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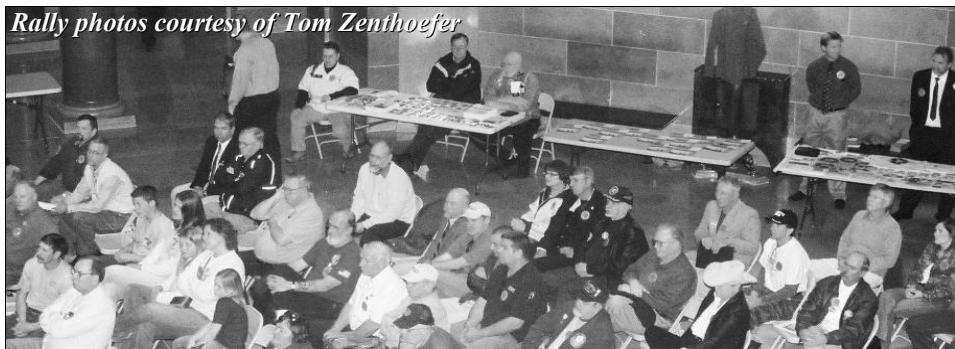
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15th Annual Capitol GUN RIGHTS RALLY

Rally photos courtesy of Tom Zenthofer



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Talk about "Range"...!!

From the crack-shot shooters
so "home-home" on it,

To the crack of the shots when
competing upon it!

Plus it's Camps and Teams
for the Girls and Boys;

Add some Tickets to the can
So they can go make NOISE!

Championship Results

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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.

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The President's Podium

Kevin L. Jamison, MSSA President

RALLY FOR RANGES

The rifle I hold in the accompanying picture is a Belgian Mauser which sports a Czech bayonet. It was probably captured and spent WW II enforcing the edicts of the Third Reich. At some point, it was purchased by, stolen by, captured by, or donated to a Zionist group and some time later converted both to Israeli ownership and 7.62 caliber; now it is mine. The rifle symbolizes the many aspects and history of the shooting sports. We have many and varied types of guns, many and varied models of each type, and many and varied sports for each model and type. We all come together in one shooting organization.

A couple of Board members have apologized for missing the last Board Meeting; however, they missed it because they were running shooting competitions. They have no need to apologize. We have Board Meetings to support shooting events, not the other way around. The Board Members have taken time, talent, effort, and gas money to support all the shooting sports, and I am proud to be among them.

The Fifteenth Annual Gun Rights Rally was held on 29 April, 2008 in the Rotunda of the Capital Building in Jefferson City. This Rally is put on by Missourians for Personal Safety (MPS). This group is an umbrella organization for grassroots gun rights organizations composed of the Missouri Sport Shooting Association, the Western Missouri Shooters Alliance in Kansas City, the Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance in St. Louis, and MissouriCarry.com. MissouriCarry, GCLA, and WMSA are also affiliates of MSSA. The theme of the rally was changed two weeks before the event from the U.S. Supreme Court case on the Second Amendment to saving our shooting ranges. Recently, a Boone County jury returned a judgment against Cedar Creek Rod and Gun Club in the amount of \$700,000. The club had not killed anyone; the complaint was over the noise from trap and skeet shooting. The court then issued an injunction which virtually shuts down the range. Many of the claims were scientifically impossible, but the jury believed them. Another range has been harassed with false claims of lead contamination. Lead, it seems, is perfectly all right in the ground where God put it, but if dug out, molded into bullets and shot back into the ground, it is toxic. The club overcame the accusation, only to be accused of shooting into a structure outside of the range. Three different bullet holes, made on at least two different occasions, were found. Investigation proved that the shots did not come from the range. This raises the suspicion that someone is trying to shut down the range and made complaints and fired the shots in that effort.

Many, if not most, of my brothers and sisters in the Bar are in the profession only to make money. The rest of us have to make money. The huge judgment against Cedar Creek has the effect of making gun clubs look like ATM machines to lawyers. The Rally was an attempt to push the Range Protection bill through the Senate.

By head count, 230 shooters braved gasoline prices to support our rights. After some rousing speeches, they were unleashed on the Senate. As of this writing, there is some evidence of success.

Speaking of success. The National Park Service is accepting comments on a proposed rule that would allow carrying concealed weapons in National Parks. This has obvious self-defense benefits. In addition, our members have camped in or taken RV's to National Parks. This proposed rule would make it easier for our members who travel to competitions, travel for pleasure, or simply travel when their route lies through a National Park.

Send your comments on Document ID [FWS-R9-NSR-2008-0062-0001](#) online by going through www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp (use the ID # as search term) – or mail your comments to:

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15th Annual Capitol GUN RIGHTS RALLY

BY MONA OLIVER

It was just 2 weeks before Rally Day when new Rally flyers began circulating that called for a strong turnout to help save our firing ranges. The call-out was heard! On the morning of Rally Day – 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 29th – the Capitol Rotunda was filled with Missourians who came to support passage of the “Range Protection Act.”

Harold Miederhoff, Lee Koester, and I were early and set up on one of the tables lining each side of the Rotunda. We began greeting people as they came by, handing out MSSA brochures and copies of The Missouri Shooter, and engaging in shop talk. Members of the Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance (GLCA), the Western Missouri Shooters Alliance (WMSA), and MissouriCarry.com were doing the same.



I left to walk the circuit, stopping briefly to admire the banner frame over GLCA's table. Mental note: Do one for MSSA. (Lacking any place to hang it, our banner was laid out like a tablecloth.) I turned and went on, a glad-run into familiar faces.

For activists, a Rally is a reunion of friends from all across the state; but I was just as glad (and relieved) to see a large number of unfamiliar faces in the crowd. Regular gun owners, not just gun-rights activists, had driven to the State Capitol to join us and help stop the threat against shooting ranges. It was a good sign that positive things would be accomplished.

Folks began taking their seats among the numerous folding chairs fanned out before the “stage” of the Rotunda. I took mine and waited. By 10 o'clock, people were left standing on both sides and in the rear. An excellent turnout for a working day, and on short notice, too – a *really* good sign.

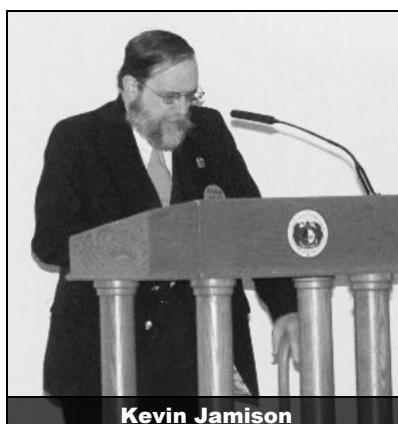
The Rally Kicks Off!

Zac Bauer (*MSSA Board Member; Founder and Board Member of MissouriCarry.com*) was the first to take the podium. He gives us a hearty welcome, and then leads the Pledge of Allegiance. As the Master of Ceremonies, Zac will be introducing each speaker as the Rally progresses.



Zac Bauer

Kevin L. Jamison (*MSSA President; WMSA Board Member; attorney and author*) was next. After making his way to the podium, he delivers an inspiring Invocation for our cause. Now it was time for the speakers, but we would hear from Kevin again.

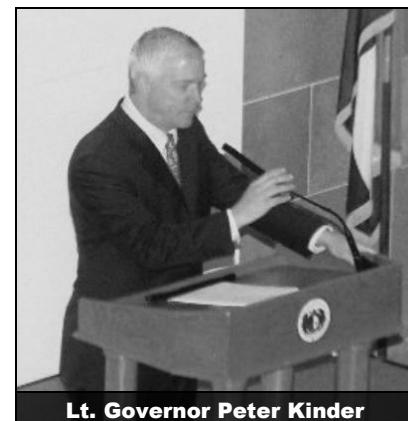


Kevin Jamison

And the proceedings run smoothly along, me on the edge of my seat – straining to catch every word *bounding* about the Rotunda walls. The loudspeaker system, though necessary, still serves the Capitol's majesty; one never forgets where they are. No grander atmosphere...*for a Rally!*

The Speakers

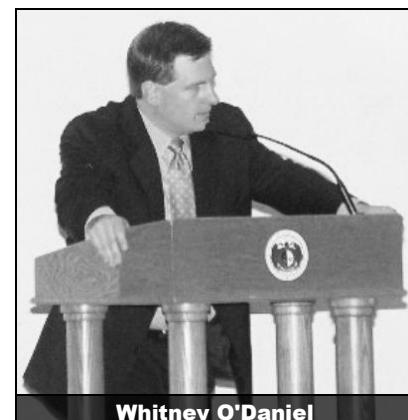
We were honored to have **Lt. Governor Peter Kinder** as the first speaker. He gave an excellent address and affirmed how important it was that the Legislature pass the Range Protection Act. Great to hear!



