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Hosting Issues and Online Store

By Zachary Bauer

If you have visited our online site lately you may have noticed that a number of features have not been working. MSSA has undergone a change in the hosting server that houses our website and online resources including our store that sells memberships.

Our online forum was down for over an entire week and many members who use that venue could not communicate with other members throughout the state. The forum is also a prime source for 2nd Amendment news, and political opinions given by the individual members and so they rely on that being operational.

The forum was restored finally and the site back up and operational. We are still working out a few bugs with email and the online store but should have that back to 100% within a week or so. It's just a matter of finding the time to work on it. Everyone at MSSA is a volunteer.

Many of the members who found themselves without a forum online quickly took to facebook in order to stay connected and speculate how long it would be before the site would return to normal. MSSA has a facebook page and so that was helpful to our members.

The reason for the downtime was the need for cheaper hosting in this economic downturn our country is facing. It was just too expensive to keep the hosting we had and so a move was necessary.

So we sincerely apologize to anyone that had to endure a few days without the use of the forums or who might have experienced a longer wait time than normal getting a membership processed.

The site should be back to 100% very soon and fully functional.

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The President's Podium

Kevin L. Jamison, MSSA President



STATUS SPRING 2011

The NRA Convention will return to St. Louis this spring on 13 through 15 April 2012. The last time the NRA came to St. Louis the turnout was enormous. I kept hearing a bell ringing and found that every time a life membership was sold the bell was rung. The bell rang and rang and rang. The convention had been moved to St. Louis on short notice when the previously selected city adopted an anti-gun ordinance. MSSA stepped up to help and contributed to the convention's success. See <http://www.nraam.org> for details and www.MissouriSportShooting.org to see how you can help. With all of the activities and exhibits, this can be an inexpensive vacation. Concealed carry is banned in the St. Louis convention center, which only shows that we have work yet to do.

The MSSA annual dinner and meeting will also be in April, on the 28th in the DAV hall in Jefferson City. The meeting has been moved to April to avoid the white fluffy global warming we had been threatened with during the winter months. We expect to have the door prizes we have enjoyed in the past. Awards for our outstanding shooters will be presented.

Rally Day will be held on 18 April, 2012 in Jefferson City. April has become a very busy month. Every year we hold Rally Day in order to promote bills we like and oppose bills that we dislike. In the absence of such bills we remind the legislators that there are a great many of us and not only do we vote, we come out and encourage others to vote.

The Board has been informed that some veteran's homes have banned gun possession by the veterans. These are not homes for the senile or otherwise mentally deficient. These are communities for men, and increasingly women, who have retired. I have seen other proposals that elderly people be disarmed. Some organizations that assist elderly persons with independent living will not assist people who have guns in the home. If a person is incompetent to possess firearms the family or county administrator can initiate guardianship proceedings. There is no need to arbitrarily disarm all elderly gun owners, which is where I fear this hysteria is headed. We all know shooters who have grown feeble and blind by age but who still enjoy holding their old guns and remembering times gone by.

Poor old Pennsylvania is still trying to lift the ban on Sunday hunting. The ban dates to a time when Sunday amusements were frowned upon. Since the sanctity of the Sabbath is no longer politically correct, it is claimed that the ban is to provide one "safe" day to enjoy the outdoors. These claimants seem to have learned all they know about hunting from Bambi in which every day is hunting season and anti-aircraft weapons are indiscriminately fired by Elmer Fudds. Missouri does not have this problem because we have had the benefit of strong sportsmen's organizations since 1878. With your help we will continue to have a strong sportsman's organization.

As always I thank you for the honor of being your president.

2012 Missouri Gun Show & Event List

Dec 30-1 Saint Charles, Conv. Center

Jan 06-08 Columbia, Boone County Fairgrounds

Jan 06-08 StL, Orlando Gardens Banquet Ctr.

Jan 14-15 Farmington, Farmington Civic Ctr.

Jan 14-15 Kansas City, KCI Expo Center

Jan 21-22 Springfield Ozark Empire Fairgrounds

Jan 21-22 Stover, Community Center

Jan 28-29 Kirksville, NEMO Fairgrounds

Jan 28-29 Sedalia, State Fairgrounds

Feb 03-05 St Charles, Heart of St. Charles

Feb 04-05 Joplin, John Q. Hammons Conv Ctr.

