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HOT ISSUE(S) !

MSSA has been busy, what with hosting the NRA Convention, producing brochures, pins and a special edition of TMS, checking up on rumors, working legislative issues – plus, of course, sport shooting activities! In this issue, Kevin gives us insights into a few of the year's events; from there, you can dig into part two of his critical series on Range Protection, ponder world events with Sheila, then race into sports, slide head first into the legislative report, and finally, tune into some fresh Liberty Notes. So, what's hot? MSSA! (Come to the meetings and get involved!)

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ATTENTION MEMBERS!

THE NEXT MSSA Board Meeting IS JULY 21

PLEASE NOTE

The meeting date printed in the last newsletter was incorrect!

Members are welcome to attend. We hope to see you there!

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The President's Podium

Kevin L. Jamison, MSSA President

2007 EVENTS

The December General Membership meeting and dinner was moved to January due to blizzards. I appear to be the first MSSA president to have postponed the annual dinner. I had hoped to be remembered for something else, but there is still time.

The assembled members nominated the existing Board members for re-election. There being no other nominations, a motion for election by acclamation was made. The By-Laws were consulted, which demand that the vote be secret. Therefore, we had a secret acclamation ballot, which seems to have worked. The Board then re-elected the same officers. This might be taken as a lack of imagination, or satisfaction with the current administration. I have my own choice and I hope it is the correct one.

The dinner was great. Anheiser Busch contributed door prizes of exceptional quality. Representative Brian Munzlinger spoke on range protection and other bills in the legislature. All went well, and then a blizzard struck and the meeting ended.

We noticed that more people attended the January meeting than had made reservations for the December meeting. This was put down to other calls on members' time in the holiday season. We have elected to move the General Membership meeting and dinner to January to see if this trend continues. We hope that we shall avoid blizzards.

A new problem for the Board was presented during the meeting. It had been widely, and we thought reliably, reported that the Missouri Department of Conservation was becoming hostile to shooters and hunters and would soon turn its resources over to tree huggers. Tree huggers have rights too, and for all I care they can live in sin with trees, so long as both are consenting adults. However, shooters and hunters fought for the sales tax that funds the Department of Conservation; we are entitled to have our interests represented.

A delegation from the MSSA Board met with John Hoskins, the Director of the Department of Conservation, and some of his senior staff. We entered the meeting full of suspicions, and quite prepared to be lied to; this is our default attitude when in Jefferson City. After listening, watching, and evaluating, we were convinced that they were telling us the truth and acting in good faith. Zac has written an excellent summary of the meeting and I shall not attempt to compete with his work. As I see it, the Department has three problems. The budget of the Department has not kept pace with inflation. Secondly, fewer and fewer of Department employees are hunters and shooters. This reflects the changing population of Missouri. Third, there is a lack of communication with the shooting community. We can do little about the first, although buying an extra hunting license or box of ammunition helps. The second and third problems can be helped by keeping in communication with the department. The director wants to improve communication, and we want to improve communication. We do not agree on everything, but that rarely happens. We left the meeting optimistic, but we are not finished.

The NRA Convention in St. Louis was a great success for the NRA and MSSA. People came in droves. Gasoline hovered around three dollars a gallon, and they came. Temperatures were unseasonably cold, and still they came. A cold rain fell, and still they came. The crowd broke records for attendance, for gift shop sales, for memberships sold, for membership upgrades, and for life memberships sold. These results have vaulted St. Louis into consideration for the 2011 Convention. MSSA was the host for the Convention, and MSSA member Dan Smith was tasked with organizing volunteers, a task he carried out with uncommon skill. Everywhere in the convention center his volunteers made the Convention run smoothly and successfully.

Volunteers at the MSSA table passed out our new MSSA pins, membership applications, and special Convention newsletters. Donations were taken and memberships were sold. We broke even from a financial standpoint, but the materials purchased for the Convention will serve us for years to come, as will the new members.

For the first time in my memory, the NRA Convention was not picketed. Instead, the "American Hunters and Shooters Association" (AHSA) had a mixed group of college students passing out literature bashing the NRA. They claimed that the NRA was not supporting efforts to preserve hunting lands. While they passed out these lies, an NRA supported bill to preserve Missouri bottomlands for hunting was passing the legislature. These propagandists were not members of AHSA and appear to have been hired for the occasion; the group may not have any members. It is what is called a "false flag operation" formed by persons opposed to gun ownership. By pretending to be a gun group, it bleeds off support that should go to legitimate gun groups; however, its primary purpose is to provide protective coloration to anti-gun politicians when they go on their election-year "hunting" trips.

Despite such distractions, the NRA Convention was a roaring success. Governor Blunt attended, and for the first time, a bill was signed into law at the Convention. This law prohibits confiscation of legally owned guns during an emergency. A reaction to confiscations in New Orleans after Katrina, this bill should not be necessary, but apparently is necessary. The NRA and local groups also passed a pure "Castle Doctrine" law which protects persons who defend their homes and vehicles from invaders from criminal charges or lawsuits. The 88-year-old "Permit To Acquire" law requiring a sheriff's permission to buy handguns will go the way of all such Jim Crow laws on 28 August, 2007.

It has been a successful legislative year for Missouri gun owners, we have passed good legislation and prevented a certain amount of mischief. Next year we get to do it all over again, and have an election to boot.

RANGE PROTECTION II

BY **K. L. Jamison**
ATTORNEY AT LAW

The area north of Kansas City had needed a range for many years, and had been promised one for nearly as long. When the Parma Woods Range was proposed for southern Platte County, the plan had to go to a hearing before the County Commissioners. Learning of organized opposition, the Western Missouri Shooters Alliance and NRA filled the hearing room with advocates. Opponents consisted of individuals who were opposed to any change, especially if the activity made someone happy, and people who simply hated guns and gun owners. None lived immediately adjacent to the proposed range, but some complained of being within hearing distance. Opponents warned that increased traffic would run over children and shooting would ruin property values, annoy humans and terrify animals. One opponent claimed that a shooting range would “taint” the property. The proposed site was a former sanitary landfill and about as tainted as it was going to get. Tests had already proven that local trains made more noise than would escape from the proposed range. However, opponents complained that the type of noise was critical and that the “short sharp crack” of gunfire was less loud but more annoying, more terrifying and would traumatize humans and animals.

Advocates stressed that people would practice shooting on a professionally designed range or where their grandfather had practiced shooting. Population growth in the area made the traditional shooting spots dangerous, and a safe range was required. The deciding factor was that visitors to the range would patronize local businesses, paying local sales tax. Whenever a politician’s attention is required, whatever the circumstances, promise him taxes. The range was approved and is now a jewel of the Missouri Department of Conservation system.

The opponents of the Parma Woods Range had many important sounding

excuses to oppose the range. They were only excuses. Even if there had been no noise and even no bullets, they would have opposed the range because they hate us. Gun owners protecting existing ranges will meet the same sort of objections. The objections to a range break down into four categories:

1. **Zoning**
2. **Lead**
3. **Safety**
4. **Noise**

**objections to a range
break down into four categories**

Zoning sets forth accepted uses of property. Even in rural areas, zoning limits land use, usually to agricultural purposes. While bullets may plough the ground, this is not farming. Therefore, a non-conforming use permit is typically required. These permits are limited in time, and renewals must be planned ahead. It may be possible to obtain a special use permit which provides greater security. In any case, the range must post

*Safety
is the purpose of a range.*

signs proclaiming its existence. This will limit claims of later landowners that they were ignorant of the range when they became neighbors.

