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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

Future and Past

I have been re-elected as your president. I am responsible for our future, but I have been dwelling on the past as well. There is an election in our future which will decide policy, treaties, statutes, regulations, and appointments of administrators and judges both great and small. All can have an effect on the future of our sport. Our Association does not endorse candidates; there are organizations which do, and I urge you to consult them.

I have seen advertisements for a book called *Don't Vote It Just Encourages the Bastards*. The book seems to be an attempt at comedy but I strongly disagree with the title. Voting **discourages** "the bastards." If we do not vote, politicians will take that as an indication that we do not care what is going on. I am often told that "They" have fixed all elections, and it does no good to vote. The failure to vote makes it easier to fix an election. If there is a large voter turnout, the ominous, anonymous "They" will have to steal more votes in order to fix the results, which makes it more likely they will be noticed. The declaration that election results are pre-ordained is simply an excuse to do nothing. I have no time for such lazy complainers.

The MSSA Annual Dinner went well, as usual. Again it was at the DAV Hall in Jefferson City. The Hall put on a great meal. The speaker was from Camp Hope, which is a retreat for wounded military members (www.CampHopeUSA.org). It offers a variety of activities, including hunting, to replace bad memories of shooting with good ones. After one session, a veteran gave a staff member the bullet he had planned to use on himself.

In the recent past, over 73,000 NRA members attended the Convention in St. Louis. This is a new record. This success, and that of the St. Louis Convention five years ago, makes it likely that the Convention will return to us in the future. Lee Koester manned our booth at the Convention and was the face of our Association for thousands of Missourians. Well-done Lee. I noticed a number of companies at the Convention are based Missouri. A St. Louis company is making a "Double Tap" derringer. The gun is an evolution on the traditional derringer. The inventor told me that they had orders for 20,000 of the guns, but had not started production. I wish I could do that well with my book and DVD.

An article about the distant past has been accepted by Hot Brass magazine regarding an ordinary hardware store shotgun which has been in my family since 1900. It saw ordinary use on the farm killing skunks that threatened the chickens or killing doves for the table. In 1945, my Aunt Carole used it to run off thieves. The war was over, people had gasoline, and they used it to drive to the country and steal persimmons growing on the farm. The persimmons were Aunt Carole's personal crop, and she took up the old 12 gauge and ordered the rustlers off the property. Aunt Carole was 12 years old at the time, and the gun over two-thirds her size. But, no one wanted to trifle with a 12-gauge girl, and the persimmons went to market with her. The old gun has not fired in over 60 years. In the fullness of time it will be handed down to some new 12-gauge girl, or boy. Someday that worthy will drive her car, which runs on sunshine and good intentions, to a range MSSA fought to preserve. She will shoot skeet with a shotgun firing caseless ammunition and which adjusts for gauge, choke, range, wind and shot size with the touch of a finger, or perhaps good intentions. She will have the old persimmon gun to remind her of the shooters who have gone before.

I thank-you for the honor of being your president.



Owensville Gun Club / Missouri Sport Shooting Association **HIGH POWER YOUTH CAMP 2012**

by Don Merritt

The Owensville Gun Club and the Missouri Sport Shooting Association joined facilities and equipment on May 24, 25 and 26 to host a Junior High Power Rifle Camp for area juniors. The Camp drew students from Belle, Owensville, and St. Louis and was coordinated by John Leinberger, Civilian Marksmanship Program Junior Shooting Director for the State of Missouri.

On Thursday, 24 May afternoon, the students were instructed in firearms safety, AR 15 features and controls, range equipment, sight alignment/sight picture, breathing, trigger control, and follow through. The course of fire and range commands were then introduced. After the classroom work, the group moved to the range where they were issued their equipment and went through the set up process. The course was designed to use the AR rifle, and as an introduction to firing, the AR rifle used had a .22 caliber conversion unit installed. The last task of the day was confirmation of the zero of the rifles at 50 yards with the conversion units installed.

On Friday, 25 May, the day started at 8 am with a hearty breakfast: egg omelet, hash browns, biscuits, orange juice and milk.

After breakfast, the group moved to the range and set up their equipment. They were then joined by Mark Ehlert, a long time competitive shooter who has many competitions and medals to his credit. Mark discussed and demonstrated the prone position; and the students, assisted by their instructors, did some prone firing practice. Mark then discussed and demonstrated the methods for shooting rapid fire prone, which requires the shooter to be standing, then drop to prone on command, and fire. The students then practiced rapid fire standing-to-prone. After a break, Mark discussed and demonstrated the procedure for rapid fire standing-to-sitting, and then the students practiced standing-

to-sitting. Lunch followed this exercise, with the students returning to the range at 12:45, at which time Mark discussed and demonstrated the standing /off-hand position followed by the student practicing the standing position. Following a short break, each rifle was converted back to .223 by removing the conversion unit and replacing it with the .223 bolt, and then the rifles were checked for zero at 100 yards.

On Saturday, 26 May, after an omelet breakfast, the students were ready for a full-fledged rifle match in which they would fire 45 rounds for record, using all the proper range commands and within the time limits set for competition. The match proved daunting for the students ranging from 12 to 14 years of age. The pace and concentration required, combined with the heat that day, left a pretty wrung out group at the end of the Camp.

All of this training and shooting was done under the strictest safety considerations by trained, experienced instructors. The Club Motto is "Safety First and Always." This is the first of what the Club hopes will be an annual event. We encourage anyone with an interest in competitive shooting to contact the Club (OwensvilleGunClub.org) or MSSA for further information.



Standing, left to right: Patrick Grosvenor, Ben Stewart, Ian Nelson, Grant Amsden, and Connor Fuchs
Kneeling, left to right: Mark Ehlert, Don Merritt, Phil Anderson, Kurt Emken, Paul Fisher, and Jim Miller

SHOUT BOX

From the Secretary:

We welcome our new affiliate:
Lafayette Gun Club – Lexington, Mo.

Welcome new or upgraded Life members:
Mark Buckner – Arnold, Mo.

Winner of the M-1 Garand rifle for 2011 is....
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From the Treasurer:

Okay, Okay, the winner is one of our newest Board members, Marc Perez!