Feb 17-19 Branson, Lady of the Lake Ctr.

Feb 18-19 Kansas City, KCI Expo Center

Feb 18-19 Pacific, Pacific Eagles Club

Feb 25 Ozark, City Park, Ozark KNIFE SHOW

Feb 25-26 Lebanon, Cowen Civic Center

Mar 02-04 Poplar Bluff, Black River Coliseum

Mar 17-18 Springfield Ozark Empire Fairgrounds

Mar 17-18 Stover, Community Center

Apr 21-22 Sedalia, Conv. Hall in Liberty Park

May 19-20 Pacific, Pacific Eagles Club

More shows to be listed soon. MSSA thanks Gun Shows USA for getting us this information to provide to our members.

RENEW ONLINE!!!

You can now renew your memberships online at our website.

2011 will be the first full year MSSA has allowed its membership to purchase and renew memberships at the website.

Many members have already discovered this convenience and have purchased their membership over the internet.

It's safe, secure, fast and easy.

Simply log on to missourisportshooting.org and select the "purchase membership" link on the left side of the page. Then select the membership option that is right for you.

Being a member of MSSA gives you an opportunity to purchase firearms from the Civilian Marksmanship Program as well as helping young shooters in Missouri compete in sport shooting activities all over the nation.

"I have been a member for the last few years, I signed up at your table the year we had the NRA convention in town.

Thanks so much for offering dues payment online.

I hate sending in checks."

- Jason, MSSA Member



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AFFILIATE OPPORTUNITIES

The Missouri Sport Shooting Association has NRA Instructor training opportunities through NRA Training Counselors and Senior Training Counselors. There are active MSSA members who are qualified for such duties. NRA shooting disciplines include Instructor training in:

- Basic Pistol Shooting
- Basic Rifle Shooting
- Basic Shotgun Shooting
- Muzzleloading Pistol, Rifle and Shotgun
- Personal Protection in the Home
- Home Firearm Safety
- Metallic and Shotgun Reloading
- Range Safety Officer and Chief Range Safety Officer
- Refuse To Be A Victim

And for the more advanced

- Training Counselor
- training can be acquired.*

Training is available on site. For qualifying Affiliate Clubs, financial aid is available to help offset cost.

For info, contact:

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Though MSSA may not be able to help with finances, non-affiliated and out of state clubs can also contact Lee for training information.

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Take A Child Hunting!

Photo above sent in by Ryan Record

This is my 8 year-old niece with her first deer that she shot with her custom AR-15 that Jon Counts and I put together. First thing she told me on the phone...."I shot it right in the neck!" and then my daughter also told me "Dad.... did you know Samantha shot that deer right in the neck!" Indeed, I did.
I love my family! :)

The gun is a Spikes Tactical 14.5" upper with permanently attached smith vortex flashhider, lower is a Tactical Innovations with Vltor stock...with a red dot site for all you "gun-guys". This is a perfect gun for kids since it is small, no scope to hit them in the face, and easy to use since it has the short-adjustable stock, a forward grip, and minimal recoil. She used 64gr Moly-Coated PowerPoints in .223. She shot it at 40 yards. - Ryan

NEXT MSSA MEETING:

January 14, 2012 (Planning meeting for NRA Convention)

AWARDS DINNER MEETING

April 28, 2012

(Reserve your seat, at door prices will be higher this year)

Magazine Buck

By Steve Wise - MSSA Member

I have a term for bucks like the one that could have caused my death many years ago: magazine buck, like when we drool over the glossy page of some outdoors magazine as we study the details of the Christmas tree rack under the grinning visage of the fortunate hunter. He was like that, my magazine buck. I think of him often, think of the moment when our eyes met for the only time in that instant just before he zipped to the east and I zipped to the south, as in “down”.