Lt. Governor Peter Kinder

The legislators were in session, but pro-gun legislators dropped in to speak when they could, when they were able to get away from the Chamber. We were well pleased and fortunate to have two of the co-sponsors of the Range Protection Act, **State Rep. Bob Onder** and **State Rep. Ed Shieffer**. Other legislators also managed to come by: **State Rep. Danie Moore** (she and her husband own the Target Masters Indoor Range in Columbia), and **State Rep. Tom Shively**. All are strong supporters of the cause, and every one of them gave rousing good speeches. Of course, we did our best to show them our appreciation!

Whitney O'Daniel provided a status report on this year's Second Amendment bills in the Missouri Legislature. Whit is the best NRA/LA lobbyist I've seen in Missouri; this guy makes things happen, and he's been a great ally of Missouri grassroots.



Whitney O'Daniel

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Letter from the Editor

Greetings Fellow MSSA Members,

To my horror, the lovely Ms. Sheila has relinquished the reins of Newsletter Editor. Possibly to your horror, they've been handed over to me. One can understand why she did it; running her own business, battling tyrannically evil zoning-czars, serving as MSSA Director, and also serving as President of WMSA, increasingly left but a precious bit of time to volunteer to The Missouri Shooter. I went ahead and accepted the position because I was already doing the layout and assisting with editing; but being *Editor* also means soliciting and gathering content...and, of course, writing. Well, there's the rub; writing is not something that "flows" from me easily. I fear we may all suffer for it. I have been assured, however, that my dear friend Sheila will strive to submit articles or a Saddle Soapbox column when she can; and let's hope she can – the gal has an exuberant, tell-it-like-it-is, down-home style that's simply a joy to read. In the meantime, I beseech the rest of you to write up something and send it in. A hunting story would be especially welcome. Even if *all* you have is a tip or two, on hunting or shooting, "gun plumbing" or whatever, jot it down and send *that* in. I'd really appreciate it! Don't make me beg.

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MSSA Vice President Grace Leinberger is presented a check from Don Gaikins, then Vice President of GCLA (now President of GCLA) during the 2008 MSSA Awards Banquet, January 26, 2009.

Gun Rights Rally

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Asst. Attorney General Peter Lyskowski, our "Firearms Law Go-To Guy" in the AG's Office, came to the Rally and spoke to us about Missouri ccw permit reciprocity with other states – and also announced that the State of Washington had just come on board! (As of this writing, thirty-five states have reciprocity agreements to honor Missouri's ccw permit; no other state's ccw permit is honored by so many. KUDOS to Peter 'et al' in the AG's office!)

The last two Rally speakers were **Kevin Jamison** and **Tim Oliver** (MSSA Director and Vice-President of MissouriCarry.com).

Kevin provided the Overview, speaking to the purpose of the Rally: He told why there was a desperate need for range preservation in Missouri and related a number of stories about ranges that have been sued or are now being harassed.

Tim would deliver the Key Note address: a detailed history of the "Battle to Save Cedar Creek." He introduced everyone to Ralph and Mary Ann Gates, the managers

of the Cedar Creek Rod and Gun Club, who rose for a moment upon the intro...

I knew the story, but still it shocks me. The Cedar Creek range was the latest to fall victim to a "noise nuisance" lawsuit, and the outcome was bad – to the tune of SEVEN HUNDRED GRAND (\$700,000), plus severely-limited hours of operation. The exorbitant verdict was enough to make trial lawyers drool at the sound of a gunshot – or, as Kevin says, start viewing ranges as ATM machines. The threat level against firing ranges everywhere had risen dramatically. Getting a good range protection law this year was top priority.

Tim ended his presentation, issued us our "walking orders," and the Rally was over. And then, the Capitol halls were echoing – with the sounds of motivated citizens enroute to their legislators' offices.

After the Rally, HB2034 began to gain strength and momentum, until the Range Protection Act finally passed, at 11:06 p.m. on May 15, 2008, the next to the last day of the session. To Everyone - Well done!

2008 M-1 Garand Rifle

RAFFLE

by Lee Koester

We're ready to go!

The 2008 M-1 Garand Rifle raffle is official, and you can start buying your tickets now.

The raffle, as always, will help support the Junior Shooting Camps directed by John Leinberger – so buy more than 1 ticket!

We have another program in the Juniors Program to support, too. Junior High Power has just come on board headed by John Teachey. He's doing a good job so far and needs our raffle support to continue.

You can find tickets available on the back page of this newsletter, as well as in future issues, right up to the drawing. Tickets are also available on MSSA's web site. Go to:

www.MissouriSportShooting.org

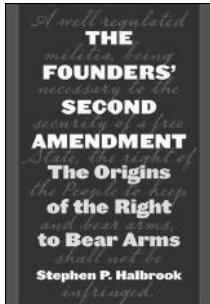
Tickets are still only \$5.00 – and you can buy as many as you want. It's easy to purchase tickets, just send the appropriate payment, along with the ticket stub(s), directly to the address below:

**MSSA Raffle
PO Box 10170
Columbia, MO 65205-4002**

Ticket stubs MUST include your name, address, phone, and email address. To help save more money for Junior programs, ticket verification will only be by way of email. (Call if you do not have Internet access.)

The raffle drawing will be held at our Annual Awards Banquet scheduled for January 24, 2009. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. (Details regarding the Awards Banquet will be in a later issue of the Missouri Shooter.)

**Be safe, Be well, Buy many and
Buy Bonds OOPS, Buy raffle tickets!**



THE FOUNDERS' SECOND AMENDMENT

Origins of the Right to Bear Arms

Stephen P. Halbrook

Ivan R. Dee in association with the Independent Institute
Chicago IL 2008
Hardcover 416 pages
\$28.95

REVIEW BY K. L. Jamison

During the oral arguments in *District of Columbia v Heller*, the Supreme Court justices questioned the lawyers on the origin and scope of the Second Amendment as it was understood at the time it was written. They could have saved their voices, if they wanted to, by reading this book.

The author is a well-known author and attorney on Second Amendment issues. He supplied one of the amicus briefs to the Supreme Court in *Heller*. There need be no fear that this is a recycled brief. Mr. Halbrook's books are exhaustively researched, perfectly organized, and well written. This effort recounts the many different efforts of the British government to disarm individual colonists. These efforts triggered outrage in the population resulting in the Battles of Lexington and Concord. From this historical background and the British common law came a cultural belief in a pre-existing and natural right to keep and bear arms. The evolution of this cultural belief into the Second Amendment is carefully presented in these pages.

The debates over the Second Amendment itself are presented as are similar provisions in state constitutions of the time. The state debates over ratification of the Bill of Rights are presented as they relate to the Second Amendment. In all venues, the right to keep and bear arms is accepted as a given, the only dispute was how to express this right so that it could not be abused.

While vast sections of period documents are quoted in the text, the author clearly explains the context and meaning of the sources. The result is an authoritative yet easily understood explanation of the Founders' intent regarding the Second Amendment.

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

MISSOURI STATE INDOOR CONVENTIONAL PISTOL

by Kent Finlay

March 16, Green Valley R&P Club, Columbia. We had another great tournament on Green Valley's fifty-foot indoor range as 18 shooters vied for the state title.

Paul Noles of Florissant shot nearly identical scores in both 22LR & Center Fire to take the championship. A pair of 875s added up to a 1750-76x, another High Master score.

1st Master was **Chris Guerrero** of Moberly with a 1713-39x.

Nick Gordanier of Leawood, Kansas beat out seven other experts for 1st Expert with a 1697-32x.