We now have an account for MSSA Foundation Donation. We are hoping to have our 501c3 status in 2012 for those of you who wish to make tax deductible donations. We will keep you informed of progress.

You can now join, renew or upgrade online at:

www.MissouriSportShooting.org

register only one person per order please

Finally, we regret to report the passing of one of our members, Smith W. Dewlen of St. Louis, Mo. Our condolences to his family and friends.

From the Webmaster:

Mona here. I finally have login access to the website. I have updated pages recently, in the last couple of weeks. Changes were made to the MSSA Bylaws (from changes made at the April 2011 BOD meeting), the home page and the lists of affiliates and directors, a dead link was removed, another link was removed, but will be back soon, going to a new location. I do have some ideas (nothing extreme), so be looking for a few more tweaks and additions in the near future.

From the Newsletter Editor:

Mona here. Yes, I'm also the new newsletter editor; or to be more precise, I'm an old newsletter editor, recycled.

Regarding those changes in the MSSA Bylaws, I've posted those in the next column. A big thank-you to Don Merritt for getting that over to me.

I hope to be receiving articles from the membership. I would especially love to have articles from the sportshooters and competitors. Send in your stuff, dudes! Thanks!

CHANGES TO MSSA BYLAWS Per Board of Directors Meeting 4-9-2011

New Language:

Article IX – Membership

The following memberships are available to all American citizens of good repute in the following categories. The dues structure of each category shall be set annually by the Board of Directors.

- A) Individual Annual Membership
- B) Individual Annual Junior Membership (no voting privileges, special membership category for junior shooters). Junior members shall be under 18 years old.
- C) Individual Life Membership
- D) Individual Benefactor Membership
- E) Affiliate Membership (Club or Organization)
- F) Military (One year free. Submit signed declaration of Missouri residency and active duty military service)
- G) Individual Honorary Life Membership (Granted by Board -- individual holds no voting privileges; may be revoked by the Board.)

The Following Listings Were Rescinded:

- F) Club Associate Membership (no voting privileges)
- G) Sustaining Member
- H) Silver Sustaining Member
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CMP COMPETITIONS

BY MARC PEREZ

One of the benefits of MSSA membership is the ability to purchase from the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP): www.odcmp.com/sales.htm

As a youngster, I was always fascinated with the M-1 Garand. I owned several of these through the years, but sold the old surplus ones with badly worn barrels and less than attractive stocks. The better grades of CMP Garands came with “new” barrels and stocks, which made for great accuracy with open sights at 200 yards, the distance at which the CMP competitions are held. The CMP also offers accessories and ammunition.

The interesting fact that nearly all M-1 Garands are created to the same specifications makes for an opportunity to mix and match parts. There were some very early models with variations, but these are rare to find now. Since the end of WW II, the configuration by the many manufacturers has been consistent.

As a result of the CMP program, I found out more about the CMP M-1 Garand competitions. In our MSSA newsletters and other publications, you can find these competitions throughout Missouri and the United States. The CMP match schedule can be found at the CMP website.

Although I am certainly not an M-1 Garand champion shooter by any means, the competitions are very low in price and provide an occasion to meet other M-1 Garand shooters. (The competition

includes M-1 Carbine and Springfield Bolt Action 30-06 rifles as well.)

Two weeks prior to my first CMP competition, there was a “Match clinic.” (I would highly recommend you attend an orientation for any shooting competition.) While the series of instructions for each phase of shooting the 55 rounds required were loud and clear, the “tips” for shooting the match were given very well by the CMP certified instructor in the clinic with an opportunity to ask questions and receive

help with the fine points of shooting a match.

Working the “pit” in the competition was also an experience like none other. Being “down range” with the projectiles flying overhead was a unique experience. The competitions are scored and timed, so target marking and score keeping in the pit looks like a factory mass production line. It took very little orientation to be taught how to do this.

The competitions also allow you to see some of the wonderful clubs and ranges we have in Missouri. I live on the east side of Missouri and happen to be a member of Bench Rest Rifle Club (BRRC) in Wright City (www.ShootingStL.com). Also on this side of the state is the Owensville Gun Club (www.OwensvilleGunClub.org). Both hold CMP competitions and are affiliates of the MSSA. For recognized competitions, membership in the club is not required; such is the case for most private shooting clubs in Missouri.

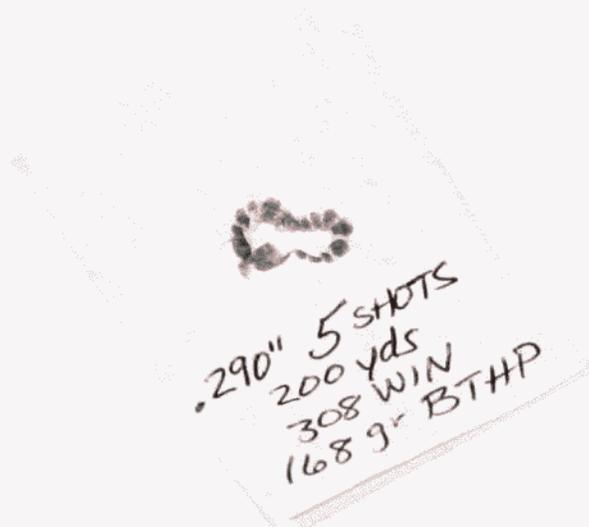
We all, of course, enjoy shooting sports. CMP competition (or just the fun of owning and firing one of these vintage rifles) is certainly a venue to consider if you are interested in expanding your shooting interests. It has certainly expanded my knowledge and shooting enjoyment.



All photos taken at Bench Rest Rifle Club, March 2012.

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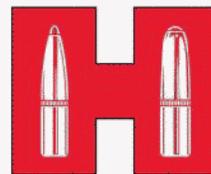
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In the "pit," you raise the target at the instruction of the event line coordinator.

You do not look at the target, but rather the dirt on the bank beyond. When impact from the bullet is seen, you lower the target, record the score, put a dot on the hole, and raise it back up for the next shot.