I had been in the tree stand, eighteen feet high, for two hours and dusk was settling in around me, the woods transformed into a comprehensive shadow in seemingly a matter of moments. It was time to leave. I hooked my



bow to the line, lowered it to the ground. I swept my vision one last time toward the field's edge and it was then that two indistinct forms took shape seventy-five yards distant. I froze, squinted into the gloaming, saw movement toward the field. The first buck was a yearling, and he entered the field with the recklessness of whitetail youth. The second buck, full-bodied and tall, carried a very good rack, probably eight points; it was too dark to count. He eased into the fading light only after watching the yearling for a full two minutes. Then a great form that I had not detected materialized, and I sucked in a shallow breath as I locked in on it. Another couple of minutes oozed by—sand stuck in the hourglass. Finally assured by the lesser bucks that there was no danger, my magazine boy eased into the field. He cranked his neck directly away from me and could clearly detect that the typical rack width was a half foot beyond the points of his ears, symmetrical, tall tines, stunning. I don't remember what came out of my mouth in the little spurt of a whisper that escaped me, but no matter, it was likely unprintable. It didn't matter that my bow was on the ground; it was too late to take a shot and there was little possibility that he would retreat from the field. All that mattered was my ability to slip from the tree and out of the woods without disturbing him. A simple thing.

The first step from the stand was left boot on a four-inch limb, the remaining steps were metal, screw-in. As my boot found the familiar limb I took a final glance toward the buck. I have no clear memory of making a sound, but the great head and rack jerked toward me, followed by a woofing snort that could have passed for a wounded buffalo, and then all three bucks evaporated as if erased by unseen powers. A second later, three things happened within a fraction of the ensuing second: I was in free fall, I clamped the bear hug of my life around the twenty-inch hickory, and I jerked to a halt. The latter happening was joyous until the pain registered in my crotch, at which locality I was impaled on a metal step. I have no memory whatsoever about just how I managed to become un-impaled, but I can report that tiny bark shards were later detected under three fingernails, two of which were mangled to some degree. Nor do I have any memory whatsoever of climbing the remaining four steps to the ground. When my heart rate receded to low triple figures, I slumped to the grass and took stock of the sad situation: absolutely no person on earth knew where I was, I carried no cell phone, and I was a half-mile from my truck. On these facts I did not dwell, nor did I dare to look at my wound, now seeping blood down my leg. Idiotically (at least it seems so as I write this) I unhooked my bow, clasped it in my right hand, and began the long trudge. I hummed tunes, trained my thoughts on pleasantries past as best I could. Right boot forward, left boot

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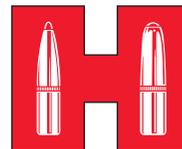
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forward, steady pace, listen to the tunes blend with the swishing of the long grass, until I finally spy my truck. I found an old towel behind the seat, stuffed it under me, and dropped the gear selector into Drive. Radio loud, rock music, maybe Hendricks finger knifing his way through Purple Haze, or the Allman Brothers heaping love on the South. Sing with them, see the pavement, see the gravel road, see the driveway to the house, brake to a jerking halt. Breathe, deeply, and thankfully that my wife, Cathy, is a veteran registered nurse who has seen it all. But maybe not this.

She reclines on the bed, watching television, stares at me in disgruntled wonderment as I walk toward the shower past her fully clothed in camo coveralls and dirty boots.

“Steve! What in the...”

“I have a problem.”

“What does that mean?”

“You’ll see.”

I un-boot, strip off my coveralls, then my underwear. I feel the need to lean on the lavatory. “Come here.” I point to my lower unit. “How bad?”

“Dear Gwwwaaaaadddd! How did you do...?”

“Doesn’t matter...just tell me how bad.”

“Get some clothes back on, we’re going to the ER and get that stitched up.”

I finally look down, finger my shriveled manhood aside for the big peek. I can see shiny membrane-like stuff through the hole in the middle of my scrotum. I let a wave of nausea pass like a slow wave over my bow. Then the vision passes before me: Flat on my back, Gestapo lights in my eyes, multiple gloved hands doing multiple sharp things, tugging, medical mutterings, maybe a muffled chuckle in the background.

“That’s not happenin’.”

Icy silence, but only for a moment. “Listen to me, you big ****head, if that gets infected I cannot describe to you...”

“Shhhh...yes, yes, I know...it’s all about infection, but I’m tellin’ you you’re gonna have to fix it.”

“Steve!”

“I’m not going.”

“Sweet Lord...”

“Look, you can salve it up...kinda glue down the flap...you know a dozen docs that’ll call in some heavy duty antibiotics for you. You can check and see what it looks like every hour if you want. Come on...please.”

“You’re impossible!”

“I know...but I’m yours.”