Rural landowners often have a private range and frequently use it to conduct private shooting classes. Some have applied to their county government for a license to use their range for private or commercial purposes. There being no such license, they receive a letter saying that their request cannot be granted. This gives the owner a perfectly good piece of government stationary proving that they were using the range at a specific date. This will provide some standing to maintain the use of the range against a later challenge.

Lead is perfectly acceptable in the ground where God put it, but when dug out,

molded into bullets, and fired back into the ground, it is considered toxic and cancer causing. This is a frequent complaint leveled against ranges. Even worse is when lead is fired in, over, or around a federal wetlands. Unfortunately, a wetlands is a very broadly defined term, and a perfectly dry field may become a wetland if beaver dams or poor drainage floods the area. I had a client whose occupation was cleaning up toxic waste, so I inquired about the toxicity of lead.

He explained that lead is not a danger unless it gets into the water table. Lead in the ground is not a threat unless

a person was to eat nearby dirt for eight hours a day for an entire year. Then it is only a threat. The expert’s services are expensive and quite necessary to counter predictions of *cancer*, pronounced in the tone medieval scholars used to warn of witches and heretics.

Safety is the purpose of a range. This will not prevent the haters from claiming safety violations. Ranges are blamed for every gunshot in the jurisdiction. Every range has received complaints of bullets escaping the range and striking property at distances which are not possible even taking into account a tailwind and the rotation of the earth. A Massachusetts range was confronted at a hearing by opponents who

dumped piles of bullets they reportedly picked up on their property. These bullets were still loaded into cartridge cases complete with gunpowder and primer. Other opponents are more sophisticated with their lies. The only protection is professionally designed ranges with overhead cover at the firing points to prevent guns from being fired at angles that would defeat the berm.

Noise was first defeated by the invention of silencers. The 1934 National Firearms Act put an end to that, and the range itself must be silenced. Tree belts around the perimeter of the range and baffles at the firing points minimize the noise, but only placing the range in a cave will suppress it entirely. Ranges have been successfully placed in old mines; however, this is not a practical alternative for the trap and skeet shooters. The Parma Woods Range had

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The Saddle Soapbox

By Sheila Stokes-Begley, Editor

These times, are they a'changin'?

Could there be some encouraging signs on the wind? Could it be that the laws and attitudes about firearms might finally be swinging back in the direction of sanity?

With the passage of the Castle Doctrine, law-abiding citizens will have less to fear from an over-achieving Prosecutor, should someone break into your home and aforementioned law-abiding citizen defends his family. It will also provide some immunity from civil suits. I'm sure many years ago things like this were never even a consideration. If someone broke in and threatened your family, you defended your family, plain and simple. The Permit to Acquire is going away; or, as I've been known to call it, the Pain in The Acquire, since it is closer to that. This will be great as it seems the power to grant permission slips to purchase a firearm is just too much power for some Sheriffs who feel the need to add illegal questions and requirements on to the permission form. One of the things that amazed me the most about the opposition to the removal of the PTA were the people opposed to its removal. They came from the lunatic left fringe, the side that usually touts that they are for civil rights and equality. Yet, to the removal of this remnant of the Jim Crow laws, they object? Would they have changed their opposition if it was publicly, as in front of news cameras, pointed out to them what it was?

The Governor has already signed a bill to prevent confiscation of firearms during an emergency ala Katrina when the U.S. was treated to the video of an elderly woman being tackled by the California Highway Patrol and her legally owned little pistol taken from her.

Across the pond things are changing, too. I recently read about a new book called "The Dangerous Book for Boys" by Hal Iggulden and Conn Iggulden. The two brothers talked about how the "safety culture" has gone too far, that when they grew up, every boy had a pocket knife and it was not a time of great slaughter. The book covers things like making go carts, building trees houses, trapping and hunting rabbits with an air rifle. They called it a book of lost boyhood arts. There is also a British minister, Richard Caborn – the sports minister, in fact – who is suggesting that more young people become involved in the shooting sports. Handguns have been banned since 1996, and yet gun crime has risen 73%, then the government had raised the age limit for buying air guns which seems to have rather put a damper on Britain's youth participating in the shooting sports. Minister Caborn is welcoming National Shooting Week, urging more schools to promote shooting programs, urging more youth to become involved in shooting as he feels it develops character. He is pushing to relax the hand gun ban in the hope it will help

Britain win the gold in the pistol competitions in the Olympics. The government is putting aside 600 million pounds to help with bringing home that gold medal. Predictably, Senators Bray & Justus's British counterparts are yelling "Bloody Murder" so to speak. They object to honest young people having anything to do with firearms, and object to the Minster's plan to "demystify" firearms. They no doubt feel that guns should remain firmly in the hands of British thugs and try to make all the laws they can to assure that will happen. Nonetheless, this is a big change for the British, and since things do seem to filter across the pond, perhaps someday we will see Minivans everywhere with former soccer Moms proudly affixing bumper stickers proclaiming their child is a future firearms medalist. Well, a girl can dream.

That's the view from my saddle.

Sheila

MSSA WELCOMES TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

The MSSA Board of Directors is happy to welcome into their ranks two new members: Mona Oliver and John Teachey.

Mona Oliver has been a fairly quiet working member of MSSA, but most are familiar with her work even if they don't realize it. Mona is the gifted layout and graphic wizard who gave us the crisp lovely logo used for the new MSSA pins and who does the layouts for the **The Missouri Shooter**. Mona, Lee and Harold are also the team of generous souls who get the newsletters packaged and mailed. She was still serving as the Secretary's Assistant when Tim (her husband) resigned his executive position at the last meeting, at which time, the Board expanded Mona's Board duties by electing her to serve as MSSA Secretary.

John Teachey is single, 23 years old, and hails originally from North Carolina where he shot for 5 years with the North Carolina Rifle and Pistol Association's Junior Highpower Rifle Team. He was awarded the Distinguished Rifleman Badge in 2002 at the age of 19, and he was a member of the 2002 National Championship 6-Man Junior Team (Minuteman Trophy) at Camp Perry. He graduated Cum Laude from Campbell University with a BA in Government. John now resides in Columbia and is currently employed at Midway USA as a purchasing specialist. He plans to continue shooting highpower for as long as he can, and would like to develop a nationally competitive MSSA Junior Highpower Team. Of course, John also supports John Leinberger and the smallbore program and plans to help in that area as well. We are also pleased to announce that John was elected by the Board during the last meeting to serve as MSSA's Executive Officer. (Many thanks to Grace for her willingness to serve double-duty as Vice President and Executive Officer during a short interim!)

Mona and John had been appointed to fill positions opened by Kyle Lairmore and Kent Finlay's resignations from the Board; both needed the time to devote to other matters. Still members of MSSA, Kent assures us he will continue writing articles for **The Missouri Shooter**. We're grateful to Kyle and Kent for their outstanding service on the MSSA Board of Directors. We're fortunate to have members like these, who willingly volunteer their skills, knowledge, and time to benefit MSSA, its members, and the community at large, and to help fulfill MSSA's Mission.

Range Protection II

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to sacrifice trap and skeet shooting to satisfy speculative noise complaints.