With all the rounds going at the same time, you have to look for the impact beyond, because it is difficult to see the target when standing directly below it.



Remaining State Championship Matches For 2012

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| June 2..... State High Power Rifle Championship (Individual)
Bucksnot Shooting Club, Marshall, MO | Sept 15..... State Outdoor Pistol Championship
Green Valley Rifle & Pistol Club, Columbia, MO |
| June 3..... Team Championship & EIC Matches
Bucksnot Shooting Club, Marshall, MO | Sept 16..... State Team and NRA Distinguished Revolver & Pistol Matches
Green Valley Rifle & Pistol Club, Columbia, MO |
| June 9..... State Service Rifle Championship
Benchrest Rifle Club of St. Louis | Sept 22-23... State Smallbore 3 Position Championship
Bucksnot Rifle Club, Marshall, MO |
| June 10 Team Championship & EIC Matches
Benchrest Rifle Club of St. Louis | Oct 6..... State Midrange Rifle Championship
Bucksnot Shooting Club, Marshall, MO |
| July 15..... State M-1 Garand
Owensville Gun Club, Owensville MO | Oct 7..... Team Championship
Bucksnot Shooting Club, Marshall, MO |
| Sept 8-9..... State Smallbore Conventional Prone Championship
Bucksnot Rifle Club, Marshall, MO | |



MINUTES – MSSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tentative, subject to Board approval.

April 28, 2012

by Lee Koester

Minutes from 2011 Annual Members Meeting held April 28, 2012. Meeting location: DAV Chapter 17, 5054 Monticello Road, Jefferson City, Missouri.

The meeting was called to order at 2 pm.

Officers and Board Members in attendance: President Kevin Jamison, Vice-President Grace Leinberger, Secretary/Treasurer Lee Koester; Board members, Stu Strickler, Larry Crawford, Mike Kight, Terry Brookman, Eric Burger, Greg Meredith, and the Director of Junior Programs, John Leinberger. [Board members not in attendance: Phil Anderson, Zac Bauer, Greg Jeffery, Donald Merritt, Michael Meyer, Mona Oliver, Sheila Stokes-Begley, and Terry Struse.]

Financial Report read by Lee Koester and approved. Just over \$17000 in Checking and just over \$17000 in CD accumulated over past 10 years. Question about how financial reports are backed up and secured. Lee Koester stated Financials are backed up to an MSSA-owned flash drive, Koester-owned zip drive and Koester-owned external hard drive; also, all paper statements from the bank were kept for 5 years. [Not stated but US Bank for checking and Merchants & Farmers Bank for CD information.]

The Membership Report was given by Lee Koester and approved. Membership stands at 681 (494 annual, 23 Junior and 164 Life members). Affiliate members stand at 25, with the Lafayette Gun Club recently joining.

Junior Director John Leinberger gives Jr Camp and Jr High Power camp dates same as October meeting.

John asked for approval to purchase a mobile storage trailer for Junior Camp use, and to be paid from Junior Program funds. Motion to approve purchase of trailer of sufficient size to suffice for present and future needs proposed by Stu Strickle. Discussion of titling to MSSA and insurance. Motion and seconded. Voice-vote approved.

Discussion about Club affiliates' use of MSSA logo on their banners. No problems encountered but will be approved or denied on request from affiliate, and banner must be surrendered to MSSA upon loss of affiliation. Each case will be handled individually.

Minutes of October meeting reviewed and approved. John Leinberger moved for approval, seconded by Grace Leinberger; motion was carried.

New business called.

Newsletter problem with current raffle tickets in newsletter. New changes must remove word "raffle" and replace with "drawing" and/or "donation." Inclusion of words "donation not required" was approved by USPS. Was determined this to be an executive order and determined to proceed.

Election of Board called.

Philip Anderson, Zac Bauer, Greg Jeffrey, Michael Meyer, Sheila Stokes-Begley and Stuart G. Strickler were due for reelection. Zac Bauer and Stuart Strickler had expressed their desire to be replaced. All others decided to rerun for election.

Nominations were called from the membership: Marc Perez and Dale Barron were nominated for election and placed on the slate.

Because the number of candidates did not exceed the number of Board positions open, there was a motion to temporarily suspend secret ballot, which was seconded and approved.

Slate approved via voice vote.

The Board of Directors were then called to elect Officers among themselves. Nominated:

- President: Kevin Jamison
- Vice President: Grace Leinberger
- Secretary: Lee Koester
- Treasurer: Lee Koester
- Executive Officer: Phil Anderson

Because there were no opposing candidates for any of the officer positions, a motion was made and seconded to temporarily suspend secret vote, and the slate was approved via voice vote.

No additional business.

Motion to adjourn the 2011 Annual Members Meeting at 2:50 pm was called and seconded.

2012 Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 2:51 pm.

Officers and Board Members in attendance: President - Kevin Jamison, VP - Grace Leinberger, Sec/Treas - Lee Koester, Board members, Marc Perez, Dale Barron, Larry Crawford, Mike Kight, Terry Brookman, Eric Berger, Greg Meredith, Jr Programs Director - John Leinberger.

Updated Board list will be emailed to each member upon update.

Dates for 2012 meetings are:

- July via electronic media only - July 14, 8 am through July 28, 5 pm.
- October 13, 2012, noon meeting at American Legion Hall, Columbia, Mo.
- January 12, 2013, noon meeting at American Legion Hall, Columbia, Mo.
- April 27, 2013, 2 pm, Annual Members Meeting and 6 pm, Awards Dinner at DAV Chapter Hall, Jefferson City, Mo.

Motion to adjourn 2012 meeting at 3pm and seconded.

Manning the MSSA Booth

by Lee Koester

Well, the convention is over and another clock starts to have another in St. Louis. More than 4 years from now. (Houston, Texas next year, Indianapolis, Indiana – 2014, Nashville, Tennessee – 2015, Louisville, Kentucky – 2016.)

I did not get much relief for our booth this year. Guess everyone was busy.

Dan Smith and I worked the booth Friday morning. Ron Wright, unexpectedly, helped when I had to go help RTBAV. Bob Sliger relieved him before I got back and sat with me for a while.