“So help me, if you end up in a hospital bed I will put my foot up your stubborn ass in that very bed...so help me.”

“I’ll pull the covers back for a clear shot. You’re a sweetheart, babe.”

“Get in that shower and turn it hot enough to boil lobster, and you soap that mess, and LET IT HURT, MISTER, you got that!?”

“Yes, maam.”

“Dear Gwwaaadddd! Men!”

Except for the inerasable memory of the shower, the epilogue is happy. However, for what it's worth, I did prove that it is relatively easy to suck in through clamped teeth enough water to require frequent swallowing. The hole healed without issues beyond a lingering and exquisite soreness that was richly deserved. I accepted it like penance, however unholy it actually was. I still belong to my indomitable, steel magnolia, Cathy. I hope that my magazine boy escaped all arrows and bullets, hope that he lived for years and gleefully squirted his magnificent seed all over Boone County. And I do hope that all who read this will remember that if my impaling had been a couple of inches deeper, or about three inches to either side, or if (this hurts to even imagine) the metal step had caught under my chin...well... paint your own pictures if you care to, which you may well not.

A year later, after I made a bad shot and stuck a broad head in a tree, a buddy who was two hundred yards away at the time, and to whom I confessed the errant shot, later went back to the tree and found the broad head, sawed it from the tree, and presented it to me with a guffaw. To this tree chunk is stapled a section of my skivvies, complete with dark blood stains surrounding a hole. It resides on my office desk. I have told the story often to all who enter the deer woods.

May you all see your magazine deer one day. When you do, be careful.

Be very careful.



NEWSLETTER Updates!



By Lee Koester Secretary/Treasurer

SECRETARY:

Newsletter online only?????

Finally, I have cleaned up the membership database and can begin the process of honoring the online only requests. If you do not wish to receive the newsletter by mail, just let me know and you can view online only. REMEMBER, you can be put back on the mailing list at any time. Just have to let me know.

Contact me at leekoester@hotmail.com . MSSA ONLINE ONLY on header line and give name, address and city in email body, for verification

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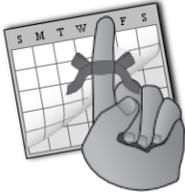
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TREASURER:

We now have an account for MSSA Foundation Donation. We are hoping to have our 501c3 status in 2011 for those of you who wish to make tax deductible donations. We will keep you informed of progress.



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 MEETING NOTICE:

The next MSSA Board of Directors meeting:

(January 14, 2012)

American Legion Post 202 Hall, 600 Legion Lane, Columbia, Mo.

All MSSA Members are strongly encouraged to attend.

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To Missouri's Active Duty Military

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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

THE MISSOURI SHOOTER newsletter is published quarterly and normally mailed in the first half of the month following a quarterly Board meeting. **DEADLINES:** Articles and advertisements are due by Feb 1, May 1, Aug 1, and Nov 1 for inclusion in that month's publication.

THE MISSOURI SHOOTER is distributed to MSSA members and interested parties free of charge at the discretion of the MSSA Board of Directors for the purpose of the free exchange of ideas, information and education related to gun ownership, shooting, hunting, firearms and related topics. Authors and article sources will be attributed if known. **THE MISSOURI SHOOTER** shall endeavor to print true and factual information and note when facts and figures are not verifiable. Readers are cautioned to corroborate for themselves the validity of any questionable information. Errors or corrections should be submitted in writing and will be printed in the following issue. In no case shall MSSA, its officers or members be liable for any accidental misinformation. In any event, the Editor reserves the right to reject submissions or edit for clarity, length, accuracy, language and appropriateness, and to prevent libel.

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.

Reserve Dinner Seats!

MSSA Annual Dinner is coming up. Be sure to reserve your seat now!

Reserve your seat at the Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner.

To be held April 28, 2012 at DAV chapter 17 building at 5054 Monticello Rd., Jefferson City, Mo.

Meeting to begin at 2pm. and Dinner to begin at 6pm.

Dinner costs will be \$15 per person (pre-register) again this year. \$20 per person at the door.

Same great meal. Same great friends.

Door prizes and silent auctions will again be among the activities.

This is the place where the drawing for the M1 Garand is held. Buy raffle tickets to be eligible.

