evidence that a client charged my services on his credit card. However, they refuse to provide the person's name, only his credit card number. I have explained that I do not represent numbers, only people, and I file records by the client's name. They cannot seem to grasp the idea.

Sergeant-Major Bob was called to jury duty. He was surprised to find that he enjoyed the process, although he never could get them to march in a straight line. A Dutch lawyer visited a local lawyer's meeting and we had to explain what a jury is. She has no concept because no other nation, not even Britain has a jury system quite like ours. The Founding Fathers, many of them lawyers thought that justice was too important to be left to lawyers, and so they guaranteed a jury system. Lawyers are taught that justice is found in books, although today these books are often on computer screens. The founders thought that justice is found in the common sense of twelve people from the community; and so we have juries.

I see that a book promoting atheism is very popular. I am perplexed as to why atheists seek converts. I grasp that certain people just cannot Believe, but what do they get by converting people? (*cont. page 10*)

Liberty Notes (cont. from pg 9)

Several recent massacres have brought out the usual suspects to dance in the blood and demand that evil be fought by punishing the innocent. The prohibitionists refuse to recognize that whenever a massacre was stopped, a shooter stopped it. At Columbine a deputy on school duty fired an ineffective long range shot at the killers, and they committed suicide. In Pearl, Mississippi a vice principal ran to his car, retrieved a gun, pointed it at the killer, who promptly surrendered. At Luby's Cafeteria a police officer fired a random shot into the restaurant, and the killer committed suicide. In Utah a police officer, not affected by the "no guns" sign, drew his off-duty gun and shot the killer. In Washington State a concealed carry holder aimed his gun but did not take the shot because of innocents in his line of fire. This served to draw the killer's attention, and limit his victims, until police arrived. Most recently in Colorado Springs a killer entered a church, to be met by a petite concealed carry holder. She demanded he surrender, he refused, and that was the last stupid decision he ever made. In each of these cases two things stand out; they took place in supposed "gun free" zones and as soon as an armed citizen confronted the killer, the killer surrendered or died.

Some states are considering a law which makes the owner of "gun free zones" financially responsible for attacks in their zone. If the anti-gun people really believe that these zones make them safer, they will

not oppose such laws; we shall see.

A new report says that Iran does not have a nuclear weapons program. Iran says that it does. Of course, they may just be trying to intimidate neighboring states. Saddam Hussein ran the same kind of bluff to make neighboring states believe that he had poison gas and germ weapons. We see who he convinced. In the intelligence world nothing can be taken at face value, and in the Middle-East nothing can be taken at face value. Since this is both, there is no telling what is really going on.

Recent killings in "gun free" zones have led local colleges to evaluate their security. It seems that the "first responders" to such an incident will usually not have guns. The commander of one campus security force assures the public that his officers are trained in "verbal judo" to talk their way out of a situation. This seems a good plan to increase the number of casualties. Some students were interviewed to see what they thought about arming security officers. One student said that he would not feel safe around people with guns. This college student is as afraid of security officers as he is killers. It has been repeatedly mentioned that many of the sheep cannot tell the difference between the wolf and the sheep dog. And there is our problem.

Two months ago Kansas City threatened to require every vendor at gun shows to have a City business license. A defense was raised and nothing happened. I have since demanded that the

City reveal its intentions in this area. Vendors at the American Royal, City Market, street fairs and other venues are not required to have City licenses and there has been no suggestion that this will change. If the City intends to pick on gun shows it will be in violation of state law. The City may believe itself above the law, but sometimes it is only necessary to raise a defense and the enemy retreats without testing the defense. As always, showing up is at least half the battle; sometimes it is the entire battle.

A student at a trucking school has a License To Carry. Because the school banned guns, he left the gun in his car and the car off the property. At some point the school became aware that he owned a gun and threw him out of the school. This is discrimination, but gun owners are not a protected class. Since this also interferes with his contract to drive trucks for a national company, there is a possibility of a lawsuit for interference with contracts. It may require some devious lawyering, but fortunately I happen to know such a person.

I have been told that the jury instructions committee has been writing a new jury instruction concerning the new Castle Doctrine. It appears that they are trying to insert some limiting elements in the instruction, elements that backtrack from the intent of the law. The NRA has a fund to litigate such things, but it would be better if we did not have to use it.

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Liberty Notes (cont. from page 10)

We have been fat, dumb, and happy for too long. There has been little national legislation and no state legislation that would hurt us, so we have sat back thinking the victory won. These incidents show that the opposition is waiting for any opportunity to harass and abuse us.

