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The Missouri Sport Shooting Association (MSSA) is the official state association for the **National Rifle Association (NRA)**, the **Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP)**, and **USA Shooting**, and an affiliate of the **Conservation Federation of Missouri**.

MSSA Official Host Club of 2007 NRA ANNUAL MEETING

WELCOME, to all those attending the NRA Annual Meeting and Convention! Being the official state association for the NRA in Missouri, MSSA is honored to serve as the Host Club for this event.

Hundreds have volunteered to help the Convention run as smoothly and be as memorable as possible. MSSA thanks its Members, its Affiliates, and the many other individuals who answered our call

to donate their time and energy toward that end. The months of preparation and local coordination provided by members of the Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance (GCLA) is especially appreciated.

We hope your experience at this year's Convention is productive and enjoyable. Stop by, say hello, and let us know how it's going! We'll be at the MSSA booth at the main entrance by the registration area.

MSSA RAFFLE Help Support Junior Shooters

MSSA will be raffling off a beautiful new Henry Mini Bolt Youth .22 LR, with case, throughout the NRA Annual Meeting and Convention. Tickets will be available at the MSSA table for *only* \$2 – at that price, buy several! All of the raffle proceeds go to support MSSA Juniors Programs. The raffle drawing will be held at the next MSSA quarterly meeting on April 21.

The rifle and case were generously donated to MSSA by **Henry Repeating Arms**.

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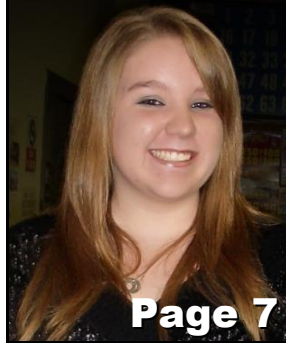
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The President's Podium

Kevin L. Jamison, MSSA President

THE BIG TENT

We have taken the first step to set in motion a powerful coalition. Competitive shooters and gun rights activist have been in two separate camps for too long. In the competitive shooters' world, every discipline is a kingdom and life unto itself, only looking after their own interest. The hi-power shooters don't have much use for the small bore shooters who have no interest in the pistol contingent.

The common thread? Competitive shooters have little interest outside their own discipline *or* in gun rights politics.

The truth of the matter is, we cannot survive without all sides working together. Young shooters are the future for both competition and for gun rights. If young people do not learn the love of the shooting sports, they will not care when our gun rights are eroded in the legislature. If we fail to secure future gun rights in the legislature, youth will not be able to participate in shooting. Failure to transfer the knowledge and love of shooting to just one generation will mean the extinction of the sport in 20-30 years.

Our mission is to build a big tent that welcomes and encourages all shooting sports disciplines from air guns to IDPA, to have all shooters active in working to preserve gun rights, and to take back ground that was lost in 1968 and indeed lost in 1934. The phrase, "Who needs *those* kind of guns," should not exist in any of our minds. This requires change.

In Missouri, MSSA will be that big tent. We must reach out and bring in new members. We will write articles, have match notices published, along with results posted from all disciplines. We will have members who will write letters and call their elected representatives and show up for legislative hearings and rallies supporting gun rights for all of us. *We* will make this our task and not rely on someone else to do it!

Our opponents are made up of tree huggers, PETA, the UN, institutes for peace, million misguided moms, and others who all come together to fight as allies on this one issue. Now is the time for us to change old ways and form a united front. It's the only way we can win.

We need your help. We need you to participate in the shooting sports in new and different ways than in the past. We must *all* look out for *all our interests* involving guns/rights to survive.

If you are a member of a gun rights group, like WMSA, GCLA or MissouriCarry.com, join MSSA and help with youth programs and competitive shooting. If you are an MSSA member/competitive shooter, get active in gun rights groups, there is one in your area.

By joining forces, we can secure the future for our children and their children and all who love to shoot, hunt, compete and carry concealed.

Please get started today.

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.

Opportunities for MSSA Affiliates NRA INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

BY LEE KOESTER

Along with Juniors Camp and various MSSA sponsored events that can be considered student training, including the well deserved recognition of the Missouri Department of Conservation's Hunter Education Program and its soon to be introduced on-line program, MSSA offers a unique opportunity for advanced education in association with our Club affiliates.