Saturday, Terry Brookman stopped by for a few seconds. Mark Buckner relieved me while I slid through the exhibit hall.

Sunday, Mark stopped by again and let me make the throne stroll. Zac came in around 1 pm, when I had to leave to help RTBAV for an Instructor workshop.

I did not get a chance to come back.

Across the aisle from our booth, there were two young ladies from a rescue and recovery insurance group out of California. They were friendly, vibrant and had the most beautiful smiles. I was thankful for their pleasant ways and wonderful conversation. They helped keep the weekend from being endless.

I want to thank those members who stopped by the booth and gave me a little relief. Your time and company were priceless and need to be acknowledged.

Thank you.

Last Chance!

*This is the last newsletter
out in time to remind you to
sign up your junior for Camp!*

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MSSA BOARD MEETINGS

Scheduled Meeting Dates

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October 13, 2012 at noon – American Legion, Columbia
January 12, 2013 at noon – American Legion, Columbia
MSSA Members Meeting – April 27, 2013 at 2pm at the DAV
MSSA Awards Dinner – April 27, 2013 at 6pm at the DAV

*Except for the Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner,
MSSA meetings are held at the following location:*

**American Legion Post 202
600 Legion Ln., Columbia, MO**

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FROM the I-70 and Hwy 63 interchange in Columbia,
GO SOUTH on Hwy 63 South to the Broadway / WW exit.
TAKE THE EXIT for Broadway / Route WW.
TURN LEFT (east) onto Route WW.
GO EAST on Route WW approx 1/2 mile to Legion lane.
TURN LEFT (north) onto Legion Lane.
The American Legion building is at the top of the hill.

The Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner will both be held at the "DAV," the Disabled American Veterans Chapter Hall in Jefferson City. More information, including map & directions, will be posted in the newsletter prior to these events.

Scheduled meeting dates & map links are also posted on:
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MISSOURI'S VERY OWN JACKBOOTED THUGS!

BY SHEILA STOKES-BEGLEY

And how proud we can be of that, right? What? Are you thinking Michelle Obama and her food police have arrived in Missouri? No, but close, very close!

A few months ago, I had a couple of my pet roosters, Sammy Joe and Rojo, who were in the house re-"coop"erating. I needed something to line the dog crates with so I could put wood shaving on the floor, so we bought a Democrat Missourian. (Which tells you in what high esteem we hold that particular publication!) But there is one column I like to read in there when we do end up with a copy. I like Larry Dablemont's Outdoors column. This one was entitled, "Eat More Rabbit." (Full Disclosure, I am a vegetarian. That's my choice, you don't try to force me to eat meat, I won't try to keep you from eating or hunting it. Seems fair to me.) Anyway, Eat More Rabbit, like I said, I like Larry's columns. It started out talking about his rabbit hunting and then started another topic that made me really sit up.

As you may remember, MSSA had a few issues with the Missouri Department of Conservation a few years ago. (Former board member Zac Bauer really led the charge that time.) The MDC was being taken over by, shall we say, those who really don't have hunting/shooting/ trapping/ fishing interests at heart; they are more into walking trails, tree hugging, moth watching, etc. I'm sure you see the dilemma.

So, in Larry's article, what caught my eye was the story about a family named Kastnings who had been targeted by a conservation agent. The agent wanted to inspect their freezer. He didn't have a search warrant, but she let him. Innocent people don't always seem to understand that if there is corruption involved, innocence may not be good enough. This was just such a case. They were fined

\$475 dollars for not having meat labeled and numbered properly. WOW, just WOW! The people had violated NO laws in killing and checking three deer on their property. The couple had to spend \$300 on a lawyer, because the prosecutor wouldn't talk to them. The case was later dismissed.

At the end of the article, Larry had his email address. I wrote him. I told him who I was, and why I was writing. Didn't mention the part about being a vegetarian, though. He sent me his phone number. Turns out, this is FAR, very FAR from an isolated incident.

So let me introduce you to Larry. He grew up in the Southern Missouri Ozarks. His family fished, hunted, built john boats and ran a fishing camp. He wanted to become a game warden, went to School of the Ozarks and University of Mo at Columbia.

...what caught my eye was the story about a family named Kastnings who had been targeted by a conservation agent.

Writing about the outdoors started in high school for Larry and has continued on. He was also the Outdoor Editor for the Arkansas Democrat Newspaper in Little Rock and became Chief Naturalist for Arkansas State Parks Department. Later, he worked as a Naturalist for the National Park Service at the Buffalo National River. He also raises Labrador Retrievers, and takes some lovely outdoor photos. I like Larry, he understands sometimes a girl just has GOT to kill snakes. They NEVER eat the mice in my chicken house, they just eat the eggs and NEVER contribute anything towards chicken feed. So yep, Larry knows a bit about Missouri and the outdoors.

Talking with Larry was a REAL eye opener. He sent me a post that he was going to put up on his blog. In it, he told me the following snippets:

...disturbing trends in what they refer to as "wildlife management" which results in the devastation of timber, and the removal of wildlife habitat on MDC-managed public lands.

It involves many things, grants and gifts to selected people, like that 155,000 dollars going to a retired employee to write a

book, mostly because he was a close associate of a retiring director. It involves attempts to sell, trade and give away land donated to them, and the attempts to take land from private landowners. But as much as anything, it involves the targeting of innocent people by conservation agents for frivolous, technical offenses. For years now, I have been watching situations where MDC agents clearly overstep their bounds to harass hunters and fishermen who are doing nothing wrong. And our justice system makes it nearly impossible to fight it.

And yet more:

Can a conservation agent threaten to keep a mounted deer head if you choose to go to court? Can he threaten to hold you in jail for 24 hours if you do not let him search your shed or vehicle? Can he indeed file further charges and increase fines if you exercise your right to go to court. According to Yamnitz, the answer to these questions is 'no'. And yet in the past year or so, all these things have been done.

One lady contacted me saying that after she killed a deer, an agent came to her house demanding that she come outside and shoot her bow at a target to prove she could actually draw it and kill a deer.

