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The Annual Meetin' and Eatin' 2007 Awards Dinner

BY LEE KOESTER
MSSA TREASURER

Food, food, and more food. Door prizes galore. That was the scene of the 2007 Annual Awards Dinner and meeting.

The MSSA Annual Meeting was attended by nearly 40 in preparation for the dinner and awards ceremony.

We had 64 attend the dinner and participate in more raffles and blind auctions for the Youth shooting programs.

This year, the club acquired a very nice all-aluminum locking gun case with rollers. It was raffled for the sole benefit of the Junior High Power Program. We raised \$230 for the program.

Anheuser-Busch again this year donated some high-dollar items for the benefit of the Junior Programs. A silent auction was held and raised another \$170 for the Juniors Program.

I mentioned food, we really had a lot of it. This year we hired the DAV to do the catering, and did we ever hit the jackpot. Fried chicken, roast beef, tossed salad, corn, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, and two different deserts. If you didn't go home stuffed, you weren't at this dinner. The benefits are two-fold for using the DAV; we get a good fresh



MSSA members scope out the abundance of prizes set up on one of the donation tables.

home-cooked on-the-premises meal, and the leftovers are donated to a list of DAV worthy groups. A win-win in my book. We have reserved the hall and their services for January 2009, so if anyone has any suggestions for a menu for next year, please let me know, and we will see what we can do.

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Catch the latest on the MSSA JUNIOR RIFLE TEAM in JUNIOR COMPETITIONS

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The President's Podium

Kevin L. Jamison, MSSA President

IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2008

In 2008, MSSA enters its 80th year of preserving the shooting sports. Perhaps I am overly impressed with this anniversary, certainly any organization can survive for 80 years if it has hundreds of people willing to devote great blocks of time to the work. If these hundreds of people donate their time, donate their money, and donate their imagination to the organization, then 80 years is not a remarkable milestone. If these people volunteer to cooperate and sacrifice without hope of reward generation after generation, then an organization can easily survive for 80 years. But these elements are not common. We are fortunate to have enjoyed generations of dedicated workers.

The Annual Dinner went well. Director John Leinberger was away teaching young shooters; teaching them not only to shoot, but to love shooting. Michael Meyer produced a quantity of quality door prizes, some of such quality that they were converted to a silent auction to benefit youth shooting. Dennis Eggars from the NRA spoke on his varied history with the NRA. The food was great and it did not snow, which is my definition of a good day.

On Monday, 11 February, 2008, lawyers representing The Missouri Sport Shooting Association and 39 other state shooting associations filed a friend of the court brief in District of Columbia v Heller. The case will determine if the Second Amendment recognizes an individual or a "collective" right to own guns.

The brief stresses the advantage of pre-induction marksmanship training to the military, the involvement of the state associations in training civilian and military personnel, and the government's role through the Director of Civilian Marksmanship in promoting firearms training. It concludes that the Second Amendment is an individual right "of the people to keep and bear arms." This is in contrast to the opinion of Washington D.C. The District claims that "the right of the people" is an absolute right to join the National Guard.

The state associations are joined by a brief of the attorney generals of 31 states, including Missouri. A majority of the US Senate and House of Representatives has signed a brief supporting the individual right to own guns. The Vice-President broke with the administration position and signed onto the brief in his position as president of the Senate. Many other briefs have been filed by many other organizations. But many briefs have been filed against us.

The Bush administration has filed a brief supporting the individual right, but suggesting that the case be sent back down to the trial level to determine if handguns have any utility in self-defense. This is a silly inquiry designed to delay and harass rather than enlighten. If the case survives this examination, the government suggests that restrictions on the individual right to own guns be subjected to a very low standard of review, one that even the most onerous restrictions might survive. During this proposed procedure, The District's ban on the means of self-defense will continue, and the plaintiffs must pay their own attorney fees, but the District of Columbia will finance its efforts with taxpayer money.

MSSA is following up rumors that the Department of Conservation will expand the areas in which lead shot is banned. We have expressed our opposition to existing restrictions and future regulations to the Department. If the rumors turn out to be true, we shall turn out our membership at the hearings in opposition.

We have elections this year; this should be fun, but has not been thus far.



2007 Awards Dinner

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Door prizes this year were donated by Anheuser-Busch (via Michael Meyer), Cathy Ergovich of What-Ya-Say, Learn To Carry Productions, Ltd., and Bass Pro (again, via Michael Meyer), among others. Rep. Brian Munzlinger also brought several very nice gifts. Needless to say, they went very quickly.

MSSA donated several gifts, and everyone left with something. Even Dennis Eggers, who had earlier re-donated his drawing number, had to leave

with an MSSA ball cap.

I heard good things from the audience again this year, and next year is shaping up to be another big winner. Mark your calendars NOW to attend the next MSSA Awards Dinner in January 2009.