Every range must have a range protection committee, or at least an officer. Ideally, such a committee would

include someone familiar with real estate law and the state range protection statute. This committee should have a relationship with an attorney. Lawyers will often be the registered agent for an organization for a minor fee, and it saves introductions when a problem comes up. It also prevents the opposition from hiring him. The lawyer does not have to be a "gun guy;" he or she needs to know real estate law, zoning law, and must be conversant regarding issues of lead as a toxic substance. Going to the largest law firm in the area is a possibility; however, such

firms do not normally represent individuals, and the range members will want to be seen as people. Moderate to small firms or solo practitioners are usually more responsive.

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The Range Protection Committee must plan for the preservation of the range. They must keep track

of the expiration dates of zoning permits. They must protect the range from encroachment by unfriendly neighbors. This can be done by covenants running with the land. For a fee, a neighbor gives up any future objection to the range. Any heir or buyer obtains the property subject to this covenant. A real estate lawyer will be needed to write the document so that it will withstand the inevitable challenge ten years down the road.

The committee must also maintain good relations with neighbors. It is hard to hate

someone you know, and easier to do business with them. The range should have a presence at local events. Neighbors should be invited to club picnics; as should the lawyer, he needs to know the people he is fighting for. Pioneer Gun Club has created local good will by opening its range to non-members sighting in their rifles for deer season.

The Committee must have contact with the NRA's Range Development office and the National Association of Shooting Ranges (www.RangeInfo.org). Keeping track of trends in range management and defense is invaluable. The Committee must be able to call out members and friendly local organizations to hearings which threaten the range. Friendly local organizations can be neighbors, Boy Scouts, or the nearby gas station which does business with range members, and pays sales tax.

The survival of shooting depends on having a safe place to practice. The gun haters know this and are coming for our ranges.

The Shooter Spotlight

KELLIE ZUROWSKI



She Aims To Achieve Her Goals

by Mona Oliver

It was seventh grade, and one of Kellie's friends wanted another girl to join her in YHEC (Youth Hunters Education Challenge). There would be archery, shotgun, muzzle loader, and .22 shooting... Kellie thought it might be fun, so she agreed to go. She was surprised when she liked it so much. Competitive shooting instantly became a passion, and shooting in college, one of her main goals.

Fortunately, Kellie was blessed with parents who supported her goals. They drove their daughter to practice and matches, purchased whatever she needed, and encouraged her. Kellie gratefully acknowledges, "Without them, I wouldn't be able to do any of this."

In addition to the 7-8 years at YHEC, Kellie has also attended the MSSA-NRA Junior Shooting Camp for 3 years, and will go again this year. She found the camps really informative and her skills

advancing every year, "That first year, especially, I learned a lot." While she knew the basics when she got there, Kellie was impressed with how the instructors "broke it down and showed you the best part of the position," as they taught her how to adapt positions to her individual best advantage. She highly recommends the camps and attributes her skill at rifle shooting with the instruction provided there, asserting, "John Leinberger taught me most everything I know." The camps were also just plain fun; this year, she is looking forward to the bonfire.

The goal always in mind, she shot a lot of matches, and she won a lot of trophies and championships. One day, Kellie and family drove down to shoot a match at the University of Tennessee-Martin. While she was there, she talked to the coach. And then, one day, he called and talked to her.

Next year, Kellie will be attending UTM on a shooting scholarship and shooting on their rifle team. Goal met. So Kellie, what's next...Olympics? "Yeah, that's like the biggest goal ever," she says. "My top, top goal." Yep, I bet she meets that one, too.

Bullseye Notes

by Kent Finlay

(The Paul & Phil Show continues to roll on!)

Since the last newsletter, we Conventional Pistol shooters have been real busy. In March, a Sectional Match at Pioneer and the Mo State Indoor Championship at Green Valley were fired. And we just recently completed the Mo State Outdoor Championship at Green Valley.

The Sectional Match is a 22lr-only match, and the scores go to an Indoor National Championship (kinda like a postal match). 20 shooters competed for top honors at Pioneer's Indoor Brickyard range. Match winner was Dwain Hurt from Iowa with an 868-28x. He was followed by Kent Finlay with an 863-29x and Chris Guerrero with an 861-30x. (Dwain won the Civilian Expert class at the national level, and Kent placed 7th of 414.) The winning team, *Missouri eWorld Gold*, consisting of Finlay, Nick Gordanier, Frank Harles and Phil McFall, also placed 3rd in the nation in the Civilian Expert class, with a score of 1129-30x. There were 66 teams in this class! As a side note, James Henderson, formerly of St. Louis, won the Conventional Pistol portion of the 2007 Indoor National Championships with a 892-39x. Jim has returned to active duty, and is currently stationed at Ft. Benning, GA. Congrats to Jim!!

The Mo State Indoor was attended by 16 shooters from the Show-Me State. Paul Noles took the Indoor State Champion's title in a close race with Chris Guerrero, 1739-50x to 1733-51x. Eric Pearson was 3rd overall with a 1714-55x. 1st Expert was also the Senior Indoor Champion, Phil McFall, with a 1698-37x. 1st place in the combined SS/MK class was Darrell Wilson from Imperial, with a 1492-10x.

June 24th, the Mo State Outdoor Championship and Distinguished Pistol Match were attended by 27 shooters from Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas and Illinois. Paul Noles was Match Winner and State Champion with a score of 2620-105x. David Glenn of Clinton, Il was 2nd with a 2604-95x. 3rd place Overall and 1st Master went to Eric Pearson with a 2574-92x. Our Senior Mo State Champion and 1st Expert was Phil McFall with a 2554-75x. The Expert class had 16 shooters in it. 2nd, 3rd and 4th Experts respectively were John O'Donnell, 2523-65x, Nick Gordanier of Leawood, KS, 2520-65x and Kent Finlay, 2516-68x. Top scorer in the combined SS/MK class was Kevin Thomas with a 2343-27x. The Distinguished Pistol match was attended by 19 competitors. Darrell Brooks of Washington, OK won it with a 271-6x. High non-Distinguished (and 2nd place) shooter was Paul Noles, who should pick up 6 points toward his Distinguished Badge. Congratulations to all the winners!

Another notable achievement was the 1st place win by Alexandra Griffeth, from Missouri State University, in the 2007 NRA Intercollegiate Pistol Championships. The match took place at the US Military Academy in mid March. She won the Women's Sport Pistol event with a 666, 13 points over the 2nd place finisher. Alex hails from Springfield. Congrats to Alex!!!

Coming up next month will be results of the Missouri shooters attending the National Championships at Camp Perry, Ohio. About 8-12 of us will be attending. Stay tuned for results!!

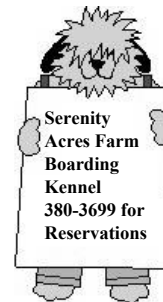
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MISSOURI JUNIOR SHOOTERS Travel to Out-of-State Competitions

BY JOHN LEINBERGER
MSSA DIRECTOR, JUNIOR PROGRAMS

January 13-14, 2007 – Kellie Zurowski and Jordan Robertson competed at Oxford, MS. in the Shooting Stars Tournament.

Kellie competed in Smallbore Prone Rifle (2nd place), Smallbore 3 Position Rifle (4th place), Precision International Air Rifle (2nd place), and Precision 3 Position Air Rifle (2nd Place).

Jordan competed in Sporter 3 Position Air Rifle (8th place), and Sporter International Air Rifle (2nd Place). He also competed in Smallbore Prone Rifle and 3 Position Smallbore Rifle.