SERIOUSLY FOLKS!!!!!! YOUR TAX DOLLARS are paying for THIS! And you are being treated this way. This is worse than having the healthy turkey and cheese sandwich lunch your Mom packed for your lunch being taken away by the food police and being forced to buy the government approved chicken nugget lunch the school made.

So how did we get here, and where is this going? Remember, Larry's been in this game a long time.

In 1989, Larry was writing columns for the MDC, saw how things were done, knew the agents and the players involved. Then there started to be some changes in personnel, and policy. A new commissioner came into office, and he changed policy to develop his own land along a river. The other commissioners were ticked about it, and let Larry know what was going on. Along with the change

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in the caliber of commissioner, came a change in the caliber of agents. They hired one right out of prison who then set about selling turkey calls and giving guided tours out of his state-supplied vehicle, offers were made to get an extra turkey on the tag for oh, say, \$100. Despite the fact the MDC knew about this, it was over a year before such abuses of Missouri taxpayer dollars would get an agent fired. It wasn't until 1995 or 1996 that Larry began to write columns that cast some light on some of the MDC shenanigans.

There had been bits of clues that said things weren't well. Around 1987, in response to a column, the MDC dispatched a couple agents to go talk to Larry. One of them was John Hoskins who was a regional supervisor at the time. Familiar name isn't it? Larry told them about an operation that was taking people up the river in bass boats to the Qunicy Wildlife Refuge where they would spotlight deer, kill them, take the head and leave the meat. The carcasses were being found. Hoskins acted interested, but then never did anything about it, except from time to time defend questionable acts by what you and I would probably call a bad agent.

You know, back when Rex Shell was alive, and I was first getting active in gun rights (rather than just being a user, you know, someone who appreciates and uses their gun rights, but doesn't actually DO anything to preserve them. Rather they just rely on the work of others to keep them, sort of like leeches, but with better noses), he suggested I might call our State Rep. Rex Rector and find out why we weren't getting that shooting range in the Amarugia area. I called and was told Rex had checked into it, that the MDC said, "No money." Really? Well, at the time, I bought it. After talking to Larry today, I'm ticked and feel deceived. Why, you ask? I'll tell you! Oh, just let me tell you!

They (MDC) have spent way more than 3 million on Prairie Chicken – and still only have a token flock. They spent 1 million to COUNT black bear. The Elk, let me tell you about the Elk: Larry said something along the lines of, "You know how that will turn out." No, tell me more.

Well, it seems, my fellow scammed friends, that Arkansas has been trying to re-

introduce Elk for TWENTY-FIVE YEARS! And they STILL don't have a hunt-able population, no, what they have is a tourist population. Well, and on occasion, the special elites that can afford to spend a large chunk of money can go "elk hunting" in Arkansas. (Let me explain how that worked. You would go out with a Conservation agent, who would then tell you which half-tame Elk you could shoot. "Not that one, that one over there, yeah, you can shoot that one." Larry having been real Elk hunting, said no one who has ever been Elk hunting would consider this to be Elk hunting.)

So, the MDC has spent a ton of money buying special elk from Kentucky to re-introduce the Elk to Missouri. They could have bought elk for much less, turned them loose and they would have turned wild in time. So why not do this? Well, that opens up a WHOLE 'NOTHER Pandora's box. Want to know a really big reason why the MDC is set on re-introducing elk? It's a good cover for logging. Yes, that kind of logging, "Got to clear this area, get it set up for Elk habitat," which is basically bovine, er, um, poo.

MDC is making MILLIONS off logging; they sign with different companies and have clear cut some of the land leaving it devastated. They call it "wildlife management." Leadmine Conservation area is one of them, and "the horse people" were the ones that caught it first and said WHAT HAVE THEY DONE!? You know, we horse people can be that way. So, what land is the MDC messing with in this manner? Well, any of it. They will sell and trade donated land, or develop it. Yep, you know that land your great grandfather said, "Ahh, this is SO beautiful, I'm going to donate it to the MDC, so when I die, the rest of Missourians can enjoy it as it is"...? Well, give it up folks! In fact, there was just such a case! An old man donated 240 acres along a river for that reason: beautiful trees, beautiful area. The MDC was going to sell it to a developer. An agent that had been there when the MDC promised the old man to preserve it heard what was going to happen and called Larry. Larry did a column, and made a big noise about it. The family found out and was royally angry! The MDC backed down then. But, in time, will sell bits off, under the radar. So, if you are thinking of donating to the MDC, so they will keep it and preserve it, think again. You look and see trees, they look and see dollar signs!

See, Commissioners aren't really outdoors people, they are people that gave the Governor money, and in return, they get appointed. Then they can go to big important meetings in Montana that last an hour, and then go on a three day hunt. On your dollars. Sort of like Michelle Obama and entourage going all over the world...on business doncha know?

So, why haven't you heard a word of this? Or only a tiny bit (and I'm cutting part of what I know to meet space limit). Well, because the MDC has influence with nearly every paper in the State. (Gannett Missouri Publishing anyone?) The Springfield News-Leader, which used to carry Larry's column, was made an offer they couldn't refuse by the MDC. (We will supply you a column for free, then you won't have to pay this Larry guy. Uh, free? OK!) Another paper would have an ARMED MDC agent show up and YELL at the staff with his hand on his gun the whole time, intimidating them over columns. (This happened more than once.) One editor told Larry, "Look, my boyfriend is an MDC agent, and I'm not going to run anything that you write bad about them." Yep, journalism at it's finest. 'Bout like the job they did vetting Presidential candidates in 2008, eh?

Ok, so a couple of more things. What ever happened to Hoskins? Well...an agent turned in another agent for breaking the law and doing illegal searches. The agent was fired. No, no, not the one doing illegal searches, the one who reported it. Who then sued the MDC, he is now getting ONE MILLION of Missourian's taxpayer dollars. So, before this could be looked into a whole lot, Hoskins retired. As a parting gift to Missouri Taxpayers, a contract was given to a friend of Hoskins. The friend has EXTENSIVE wildlife experience. He's a fishery biologist. No REALLY, he IS! The fishery biologist is being paid \$155,000 to write this book on rivers. Now, Larry has already written such a book, and Larry has way better credentials and experience. He also named off about 5 or 6 other outdoor writers in the area that could or would do such a book for a lot less, but we will never know as NO bids were taken. Contract was just signed with Hoskins' buddy. Word is, not all of it has been disbursed, wonder if some of it could be saved?