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

NRA shooting disciplines include Instructor training in:

- **Basic Pistol shooting**
- **Basic Rifle shooting**
- **Basic Shotgun shooting**
- **Muzzleloading Pistol, Rifle and Shotgun**
- **Personal Protection in the Home**
- **Home Firearm Safety**
- **Metallic and Shotshell Reloading**
- **Range Safety Officer and Chief Range Safety Officer**

And for the more advanced

- **Training Counselor**
training can be acquired.

Training is available on site.

For qualifying Affiliate Clubs, financial aid is available to help offset the costs of Instructor Training. Clubs need only contact me and the procedures can be set in motion.

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

To date, training has been done for the *Joplin Rifle and Pistol Club*. The *Owensville Gun Club* is getting ready for training.

We hope you enjoy the NRA convention, and thanks for stopping by the MSSA booth. Buy a Raffle ticket to help support our Junior Program!

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**WE ALSO THANK OUR AFFILIATES
FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF MSSA.**

**HELP SUPPORT THOSE
WHO SUPPORT MSSA!**

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

“Every range must have a range protection committee, or at least an officer.”

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

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MSSA-NRA ANNUAL JUNIOR COMPETITIVE SMALLBORE RIFLE
SHOOTING CAMP

JUNE 14-17 AND JUNE 21-24

by John E. Leinberger – MSSA Director Junior Shooting Activities

The Missouri Sport Shooting Association–NRA Junior Shooting Camps were started in 1985 as NRA Junior Olympic Rifle Camps. There have been 22 annual junior rifle shooting camps since then. Due to increased interest and demand, this year there will be two Camps held at the Buck Snort Gun Club rifle range near Marshall, Missouri. Early enrollment is encouraged to assure participation!



The camps promote junior competitive smallbore rifle shooting. Instruction includes rifle safety (most important), range commands, fundamentals of firing the shot, marksmanship, the proper use of shooting equipment, competition rules, keeping a shooting diary, and goal setting.

Campers also receive a book on competitive shooting, and a match is held on the final day of the camp.



MSSA also tries to furnish any equipment each junior may need. This would include spotting scopes, shooting mats, kneeling rolls, rifle stands, and we do have some rifles available. Ammunition, targets, food, and lodging are also furnished by the camp.

Some of the juniors that have attended the camp have gone on to collegiate shooting, having received shooting scholarships. Several have been NCAA All American, and several have competed internationally in Germany and Russia.



The camps have also helped the Missouri 4H Shooting Sports prepare their state team for the National 4H Shooting Sports Championships. In 2005 and 2006, the team was first place overall at the National Competitions in Columbia, Missouri and Rapid City, South Dakota.

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Range Protection II

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Parma Woods Range had 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.

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.

About the Author – A Special Forces “Green Beret” veteran, Kevin L. Jamison currently serves as President of MSSA and was a past president of WMSA. He is also a gun-rights activist, Second Amendment attorney, and author of the indispensable *Missouri Weapons and Self-Defense Law* (Merril Press, publisher).

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.

INNER CITY YOUTH HUNT

BY SMITH DEWLEN



The Central Missouri Chapter of Safari Club International (www.cmfsci.com) participated in its first inner city youth hunt December 17-19, 2004. Members Dennis Moore and Sue Ann Loesch, with Smith Dewlen as well as other members of the chapter, participated in introducing four young men and one young lady to hunting and the outdoors.

The day started at 4:00 a.m. when a luxury bus headed from Fulton, Missouri to St. Louis to pick up the kids at Senator Maida Coleman's office. At 6:00 a.m., we were introduced to Brandon-21 (aka: Hot Sauce), Surron-15 (aka: Snooze Dog), Quintie-13 (aka: Q-man), Mia-13 (aka: Princess), William-15 (aka: the Duke), and Carolyn who chaperoned the adventure. The kids, blurry-eyed and all, crawled onto the bus for the ride back to Callaway County. First lesson was for us old fogies! We had to learn a little different dialect of the English language. When they got on the bus, the comment was made that it was "cold." They were assured the heater was turned on and that it was very comfortable. After being looked at like we were from a foreign country, it was explained that "cold" meant "very cool." Go figure!

They were fascinated by seeing, for the first time, wild turkeys and the amount of land between houses.

While driving past a herd of cattle, William and Quintie wanted to know if they were "wild cows." After being assured they were not, they wanted to know if they went into the field with red on, would they be charged like they saw on television. It was suggested they not try to find out!