January 26, 2007 – Kellie Zurowski, Nick Combs, Chism Darnell, Jordan Robertson, and Garret Spurgeon competed at The University of Tennessee at Martin TN.

They all did a great job of shooting. They were entered as an Air Rifle Team and as a Smallbore Rifle Team. Their respective scores were: Smallbore Rifle 2171 for First Place and Air Rifle 2267 for Second Place. Their scores actually surpassed some of the scores of the University Teams.

January 28, 2007 – Kellie Zurowski, Nick Combs, Chism Darnell, Jordan Robertson, and Garrett Spurgeon competed at the Witherow Invitational at Murry, KY.

Again, they shot well and were competing with mostly collegiate shooters. It was a great experience as all the shooters were accompanied by their families.

One of the highlights the trip to Martin, Tennessee was a tour of the University that was arranged by the Rifle Team Coach, Bob Beard. Kellie Zurowski will be shooting this fall at the University of Tennessee Martin as a member of the rifle team. Hopefully, more of our junior shooters will be qualified in the future to receive shooting scholarships.

Highlights
from
out-of-state
competitions





Missouri HIGH POWER Update

BY JOHN TEACHEY

The 2007 MO High Power Rifle season is underway, and so far, we have seen some really impressive scores. The state has hosted both the Missouri State High Power Rifle Championship and the Missouri State Service Rifle Championship. These matches provide many of our state residents and MSSA members a venue to show off their talents, and that is exactly what they did. I'll give you a brief report of the matches so that those unable to attend will know how things went.

The State High Power Rifle Championship

The 2007 Missouri State High Power Championship took place at Bucksnot Rifle Club in Marshall on June 2nd and 3rd. The individual championship was held on Saturday and the team championship and EIC match were held on Sunday. After the firing was complete on Saturday, I was lucky enough to have won the match with a 785-29X to take the State Championship. Congratulations to MSSA Junior Shooter Christopher Calumpong who was the High Junior for the day. I really enjoyed shooting with MSSA Juniors Christopher and Kenny Jewell, both young men shot very well, and I think they have a promising future in high power. On Sunday, four of Missouri's finest shooters held hard to win the Missouri Team Title. The four-man team consisted of Larry Ailor, Jim Obermeyer, Mike Barron and Jerry Bohnert. Alexander Belt was the high non-distinguished shooter in Sunday's EIC match, earning him 6 points towards his Distinguished Badge. The matches ran very smoothly and everyone seemed to have a wonderful time. I want to thank Christopher and Dale Strannigan for their dedication to the sport and for their willingness to set aside their shooting to organize the matches at Bucksnot.

The State Service Rifle Championship

The Missouri State Service Rifle Championship was held June 16th and 17th at the Benchrest Rifle Club of St. Louis. The course of fire was an 800 aggregate on Saturday and a President's course team match and an EIC match on Sunday. We had some of Missouri's finest shooters on the line Saturday morning and several shooters from out-of-state as well. The overall winner of Saturday's match was Konrad Powers of Illinois with a very impressive 790-28X. High state resident and the 2007 State Service Rifle Championship Trophy went to Jim Obermeyer with a 779-20X. Jim is no stranger to being the champ; he won the high power championship in 2006 and traded in his Tubb 2K for an AR-15 to take the service rifle title this year. Christopher Calumpong was the high junior on Saturday with a 764-17X, making him the Missouri Junior Champion twice this year. MSSA junior shooter Kenny Jewell won the Sharp Shooter class with a 735-6X. On Sunday morning, 4 four-man teams competed for the team championship. The winning team was LCSA Green, consisting of coach and firing member Steve Finnell and firing members Christopher Calumpong, Frank Harles and John Teachey, with a team score of 1142-19X. The EIC match was held Sunday shortly after the team match. The overall winner of the match was renowned AR-15 builder John Holliger with a 492-24X. The high non-distinguished shooter was Jim Obermeyer; earning six points towards the required thirty to become distinguished. Congratulations to Jim, John and the LCSA Team on their fine shooting. A special thanks goes out to Larry Ailor and Carla Cramer for the job well done on organizing the matches at Benchrest Club.

Missouri Shooters

With the national matches at Camp Perry, Ohio right around the corner, Missouri residents are firing some impressive scores and continue to improve as the year goes on. Five Missouri shooters have their names on the CMP's list of the top 100 EIC scores this year. Of the shooters on the list are Greg Meredith at 90th with a score of 476-11X, Christopher Calumpong at 89th with a 476-11X, Alexander Belt at 62nd with a 480-6X, Jim Obermeyer at 46th with a 481-16X, and myself at 23rd with a 486-15X. Hopefully, all of our Missouri high power shooters will perform well at Camp Perry and shoot high scores in the individual matches and have strong showings in the team matches. Our Junior High Power Team is progressing very well, and I think we will be adding some new shooters very soon. I want to thank Chris Calumpong Sr. for his help with the team and his dedication to helping our junior program prosper. If you or anyone you know, especially young shooters, are interested in shooting high power please contact me or the high power director at your local club. Good luck to all of our shooters at Camp Perry, and I'll see you on the range.



Photo courtesy of Jim Obermeyer

Missouri **HIGH POWER** Update *(cont'd)*

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Off Hand



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Larry Ailor



Larry Ailor



Jim Obermeyer



Konrad Powers and John Holliger

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July 7

Ozark Shooters

ATA Trap Shoot

Aug 4

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Aug 11-12

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MSSA EVENTS

July 21

MSSA MEETING

CLUB MATCHES & EVENTS

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July 7-8

Mid Range Match (Sat.) & Team (Sun.)

Sept 8-9

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Oct 6-7

MO State Long Range

Oct 20

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Pioneer Gun Club

July 7

Youth Trap Shoot, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. (M)

July 8

Highpower CMP, 8 a.m. (M)

Smallbore Silhouette Match, 9 a.m. (M)

Communist Block Match, 1 p.m. (M)

July 14

Youth Trap Shoot, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. (M)

Bullseye Match, 8:30 a.m. (M)

July 15

Benchrest, 9 a.m. (M)

July 21

Youth Trap Shoot, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. (M)

PPC 1500, 9 a.m. (M)

July 22

ARA Match, 9 a.m. (M)

July 28

Youth Trap Shoot, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. (M)

PPC PMA 1200, 9 a.m. (M)

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July 27

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July 28

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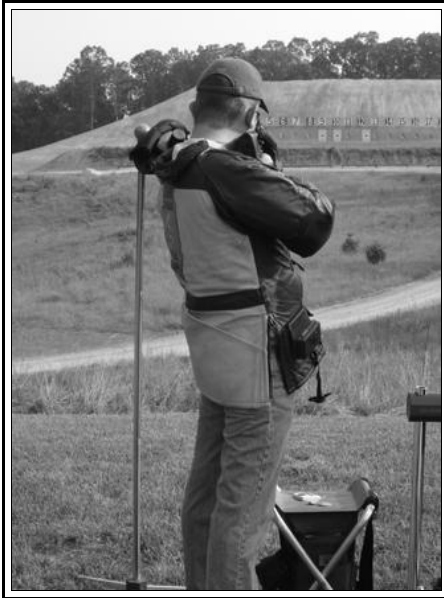
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WE WANT YOUR STORIES! MSSA is soliciting true and original shooting, hunting or firearms related articles by MSSA members and other interested parties for publication in THE MISSOURI SHOOTER.