Vic Olson came in with the top Marksman score of 1527-11x.

My top two Seniors were separated by only 1 point, but **Phil McFall** of St. Joseph edged out **Will Sisson** in the CF Rapid Fire match to take Senior Champion honors with a 1631-22x. Will had more Xs, but 1 less point.

Our Outdoor State Conventional Pistol Championship will be held June 22nd at the same Columbia facility. That 2700 match will also include a Distinguished Service Pistol Match later in the afternoon.

For info on those matches, contact:

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613 S. Rollins St.
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or try finlaykm@socket.net

See ya on the range!!

Kent Finlay
Conventional Pistol Chairman – MSSA

CAMP PERRY 2008 NATIONAL MATCH CALENDAR

6 July

Pistol SAFS Registration

7 July

Pistol SAFS Instruction AM/Firing PM

1st Shot Ceremony 1730

NM Visitor Reception

8 July

M9 EIC Match AM

NRA Pistol Practice AM

NRA Revolver Matches PM

9 July

NRA Prelim Pistol Agg

10 July

NRA .22 Championship

11 July

NRA CF Championship

NRA Competitors Meeting

12 July

NRA .45 Championship

NRA Award Ceremony

13 July

CMP President's Pistol Match

CMP NTI Pistol Match

CMP NTT Pistol Match

CMP Shooters' Reception 1600

CMP Pistol Awards Ceremony 1700

16 July

NRA Smallbore Practice

17 July

NRA Position (Iron)

NRA Competitor Meeting

NRA College Night

USAMU SB Clinic

18 July

NRA SB Position (Any)

19 July

CMP Rimfire Sporter Clinic

NRA SB Position (Team)

NRA Drew Cup

NRA Award Ceremony

20 July

CMP Rimfire Sporter Rifle Match

NRA Prone (Iron)

NRA College Night

21 July

NRA SB Prone (Iron)

NRA Competitor Meeting

22 July

NRA Dewar & Randle

NRA SB Whistler Boy

NRA Team Day (Met/Any)

23 July

NRA SB Prone (Any)

24 July

NRA SB Prone (Any)

NRA Awards Ceremony

25 July

CMP/USMC Jr HP Clinic Reg AM/

Instruction PM

Rifle SAFS Reg AM/PM

26 July

CMP/USMC Clinic Firing AM/PM

Rifle SAFS Instruction AM

Rifle SAFS Firing PM

27 July

M16 EIC Match

CMP/USMC Clinic Firing until 1030

Squadded Practice 1100

28 July

CMP President's Rifle Match

NM Visitor Reception

29 July

CMP National Trophy Individual Rifle Match

30 July

CMP Hearst Doubles Team Match

NRA Whistler Boy Junior Team Match

USMC NTIT Clinic 1400

Carbine Match Clinic 1600-1800

31 July

CMP National Trophy Team Match

CMP M1 Carbine Match

CMP Military Rifle Clinic 1600-1800

1 August

CMP National Trophy Infantry Team Match

CMP Springfield-Vintage Military Rifle Match

CMP Garand Clinic 1600-1800

CMP Shooters Reception 1800-1845

CMP National Trophy Rifle Award Ceremony 1900

2 August

CMP John C. Garand Match

CMP Garand Clinic 0900-1100

CMP Springfield-Vintage Military Rifle Match, cont'd.

CMP Games Festival Closing & Awards 1700

3 August

NRA Springfield Match

4 August

NRA Team Matches Enlisted Rumbold

NRA Competitor Meeting

5-8 August

NRA HPR Championship

8 August

NRA Award Ceremony

9 August

NRA HP Long Range (1000x2)

10 August

NRA HP Long Range Championship

11 August

NRA HP Long Range Championship

12 August

NRA Palma Individual

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

MISSOURI JUNIOR SHOOTERS COMPETE IN The National Junior Olympic Championships

by John Lienberger

Six Missouri junior shooters competed at the USA SHOOTING National Junior Olympic Championship held at Colorado Springs, Colorado. Approximately 300 top junior rifle and pistol shooters from around the U.S. traveled to the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs on April 4-19, 2008 to compete for National Junior Olympic Titles. Competition for the Rifle/Pistol National Junior Olympic Championships began with the rifle events and concluded with the pistol competition.

To participate in the National Junior Olympic Championships, athletes had to shoot in their State Junior Olympic Championships and either win the match or shoot above a certain score to be

invited to the competition. Athletes who are invited have the opportunity to stay at the Olympic Training Center and get a glimpse of what it's like for full-time resident athletes, living and training for the Olympic Games.

The Juniors are competing according to their age. There are several different age groups for young shooters (based on athlete age in 2008):

Junior 1 (J1): Ages 18-20, competitors born 1988-1990.

Junior 2 (J2): Ages 15-17, competitors born 1991-1993.

Junior 3 (J3): Ages 14 or younger, born 1994 or later.

The Missouri Juniors that competed were:

- **Kellie Zurowski**
(J1) Smallbore Rifle and Air Rifle
- **Christine Manhart**
(J2) Air Rifle
- **Samuel Gall**
(J1) Air Rifle
- **Chisom Darnell**
(J2) Air Rifle
- **Garrett Spurgeon**
(J3) Smallbore Rifle and Air Rifle
- **Clayton Hinton**
(J3) Air Rifle

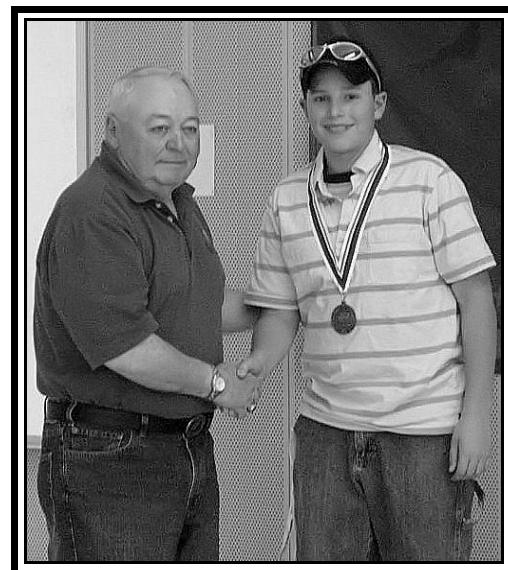
All are to be congratulated on their performance. They shot well.

Garrett Spurgeon (J3) Places Third at the National Junior Olympic Championship

MSSA Junior Member Garrett Spurgeon placed third nationally as a (J3) in Men's 50-meter 3-Position Smallbore Rifle and 50-meter Prone Smallbore Rifle. His 3-Position score was 2154, and his Prone score was 1144. The photo at right shows Garrett receiving his award and being congratulated by Lones Wigger, a two-time gold medalist in the Olympics who will be inducted into the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame June 19, 2008.

Garrett was the youngest member of the MSSA Junior Rifle Team that traveled to Martin, Tennessee and Murray, Kentucky. Garrett has also attended the MSSA Junior Rifle Camp for the past several years.

Congratulations Garrett and best wishes for many X's and 10's.



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MISSOURI JUNIOR HIGH-POWER RIFLE TEAM

We're looking for a few good kids!

As you know, the Missouri Sport Shooting Association does a great deal to support the shooting sports within the state of Missouri. We provide support for local clubs and organizations, monitor all sanctioned state championships, and of course, the Association does all it can to support Missouri's youth and keep them involved in the shooting sports. I'd like to tell you a little more about one of our programs that might inspire you or a young person you know to become involved in NRA high power rifle matches. Please forgive the vagueness of this article, but I simply can't put everything about the sport or our program in one article! Feel free to call or email with any questions.

NRA high power is shot with center-fire rifles from the standing, sitting, and prone positions. The course of fire typically begins at 200 yards and ends with shooters firing from 600 yards away. There are two classes of rifles used, service rifle and match rifle. Service rifles must be an M1 Garand, M-14, M-16, or the civilian equivalent of those rifles. Modifications to these rifles are heavily restricted in an attempt to keep a level playing field. Match rifles are heavily modified bolt action or semi-automatic rifles, with very few restrictions. Iron sights are used most often, but scopes are allowed for some matches shot at longer distances. The sport has a long history and has been the sport of choice for some of the nation's finest riflemen. Matches are held at the

local, state, regional, and national level. The pinnacle of the shooting season is the National Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, where for over 100 years, America's top shooters have congregated to socialize and shoot for the title of National Champion. To learn more about NRA high power in general, please contact the National Rifle Association and/or the Civilian Marksmanship Program. You can visit their websites at www.nrahq.org and www.odcmp.com. Both of these organizations sponsor rifle competitions and can provide you with lots of useful information about the sport.