Our first stop was Tonanzio's restaurant in Guthrie, Missouri for a hunter safety class, given by Drake Dawson. Everyone including the chaperone participated in the class on the first full day and the morning of the second. According to the Missouri Department of Conservation, hunters must complete a 10-hour certified training course and then pass a written exam before being able to purchase a hunting license. Everyone

passed the test, with Mia scoring 100%! After an early lunch on the second day, the kids went to a shooting range where they were taught how to safely handle a rifle. Once it was felt they had the safety aspects of hunting grasped, they honed their marksmanship skills by firing at paper targets. The kids took this part of the adventure very seriously. They were

extremely conscience of where the muzzle was pointed, that the weapon was unloaded, and no one was down range when the rifles were being handled.

That afternoon the kids went out hunting at Whitetail Dreams in Fulton, Missouri. On hand was an outdoor television crew, "The Real Sportsman" from Arkansas. I don't know if the kids enjoyed the walkie-talkies or hunting the most. The batteries had to be recharged after being in constant use by the kids. We would have two kids, a guide, a cameraman, and a SCI chapter member in the blind. The kids would keep talking to each other on the walkie-talkies. It was finally suggested that maybe they could just set them down and whisper to each other since they were only two feet apart!

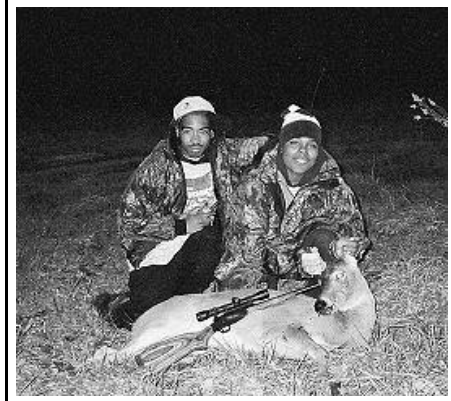
Four of the five kids harvested a whitetail doe that evening. Hot Sauce had a first-time experience. He saw a doe come out into the field. He picked-up his rifle, aimed, and began to shake. He said he didn't know what was the matter but thought he had better sit down. A second doe entered the field and again, he began shaking from head to toe. By the time the third doe walked out, he was calm enough to take the shot. He said he thought he had come down with the flu, but was

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Inner City Youth Hunt

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quite relieved to learn he had suffered from “buck fever.” (Been there and done that.)



You have never seen such big smiles on kids’ faces as we saw that evening. Pepsodent toothpaste smiles if ever I saw one. The idea of learning something and then using the information to obtain the desired result went over well.

When we all arrived back at the lodge, the kids saw a Missouri State Trooper car and an officer standing there. They became very quiet. When the officer smiled and asked how they had done on the hunt, they were a bit reluctant to say anything. I believe this was their first good experience with the police. Each was given a souvenir trooper badge and, after they had opened up, were offered a ride in the trooper’s car. They accepted and were taken for a trip around the area, lights and siren were most definitely used. It was pleasing for them to have a good relationship with a law enforcement officer. They all shook hands with the trooper, and Mia added her special goodbye, a big hug.

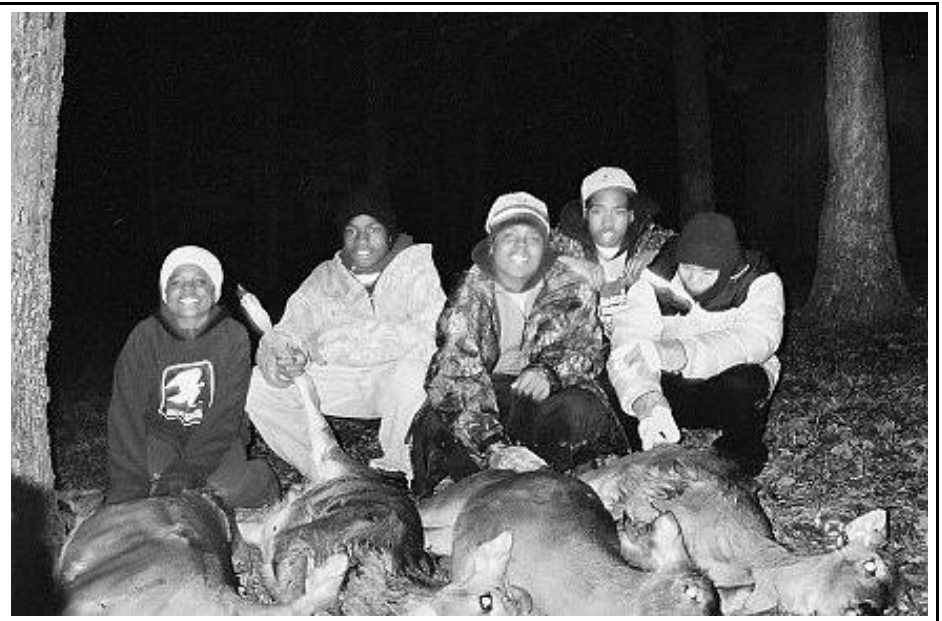
The kids wanted to see how a deer was processed into food. So, we all went to the processing building where they got to assist turning their deer into food. On Friday morning, Surrone went back out into the field, and by 10:00 a.m., he had harvested his doe. After lunch, it was back onto the bus