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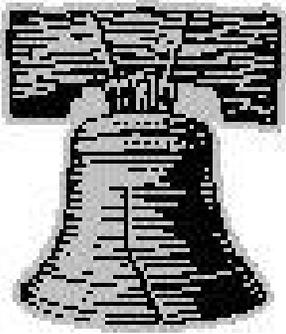
Hoi polloi Not Invited By Zac Bauer (Editors opinion)

As MSSA member Dan Smith noted on the MSSA forum, the good (and well to do) folks of West County STL have finally come to the miraculous conclusion that relocation and sterilization for the ever growing mass deer population does not work. (Duh)

Despite the best effort and well meaning intentions of delusional liberals who think of themselves as the supreme intelligentsia of modern society, the dawning realization of past efforts has concluded that they may in fact have to give additional credence to the idea of actually killing deer (GASP) in order to lower the population in their neighborhoods. The *Post Dispatch* recently reported that a contract had been awarded to a firm that would carry out the “killings” on plots of land that were larger than 1 acre with the approval of land owners.

Still there were outcry's from residents who despite the increase of vehicle accidents and intrusions by the deer, didn't want to see shooting going on in their neighborhoods. Voting board members made clear that the shootings would be carried out by professionals and not your average deer hunters. That means you and me I guess. I'm not sure how one elevates to the position of professional 'deer killer'. Is there a college class I can enroll in?

Let's hope at least the meat gathered is put to use somehow and not just dumped.



Liberty Notes

By Kevin L. Jamison

Winter 2011

It is a good day for Liberty.

I keep hearing that certain wars were the, "Wrong war in the wrong place at the wrong time." I wonder at the criteria used. Dad rarely spoke about WW II, but he never said it was the best war in the best place at the perfect time.

A recent case from the Southern District Court of Appeals found that a violation of the gun safety rules was sufficient to support a conviction for manslaughter. It also supports Armed Criminal Action, which is a mandatory three years in prison, no probation, no parole. In this case the man will not only feel sorry for his fatal mistake, he will feel sorry in prison. Keep your gun pointed in a safe direction.

The "Fast and Furious" scandal grows. The Obama administration allowed guns to be smuggled from US dealers to the Mexican drug cartels. The dealers (contrary to reputation) complained to the BATF that they were being required to sell to bad guys, but were told to continue making the sales. The Obama administration then stated it was shocked, shocked, to discover that American guns were in Mexico. We were then told that we must give up some of our rights because of these guns. Administration officials denied knowing about the program, but e-mails and other record prove they were lying. Administration apologists claim that the program had to send guns to Mexico because we would not give up our rights. They expect that we are stupid enough to buy the argument. We can only imagine the stunts they will pull if they are re-elected.

The Missouri gun groups have not endorsed a Presidential candidate as of this date. The Republican candidates have all staked out a pro-gun position; some have a better history with us than others. No matter which one gets the nomination, we shall have to make sure he or she is elected. The leader in the polls continues to shift. Mitt Romney, always in the top two or three places in each poll has some bad history with us. Four years ago the Gun Owners Action League in Massachusetts wrote that much of this history was due to Massachusetts politics. It was not a ringing endorsement, but an indication that we can work with him as president. The worst Republican could not do us the harm in a first term that Obama would do in a second.

The Kansas City Star, a daily tabloid, printed a front page story claiming that felons were getting their gun rights back and committing crimes. The story was a near hysterical screed cribbed from the New York Times. In Missouri there is no expungement statute. There are only two ways to clear a record; get a pardon from the governor, an expensive, slow and uncertain process or if the DNA test comes back proving absolute innocence. In the case of absolute innocence the Department of Public Safety always contests these cases. In Kansas there is a possibility of expungement for some cases, but a court appearance is required. This screed has appeared in newspapers across the country. Curious timing. The "Fast and Furious" scandal is finally penetrating the media blackout, and this appears to be cover for the anti-gun side.

MSSA MEETINGS

Board meetings held at
American Legion Post 202 bldg.
600 Legion Ln., Columbia, Mo.
Directions: From Hwy 70 take
Hwy 63 South. Take Broadway/
WW exit east approx 1/2 mile
to Legion lane. Follow Legion
lane to top of hill to American
Legion bldg.

January 14, 2012 (Planning
meeting for Convention)

ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER:
April 28, 2012
(Reserve your seat)

The next MSSA meeting
will be held on Jan. 14th,
2012

Mark your calendars now!