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

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

2007 MO Firearms-Related Legislation

It was a great legislative year for the pro-gun-rights community. No anti-gun legislation was passed, and we achieved all three goals set for this legislative session with the passage of the "Katrina" bill, the "Castle Doctrine" bill and, last but not least, the repeal of the ridiculous, racist-in-origin *Permit to Acquire*.

SB 257 – The "Katrina" Bill

Explicitly prohibiting the confiscation of firearms during natural disasters, this bill easily passed and was signed into law by Governor Blunt at the NRA Annual Meeting opening ceremonies in St. Louis last April. It goes into effect August 28.

SB 62 – The "Castle Doctrine" Bill

The biggest achievement of the year was the passage of Senate Bill 62, which includes not only the "Castle Doctrine" legislation, but a number of favorable amendments as well.

The "Castle Doctrine" sections of the bill (Chapter 563) establish that you have no duty to retreat before acting to defend yourself or others against someone breaking into your home or vehicle while you are inside. For self-defense acts anywhere, if you acted within the law, you have an "absolute defense" to criminal prosecution or civil liability; further, in the event a lawsuit is filed against you, you can recover the attorney's fees, court costs, and any other reasonable expenses incurred fighting the lawsuit, once it is determined that you were acting in self defense.

Among other changes, this legislation also includes:

- Missouri Department of Corrections officers who have passed an 8-hour firearms safety course approved by the Department of Corrections may obtain a concealed carry permit without meeting further requirements.
- Licensed peace officers may obtain a concealed carry permit without meeting further requirements.
- Police firearms training courses fulfill the training requirement for a concealed carry permit.
- With proper credentials, retired law enforcement officers and federal flight deck officers may carry concealed without a concealed carry permit.
- Adjudicated mental health records will be sent to the Missouri State Highway Patrol for reporting to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS).
- Criminals' firearms and ammunition which were used in the commission of a crime and seized by law enforcement may be traded or sold to dealers and the proceeds deposited in the sheriff's revolving fund.

And the icing on the cake:

- The old "Jim Crow" law requiring you to obtain a *Permit to Acquire* from the sheriff before purchasing or transferring a handgun has been repealed. Come August 28, needing that "permission slip" from the sheriff will be a thing of the past!

Included in this newsletter are the sections of Chapter 563 from the "Castle Doctrine" portion of SB 62, as written into law. We will attempt to obtain a thorough yet clear legal analysis of SB 62 for the next newsletter.

Governor Blunt has until July 14 to sign this bill into law, or to veto it. It's highly unlikely the Governor will veto the bill as he has already announced he will sign it. (Too, in Missouri, bills awaiting the Governor's signature automatically become law if not signed.) The new "Castle Doctrine" law would go into effect August 28.

SB 225

Awaiting the Governor's signature, this bill designates Hunter Heritage Protection Areas in the Mississippi and Missouri River 100-year flood plains where hunting would be allowed subject to regulation. As law, it would also become effective August 28.

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“Castle Doctrine”

Sections in Chapter 563 as Revised by SB 62

Note, sections of other chapters also revised by SB 62 have not been included below.

563.011. As used in this chapter the following terms shall mean:

- (1) "Deadly force", physical force which the actor uses with the purpose of causing or which he or she knows to create a substantial risk of causing death or serious physical injury;
- (2) "Dwelling", any building, inhabitable structure, or conveyance of any kind, whether the building, inhabitable structure, or conveyance is temporary or permanent, mobile or immobile, which has a roof over it, including a tent, and is designed to be occupied by people lodging therein at night;
- (3) "Forcible felony", any felony involving the use or threat of physical force or violence against any individual, including but not limited to murder, robbery, burglary, arson, kidnapping, assault, and any forcible sexual offense;
- (4) "Premises", includes any building, inhabitable structure and any real property;
- (5) "Private person", any person other than a law enforcement officer;
- (6) "Remain after unlawfully entering", to remain in or upon premises after unlawfully entering as defined in this section;
- (7) "Residence", a dwelling in which a person resides either temporarily or permanently or is visiting as an invited guest;
- (8) "Unlawfully enter", a person unlawfully enters in or upon premises when he or she enters such premises and is not licensed or privileged to do so. A person who, regardless of his or her purpose, enters in or upon premises that are at the time open to the public does so with license unless he or she defies a lawful order not to enter, personally communicated to him or her by the owner of such premises or by another authorized person. A license to enter in a building that is only partly open to the public is not a license to enter in that part of the building that is not open to the public.

563.031. 1. A person may, subject to the provisions of subsection 2 of this section, use physical force upon another person when and to the extent he or she reasonably believes such force to be necessary to defend himself or herself or a third person from what he or she reasonably believes to be the use or imminent use of unlawful force by such other person, unless:

- (1) The actor was the initial aggressor; except that in such case his or her use of force is nevertheless justifiable provided:
 - (a) He or she has withdrawn from the encounter and effectively communicated such withdrawal to such other person but the latter persists in continuing the incident by the use or threatened use of unlawful force; or
 - (b) He or she is a law enforcement officer and as such is an aggressor pursuant to section 563.046; or
 - (c) The aggressor is justified under some other provision of this chapter or other provision of law;

(2) Under the circumstances as the actor reasonably believes them to be, the person whom he or she seeks to protect would not be justified in using such protective force;

(3) The actor was attempting to commit, committing, or escaping after the commission of a forcible felony.

2. A person may not use deadly force upon another person under the circumstances specified in subsection 1 of this section unless:

(1) He or she reasonably believes that such deadly force is necessary to protect himself or herself or another against death, serious physical injury, or any forcible felony; or

(2) Such force is used against a person who unlawfully enters, remains after unlawfully entering, or attempts to unlawfully enter a dwelling, residence, or vehicle lawfully occupied by such person.

3. A person does not have a duty to retreat from a dwelling, residence, or vehicle where the person is not unlawfully entering or unlawfully remaining.

4. The justification afforded by this section extends to the use of physical restraint as protective force provided that the actor takes all reasonable measures to terminate the restraint as soon as it is reasonable to do so.

5. The defendant shall have the burden of injecting the issue of justification under this section.

563.041. 1. A person may, subject to the limitations of subsection 2, use physical force upon another person when and to the extent that he or she reasonably believes it necessary to prevent what he or she reasonably believes to be the commission or attempted commission by such person of stealing, property damage or tampering in any degree.

2. A person may use deadly force under circumstances described in subsection 1 only when such use of deadly force is authorized under other sections of this chapter.

3. The justification afforded by this section extends to the use of physical restraint as protective force provided that the actor takes all reasonable measures to terminate the restraint as soon as it is reasonable to do so.

4. The defendant shall have the burden of injecting the issue of justification under this section.

563.074. 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 563.016, a person who uses force as described in sections 563.031, 563.041, 563.046, 563.051, 563.056, and 563.061 is justified in using such force and such fact shall be an absolute defense to criminal prosecution or civil liability.

2. The court shall award attorney's fees, court costs, and all reasonable expenses incurred by the defendant in defense of any civil action brought by a plaintiff if the court finds that the defendant has an absolute defense as provided in subsection 1 of this section.