for the ride to St. Louis to end the outing.

I am not sure who enjoyed the adventure more, the members of the Central Missouri Chapter or the kids themselves. They were able to experience something new and exciting, will have venison for the holidays, and Mia will have her whitetail doe mounted and hanging in her house as she had the highest combined score for her written exam and marksmanship skills. An overall great experience for all and one that will hopefully have meaning to the kids that participated.

see smiling faces and waving hands at the windows. Then the bus horn tooted several times, as a final goodbye.

Several months later my wife and I were on the Metro Link headed for downtown Saint Louis, when several young men boarded the same car. I recognized Surrone, Quinton, and William. I smiled and told my wife who they were. When I was spotted, Quinton nearly shouted his hello and told the others I was one of the guys that had taken him hunting. Soon we were surrounded by 7-9 kids. All wanted to hear my hunting stories.



Two events will stick with me from this outing. One was when Brandon was talking to a couple of other members and his whole body, arms especially, were in movement. I stepped up and placed a hand on his shoulder and asked if he would do me a favor. “Sure, man,” he replied. I then asked him to put his hands in his pockets. He did, and I announced to all, “Now he cannot talk.” Brandon led the group in the laughter. He then retorted, “Man, you got me. Got me good.”

With handshakes, and hugs all around, we watched them depart. We could

They listened intently. When their stop came, all shook my hand and paid their respects to my wife.

I believe the Central Missouri Chapter of SCI made a difference in young lives.

About the Author – Smith Dewlen has hunted and supported hunting for over 40 years and frequently writes articles of his experiences for publications and websites. In addition to being an active member of a number of hunting and pro Second Amendment organizations, which includes Life memberships in the NRA, Safari Club International, the North American Hunting Club, and MSSA, Smith has also served as past president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles 2693.



THE GAVEL

Legislative Update by Dan Smith

2007 MO Firearms-Related Legislation

Background

Firearms/2nd Amendment bills are plentiful in the Missouri Legislature this year. Several could have a positive impact for us, while some are the usual bunch of hogwash portrayed as “firearms safety” issues.

There’s good news and better news to report on a number of bills. First of all, not one bill considered to be “negative” by those likely to read this column has found its way out of Committee (either House or Senate) this legislative year; therefore, there’s no reason to take up space speaking ill of the dead or dying.

Each year, the various major gun rights organizations in Missouri (MSSA, GCLA, WMSA, and others) informally develop priorities for legislative initiatives. For 2007, the priorities that were identified and for which legislative sponsorship could be obtained were: an improved self-defense law (*aka. Castle Doctrine*), firearms protection in public emergencies (*remember Hurricane Katrina and Mayor No-Gun’s storm troopers body-slammng a little old lady to “appropriate” her firearm*), and the removal of having to get a “permission slip from Momma Sheriff” every time you want to buy a handgun (*the infamous Permit To Acquire*). As of this writing (about two weeks before the NRA Annual Meeting in St. Louis), all three priorities are still alive and in various states of wellness in the Legislature. Here is a quick summary:

Castle Doctrine Legislation

A good self-defense law contains five basic concepts: 1) what situations justify the use of deadly force to protect oneself or others, 2) whether an individual may “stand their ground” or must seek other alternatives (*duty to retreat*) before employing deadly force, 3) where an individual may employ deadly force if justified, 4) the presumption of justifiability unless a prosecutor can establish otherwise, and 5) immunity from civil prosecution if the use of deadly force was justified. Current MO law (RSMo 563) and existing case law fail the test on four of the five key points. Two bills were introduced in the Senate this year (SB 62 and 41), combined in Committee as **SBS 62**, and ultimately passed by the Senate by a margin of 32-2. On the House side, a strong Castle Doctrine bill, **HB 189**, passed by a margin of 143-4. The Senate bill is weaker in the sense that it limits the “stand your ground” concept to home or car, while HB 189 is “everywhere you have a lawful right to be.” Each now sits in Committee in the opposite chamber awaiting action. Our goal is final passage of a bill (either HB 189 or an amended SBS 62) which does not limit an individual’s capacity to lawfully defend his or herself based on geography! **We believe that the support exists to pass a full-blown Castle Doctrine legislation this year, and Governor Blunt has already said he will sign a good bill. We’re not ready to settle for less!**

PTA Elimination Legislation

Both House and Senate sponsors introduced identical bills (**HB 462** and **SB 457**) which **totally eliminate** the Permit To Acquire (PTA) system. Both sailed through their respective Committees and await action on the House and Senate floors. It is important to note that **no one** spoke in

opposition to these bills at public hearings. Once again, however, the Senate has made matters a little tougher than they had to be. SB 457 came out of the Senate Judiciary Committee *merged with SB 217*, a bill designed to **revoke** county and municipal authority (granted under RSMo 21.750) to locally regulate the open carrying of firearms. (The House version of this open-carry/preemption issue is HB 1045 and has yet to be heard on the House floor.) SB 217 is not a “bad” bill, but it is bound to cause opposition to SB 457 overall which did not exist before the merger – counties and municipalities aren’t about to relinquish their capacity to regulate open carry without a fight. SB 457 may, as a result, have a tough road ahead in the Senate. HB 462 should pass the House easily and arrive in the Senate in plenty of time to be taken up in its “pure form.” (The fate of HB 1045 in the House is unknown.)

Firearms in Emergencies

Sponsors introduced identical bills in both chambers (**HB 669** and **SB 257**). They prohibit modifying firearms laws or seizing firearms during an emergency as was done in Louisiana. SB 257 passed the Senate by a margin of 30-4 and is anticipated to pass the House by a similar huge majority. It is likely passage will occur before the NRA Meeting. Once again, Governor Blunt has stated he will sign such legislation.

Prognosis

April is a key month for finalization of Missouri legislation. We also have the national Second Amendment spotlight on Missouri with the NRA Annual Meeting (April 12-15) occurring smack dab in the middle of the primetime MO legislative season. The Legislature adjourns in mid May and does not reconvene until January 2008...**an election year.** Our focus needs to be on the MO Senate where one vote either way means far more than the much larger House. Also, the last two weeks of the MO legislative year get taken up by big ticket and controversial dog fights between and within each legislative chamber. Bills like ours tend to get lost or shoved aside in that last minute melee.

Bottom line...this may be our best chance for the next two years...*or longer*, depending on the 2008 election. **We believe all three “priorities” can happen this year if everyone takes the time to contact their State Senators and Representatives NOW.** Our legislators need to know you’re in favor of these changes, that you won’t take “no” or “do nothing” for an answer, and that you have a long memory for who supports our Second Amendment rights. Please take the time to write, call or email...better yet, do all three...*politely and firmly.*

Legislation is the “art of the possible.” Passage of legislation is a cold calculation of the electoral cost of doing something or doing nothing. **YOU** are a big factor in that calculation, **IF** your voice is heard by those who represent you. Silence is consent to ignore important issues.

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Liberty Notes

BY KEVIN L. JAMISON

16 March, 2007

It is a good day for Liberty.

We have nine months before Hillary Clinton's campaign for the presidency becomes a daily news event.

The last line of Colonel Cooper's last column was a quote from Bertha Calloway, "We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails." We cannot change the hatred against us, but we can win our fight in spite of it.

The 6 March, 2007 "Dateline NBC" program was titled "To Catch a Predator." One such capture was a man working as a police officer. This is disturbing enough, but not unknown. The man carried several guns in his car, including an AR 15, and several hundred rounds of hollow point ammunition. It was said that the hollow point ammunition was designed to penetrate police bullet-resistant vests. Hollow-point ammunition does not and can not penetrate bullet-resistant vests. We are faced with refuting such authoritative lies.