You may not know that Dennis, the husband of President Sheila and our First Gentleman, is a member of the Lakota Indian Nation. He is also an FFL. Until about 1976 the Bureau of Indian Affairs prohibited the sale of guns to Indians, at least on the reservation; they have long and paranoid memories at the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Now Dennis is selling guns to white people; we'll see how that works out.

The opposition claims that they have enacted "reasonable" gun laws. Everyone believes their own actions to be "reasonable". Heinrich Himmler, chief of the nazi SS, organizer of the death camps described himself as "reasonable" and even "merciful". What the opposition believes is reasonable is to prevent the average citizen from having guns. This represents a fundamental difference between us, we trust the average citizen, and they do not.

As of the start of the New Year, WMSA has not endorsed a presidential candidate. There has been some discussion, and we have decided not to support a certain candidate. This will probably change. There are good candidates for our side. However

there is a substantial danger that at some point we must have the "Lesser of Two Evils" discussion, and its inevitable corollary "The Lesser of Two Evils is Still Evil." I hope that we will get the right candidate, and that he will win. It appears that it will require a great deal of work.

I saw a documentary on African American Medal of Honor recipients, men who had to wait 50 years to have their heroism recognized. One recipient reports that he was reluctant to shoot a German soldier in the back. He had grown up in Wyoming, and that was not the Cowboy Way. But the man had just thrown a grenade at him and there was a war on. Afterwards he rolled the man over, it was the first German he had seen up close. I read about a US Army Ranger at Normandy who aimed at a fleeing German soldier but as he set his sights on the man's back he felt a terrible pain in his own back, and he could not fire. In the midst of the greatest bloodbath in human history we still follow the Cowboy Way.

This is the 80th year of the Missouri Sport Shooting Association. This group is preserving the shooting sports for your grandchildren. To join send \$20 to PO Box 10170, Columbia Mo 65205 or go to www.missourisportshooting.org. It may do you no good at all, but it will do great things for your grandchildren.

I am reminded that at one time it was illegal to print or preach the the Bible in the

common language. This was to confine learning to the elite on the theory that the common person would misunderstand and fall into evil doctrines. Today it is said that guns must be confined to the elite, otherwise common people will fall into evil ways. We are the common people and have a different opinion.

We shall overcome.

Please Note:

In our President Kevin's article he mentions the membership fee of \$20.

That is correct, membership prices will be increasing in January!

Membership Prices have not gone up in years, but expenses do, and we have vital programs that need to be continued and expanded.

So, renew today!



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.

Annual Members Meeting

January 26 at 2 p.m. (BOD Elections!)

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.

Jan. 26 includes the *Annual Members Meeting* for the elections of MSSA Board members, so attendance is especially encouraged. Remember, the MSSA Banquet will also be held after this meeting! **Both of these events will be at the DAV. See page 6 for details.**

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

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



Mark Your Calendars

Would you like your club event listed? Send the info to sbegley@missourisportshooting.org

January Events

Benchrest Club of St. Louis

January 20th--High Power Silhouette

Pioneer Gun Club

January 1st--Cowboy Action Shooting

Ozark Shooters

January 5th ---ATA Trap

January 26 & 27--NSCA Registered Shoot

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January 26th -Annual Member's Meeting & Dinner

January 30th -Please have all submissions in for the newsletter. Send to

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MSSA Welcomes New Board Member



With the death of Gary Davis, President Kevin Jamison needed to fill some big shoes. The man Kevin chose to replace Gary on the Board of Directors is Stu Strickler. Those who are active on the Missouri Carry forum will recognize him as SFC Stu. Stu is one of those guys who are just good at getting things done, and he is a down to earth honest guy.

Stu's interests include hunting, trapping, shooting, farming & the preservation of our Constitutional rights. He is a member of the NRA, MSSA, GCLA, WMSA, ISRA and CRPA, Maryland Shall Issue, IowaCarry.org, MissouriCarry.com and others. Stu has testified at senate hearings in several states. President Kevin has chosen well with his addition of Stu to the Board of Directors, welcome aboard Stu!

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Ground Breaking DVD Released!

by Sheila Stokes-Begley

With Valentine's Day coming up, are you looking for a gift for someone special. That someone special who has "everything"? Well, let me help you out! I know of a great gift, that I can guarantee they don't have, because there is nothing else like it on the market!

Two of MSSA's Board members have been very, very busy. Tim Oliver and Kevin Jamison have combined their considerable talents to produce the first of it's kind DVD called "Missouri Concealed Carry and Self-Defense".