THE SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK

MINUTES* – MSSA Board of Directors Meeting

April 21, 2007

*tentative; subject to Board approval

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Jamison at noon. Board members in attendance were Kevin Jamison, Lee Koester, John Leinberger, Harold Miederhoff, David Jones, Kent Finlay, Tim Oliver, Tom Zenthoef, Sheila Stokes-Begley, Gary Davis, Zac Bauer, Larry Crawford, and Roscoe Morris; absent were Grace Leinberger, Bob Sliger, Greg Jeffery, Michael Meyer, and Terry Struse. The minutes of the last meeting as printed in The Missouri Shooter were then approved by the Board.

Lee Koester gave the Treasurer's report. Regarding the St. Louis NRA Convention: \$3985 was spent for convention materials; however, the only item utilized solely for the convention was the "special edition" MSSA promotional newsletter, costing \$1409 for 1500 copies; remaining costs included such things as new MSSA pins and brochures, which were needed anyway. Proceeds from the convention totaled \$1353, which included \$350 in raffle tickets sold, \$570 in new/renewed memberships, \$200 in merchandise sales, and \$233 in donations. Lee then passed out MSSA account transactions. MSSA is in the black \$3922 for the last six-month period; of that, the Skip Simmons fund, as well as separate donations, were still coming in for the Juniors program; added with the raffle tickets sold, there was a total of \$1365 for the Juniors program. Lee then presented a check to John Leinberger for the Juniors program for that amount, which met with applause. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report, which was then seconded and passed.

Kevin reported on the NRA Convention, which was a "roaring success" with 64,562 attendees. St. Louis is now on the NRA's radar for the 2011 convention. MSSA's Director Emeritus, Roscoe Morris, was the oldest NRA Life Member at the convention and was honored by Wayne LaPierre. In addition to the MSSA booth, Gary Davis also spoke at one of the seminars, and Kevin was a speaker at the legal seminar. Zac reported that Dan Smith will give his NRA Convention report at the next meeting. Kevin expressed that Dan did an excellent job organizing the volunteers for the convention and deserved an award of some kind; ideas regarding same were to be forwarded to Kevin.

Kent Finlay then addressed the Board. (Kent had, since the last meeting, stepped down as Executive Officer, at which point Grace had been elected to fill that position until a replacement was found.) Kent spoke on behalf of Grace on Executive Officer matters he was still wrapping up. Twelve of the M14s have been shipped back to CMP; Kent had three and would be picking up two others, to ship within the deadline which was about a month. Once all rifles are turned in, CMP will issue the \$100 credit per rifle which Kent plans to use to purchase two rifles from vendors at Camp Perry for the Juniors program.

Kent then introduced a guest, John Teachey, who moved to Columbia eight months ago and works at Midway Arms, and who had been very active in the North Carolina's juniors program. John had contacted Kent several months ago wanting to get involved in high power juniors. John then introduced himself and provided some personal background. He expressed a strong desire to get involved with MSSA and the juniors program, to "give back" and to help give juniors similar opportunities as he had when he was in North Carolina. This was met with applause. Kent recommended that John be appointed to the Board and then elected to the Executive Officer's position, which would relieve Grace of doing double-duty and put John in position to best support the high power juniors program. Kent was willing to resign his post on the Board of Directors to open a position for John's appointment. Kent reassured the Board that he would not be leaving MSSA, but that he had served for ten years plus and was ready to pass the torch to someone else; further, that he had discussed the Executive Officer's duties with John, and that John was willing to accept the position. A discussion followed. The Board decided it would take the issue back up after the next break.

Kent then reported that he had been contacted about a month ago by a gentleman who had a team spotting scope from when he was a member of the old State Rifle & Pistol Association (pre-MSSA) that he wanted to turn in. Kent brought it with him, a 1936 B&L scope with a big tripod that had the old R&P logo on it. A discussion followed whether to sell it or use it. The Board would decide the matter at a later time. Kent then concluded the Executive Officer's report, advising nothing had changed re air rifles, AR15s, etc., since the last report.

John Leinberger provided the Juniors report. There were five juniors especially active, and John took them down to Martin Tennessee where they shot as a team against college students in smallbore and air rifle matches. The results were that they shot 3rd or 4th down, in line with collegiate scores, doing really well. John also took two of them to Mississippi to the Shooting Stars, where they made it into the finals. John believes he may have 11 juniors ready for the pro match. Regarding Junior Olympics 3P Air Rifle: John held it in 3 locations, and there were over 80 competitors; prior to this year, they had only about 25 or 30. Re 3P smallbore: The number of competitors had doubled this year. John reported

Owensville is getting a good juniors program and that he has been working with them. John expected the camps to be filled this year; several applied who are from out of state. John then made a motion to approve ordering a precision rifle from CMP which would cost about \$1100. After discussion, Tim moved the motion be amended to include two rifles; Kent advised he was also for two rifles, since there would be no annual bond fee for M14s anymore. The Board then approved purchase of two, one using Junior funds, the other using general funds.

Zac reported on the website. He advised he was about finished with a new section of the website which would list shooting dates, such as high power, smallbore, shotgun, etc. He requested dates needing to go up on the website be forwarded to him as soon as possible.

Kevin reported on a rumor that the Missouri Department of Conservation was going to prohibit the use of lead shot in Missouri. Kevin had then contacted the Department and was advised that, yes, they were establishing a rule in 21 areas that already had lead shot banned for waterfowl, an additional ban on shotguns using lead shot has been added for those areas. Kevin reported that they were also considering a *statewide* ban of lead shot, but that they hadn't given it any committee discussion as yet. Zac was concerned as the difference in cost between lead (\$4 or \$5/box) and steel shot (\$30/box) was substantial, and that he had also heard banning of lead shot was being used as a "backdoor hunting ban." A discussion followed. There was a general consensus that MSSA's newsletter should be used to advise the membership on this issue; Mona then requested a write-up to be forwarded for the newsletter. Further discussion followed. Tim recommended MSSA be placed on the Department's distribution list; Lee recommended a resolution be sent to the Department stating MSSA is opposed to the lead shot ban (including in the 21 areas) and that they should reconsider the ruling in 2008. Kevin would draft a letter.

A short break was called in the meeting, after which Tim gave the Legislative report. There was no old business when called. New business: Kevin asked Zac about a crate he had brought in, Zac advised it was a professional "booth" or aluminum table he brought for the Board to consider purchasing for MSSA booth work; however, John had advised Zac earlier that he had MSSA tables in storage; Zac would get with John later about getting a table to use in the St. Louis area for gun shows. Harold made a motion to give an honorary Life Membership to Dennis Eggars, NRA rep for the midwest region, who has worked closely and well with MSSA over the years; the motion was seconded and passed. Lee had worked the NRA convention booth and reported that Mona had provided him with the membership database, which had worked really well for members who dropped by who had lost cards, etc.; Lee then made a motion to reinstate Denver Frakes as a Life Member as he had been a life member of the old Rifle & Pistol Assn (pre-MSSA), the motion was seconded and passed; Lee then announced Larry Crawford was the newest Life Member of MSSA, which drew a round of applause. Harold then brought up a point of interest: There had been an article in the KC Star that the University of Missouri, Kansas City was dropping its rifle team from their athletic program. Harold then advised that he gets one or two calls a month regarding a membership not being processed in a timely manner; Tim advised that part of the problem was that since Harold used to do it and turn it around immediately, now the current system is that Lee picks up the mail about once a week and then Mona gets the mail from Lee about a week or so later, which makes the turnaround over two weeks minimum; the problems would try to be worked out. Kevin then related Kyle's reasons for resigning from the Board; when Kevin had asked for suggestions for the Board appointment, Mona was recommended; Kevin then appointed Mona to the Board; Kyle's Board term expires after this year. Tim then moved that, since Kent had found a replacement for the Executive Officer's position, Kent's resignation be accepted and John be appointed to the Board; the motion was seconded, and passed; John Teachey was then elected as the Executive Officer. Kevin then reported that Tim had resigned his Secretary position effective May 18 in favor of Mona taking the position and continuing to do all the work; a nomination was made to elect Mona as Secretary effective May 18, the election was held, and the vote favored the nominee. Harold advised he was approached for packets of material to hand out to Hunter Education instructors to promote MSSA; discussion followed. Pins had been brought back from St. Louis, Lee would take the pins for storage; Lee then made a motion that, since the Board was amenable to giving each MSSA member a pin, that a pin also be included with the next newsletter; discussion followed as to how to package the pin; to reduce cost, it was decided to send it in a newsletter issue that had reduced number of pages. Lee then passed out an NRA National Patriot's Medal to each Board member. Kevin then noted that the next meeting was July 21; the last newsletter had misprinted the date. The raffle drawing was then held for the Henry rifle; it was won by Guy Denny of Longview, TX.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2 p.m.