My sister directs a diabetes clinic where people walk in with doughnut crumbs on their shirts and demand that she fix their diabetes. In such cases, her first orders are to administer multiple enemas so as to remove the patient's head from his hindquarters so that she can explain the concept of the operation. A certain degree of personal responsibility is called for. In 1925, Dr. Sweet defended his Detroit home from a racist mob and was tried for murder. Clarence Darrow was asked to take the case. The Great Advocate asked the emissary if Sweet had actually shot at the mob. The emissary waffled, finally admitting that Sweet might have fired. Darrow took the case reasoning that he would fight for people who fought for themselves, but not those who would not fight for themselves. No one will fight for us; we have to be in the fight ourselves.

Jesus was asked the essence of Jewish law and replied "You shall love the Lord . . . All the rest is commentary." And yet there is commentary. In fact, if all the commentary on the law was placed end to end, the project would never be completed. I am often told that the Second Amendment invalidates one law or another. The Second may be the essence of the law, but the commentaries still exist, until the court says otherwise. The devil is in the details.

In the January *Concealed Carry Magazine*, Boris Karpa asks, "What have you done for Freedom today?" It doesn't have to be something big, a dollar saved in a coffee can for the next election, a letter to the editor, a letter to the legislature, working a table at a gun show; it all adds up.

Jeff Cooper is quoted as saying, "The most pervasive and least condemned form of dishonesty is not doing the best you can."

A woman in Stafford, Virginia was convicted of maliciously throwing a missile, a cup of ice. Could have gotten two years, she got probation instead, and a felony record. Boys in Johnson County, Kansas were charged with assault after they threw snowballs at a snowplow. The driver was cut around the eye, indicating ice or gravel in the snow. There must have been something about this past winter which has made prosecutors intolerant of ice and snow crimes.

It is reported that a home invader in Johnson County, Kansas forced the wife into a bathroom saying it was going to be a long night. She told her husband to "get the gun." The intruder then lessened his grip and she escaped. The family didn't have a gun, now they do.

The Star (a daily tabloid) of 1 March, 2007, page E-6, advises on how to survive a mugging. They do not mention guns, except to warn that a certain mugger had a reputation for using a gun at the first sign of resistance. It is the Star's opinion that guns are only bad, never good (unless in

the holster of the security guard at the newspaper's entrance). The article warns against pepper spray or stun guns. It claims that muggers are aware of these measures and guard against them. It advises that people keep their keys handy for use as weapons. It appears that muggers know all about peppergas and stun guns, but have never heard of keys.

The Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit has ruled that the Second Amendment is an individual right. It will take me some time to evaluate the decision, but it is landmark stuff. The fact that it is the D.C. Circuit is significant. This circuit encompasses the seat of power and is more prestigious. It deals with more cases regarding the nature of government power. Striking down the District's long-standing gun ban is the doorway to a major change in the legal treatment of the Second Amendment. What lies on the other side of the door is the big question. The opposition may ask for consideration by the full circuit and may take it to the Supreme Court. Once we establish that we have this right, we then must prove the extent of the right. We are a long way from the end.

Anti-gun whiners complain that the judges were in collusion with the NRA, that it overturns 70 years of legal decision, that the Supreme Court has ruled on the matter. None of this is true. The Supreme Court has never ruled authoritatively on the Second. In 1939, the court ruled that it could not take judicial notice that a sawed-off shotgun was not a militia weapon. This was the Miller case that the opposition claims is the definitive decision, which did not even have an attorney for the defense argue the case. In the 70 years since Miller, courts have made vague reference to the decision involving matters not mentioned in the decision simply because it is a Supreme Court gun case. This vague reference as a substitute for legal reasoning is alarmingly common. Since the Emerson decision, we have begun to get reasoned, well-researched decisions involving the Second. We can thank the NRA's Civil Rights Defense Fund for funding legal challenges and encouraging law review articles.

Once we establish the extent of our right

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to keep and bear arms, we shall have to protect it. A federal judge in New York City found the City's panhandling law to be unconstitutional. Fifteen years later, the City is still arresting and convicting people under the unconstitutional law.

Ann Coulter is roundly condemned for implying that Presidential Candidate Edwards cannot be discussed without using the word 'faggot.' The remark is unworthy of her, but in the same week, Bill Maher said that more people would live if Vice-President Cheney died. There was little or nothing said about the various hopes that the Vice-President would die.

Speaking of hate crimes. A high school girl was mocked for her Mormon beliefs, and retorted with, "That's so gay," a dismissive youth euphemism the precise meaning of which escapes me. The girl was punished for homophobia; her classmates' religious intolerance was tolerated. Hate crimes are tolerated if they are politically correct hate crimes.