So whose fault is this? Larry's. And mine, and yours! Why? I asked Larry, how did this happen? He thought on it, it was after

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the 1/8 cent sales tax passed. Which he worked to get passed. He said back then the MDC really didn't have any money, and they were really a good group, good agents and good commissioners. So the 1/8 cent tax passed, and now money was coming in, lots of it. You know the thing about money? Well, the MDC began to attract a different kind of people. Not necessarily those that loved the outdoors. Now many of the agents are poorly trained, lazy and VERY struck with their own power & ego. And armed. They have told hapless Missouri citizens "they can do whatever they want." And they mean it. How can they get away with it? Well, that lovely glossy 3 million dollar magazine for one. Second Amendment folks have ran into this for years, what does the urban vote do to a proposition? Think Prop B, either one of them. Think candidates. There is your answer, if they can fool the city people, with their glossy magazine, and their class where you can pay around \$40, go to class for 3 weeks and graduate as a "naturalist" (who thinks poisonous snakes can be left alone), then you are going to have a great view of the MDC, and they know the Rural people who suffer under their tyranny (let's call it what it is folks) can't do a thing but yell. And some of them they can frighten, or threaten enough, so they don't yell.

So I mentioned "answer" in the title. Larry and some others have started a group called "Common Sense Conservationists." They are having a big fish fry on Saturday, June 9, from 10 am to 4 pm. It will consist of a dinner catered by Richard's Hawgwild Barbecue out of Aurora, Missouri, they will have more than fish. The reason for the get-together will be the organization of a group they will call, "Common Sense Conservationists". The get together will be most all day on the grounds of the Countryside Assembly of God Church along Highway 13 in Bolivar, Mo.

The idea behind this is to assemble and unite a growing number of sportsmen, outdoorsmen, nature lovers and conservationists who are concerned about the direction the Missouri Department of Conservation has taken now for many years. The MDC's chief of enforcement will be there to hear complaints. It seems he doesn't believe any of this is really going on. Larry has been telling the people

telling him these things they need to show up and talk to this guy. This guy says he will investigate even anonymous complaints, but they have to be MADE. They would like to put together a newsletter to keep membership informed, and set up perhaps mutual aid, for those targeted by the MDC (oh yes they DO).

Come and get involved, the meal is six dollars (now that is a good deal).

You are paying for this abuse, MSSA members. How long will it continue unchallenged?

That's the view from my saddle,

Sheila Stokes-Begley

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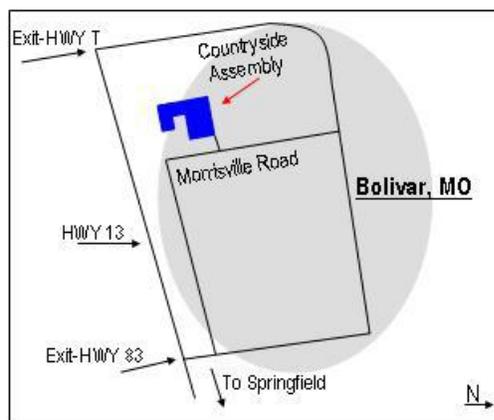
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Common Sense Conservationists

Meeting and Fish Fry (\$6)

June 9, from 10 am to 4 pm

Countryside Assembly of God Church



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Option #1 - Coming into Bolivar on HWY 83 or Springfield Road
turn onto Aldrich road going towards HWY 13 or west.

Turn left onto Morrisville Road.

Go about a mile - the church entrance is on the right.

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towards HWY 83 or Springfield Road.

Turn right onto Morrisville Road.

Go about a mile - the church entrance is on the right.



Liberty Notes

BY KEVIN L. JAMISON

May 2012

It is a good day for Liberty.

There is understandable outrage in the land. Expressing outrage is good for the soul, but the real question is what are we going to do about it? One camp would have us reject all current political candidates, wait for a messiah and follow him (or her). Of course by the time a perfect candidate arrives things will doubtless be much worse, the going more difficult, and victory the more uncertain. General Patton said that a good plan aggressively implemented today is superior to a perfect plan tomorrow. He was right. Another camp would have us wait for a second Civil War. This camp has the defects of the first with the additional defect of thousands of dead, and I do not run up and down hills as well as I once did. Another camp encourages President Obama's re-election to teach everyone a lesson. The problem with this camp is the same as the first two. If there is to be an uprising, it must begin at home and with aggressive campaigning. If people will not vote, put up signs, pass out flyers and post bumper stickers, I do not trust them to act when the going is much worse.

Even Ron Paul has stopped his campaign. Mitt Romney is the Republican candidate. He is the second, third, or eighth choice for many, but he is our only chance to prevent a disaster in the next four years. Some are talking about 2016 already, but we must save America *now*. Some say that there is no way he can win, and this becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. He *has* to win. If we are given poor tools with which to save America, that will make victory the more glorious. Certain polls show him down, others show him even, some show him ahead. Mr. Romney has a poor history with us, but it could have been worse. Right now he needs us. He actively solicits our support. He may have genuinely come over to our side, and I will take a convert every time.

Charlton Heston was such a convert. I will take a person who needs us over a person who hates us. President Obama's history could *not* have been worse; he voted against us every single time and yet claims to be pro-Second Amendment, and thinks that we are stupid enough to believe him.

I am often asked about establishing a trust as a means to own National Firearms Act weapons; machine guns, silencers and short-barreled weapons. I have been researching this question. At the NRA's National Firearms Law Seminar a man from the ATF lectured on what does NOT work, but was short on what would work. It appears that downloading forms and existing trusts from the Internet has a high failure rate. When I am confident that I can do it right I will announce myself as open for business. I am doing this research in my spare time, and there is damn little of that. If someone wants to finance my research, roll that 55-gallon drum of \$100 bills into my office.