One of the longest traditions in High Power is that of junior shooting teams. Shooting has always been instilled in the lives of America's youth, and allowing them to compete provides a means for them to hone their skills and mature as they become students of the sport. I myself was a junior shooter growing up, and I cannot begin to describe what a difference it has made in my life. I know that I wouldn't be the person I am today without the experiences I had and the lessons I learned as a member of a junior team. Competitive shooting allows young people to learn about themselves and explore their competitive nature. They will learn firsthand what results practice and dedication can bring. The lessons learned on the firing line will make them a better shooter and better prepare them for life in general.

The Missouri Sport Shooting Association is doing its part to continue this tradition. We provide support for junior shooters in our state; and, right now, we are currently looking for new members to fill out our team. Support comes in the form of reloading components for the shooters (bullets, powder, and primers), and we do have some rifles that can be assigned to shooters to use. Support is provided only after the shooter becomes involved and is an active participant, shows a desire to continue in the sport, and has met a few requirements that we have for team members. We are looking for young men and women who have a love of the shooting sports and have a desire to prove themselves in competition. These shooters will represent their state in matches, here in the Midwest and at the national level at Camp Perry. Our goal is to provide the young men and women of Missouri the opportunity to shoot competitively and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow shooters.

If you are a youth shooter or know of a young man or woman who might be interested in competitive high power shooting, please contact me at your convenience so that we can discuss the team a little more. If you happen to be an adult and are interested in high power shooting, call me anyway, and we'll talk about the sport and get you started! Hopefully, this article will result in some new shooters, both young and old.

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CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

OZARK HIGH Wins National Championship

by 1st Sgt. Terry Thompson

Over Spring Break, the Ozark High School JROTC Rifle Team, along with the nation's best high school JROTC rifle teams, competed in the National JROTC Air Rifle Championship at Fort Benning, Georgia.

The shooters in this championship qualified through a series of matches that started with 6,000 competitors from over 1,100 schools. Only the best of these are allowed to compete at Fort Benning. The Ozark High School team – consisting of Shawn Spradling, Kelsea Hunt, Rob Thompson, Jacob Edwards, and alternate Alan Snyder – won the National Championship, beating the second place team by over 30 points.

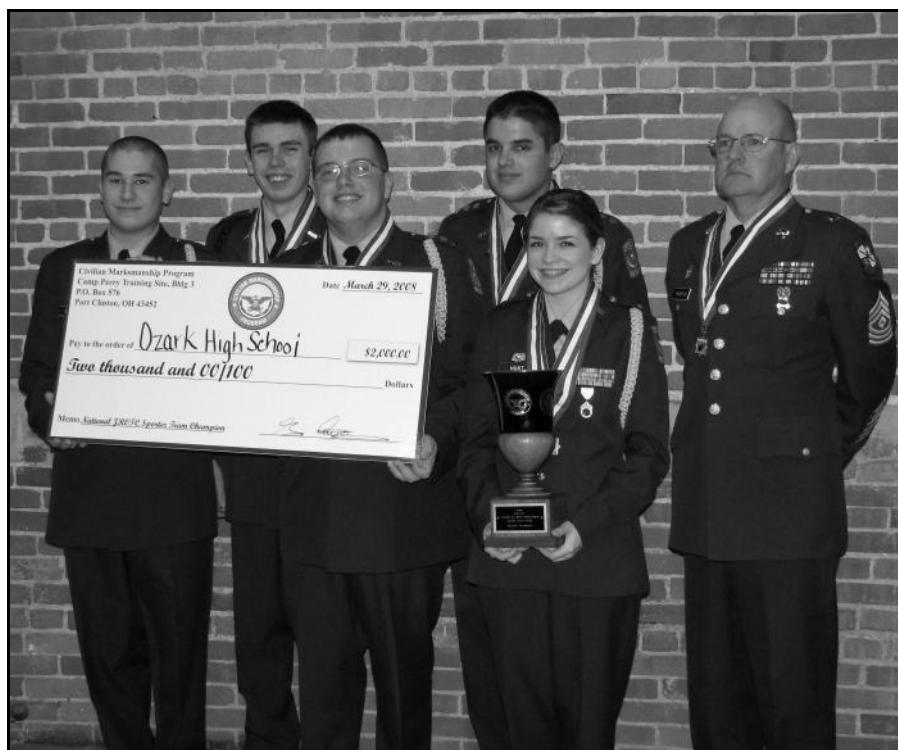
The competition consisted of two days of shooting, and our team was down by 6 points going into day two. Our team finished the competition very strong and set a competition record with their score of 4331.

Individual honors went to Shawn Spradling, for placing 2nd overall for all the services, and Kelsea Hunt, for winning the Army individual Army National Championship.

The team is coached by 1st Sgt. Terry Thompson.



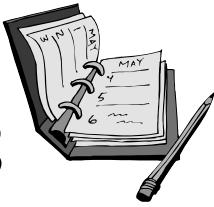
The Ozark High School JROTC Rifle Team: (from left to right) Shawn Spradling, Rob Thompson, Kelsea Hunt, Alan Snyder, Jason Edwards, and (in front) their coach, 1st Sgt. Terry Thompson.



(Left to right) Snyder, Spradling, Thompson, Edwards, Hunt, and Coach, 1st Sgt. Terry Thompson.

The Missouri Sport Shooting Association extends a hearty congratulations to COACH THOMPSON and the OZARK HIGH SCHOOL JROTC RIFLE TEAM!

Mark Your Calendars



Would you like your club's matches included? If so, just email the event info to the Newsletter Editor with your club's name in the subject line. Please include a contact name/number, too, of someone the Editor may call if there are any questions.

June Events

Bench Rest Club of St. Louis (www.ShootingSTL.com)

June 1.....HV/SP (200) MO State Championships - 8:00 AM
June 14...High Power - MO State Service Rifle
Championships - 8:00 AM

Green Valley Rifle & Pistol Club

June 22...Outdoor MO State Conventional Pistol
Championship - 8 AM

Joplin Rifle and Pistol Club (www.JoplinGunClub.com)

June 7.....Military Bolt Action B/R - 8:30 AM
June 14...NRA-Approved Smallbore Prone - 9:00 AM
Info: George Carder, 417-624-6839
Info: Les Welch, 620-429-3819
June 15...High Power 200 Yard - 8:30 AM
June 22...USPSA Action Pistol - 1:00 PM
Info: Steve Thompson, 417-782-4283

Pioneer Gun Club (www.PioneerGunClub.org)

June 1.....NRA Outdoor Action Pistol - 8:00 AM
June 8.....Smallbore Silhouette - 9:00 AM
June 14...DCM High Power Match - 8:00 AM
June 14...Bullseye Match - 8:30 AM
June 14...CMP John C. Garand - 1:00 PM
Info: Al Davies, 816-830-0222
June 15...Benchrest - 9:00 AM
June 22...ARA Benchrest Match - 9:00 AM

July Events

MSSA MEETING

July 12 . .Noon to 4:00 PM (normally ~ 2.5 hrs)
Runge Center, Jefferson City.