Scientists of some stripe or another report that chimpanzees have made spears and used them to hunt small animals. Making tools, let alone weapons, has long been the definition of the human race. This may require inviting the chimpanzees to join the United Nations where they will not be noticed, or perhaps a peacekeeping force somewhere.

During my physical exam last month, I told the doctor that I was hallucinating. I saw visions of the Democrats taking over Congress, of Nancy Pelosi being third in line for the Presidency, and of anti-gun Republicans competing with anti-gun Democrats for the presidency. The doctor told me I was not hallucinating, all those things really happened. Rats.

After consultation with other activists, it has been decided that there will be no Gun Rights Rally in Jefferson City, in light of the much larger gun rights rally in St. Louis. People normally involved in the Gun Rights Rally are working on the NRA Convention as well as campaigning to pass Castle Doctrine reform and to end the Permit to Acquire system. There is only so far we can stretch. There will be a

grass roots activist workshop sometime in May. This will train activists in working for gun rights in the legislature. There will be similar workshops during the NRA Convention; however, we have unique circumstances in Missouri and want to pass on what we know.

An outdoors writer named Jim Zumbo wrote a column expressing his disdain for semi-automatic paramilitary firearms. One of the founders of WMSA could not understand why anyone would want a paramilitary rifle. The difference is that our founder understood that the haters are coming for ALL of our guns. Mr. Zumbo endorsed giving up semi-automatic rifles in the belief that this would satisfy the haters. There was the predictable reaction. Mr. Zumbo's column was pulled and he went to rehab, of sorts. Ted Nugent took him in and explained the concept of the operation to him. Mr. Zumbo has published an abject apology stating that he now understands the connection of paramilitary rifles to his guns. His treatment may have seemed harsh, but we must stick together. If we turn on each other, the haters will have their work done for them.

A woman in the Albany, NY airport declared her handgun to the ticket agent, who turned her into the police, who arrested and searched her. Since the arrest caused her to miss her flight, she had to buy another ticket; she was then searched AGAIN. This sort of behavior has been infamous in New York City and Newark, New Jersey airports, appears to be spreading. The day I read this report, I had been advising a gun owner who travels for his work. I warned him about the New York and Newark airports and had a powerful memory of a passage in *Black Like Me*. The book recounts a white author's experiences in the South after dying his skin black. As he traveled, real African-Americans warned him what to do and not do, what places to avoid if at all possible; and now it is my professional obligation to warn my clients in the same way.

Buddhist monks in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia are plagued with stinging red ants, to the point that one worshiper was put in the hospital. As pacifists, the monks cannot kill the ants. One tried to vacuum up the insects and free them

elsewhere, but this was ineffective. If it had been effective, it would only have sent the ants to plague someone else. I respect the faith of pacifists, but their superior morality only serves to provide nourishment for evil. In the end, they need someone to exterminate their ants.

Adam Petrie has been denied a PTA by the Jackson County Sheriff because he refused to answer questions which are prohibited by statute. He also refused to sign a "mental health" authorization which is as broad and deep as the sea, and not authorized by statute. At trial, the judge was not asked to overturn the law, just find that Adam was qualified for a PTA. On examination, the Sheriff's Deputy in charge of PTA's testified that she knew that Mr. Petrie was qualified; if he had any disqualifiers, even those covered by the objectionable questions, it would have shown up on her computer. As for mental health, she has computer access to the Missouri Department of Mental Health and court probate records. She never uses the authorization. So, the questions are not only illegal, they are unnecessary, but Adam must be a good little subject and answer them. The judge ruled that Adam is qualified for a PTA, but he must answer the questions because there might be some speculative person somewhere who might be caught by the forbidden questions. He asked if we understood this. I said that we did not. We have to ask for reconsideration, but the next stop is the Court of Appeals.

On 21 April, 2007, Old Town Station will auction off my 35-year collection of guns, knives, bayonets, swords, and other weapons and accessories. Some still bear the original price tags, which indicates how often I have been able to shoot them. A number of pieces are unique, many are unusual. Some came out of cases I have done. Those that do not have a story behind them, I can make one up for a small fee. The Old Town Station catalogue is quite a wish book; call them at (913) 492-3000 for a copy.

We shall overcome.

No free man shall ever be de-barred the use of arms.



The strongest reason for the people to retain their right to keep and bear arms is as a last resort to protect themselves against tyranny in government. - Thomas Jefferson



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