An article on taxidermy as part of interior design appeared in Star Magazine. The writer has a horror of killing animals and writes about "progressive" taxidermy shops that offer animals made of wood or felt. That is not taxidermy, that is sculpture.

There is a rush to buy guns and ammunition in fear of restrictions in a second term for President Obama. If these people would spend the money in contributions for candidates, there will be no second term.

A letter to the newspaper claims that "stand your ground" laws allow racist gun owners to gun down minorities if they "feel" threatened. The writer claims that racists (he conceives of no other kind of gun owner) can provoke an innocent minority and gun them down when they respond. The writer obviously has never read a stand your ground law but presents this lurid fantasy as fact. Lost in this hysteria is the fact that Missouri does not have a stand your ground law. People will believe these lies if we do not write our own letters,

call into talk shows and talk to co-workers.

A newspaper cartoon shows a thuggish NRA member beating a prostrate figure labeled "Florida" in an obvious slur on the NRA and stand your ground laws. This is what they think of us. If we do not work to protect our rights they will be in a position to act on their prejudices.

I continue to hear claims that neighborhood watch members "are not supposed to carry guns." There is no such law. However, it has been said so often that it is repeated even on conservative programs.

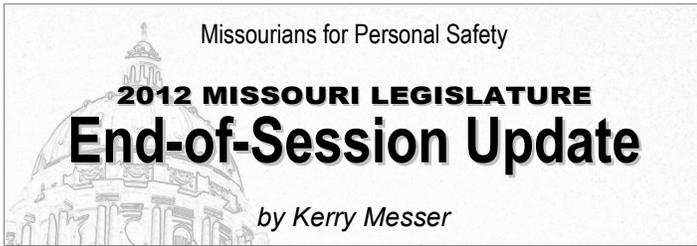
I have tried to learn Spanish, seeing the writing on the wall and the language in which it was written. However, I have no talent for these things. My accent was so bad it could have meant war with Spain and all of Latin America, including Brazil where they are speaking Portuguese, and even Belize where they speak English. The military being otherwise engaged I abandoned the provocation. However I encourage more talented persons to learn the language, we shall have to teach citizenship to people speaking Spanish and sell our cause. It is easier to do business with people if you speak the language. The opposition is trying to manipulate this population against us. This will be the battleground in coming decades.

The Mexican Revolutionary Emilio Zapata said that freedom meant education, land and a rifle. Mexican militias defeated Spain and France when those nations were military powers. We have historical similarities to work with; and we should do so.

Someone has pointed a rifle at a school bus. Unarmed neighbors ran him off, like a little coward. He dropped the rifle which appears to be a Marlin .22. If he had taken the shot the rifle would have been denounced as an assassin's special or something of the kind. We have enjoyed many successes, but it only takes one atrocity to set us back.

I've read a case from the Southern District of Missouri which holds that to prove the crime of "receiving stolen property" the prosecution does not have

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On the last day of the 2012 Legislative Session, ending at 6 pm on May 18, 2012, two bills we expected and hoped to see Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed did make it through both Houses.

A third bill, HCR 43 (House Concurrent Resolution 43), had been adopted the prior day (Thursday, May 17th) with a final vote of 30-0 in the Senate (all four of the absent votes would have been supportive if they were available, since each of the four are consistent supporters of the Second Amendment). Because this is a non-binding resolution, a recorded roll call vote was not required in the House when HCR 43 was passed by the House of Representatives on April 24th. (More details later in report.)

The first significant bill to pass on the last day was **HB 1647**. HB 1319 had died in the Senate due to unrelated problems; however, all the provisions of HB 1319 were added to HB 1647 in the final hours and adopted in the Senate. Later in the day it was approved, as amended, by the House, and is now headed to the Governor's desk. Both bills had been introduced by Representative Jeanie Riddle. Senator Brian Munzlinger was set to handle HB 1319 had it advanced through the Senate, and HB 1647 was handled by Senator Mike Kehoe and amended by Senator Munzlinger. The final version of HB 1647 contains the following:

SS HCS HB 1647, AA

This substitute reenacts a provision that was erroneously repealed by House Bill 294 in 2011, which allows the use of certain otherwise unlawful weapons if the weapon is being dealt with as a curio, ornament, or keepsake.

The substitute lowers the age at which a person can obtain a concealed carry endorsement from 21 to 18 years of age if the person is a member of the United States Armed Forces or honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces, is a citizen of the United States, and has assumed residency or is stationed in Missouri.

Any person who has a valid concealed carry endorsement and is lawfully carrying a firearm in a concealed manner may briefly and openly display the firearm to the ordinary sight of another person, unless the firearm is intentionally displayed in an angry or threatening manner, not in necessary self-defense.

The substitute allows an individual over 18 years of age who has been adjudicated incapacitated under Chapter 475, RSMo, has been involuntarily committed under Chapter 632, or has had a Missouri adjudication or commitment that results in a firearms disqualification

pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 922(d)(4) or (g)(4) is allowed to file a petition for the removal of the disqualification to ship, transport, receive, purchase, possess, or transfer a firearm. The procedures for filing the petition and the rules of evidence are specified in the substitute. The substitute repeals current provisions found in Section 475.375, relating to these petitions. The circuit court must grant a removal of the disqualification if there is a finding by clear and convincing evidence that the petitioner will not be likely to act in a manner dangerous to public safety and that granting the removal is not contrary to the public interest. If a petition is granted, the county clerk must forward a copy of the order to the State Highway Patrol so the patrol can contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation for updating the petitioner's record with the National Instant Criminal Background Check System within 21 days of the receipt of the order. If a petition is denied, the individual may appeal, and the review of a circuit court ruling will be de novo.

A person can receive a concealed carry endorsement without being required to re-qualify as long as they submit a copy of a certificate of firearms safety training course completion that was issued on or before August 27, 2011, if it met the requirements that were in effect on the date it was issued. This specific provision is also covered by an "emergency clause" included in the bill (meaning it will become effective the moment the bill is signed by the Governor).