We must have people respond to anti-gun articles in newspapers, radio or the internet. Every little bit helps. We cannot allow the public much less the politicians to believe that we shall let these things slide.

The venerable Gun Week magazine will convert to a monthly, supplemented by a web site. We shall all be sorry to see it go. For decades it has been timely, reliable and informative.

A nationwide reciprocity bill has overwhelmingly passed the House of Representatives. It is expected to die in the Senate. As a practical matter, we must assume that some representatives voted for it because it was expected to die in the senate. The bill has some problems from our standpoint. It is a start and we must start somewhere. The reaction from the other side has been hysterical even by the standards of persons who print books like, "Every Handgun is Aimed at You." The benefit of bills such as this, even if they are expected to die in the senate, is that they tend to crowd out anti-gun bills. Given the hysteria it has drawn, we may see a backlash, but we cannot stop moving forward.

We have finished shooting the second edition of the DVD "Missouri Concealed Carry and Self-Defense Law." It took eleven hours to shoot and is expected to be a three-hour DVD. Editing and special effects to make me look smart are in progress and it will be available for sale by the first week in December. Contact www.LearnToCarryProductions.com to order.

Certain parents are suspicious of inoculations for measles and have turned to the internet to purchase spit from infected children which they use in an attempt to give their children measles and thus an immunity to the disease later in life. As I understand the story, they are suspicious of Food and Drug Administration approved and medically accepted inoculations but will buy spit on the internet from someone they do not know and could not find if they had to. If their kid does not get measles and gets food poisoning instead what is the recourse? When I was a child I was told not to take candy from strangers and these people are buying strange spit for their children.

There is a discount tobacco store three quarters of a mile south of me, and another a tenth of a mile north of me. This is good; a person should not have to drive too far to get cancer. They also have pipe cleaners which I find essential for cleaning my AR-15.

A couple of our members have donated belly-button protectors towards our next drawing. They were clearly designed as belt buckles but I am looking at them and they are enormous. They will prevent alien probes of your belly-button and any other belly-button related atrocities. We will set up a new drawing just as soon as we have a firearm as the big prize.

"One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors." Attributed to Plato. If we don't vote, it makes it easy for the opposition to steal the election. There is no good reason for making it easy for the opposition.

I have seen another defendant appear in court wearing a T-Shirt featuring Al Pachino's psychotic drug dealer character from the movie "Scarface" ("Say hello to my little friend!") The fool was pleading guilty to a drug offence and was clearly mystified that the judge was giving him a hard time. Appearances mean more than they should. People know that we are gun nuts. We are always on display and must behave accordingly. Some of the more provocative slogans may draw a smile from our people, but not the people we are trying to convince. They may have a very opposite reaction. We must consider the reactions of outsiders to our buttons and bumper stickers. We must even consider their reaction to showing up in camouflage. People react better to similar people. We do not have to look like liberal yuppies, but we cannot be too far off the average if we expect people to listen to us.

We shall overcome.

Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes for October 8, 2011.

Meeting began at noon with viewing of MSSA club business card designed mainly for event distribution. Card has MSSA logo along with Name, Address and website address on front and mission statement on reverse side.

After discussion meeting was officially called to order by VP Grace Leinberger.

There were 12 board members present and 4 members at large.

Meeting minutes of April meeting called to accept and second.

Treasurer's report was given by Lee Koester. It was stated that the additional money approved for CD when mature was not used due to long term required to get best interest rate. Rate still very low but best offered by any institution in Columbia.

General fund has sufficient funds available for upcoming NRA Convention in St. Louis in 2012. Call for approval of report given and second.

Secretary Lee Koester gave membership report. We currently have 676 Adult and Junior annual members and Life members. Affiliate numbers 25 at the present time. Membership is holding somewhat steady or declining slowly in these hard economic times. Move to approve Secretary's report and second.

Executive Officer Phil Anderson mentioned upcoming Junior High Power match for 2012. Limited to Junior shooters age 12 thru 17. Watch for further announcements.

Juniors Director John Leinberger gave report on Juniors programs and upcoming Junior Camps. Smallbore Camp dates for 2012 are June 14-17 and July 12-15. High Power Camp is May 24-26.