The DVD covers the entire legal portion of the Concealed Carry class, and includes the changes to the law since the passage of the Castle Doctrine and the demise of the Permit To Acquire (PTA) system. For those that have taken the CCW class, you go to the range and practice your shooting skills, right? One also needs to keep up on their knowledge. Or, as our Kevin says, you can always stuff a 55 gal. barrel full of money and wheel it into his office. The DVD is also ideal for instructors who would like to have the man, who literally "wrote the book", on Missouri's firearms laws, teach the legal portion of their class for them.

Nothing lets your loved ones know you really care about them like helping them stay out of jail!

This DVD is also priceless in terms of the information on self-defense that you will learn, and

I will personally vouch for that.

One of the things Kevin talks about on the DVD is predators, and how sharks "bump" their potential victims, to see what they will do. He then gives examples of how human "sharks" might "bump" a potential victim. I was recently at Tandy Leather, which is not in a great area. I went to put my packages in my trunk, and I realized a vehicle was behind me and I heard a voice say "hey baby, how ya doin'?". I didn't realize he was talking to me, and went on about my business. Then the SUV pulled into the slot next to me, and the driver repeated his "friendly greeting". The hair on my neck went up, but my mind was saying, nahh, no way. But I heard Kevin talking from the DVD about sharks, and I really, really, really, felt like this was a bump. I glanced/glared back, said fine, got in my car, locked my door and left. I was very glad that day I was carrying on my belt, and not in my purse. I felt, calm, I knew what I would do if he got out of the SUV and came towards me, but I think because of the portion on the DVD about sharks, my reaction to the bump, if it was a bump, was such that he decided to find easier prey. While I realize that this may not have been the purpose of the DVD when it was produced, I'm here, and healthy and happy to tell you, it is one of the great extras that viewing it can provide.

The price for the two-DVD set alone is \$49.95 + \$5 S&H + \$3.75 sales tax, for a total of \$58.70 delivered. For the combo package of the two-DVD set plus Kevin Jamison's book, "Missouri Weapons and Self Defense Law" (a \$30 value), the package price is \$69.95 + \$5 S&H + \$5.28 sales tax for a delivered price of \$80.23. (Pricing info from <http://www.learntocarry.com/>) and orders can be sent

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Or you can go to www.missouricarry.com and purchase from their web site.

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by January 30th.

Thanks!

Sheila



2007 Missouri Mid-Range Championship

By John Teachey

The 2007 Missouri Mid-Range Rifle Championship was held at Bucksnot Rifle Range in Marshall Missouri this year. The match consisted of the individual championship on Saturday and the team championship on Sunday. We had a great turnout for the individual championship with a total of 75 shooters. When all 80 rounds for record had been fired, George Johnson claimed both the state championship and high senior Trophies with a very impressive score of 794-33X out of a possible 800-80X. MSSA junior shooter Christopher Calumpong won his third individual state championship this year with a 774-23X. Making Christopher's victory even more notable is the fact that we had the highest junior turnout to a match this year. We had five juniors make it out to the match, and hopefully we'll have many more than that in 2008. High service rifle for the match was Steve Milholland of JLK Bullets. Steve shot a very impressive 774-29X with his M-1 Garand. The state champion from Sunday's team match was Team Spears with a total score of 1568-67X out of a possible 1600-160X. Firing members on the team were Ken Spears, B. McCammon, Kurt Schinze and George Johnson. Congratulations to George, Christopher, Steve and all the members of Team Spears for their fine shooting. These shooters and all the other state champions from 2007 will be presented with their award at the 2007 MSSA Annual Meeting.

On behalf of the Missouri Sport Shooting Association I would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time this year to help promote highpower in Missouri. From Bucksnot Gun Club I would like to thank Dale and Christopher Strannigan for their dedication in running the matches and calling the line. At Bench Rest Rifle Club of St. Louis I would like to thank Larry Ailor, Mark Berblinger, Jim Obermeyer and Shad and Carla Cramer for their willingness to coordinate the

matches and run the line. I would also like to thank several people for helping me with the MSSA Juniors. Greg Meredith, Scott Young, Kevin Moore, Mark Ehlert, Larry Ailor, Steve Finnell, Kevin Thomas, Christopher Calumpong Sr., The USMC Rifle Team stationed at Kansas City, Kent Finlay and all the shooters on the line have been a big help all year long with the Junior Program. I can't thank you enough for all of your help in preserving the future of our sport. Congratulations to all the winners from 2007 and best of luck to everyone in 2008. I'll see all of you on the range next year.

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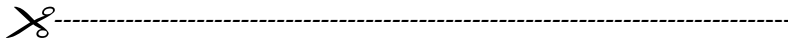
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