The Second policy bill to pass was **SB 489**. Originally sponsored by Senator Brian Munzlinger; as it went through the House, it was handled by Representative Ward Franz. The Truly Agreed To and Finally Passed version of SB 489 contains the following:

SS/SCS/SBs 489 & 637

Under current law, a person commits a Class A misdemeanor if he or she possesses, manufactures, transports, repairs, or sells a switchblade knife. This bill limits the prohibition to the possession, manufacture, transport, repair or sale of a switchblade knife when such uses violate federal law, and makes the crime a Class C felony.

Training requirements for concealed carry endorsement applicants were increased in HB 294 (2011). [Specifically, a doubling of the number of rounds fired for practice, plus a new requirement of a second gun for qualification, which also doubled the number of rounds fired for qualification. -Ed] This new bill adopts a grandfather clause for those who were issued a firearms safety training certificate prior to August 28, 2011. This ensures that those certificate-holders can receive a concealed carry endorsement without having to retake [the live-fire portion of] a training course. This bill contains an emergency clause, which means it too will go into effect the moment the Governor signs it.

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was **HCR 43**. This concurrent resolution, to “encourage the school boards of every school district and school in the State of Missouri” to participate in trapshooting competition, is a non-binding resolution and does not have the force of law behind it; however, HCR 43 did in fact pass both the Missouri House and Senate! All students should have the opportunity to participate in sports programs that involve the use and a healthy understanding of firearms. (*Read Resolution on page 16.*)

Citizens should print out copies of HCR 43 and ‘gently’ ask the school board members of their local school districts how they plan to respond? A kind nudge from interested citizens, established Second Amendment groups, or even retailers, could mean the difference between non-compliance and an enthusiastic response – especially if an organization or business were to offer some financial assistance in getting a trapshooting program established. For most schools not already providing a trapshooting opportunity for students, there are a lot of logistical and financial obstacles that can be overcome with some additional support and encouragement from the local community!

There were no bad bills or provisions advanced before the end of Session. Several pro-gun bills were introduced and had very good public hearings which helped educate lawmakers unfamiliar with Second Amendment issues. Efforts by Senator Jim Lembke, to lower the number of live-fire exercise and/or test shots to qualify for a CCW endorsement and for applicants to use only one of either a revolver or a semi-automatic handgun, failed due to a complication of procedural and political dynamics as he attempted to amend unrelated legislation on the Senate floor.

“Thank You” and/or “Congratulations” should be directed to the pro-gun names you already have; however, please take the opportunity to go to www.senate.mo.gov or www.house.mo.gov and type in any of these three bills in the Bill Search field. You can find the actions on each bill and follow the links to the recorded votes for who supported or opposed each one. Everyone who voted in favor of Second Amendment bills deserves a “Thank You.”

Links To Bills Referenced In This Article

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HCR 43:

[www.house.mo.gov/billsummary.aspx?
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SessionType=R&BillID=21](http://www.senate.mo.gov/12info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=21)

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to prove that the defendant received it from anyone. Simple possession is enough. This is important for those persons who buy guns from anonymous persons. Buying something at an unusually low price is considered evidence that the property is stolen, and that the buyer knew that it was stolen. So, getting the unusually good deal at the gun show could create a problem. I strongly recommend a bill of sale for every transaction. If a seller doesn't want to give me an ID and bill of sale it makes me suspicious.

Many people excuse inaction by whining that they don't want to be on a list. We are all on a list. Make it mean something.

I took one of my goddaughters shooting. We carefully avoided hitting the target so we can use it again, possibly indefinitely. At least, that is my story and I am sticking to it.

Life is uncut. It contains adult situations and has not been modified to fit your screen.

Thomas Payne wrote of a Tory who sat out the Revolutionary War because he wanted peace in his time. Payne wrote that if the Tory were a man he would want peace in his children's time. I am willing to be on a list in my time so that my sons do not have to worry about it in theirs.

We shall overcome.

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House Concurrent Resolution No. 43

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WHEREAS, the sport of trapshooting is one of the three major forms of competitive clay pigeon shooting and is growing in popularity throughout the United States and Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the trapshooting games were originally meant for the hunters to develop their skills, but these shooting games have obtained international recognition and are encouraged by sports associations; and

WHEREAS, trapshooting is a sport where flying clay targets are fired at with a shot gun. Trapshooting is considered to be an exciting and challenging sport with several million participants; and

WHEREAS, trapshooting has been a sport since at least 1793; and

WHEREAS, Olympic trap is one of the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) shooting events, introduced to the Olympic program in 1900; and

WHEREAS, the Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) is the primary governing body of American trapshooting and has launched a major initiative to attract more youth shooters; and

WHEREAS, a great deal of coordination and discipline is needed for trapshooting. Trapshooting sports test a player's skill in marksmanship and improve confidence of youth, both male and female, who may not possess the physical attributes to compete in other competitive sports offered at their schools; and

WHEREAS, the goal of any program of youth

trapshooting should be to provide instruction and promote firearm safety, personal responsibility, and sportsmanship among primary and secondary students; and

WHEREAS, trapshooting competitions promote tourism in the State of Missouri by bringing in participants and their families from around the country who stay in motels, eat in restaurants, and shop in retail stores, and purchase products from vendors at events; and

WHEREAS, the ATA, the Missouri Trapshooters Association, and other state shooting organizations also award scholarships to college-bound trapshooters based on citizenship, scholarship, and need. Many youth trapshooters are now attending college with the help of those scholarships; and

WHEREAS, our youth should have the opportunity and be encouraged to participate in this extracurricular activity in the same manner as other youth extracurricular activities, such as football, baseball, softball, basketball, track, or band; and

WHEREAS, the boards of education of every Missouri school district and school is encouraged to promote and include trapshooting as a high school sport:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-sixth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate concurring therein, hereby encourage the school boards of every school district and school in the State of Missouri, in conjunction with the Missouri Youth Sport Shooting Alliance, to voluntarily promote and include trapshooting as a high school sport for the youth of our state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for the Missouri Commissioner of Education, the Missouri School Activities Association, the Missouri Trapshooters Association, the Missouri Youth Sport Shooting Alliance, and each school district and school in Missouri.



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