John mentioned that he sent 2 active Junior Program people for Coach training. This will help John and ensure the programs continuing effort.

Discussion about MSSA Foundation election of Officers. Motion was made to elect Foundation board at Annual meeting. Second.

Mail and More is currently sending our newsletter via bulk mail. They spray postage and deliver to mail station. It was discussed and motion made that Mail and More will stamp, return address label and mail address label the newsletters for only a small additional cost. Second.

The legal efforts in the Missouri Legislature have become more harried and are expected to be a larger problem in the future. It was proposed and second that MSSA along with other gun organizations hire Kerry Messer to be our eyes and ears in the Legislature. MSSA's portion will be \$1000.

January 14, 2012 noon meeting will be held at American Legion Post 202 hall, 600 Legion Lane., Columbia, Mo.

Meeting will be a planning meeting for NRA Convention along with general business.

State Smallbore Championships

The second and fourth weekends of September saw SB shooters gather at Bucksnot Range for the 2011 State Championships. The weather was fantastic with mild temperatures and very little wind condition. The shooting was dominated by Missouri's own (and MSSA member) Garrett Spurgeon(17), a high school senior from Canton. He just happens to be the current national Intermediate junior champion, national junior champion, national civilian champion, and national championship runner up for 3-position. He has also signed a national letter of intent to take his shooting talent to West Virginia, a perennial national shooting power.

Garrett started the prone championship off with an outstanding iron sight score of 1598-115X. He followed up the next day with an any sight score of 1599-141X for an aggregate of 3197-256X. That was 7 points better than the nearest competitor and set a range record for the 3200 aggregate. In the any sight aggregate, seven of eighteen competitors shot a 1595 or better including a perfect 1600 shot by Mike Barron from St. Louis. The special 200 yard match was won by Harold Miederhoff from Columbia with a decent score of 198-9X. This is shot using the pit operated targets and is really a fun competition.

An interesting side note to the competition was a tie of 400-39X in the 50 yard any sight. The tie breaking rules say to look at the targets in reverse order of shooting. They came up identical, that is, the non-X was on the same bull. The rules say to count center shots meaning inside the X-ring. Scorers worked over the targets and found the same number of center shots for both competitors. The reverse order was applied again and a winner determined, finally. In many years of competing in SB tournaments with less than 30 competitors, this is a first for the author.

In the 3-position championship two weeks later, Garrett showed that he has promise to be a star on the national scene. He won all six fired matches and the three aggregates to again dominate the firing line. We will miss Garrett at many of our competitions in the mid-west as he goes in pursuit of higher education. We wish him the best and hope to see him do well at the college level of shooting.

Coaches Needed

MSSA is in need of more coaches for shooting events. If you like shooting and working with young upcoming shooters and don't mind to travel on our dime to different matches in Missouri and elsewhere, please contact us.

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ITEM FOR SALE

One of our members has a firearm for sale. He asked us to have it listed here:

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Contact: Don 816-524-1687

Do you have an interesting Gun Show experience? Feel free to write in and share it with MSSA and we will put it in our newsletter.



Meeting Locations

The next MSSA meeting will be held in Columbia on
January, 14th. (Convention Planning)

American Legion Post 202 bldg. 600 Legion Ln.,
Columbia, Mo.

Annual Meetings are held in Jefferson City

JOIN MSSA ON FACEBOOK



MSSA is now on Facebook. The current estimates are that over 500+ million people are now on facebook around the world with over half logging on every day.

If you have a facebook account, please log on and add our page to your profile by clicking on the "Like" botton. Then be sure to share with your friends by encouranging them on your wall to "Like" the page as well.

The MSSA facebook page will be updated anytime there is a new event scheduled on the MSSA website or anytime another newsletter gets published. MSSA members are encouraged to write on the MSSA facebook wall as well.

There is a direct link to the MSSA facebook page on our website or you can search on facebook for "Missouri Sport Shooting".



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Official tickets for MSSA raffle drawing. M1 Raffle sponsored by The Missouri Sport Shooting Association and the Civilian Marksmanship Program.
Any tickets arriving after drawing date will automatically be entered into the next M1 Raffle. Copies can be made for additional tickets.



MSSA Membership Application

Renewal New Application

- Annual **JUNIOR** Dues (under 18) – only \$5
 Juniors must also provide Date of Birth: _____
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