Liberty Notes

BY KEVIN L. JAMISON

15 June, 2007

It is a good day for Liberty.

We have five months before Ms. Clinton starts her sprint to the White House, five months to organize to stop her, five months to prepare to support our own candidate.

As of this writing, Fred Thompson is closer to running for President, which alone qualifies as a good day for Liberty.

Kay Barnes, the ex-mayor of Kansas City, will run against Sam Graves for the Sixth Congressional seat. Whoever was running, we would support Sam Graves. However in this match up, we must redouble our efforts. This will be the first credible opposition that he has faced since he first won the position. The opposition is energized and well financed. On the other hand, no one in the Sixth District wants to wake up in November 2008 to find metal plates in his road.

At the Miss Universe Pageant in Mexico City, Miss USA tripped and fell flat on one of her curves. She stood up, poised and confident, gave a radiant smile and carried on. At one point, a number of people in the audience booed her. She paid them no mind, fixed the audience with her dazzling smile and disarmed the opposition by speaking in Spanish. There are some lessons there. She may not have been judged to be the most beautiful woman in the universe (I think the Vulcan contestant won but I paid little attention); however, she showed grace, poise and a disarming determination in the face of adversity. Now if I just knew how she felt about near-sighted and unshaven attorneys.

As of this issue, I have been promoted to a regular column in Concealed Carry Magazine. The title of the feature is "It Doesn't Have to Make Sense, It's Just the Law". I shall be discussing various legal issues, practical legal matters, and making snide remarks about deserving persons. I have learned to upload digital photographs.

I am taking suggestions for future columns.

I spoke at the Missouri Bar Association's Firearms Law Seminar. This is not a group of bar owners but of lawyers, although there is often a close association. It went well. The significance is that the Missouri Bar Association (lawyers) believes that firearms law is significant enough to justify a yearly seminar. There were about 45 lawyers in attendance, all of whom identified themselves as pro-gun.

I am daily informed that this Administration has made mistakes running the war. This is true; in any complex endeavor mistakes will be made. I am bothered, however, that most of this criticism comes from persons who could have done no better and I am confident would have done much worse. I did not give my support to the President only as long as there was victory after victory, and I shall not pretend otherwise simply because it is popular to do so.

Venezuela has purchased 100,000 AK 47s from Russia, along with licenses to make more. Since Venezuela's armed forces totals 80,000, not all of whom carry rifles, this seems like a lot of rifles. Of course, Venezuela is following the example of other dictatorships in forming a 500,000-man militia as a counter to the military.

Venezuela's "president" has taken over the legislature's power, and no one did anything; he took over the judicial power, and no one did anything. He canceled the license of a TV station and people rioted in the streets. If you are going to take things from people, you need to understand what they value.

I hear that the earth is heating up and it has something to do with our "carbon footprint." Some claim that this is related to our use of toilet paper. These fanatics demand that we reduce or even eliminate our use of toilet paper. They will take my toilet paper from my cold dead hand.

The new bill to ban "assault weapons," HB 1022, arguably bans pump shotguns as well. The bill refers to semi-auto rifles

OR shotguns. I am concerned that this could be stretched to include any shotgun that some attorney general deems not to be "sporting."

Passing legislation has been likened to making sausage. In the last session of the legislature, I found it to be more like jigsaw puzzles. Imagine putting together a jigsaw puzzle of the Castle Bill. On either side, there are a dozen other people with their own Castle puzzles and some unrelated to Castle. They all demand that you exchange pieces of your puzzle for pieces of theirs; otherwise, they will not allow your puzzle to be finished. The trick is to exchange as few pieces as possible and still come up with a complete puzzle resembling a Castle Bill. Sometimes you exchange a piece of sky for a slightly different piece of sky, sometimes for a piece of hamburger. At the end of the session, there is a frenzy of exchanges, and if the puzzle is completed, you have to look carefully to see what picture you have created.

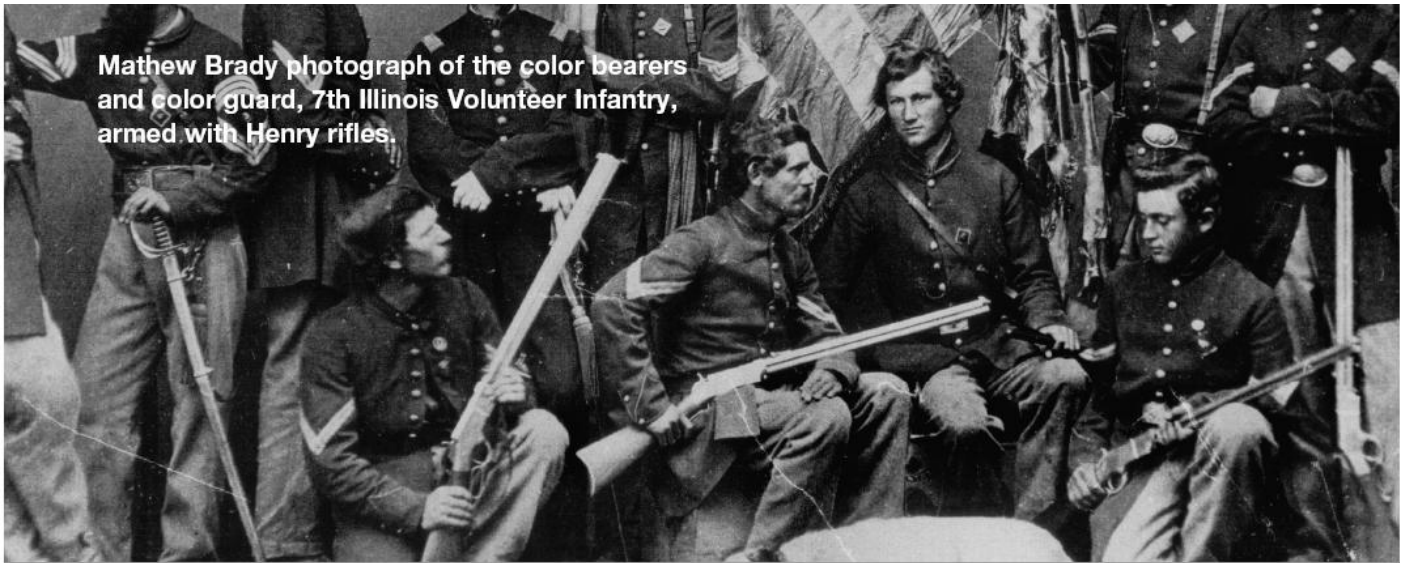
Thousands of bills were introduced into the Missouri Legislature last session. Only a few hundred passed. We had an exceptional year. We passed the Katrina bill to prohibit confiscations in time of emergency, the Castle bill to allow people to defend themselves in their own homes as well as prevent lawsuits by wounded criminals or the heirs of dead criminals. We passed the repeal of the Permit To Acquire law. On 28 August, 2007, these bills go into effect. We stopped bad bills, and we passed good bills. Next year, we get to do it all over again.