Joplin Rifle & Pistol Club (www.JoplinGunClub.com)

July 5.....Military Bolt Action B/R - 8:30 AM
July 12...CMP-Sanctioned John Garand - 8:30 AM
July 20...High Power 200 Yard - 8:30 AM
July 27...USPSA Action Pistol - 1:00 PM
Info: Steve Thompson, 417-782-4283

Pioneer Gun Club (www.PioneerGunClub.org)

July 6.....NRA Outdoor Action Pistol - 8:00 AM
July 13...DCM High Power Match - 8:00 AM
July 13...Smallbore Silhouette - 9:00 AM
July 13...Communist Block Match - 1:00 PM
July 20...Benchrest - 9:00 AM
July 27...ARA Benchrest Match - 9:00 AM

August Events

Joplin Rifle & Pistol Club (www.JoplinGunClub.com)

Aug 2.....Military Bolt Action B/R - 8:30 AM
Aug 17...High Power 200 Yard - 8:30 AM
Aug 24...USPSA Action Pistol - 1:00 PM
Info: Steve Thompson, 417-782-4283

Pioneer Gun Club (www.PioneerGunClub.org)

Aug 3.....NRA Outdoor Action Pistol - 8:00 AM
Aug 10...DCM High Power Match - 8:00 AM
Aug 10...Smallbore Silhouette - 9:00 AM
Aug 10...Springfield Match - 1:00 PM
Aug 17...Benchrest - 9:00 AM
Info: Rhon Ledbetter, 816-252-6057
Aug 24...ARA Benchrest Match - 9:00 AM
Info: Kevin Hutsell, 816-254-1148

FINAL NOTICE!

Don't Miss This Opportunity!!

MSSA-NRA JUNIOR COMPETITIVE SMALLBORE RIFLE CAMPS

Openings Are Still Available!

MSSA is holding two camps in 2008 at the Bucksnot Range near Marshall, Missouri:

**The 1st camp will be held June 19-20-21-22.
The 2nd camp will be held July 10-11-12-13.**

The fee for each camp is \$100, which includes bunkhouse style lodging, meals from Thursday dinner through Sunday lunch, shooting literature and instructional materials, targets, ammunition, and expert instruction.

Camps feature individualized instruction and coaching, with levels of instruction for beginning, intermediate, and advanced shooters. Each camp culminates with an Approved NRA International 3 Position Smallbore Rifle Match.

These camps are fun and informative, and provide excellent training and preparation for juniors interested in Olympic style shooting and participation on high school/college rifle teams. (Note: Some colleges do offer shooting scholarships.)

Participants must be at least 10 year of age.

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NRA National Action Pistol Championship Celebrates 30th Annual Competition

FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA – For the past 30 years, the National Rifle Association has celebrated action pistol as one of the premier disciplines in shooting sports. Its masterpiece, the NRA National Action Pistol Championship, also known as the NRA Bianchi Cup, will crown another superstar this year in Columbia, Missouri, May 21 to 24. Year after year the NRA Bianchi Cup brings more than 200 of the world's top pistol marksmen to the Green Valley Rifle and Pistol Club's Chapman Academy Range. The sizeable cash and prizes awarded to the winners ranks this tournament one of the richest in the sport.

"The NRA Bianchi Cup showcases the top pistol marksmen in the world," said John C. Sigler, President of the NRA. "NRA competitive shooting programs and events play an important role in NRA's overall success in providing law-abiding Americans with a variety of exciting and demanding opportunities to exercise their Second Amendment rights in a safe and secure venue. Championships like this demonstrate the importance of securing the world of competitive shooting for generations to come."

Since its inception, the NRA Bianchi Cup has retained its original course of fire, consisting of four matches: Practical, Barricade, Moving Target and Falling Plates. Speed and accuracy is the key to

winning the Championship. Each event is timed and is worth 480 points, equaling a total of 1920 possible points.

Action pistol competitors are permitted to use a two handed grip, and competitors must start with their guns holstered. During the course of the matches, participants fire at turning cardboard silhouette targets, moving targets, and steel plates that must be knocked down to count as a hit. This type of competition makes the match more appealing to spectators.

The defending champion, Doug Koenig of Alburtis, PA, will return once again. In 2007 he won his tenth NRA Bianchi Cup — but his first since 2005. Bruce Piatt, Carl Bernosky, Rob Leatham and countless others are expected to return for this historical year.

An invitation match called the Bianchi International Speed Event concludes the tournament. The top-scoring competitors from the open championship join the top-scoring four women, junior and senior competitors in an elimination contest which measures the contestants' accuracy and speed. This year's competition will also include the first-ever Ray Chapman Speed Star Event, a tribute to one of the competition's designers.

For more information about the Bianchi Cup and Action Pistol events, contact Tom Hughes at bianchicup@nrahq.org or call him at NRA Headquarters at (703) 267-1478 or (800) 672-3888, extension 1478.

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CMP GSM Master Instructor Instructor Training

CMP Master Instructor Courses to train CMP GSM (As-Issued Military Rifle: Garand-Springfield-Military Rifle) Master Instructors are now open for registration. The courses will be conducted on 21-22 June, Camp Perry, Ohio; 10-11 Oct, Phoenix, Arizona; and 8-9 Nov, Anniston, Alabama. These workshops are open to all experienced rifle marksmanship instructors and shooters who would like to receive advanced training and be certified as "Master Instructors" to teach CMP-sanctioned Garand, Springfield and Vintage Military Rifle Clinics at their home clubs.

If you are interested in attending, go to the program at

www.odcmp.com/Competitions/GSMClinic.htm and submit your application.

Watch Shooting on Television

CMP Shooter's News – ISSF-TV offers shooting sports enthusiasts who want to see the best shooters in the world in the Olympic shooting disciplines in action an opportunity to watch live telecasts or video recordings of World Cup competitions. To watch these shooting telecasts, open the ISSF-TV website at:

<http://www.issftv.tv>

You can then select from recorded events that are summarized on the ISSF-TV home page or use the TV Program schedule to learn when the next live streaming broadcast is scheduled. The International Olympic Committee recognizes the ISSF (International Shooting Sport Federation) as the world governing body of shooting. The ISSF is conducting eight 2008 World Cup competitions featuring the 15 rifle, pistol and shotgun events that will be contested in the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing. USA Shooting, the U. S. governing body for Olympic shooting, regularly enters competitors in all ISSF World Cups.

This week, from 17 to 21 May, World Cup competition in rifle and pistol is taking place at Munich, Germany. Recordings of ISSF-TV telecasts made last week during the ISSF Shotgun World Cup in Kerrville, Texas are still available for viewing.

Father Martin Hagan 1919 - 2008

Father Martin Hagan SJ, long time supporter of Shooting Sports for Juniors, died peacefully on Monday morning, April 28, 2008, at Saint Louis University Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. Father Hagan was 89 years old and a member of Jesuit Hall Community. He was born in Wichita, Kansas on March 11, 1919 and entered the Society of Jesus at St. Stanislaus Seminary in Florissant, Missouri on September 1, 1937. He was ordained June 14, 1940 in St. Mary's College in Kansas. He was assigned to St. Louis University High School where he spent the next 51 years teaching and counseling freshmen.

Father Hagan founded the school rifle club which he coached to five national championships. The rifle club currently competes very successfully in International Air Rifle and 3 Position Air Rifle. He also held the Missouri State Junior Olympic Championship Matches for Smallbore Rifle, Air Rifle, Smallbore Pistol, and Air Pistol.

Father Hagan was well known and respected by all who knew him and will be missed by all of us involved with competitive shooting.



THE GAVEL

Legislative Update by Mona Oliver

2008 MO Firearms-Related Legislation

This year's legislative session ended May 16 – and was another great year for the pro-gun-rights community! No anti-gun bills passed, and our legislative goal for a good range protection law was accomplished. Range protection was *overwhelmingly* passed with **House Bill 2034**, which includes other important legislation from bills rolled in with House/Senate Committee Substitutes. HB2034 now awaits the Governor's signature. As law, it will go into effect August 28, 2008. Below is the official **Bill Summary**, plus some added emphasis (bold, underline, italics) and added comments (in brackets). The full text of the final bill is here:

www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills081/billpdf/truly/hb2034t.pdf

SCS HCS HB 2034 -- WEAPONS

This bill changes the laws regarding weapons. In its main provisions, the bill:

1. Expands the criminal liability immunity for owners of firearm ranges to include authorized users of the ranges and immunity from any civil liability for actions arising out of the use of the firearm range [**see bracketed comments in #2**];
2. Specifies that all owners and authorized users of existing hunting preserves or areas that are designated as hunting preserves [**and FIREARMS RANGES**] will be immune from any criminal and civil liability arising out of or as a consequence of noise or sound emission resulting from the normal use of the hunting preserve and the preserves will not be subject to an action for public or private nuisance or trespass.
[**Can't sue for range noise, 1000-yd adjacent-property-limit gone; also NULL & VOIDS related PAST judgments against ranges!**] [**CAN sue:**] No firearm range or hunting preserve will be immune from civil liability for compensatory damage arising from physical injury to another person, tangible physical property, or fixtures or structures placed on real property;
3. Specifies that a landowner who invites or allows any person to use the property for recreational purposes without charge confers upon the person the legal status of trespasser and [**the landowner**] does not assume responsibility for or incur liability for any injury to any person or property caused by an act or omission of the person while engaged in recreational activities without the failure to exercise just ordinary care [**e.g., invited hunter can't sue landowner for falling out of tree**];
4. Defines "blasting agent" and "detonator" as they relate to an offense regarding weapons [**technical addition to statutes**];
5. Creates the crime of unlawful refusal to transfer a firearm when a person denies the sale of a firearm to a non-licensee solely on the basis that the non-licensee purchased a firearm that was later the subject of a trace request by law enforcement. Anyone violating this provision will be guilty of a class A misdemeanor [**trace not a reason to deny gun sale; must sell**];

6. Specifies that no firearm silencer may be possessed, manufactured, transported, repaired, or sold as a curio, ornament, or keepsake unless the seller is an importer, manufacturer, dealer, or collector licensed by federal law;
7. Specifies that a person may be guilty of unlawful possession of a firearm if he or she knowingly has any firearm in his or her possession and has previously been convicted of a felony in this state or a crime in any other state that would be a felony in this state [**aligns Missouri law with federal law**];
8. Creates the crime of unlawful possession of an explosive weapon when a person possesses any explosive weapon and has pled guilty to or has been convicted of a dangerous felony, has attempted to commit a dangerous felony, has committed a crime in any other state which would be a dangerous felony in this state, has been imprisoned in this state or elsewhere during the five-year period immediately preceding the date of the possession, is a fugitive from justice, is habitually in an intoxicated or drugged condition, or is currently adjudged mentally incompetent. Anyone violating this provision will be guilty of a class C felony;
9. Closes any records of permits to obtain concealable firearms retained by any sheriff prior to August 28, 2007 [**closes PTA records (not destroyed), obtainable by court order only**]; and
10. Removes the requirement that a person must reside in the state for a period of six months prior to applying for a concealed carry endorsement. [**Allows someone who moves to Missouri (as a resident) to get a MO CCW Permit right away.**]



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the GREAT VOTE

BY KEVIN L. JAMISON

On 10 October, 1991, Pioneer Gun Club of Kansas City, Missouri voted to require all club members to simultaneously maintain NRA membership.

Over the years, unorganized attempts to take the club 100% NRA had been defeated, due not so much to active opposition to the goal, but rather, apathy. And so, in light of local and national slanders on gun owners' characters and attacks on their rights, a determined club member decided that it was time for another attempt.

The matter was introduced and brought to a vote of the membership at a regular meeting. The NRA activist had taken the precaution of notifying like-minded members on the matter of the upcoming vote. The motion for 100% NRA status was made, seconded, and passed by a slight majority; it then floundered on the rock of the club bylaws. The bylaws include qualifications for club membership. It turned out that changes to the bylaws could be made only by a two-thirds vote of the membership in attendance at the meeting at which the vote was taken, with notice of the upcoming bylaws-change vote presented to the membership via the US Mail. The exhilarating victory was nullified.

At the next meeting, the requirement to join the NRA was put in the form of an amendment to the bylaws. The proposed amendment was placed in the club bulletin, and the vote was scheduled for the October membership meeting. Partisans for and against the amendment burned up the telephone lines gathering support for their respective positions. Both parties were hampered in this electioneering by lack of access to the club's membership roster. Through long practice, only the club secretary had access to the entire membership list. The advantage in such a case goes to the side with the more gregarious partisans: those who participate in club functions and who collect phone numbers of persons met at matches and club meetings.

Opponents to 100% NRA status did so out of sincere concern over what they perceived to be potentially damaging effects such a requirement would have on the club. Arguments included such concerns that a requirement to join the NRA would alienate older members of the club who were on a fixed income; a

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number of members (some of them NRA Life Members) simply did not want to be "told what to do." And there were some members who were demanding to know what the NRA had done for them, while sitting on a range built to NRA specifications, and after discussing plans for future ranges to be built on club property.

It was considered unlikely that members would desert the only complete range in our area over the cost of NRA membership. The point was made that many members shoot the dollar equivalent of NRA membership in a single afternoon. The benefit to the club itself was a harder argument to address, and it was answered with the argument that there would be no ranges, no matches, and no club without the NRA to define and protect the sport. Opponents argued that NRA benefits were excellent reasons to join, but not sufficient reason to force people to join.

The night of the "great vote" saw more than twice as many members as usually attend membership meetings. Even so, attendance represented only 10% of the general membership. Some brief preliminaries were covered regarding a Schuetzen match and a plan for future range expansion. Then, prior to the vote, the floor was opened for comments regarding 100% NRA status. Advocates heatedly stressed the Second Amendment aspect of NRA's work. Opponents argued that NRA membership did nothing for the club. A relatively new Pioneer member rose to say he had only heard of Schuetzen since joining the club, but did not know what it was.

"Even so, every time I re-up for NRA,

I support Schuetzen matches. It is the NRA which determines the rules, the ranges, and the rifles used in Schuetzen and all the shooting sports. The NRA is the only national organization which looks after all interests of all shooters. From range construction, to match rules, to hunting, to collecting, to the Institute for Legislative Action, the NRA is recognized as the authority. Membership in NRA supports and strengthens all the shooting sports. Without the NRA, each sport and each club would certainly hang separately. Separately, the shooting sports and shooting clubs will die; only in unity is there strength."

"Members have argued that to require membership because of the good done by NRA could be used to justify requiring membership in other groups such as the Shriners or the PTA. This point is well taken. However, the NRA is not just another organization. It is the only organization which can be depended upon to support every aspect of the shooting sports. The NRA is carrying the future of shooting in the United States. Every shooter and collector – every gun owner – benefits by its activity. It is unfair both to the members of the club and to NRA to allow people to enjoy the benefits and opportunities given by NRA support for gun owners to not pay the piper."

He continued, "A long time ago, I was forced to join a labor union. I did not want to. It was a summer job; I was young and had other things to spend my money on. But I thought about it and realized that my job came with benefits the union had fought for and so I decided it only fair that I pay my share. The NRA is the only group struggling to protect not only ALL of our shooting sports but our very right to keep and bear the arms with which we practice them. And so, if we want to continue enjoying the benefits of gun ownership, it's time for us shooters – ALL of us shooters – to join the union!"

The amendment passed 48 to 14.





Liberty Notes

BY KEVIN L. JAMISON

14 May, 2008

It is a good day for Liberty.

We have five (5) months to the election.

The presidential election continues to provide diversion, much like a car wreck. Senator Obama has rejected his pastor, friend and advisor of over twenty years in what I consider to be odd circumstances. For twenty years, the Senator heard his pastor damn the United States and even accuse it of inventing the AIDS virus in order to destroy the African-American population. Of course, the disease first attacked the homosexual and intravenous drug-addict populations. The pastor is not concerned with evidence; he proclaims that the U.S. Government is capable of "anything." But, only anything evil, it seems. The Bush administration has spent huge sums fighting AIDs, tuberculosis, and malaria in Africa. This is not for any direct benefit; indeed, the administration does not even get credit for doing so. At some future date, Africans may credit being alive to the generosity of the United States. When the Twin Towers were attacked, the Masai tribe sent us a herd of cattle. When Katrina flooded New Orleans, a group of AIDs patients in Africa took up a collection for us. Senator Obama's pastor does not give America this much affection. The Senator spent months keeping him quiet and defending him all to no avail. When it became obvious that the scandal would not go away, Senator Obama could not reverse course and reject the pastor he has so publicly supported. Then, quite suddenly, the pastor was speaking in very public, if friendly, venues. Speaking from a prepared text, he said very much the same things that Senator Obama had previously excused, and the Senator then expressed his outrage that America was being disparaged and rejected his old pastor. It just seems to me that he had to reject the man to stop the film clips. He had already embraced the man after the old film clips, so he had to reject him for something new. I think, that by conspiracy or stupidity, the pastor was induced to make a new speech damning

America so that Senator Obama could reject him. Of course, I am told by knowledgeable persons that if a political action could be explained by conspiracy or stupidity, that I should pick stupidity every time.

There is concern that of the three leading presidential candidates, (as of this writing) none can be said to be on our side. If I were to rate them, I would say that Obama is the worst, and McCain the least worst. If this were the only rating, it would take little time; however, Obama is the worst, but Clinton knows where the levers of power can be found, and how to use them. McCain may be the least objectionable, but that is not by much, and there is a rumor that he intends to serve only a single term. He may not care what political opposition he stirs up. Still, McCain will face a Democratic congress which will oppose all his actions as a matter of policy.

It is said that voting for the lesser of two evils is still evil, and only serves to move the debate in the direction of evil. It is also said that the lesser of two evils slows the march towards evil. The theory is that, if votes are given to a third party, this will give victory to the more evil, something we are trying to prevent. Some daring spirits say that we should vote for evil in the expectation that there will be a vast revulsion against it, which we can ride to victory in the next election. This assumes much and gambles a lot. We must remember that Bill Clinton was handily re-elected and his Vice President nearly elected after him.

Of course, we can vote for a third party candidate. Some say that this will teach the major parties a lesson. We have endorsed a third party candidate for president before, the year Bill Clinton was elected. I'm not sure that the major parties notice when we do so.

This is not an easy year for political decisions. I must agree with fellow WMSA Board Member, the Learned Larry Swickard. We must turn out in droves for the election in order to vote for other candidates. We must have executive-proof legislatures and congress. We must have mayors and school district members who

are on our side. We may spend every day of the next four years as if the Second Amendment is the Alamo. The more elected persons who are on our side, the harder it will be for an executive to promote a project to hurt us. I wish I knew what to say about the presidential race, but I do not. I am told that waterboarding can fix that.

I see that the Asian Snakehead fish has been found in Arkansas. This beast is often called "Frankenfish." It has lungs and legs and so can travel over land. It has a voracious appetite, and it is feared that it will destroy American sporting fish. It is uncertain how the fish arrived in Arkansas. One story has it that a fish farm had some, was told to get rid of them, and so tossed them out on land to die. Then the air-breathing, walking fish began its odyssey. It may be that the fish paid someone to smuggle it into the country like every other illegal alien. There are proposals to stamp out the fish involving rules, regulations, and inspections. The project might go faster if American fishermen were told of an opportunity to catch a unique trophy. Militias come in all sorts.

I met a fellow who was proud of his solution to illegal immigration. He said that they should all be put into dump trucks and dumped across the border. He said that the only problem with his plan was that it was too radical. It is not. It has been done in the 1930's when Mexican workers were loaded on boxcars and dumped in Mexico. They came back. The entire project was not consistent with "well known American humanity." The quoted passage is from the German surrender demand to the garrison at Bastogne. The nazi commander threatened to destroy the town with artillery and implied that the effect on civilians would be our fault. The nazis thought that humanity was our weakness; it turned out to be a strength. An interrogator of those days told me that German soldiers were advised by their fathers to join the Infantry, be brave, get up on the front lines, and surrender to the first American they saw. They surrendered in droves. We should go with our strengths. There must be a humane solution to illegal immigration; I cannot claim that I know what it is, but there must be one.

After practicing immigration law for 25

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years, the only thing I know for sure is that aliens are coming here. It is not just for the money, it is not just for “well known American humanity,” they want opportunities for themselves and their children that their own country does not provide. Many immigrants carry the belief that they must let the government do as it pleases if they are to survive. We need to make Americans of these people – and by “we,” I mean us. If we explain the Bill of Rights to a citizenship class, it will be different than if the liberals do it. If we are the image of an American citizen for them, we can make this work.

On “Cinco de Mayo,” it was reported that the day commemorates a victory of the Mexican army over the French army. Actually, it was Mexican militia over the French army. This was well after winning independence from Spain. I can recall no other country which can brag of driving out two different colonial powers. We should be able to build on this. The media will not mention militias even in this positive light.

Charlton Heston has died. I met him briefly during the Proposition B battle in 1999. It was more memorable for me than for him. Although he began as anti-gun, he came over to our side with a vengeance. He was a powerful advocate for our principles and will be missed.

In the Heller case, the Supreme Court asked a number of questions regarding the Second Amendment. They asked if there was a right to pistols, thinking they were lightly used at the time of the Bill of Rights; they asked if the right was confined only to persons in the Militia. Of course, pistols were used in the founding of this country. Any reference book on weapons of the revolution has a chapter on pistols to include pocket pistols. Militia of the time included the whole of the population. Certain parts of the population were required to have militia weapons and appear for militia drill; however, in times of emergency, even the exempt persons were expected to turn out. A party of this reserve militia served at the Concord Bridge during the opening battle of the American Revolution. When the Confederate Army attacked Gettysburg, John Burns, a veteran of the War of 1812, took up his old musket and fought. He

was wounded three times. When the Japanese occupied the Philippines, the population spontaneously formed militia groups, even when they did not have guns. Today, the U.S. Code at 10 US Code section 311 defines the organized militia, the National Guard and Reserves, and the unorganized militia, the rest of us.

Lawyers for Washington DC told the Supreme Court that militiamen did not really own their militia weapons because they couldn't pawn them. It would defeat the militia purpose if their guns were in pawn shops or seized for debt. This worked to the benefit of militiamen. In some state, it evolved into a right to exempt the family rifle from debt collectors. They also argued that a Boston law from the Revolutionary period which prohibited loaded firearms and gunpowder from being stored at ground level was the same as the DC law. The Boston law was a fire-safety law and does not evolve into a total prohibition of loaded guns anywhere in the house.

Rally Day was held on 29 April, 2008. I had planned to use the Rally to focus on the Supreme Court case. I had a recording of the arguments which I planned to play; things changed. Recordings of the arguments were widely available elsewhere. More importantly, there have been assaults on shooting ranges. A range protection bill was languishing in the legislature and needed a push. One advantage of being the absolute tyrant of a group of heavily-armed persons is that I really must listen to advice. The focus of the Rally was changed on two weeks' notice. Coincidentally, on the day of the Rally, Peter Lyskowski of the Attorney General's Office reported that Washington State has become the 35th state to recognize the Missouri License To Carry. Mr. L is in charge of reciprocity issues for the A.G.'s office. I do not trust these people out of principle, but I trust him. He hopes to add a couple more states. Missouri's license is the most widely recognized in the country.

Missouri ranges have been sued and hit with crippling judgments and injunctions which shut them down. One range was the target of false lead contamination complaints, and when that did not work, a structure off the range was repeatedly shot in the apparent belief that this would be blamed on the range. Investigation showed that the shots came from a spot off

the range property. I have heard of people who complained that bullets from a range landed on their property. As proof, they showed bullets they claimed to have recovered from their property, which were still loaded into cartridge cases. Some complainants lie better. All they have to do is lie, and we must spend thousands of dollars to protect safe places to shoot. That is why we need range protection.

I checked the Brady website; in their “material” about the Supreme Court case on the Second Amendment, it is clear that they are kicking Washington DC to the curb. They focus instead on how “reasonable” other restrictions might be. During the arguments, our side was questioned on what restrictions might be constitutional. The attorney said that a wide variety of restrictions might be constitutional; I would have done the same. Those restrictions were not being argued that day. Granting the possibility made it more likely the Court would rule for us. The Supreme Court has accepted a case involving the Lautenberg amendment. This law prohibits gun ownership by anyone who has ever been convicted of domestic violence, even if they were convicted before the law was enacted. This has been challenged on constitutional grounds. The Court accepts a small number of cases each year. I cannot conceive of why the Court would take a case which explores the limits of the Second Amendment unless it had decided to rule in our favor in the DC case; however, the Court can conceive of things I cannot.

There is a program on the fitness channel called “Shimmy.” It purports to teach women how to belly dance. When I ran across it (quite by accident and you cannot prove otherwise), I wondered what percentage of the audience was actually burned-out old guys. There is no obvious answer, and it will require further research.