The American Hunters and Shooters Association, a false flag operation claiming to represent "traditional" gun owners (and various anti-gun politicians), appeared at the NRA convention and claimed that the NRA is not protecting hunting land. At the time, the NRA was supporting a Missouri bill to preserve the 100-year flood plain from development. This bill passed and will save habitat for the next generation of hunters. The AHSA, having no shame, has not apologized. We also have a bill to allow people to register to vote where they get hunting licenses.

Massad Ayoob writes about a case in which a citizen was on trial for a self-

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



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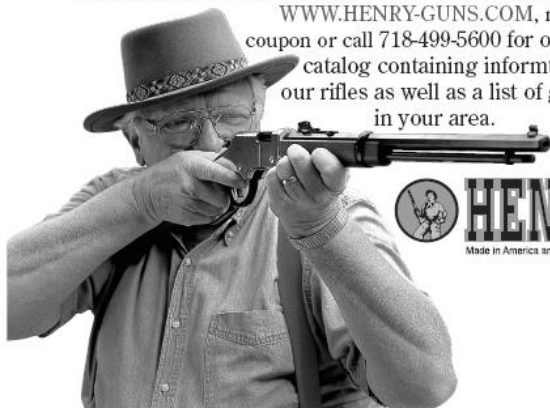
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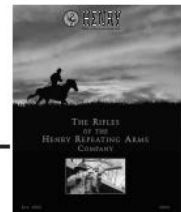
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defense shooting. His lawyer was confident, but the citizen's doctor warned that they would win the case, and lose the client. The hint was his comment, "I wish I'd let the bastard kill me." The stress of the shooting was aggravated by the stress of the trial, and the stress of being forced to live the shooting over and over. They had to plead, but they saved him. I can understand this, I have done it, but I hate it. It is not right, it should never happen, but sometimes it is the better alternative.

There has been some outrage over NRA opposition to adding persons on the terrorist suspect list to the NICS system. Some innocents believe that such a move would prevent terrorists from buying guns. It is easy to get on this list; as yet no one has gotten off. A Muslim convert who expressed disapproval of American policy in the Middle East found himself on the list and, when returning from a family visit to Canada, was stopped, searched, and threatened. There may very well be secret evidence against him. A neighbor, angry that his tree drops leaves on his side of the fence, may have told the FBI that the convert is raising money for terrorists. We can only imagine how many NRA members will be "outed" as terrorists by hoplophobes if such a measure passes.

A bill that pays the states to update the NICS system has passed the house and is expected to sail through the senate. The thrust of the bill is that all persons who have been adjudicated as incompetent will be reported. This has received a great deal of attention since it was learned that the Virginia Tech killer had been found incompetent and specifically that he was dangerous, yet he was not in the system due to the privacy concerns of Virginia at the time. I find it refreshing, if surprising, that a government would be interested in preserving privacy. However, I can see an exception. Granted, some individuals may not want to seek mental treatment if they thought that this treatment would become public. The bill only allows involuntary commitments to be added to the system, but the distinction may be lost on the marginally mentally healthy. The bill ends the Veteran Administration's practice of dumping all the Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) patients in the

government's computer as crazy. This had the effect of discouraging veterans from seeking treatment when they need it, and their problem gets worse. PTSD is more common in veterans coming back from unconventional wars, so the matter is of some urgency. There is a system under the bill under which a person can get out of the NICS system; this is new and long overdue. A bill relating to mental health and NICS was going to pass under the circumstances. The only question was if it would be watered down to affect only persons who are really crazy. I have not finished analyzing the bill; however, it appears to be an improvement over existing law. This is a result I hardly thought likely. This bill does not prevent crazy people from getting guns. Only locking them up will do that, and not always then. Even if crazy people can be prevented from getting guns, this will not stop massacres. Crazy people like fire. Until the Oklahoma City bombing, the worst mass murders were arson attacks. In 1958, an arsonist killed 92 children and three nuns in a school attack. About fifteen years ago, 97 people died in a hotel arson attack in Puerto Rico.

There is an argument that this new NICS bill will put thousands of people into the NICS system. This is probably true, thousands of crazy people who cannot legally own guns anyway. Every time a crazy person buys a gun legally, it hurts the rest of us. For the first time, there is a system to get off the NICS list. For this reason alone, it is a good day for Liberty.

A couple of my clients have an LTC, but were arrested on accusations of "brandishing." They both demanded why the law was passed if they were to be arrested for taking advantage of it. The answer is that people lie. They attempt to manipulate the system by lying to authorities. In one case, an assailant was brought up short by the sight of a gun. Outraged at being discouraged, he called the police, thinking that if he could not abuse the man, the police would do it for him. No law is perfect. Someone said something to the effect that, "When men tell all manner of evil about you, live so that no one will believe them." That is all we can do.

A family came by my office for some legal advice. The parents are here

illegally; the two children were born here and therefore are U.S. citizens. My NRA magazines fascinated the children, so I gave them the magazines. No matter how we feel about immigration, those kids will grow up and vote, and probably remember their parents when they do so. We need to find a way to bring the fastest growing ethnic group in American over to our side. Mexican militias defeated the regular armies of two European powers and overthrew various dictatorships. Regrettably, they usually replaced the dictatorships with another dictatorship. The current ruling party has essentially banned private firearms ownership to avoid further regime change. We can build on this. I cannot blame foreigners for wanting what we have built here. After twenty-four years of hearing stories about third-world hellholes, I cannot blame them for breaking the law to live here rather than there. While some legal system must be followed, we do not act in our best interests if we simply hate these people.

At a public meeting of the "Million" Mom March, some pro-gun activists brought cameras which put the M's in a tizzy. They claimed that they had been threatened over and over and this was just another example. It seems that they believed that documenting their claims was equivalent to a death threat. In Washington State, a party who was at odds with a gun-rights activist sent threatening e-mails to a prohibitionist under the activist's name. He was found out, but the prohibitionist played the victim. In a state legislature, some pro-gun people put up a sign saying that an anti-gun legislator should be "hanged." Others immediately stated that this was grammatically incorrect and it should be "hung." That is not the point. When hoplophobes receive threats, they get to play the victim, this is good for them. Every time some gun owner unburdens his mind in anger, their stock goes up. The best weapon against them is politeness. It gives them nothing to fight against. We can state our case with manners because we are right. One commentator said that there are five books that everyone who carries a gun should read, books by authors such as Jeff Cooper, Massad Ayoob, Chuck Taylor, Bill Jordan, and Miss Manners' Guide to Excruciatingly Correct Behavior; and the man was right.

We shall overcome.

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