We shall overcome.





THE SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK

MINUTES* – MSSA Board of Directors Meeting

April 26, 2008

*Tentative, subject to Board approval.

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Jamison at noon. Board members in attendance included Kevin Jamison, Grace Leinberger, Lee Koester, Mona Oliver, Tim Oliver, Zac Bauer, Larry Crawford, Stu Strickler, and Terry Brookman; absent were John Leinberger, John Teachey, Harold Miederhoff, Greg Jeffery, Sheila Stokes-Begley, David Jones, Greg Meredith, Michael Meyer, Terry Struse, and Roscoe Morris. The reading of minutes was waived; a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as printed in The Missouri Shooter was seconded and passed.

BOARD REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: Lee provided a written copy of the financial report covering the last five months. The current checking account balance was \$19,443.79. Income over the last five months was \$12,282; expenses, \$5,769.73. The general fund included undistributed monies targeted for Junior Programs. An account had been set up for the Junior Highpower program under John Teachey; starting balance, \$2000. The M-1 Raffle brought in about \$2200 after expenses; Lee wanted to get this year's raffle started early to bring in more money for the Juniors Programs, especially for the camps and the new junior high power program; he also wanted to hold silent auctions at the annual awards dinner for the same purpose. Lee reported that the Juniors Committee had decided to hold distribution of junior funds until a junior program needed it, with the remainder of the funds to be distributed between the two Junior accounts evenly at the end of the year. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report, which was seconded and then passed.

Juniors Report: Grace provided a brief report on behalf of John L. and John T. The two smallbore junior camps to be held in June and July were still planned, and a number of kids were already registered. Grace also relayed an invitation from John Leinberger to all the members of the Board, that they were welcome to come to the camps and observe; the invitation was well received and appreciated by the members present.

Newsletter: Kevin reported that Sheila had to resign as newsletter editor due to pressures of other responsibilities; Kevin asked if Mona would be willing to take the position; she advised she was, at which point the Board appointed her to the position. (A discussion followed regarding the oppressive zoning restrictions in the rural county where Sheila resides, which led to a discussion on abusive zoning and the potential impact such might also have on ranges.) Mona reminded Board members that the newsletter deadline was on May 1, the first day of the month immediately following a quarterly meeting, and to start work on articles.

Website: Zac advised that he and Mona were making some changes to the website; Mona had updated the front page with Rally information; Zac would also be removing the "business partners" link and webpage, as MSSA had no business partners [this page is assumed to have once been advertiser info, but had long since fallen by the wayside]; the link is to be replaced with the link to the Affiliates page; Zac requested an updated list of affiliates. Zac also requested pdf's of the more recent newsletters; Mona advised she had new web-optimized newsletter pdf's ready and would upload them to the site, and would be renaming all TMS files to reflect the volume/issue rather than year/month. [Note: the newsletter volume reflects the year.] Lee requested a few changes to the online membership application, Zac advised he would implement those changes.

Treasurer's Report, addendum: Lee advised the current CD (worth \$5883.52) was going to come due in or around June. Lee then made a motion to take \$5000 out of the general fund and add it to the CD at that time to generate more return on the interest. The motion was seconded; there was no discussion when called; on voting, the motion was passed. Lee also reported that the MSSA financial paperwork and taxes were done.

Membership Report: Lee advised there were 866 current paid members; of those, there were 668 standard adult members, plus 7 beneficiary life, 4 honorary life, 140 standard life, and 44 junior members. Lee reported a gain in life memberships, but that 4 life members had also died in the past

year. There were 33 paid affiliates, excluding those who were expected to renew but still had not yet done so; some Board members advised they would make personal contact with certain clubs about their status. Lee inquired after Lindenwood University which had not renewed; a discussion followed. Lee reported he had found a listing of all fifty state associations for the Comp database and would be contacting them for a mutual exchange of publications, the newsletters to go to the Secretary.

OLD BUSINESS

Kevin reported on the pending tax exemption status; still plodding along, and the IRS had sent more paperwork. Zac made changes to the new draft MSSA brochure and replaced some pictures; he then passed out an example to the Board for review; the cost for printing a thousand high-quality color glossy brochures, pre-folded, would run about \$200 to \$225, plus shipping; discussion followed on what pictures should be included and the number of brochure needed; Lee made a motion that 1000 of the new brochures just reviewed be produced to have on hand now and that two alternate brochures also be designed; discussion followed, then the motion was seconded and passed. There was discussion on putting a "Shooter Spotlight" section on the website, highlighting top competitors. Mona advised that Michael Meyer was still not subscribed to the Board's group mailing list; she would continue to work to get him on it. The Board then took a short break. After the Board reconvened, Kevin announced there would be a shooting sports summit, June 23-25 in Colorado Springs, CO, and had a web address for more information (www.nssf.org). Tim then provided a detailed report on the noise nuisance lawsuit against Cedar Creek Rod and Gun Club, followed by a report on legislative issues; there was discussion on both matters. The Board then discussed plans regarding the Annual Gun Rights Rally.

NEW BUSINESS

Zac inquired on the status regarding a recommendation he made a couple of months ago to the Juniors Committee to donate \$250 to the Wildlife Clinic at Missouri Outback Wilderness Lodge; Lee responded that the Juniors Committee was still developing criteria for outgoing donations, and added that he had also been in contact with Johnny Everhart; discussion followed on the availability of general funds (most of the money in the fund covers the cost of printing mailing the quarterly newsletter), the funding of the new junior program; discussion included feedback on the funding of outside programs; the Juniors Committee decides outgoing donations for youth programs as the money comes out of the junior funds. The Board then discussed a donation to the Owensville Gun Club's M1's for Vets Project. Tim then advised he had been asked to volunteer to do the air gun shooting program during a 2-day Cub Scout day camp in Columbia for 6-10 year olds; he accepted, but advised that he needed one other person to help each day (8 hours, June 4th and 5th); Grace responded that she would get with John about finding him help. Lee had several items: The contribution to the Conservation Federation of Missouri was coming up and the Board needed to decide on continuing affiliation, the Board decided to continue to do so; Lee advised the NRA contacted him any time a new gun club opened up in MO and that he would then send a letter and complimentary newsletter to the new club inviting them to join MSSA; Lee next passed out a list of Board members' contact information, which the members present were to update and return; he then read a nice letter MSSA had received from Warren Loschky, the winner of the M1 Raffle; Lee advised he was in the process of reworking membership cards with Mona's help, with separate styled cards for different member types (standard adult, junior, and life) and requested color suggestions for the cards; Lee then reported on the MDC Annual Outdoors Adventures Expo at the Busch Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center set for July 26, that MSSA would get a free table if we wanted it; Zac volunteered to work the Expo, as did Stu.

A motion to adjourn was then seconded and passed, and the meeting was concluded at approximately 2:30 p.m.



TIME TO RENEW...?

If your MSSA membership expiration is close, please use the application on the back of this issue and renew now!

Hint: the newsletter envelope's label includes the expiration date in YYMMDD format.

MSSA MEETINGS IN 2008

The MSSA Board of Directors schedules quarterly meetings in order to conduct Association business. These meetings are open to the membership. Upcoming MSSA meetings will be held these dates at the Missouri Department of Conservation - Runge Nature Area (MDC-RNA), off 179 just north of Highway 50 West in Jefferson City:

July 12 - noon Oct 18 – noon

NOTE: The Annual Members Meeting will be January 24, 2009 at 2 p.m. at the Disabled American Veterans Hall in Jefferson City. The MSSA Awards Dinner will be at 6 p.m., same date and location. (Details as event nears.)

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- ✓ Be a current or former Missouri resident, and register Missouri as your state of residence.
- ✓ Be recommended by a current MSSA member, or request your own free 1-year membership.

If you qualify, or know someone who qualifies, just fill out an MSSA membership application, obtainable from either the MSSA website www.MissouriSportShooting.org or from the back of this publication.

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

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AD/ARTICLE DEADLINES

Feb 1 • May 1 • Aug 1 • Nov 1

MSSA is soliciting true and original shooting, hunting or firearms related articles by 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 the Editor of THE MISSOURI SHOOTER, at the postal or email address provided above.

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MSSA AFFILIATES

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