I want to thank all who attended to make this the biggest event ever. Thanks to all who donated prizes to help make the evening fun – and to the DAV cooks, who not only made our mouths water before serving, but put on a super wonderful dinner.

See you next year.



SMOKIN' HOT ITEMS

Included among the many prizes generously donated by Anheuser-Busch were, not one, but two huge Budweiser fire pits! (value \$160/ea) Rather than give these away as door prizes, both were instead placed into silent auctions.

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THANKS to MissouriCarry.com!

MissouriCarry.com, for those who don't know, is *the* place to go for firearms information, with topics ranging from politics, concealed carry, long guns to event listings. It's a forum made up of some very kind-hearted people; more like a family, really. Founded by Zac Bauer (MSSA board member), participants range in age and location. Membership on "MoCarry" is free.

So, you ask, what did MoCarry do? Well, every year they have a picnic, and this picnic raises revenue. And what, you ask, did they do with this revenue? Well, they donated two THOUSAND dollars to MSSA! As well as one THOUSAND dollars to the Youth Hunter Education Challenge! There were also sizeable donations to WMSA and GCLA. So, to the guys and gals of MoCarry, our hats off to you!



Above, left-right: MissouriCarry's President, Will "Wild Willie" Renkin, presents MSSA's check to MSSA President Kevin Jamison; Jan Morris is presented with a check for YHEC; and WMSA President Sheila Stokes-Begley is presented with a check for WMSA.



The Saddle Soapbox

By Sheila Stokes-Begley, Editor

U-Turn in .1 Mile

When I went to the last MSSA meeting, I was traveling solo as Denny was working at the Annual Elk's gun show. Now, I can find Runge Center where we normally meet just fine, but the Annual Members Dinner is at the Disabled Veterans Hall. I've been there once, last year. Got lost that time too, with Denny navigating. But this year, Mom loaned me her Magellan GPS unit! I told it "shortest time." Well, I wanted to go 50 Hwy and just use it when I got to Jeff City. It doesn't work that way. It wanted me to go 291 to I-70, so every time there was a cut-through coming up on 50 Hwy, I heard this voice saying, "U-Turn in .1 mile" as I drew near a ping. There are a lot of U-turns on 50 Hwy, and I swear the more of them I passed, the more desperate the voice seemed to sound! More like "U-Turn in .1 mile, PLEASE!" then escalating to "For the love of heaven & earth would you PLEASE U-turn in .1 mile!" I thought the poor thing was about to blow a fuse. Finally, I went ahead and cut through to I-70 using "F" highway. It seemed calmer, and was quiet most of the rest of the way. I think the poor thing might have been exhausted.

I think I know how the little thing feels.

I look at the main Presidential candidates and feel the same way, "U-turn, for the love of America, for Pete's sake, U-TURN!" There are only 2 running, Ron Paul and Mike Huckabee, who haven't or haven't said they will further limit our rights. The Bush Justice Department has filed an Amicus brief on the side of the District of Corruption in the Heller vs. DC case. This is so bad that 55 members of the Senate on both sides and Vice-President Cheney have now filed an Amicus brief in support of the 2nd Amendment. Note to Missourians, Claire McCaskill did NOT sign in support of the 2nd Amendment. Just in case you thought she would. "U-turn."

On the State level, our ranges are now under attack. Cedar Creek Rod & Gun Club in Callaway County is under attack. They have been in business since 1992, and have broken no rules or laws. In fact, no one says they have. But, because some new people moved in and filed a lawsuit, they are now limited on the amount of hours per day they can be open. This also limits the activities the 4-H and FFA can pursue at the range. And yet, the complainers -- or is that "Plaintiff," must check that with Kevin -- anyway, the whiners are still not happy. Nope, they want them out of business. "U-TURN, U-TURN!"

Speaking of out of business, Cass County -- yes, that paragon of good government, the ones that enacted an ordinance against

discharge of a firearm in the county for any reason -- is at it again. For those that don't know, when the ordinance was enacted, it also included bow & arrows, and paint guns. Also, no clause for self-defense. However, a bunch of stalwarts took on the County Commissioners and got that taken out in short order. Now they have appointed a guy to the codes & zones office. He has decided there will be no kennels in his county, that his rule supersedes state law. Also, you can't have more than 4 dogs and cats. Not 4 dogs plus cats, 4 total. No matter how much land you have. There is word they may later try to add horses to the list. So, for those of you that hunt with a dog, if you get them from a breeder in Cass County, guess you are hoping the Citizens group formed to fight this nonsense is successful, eh? Probably don't need to tell you what this does to hunters that happen to have a few dogs either, do I? "U-TURN, U-TURN!!!!!"

None of this is good stuff, none of this is headed in a direction that will be good for the upcoming generation of shooters. Not only do they face pressures at school that "guns are evil," they will have an increasingly harder time finding a place to practice or a dog to hunt with.



And that's the view from my saddle.

Sheila Stokes-Begley



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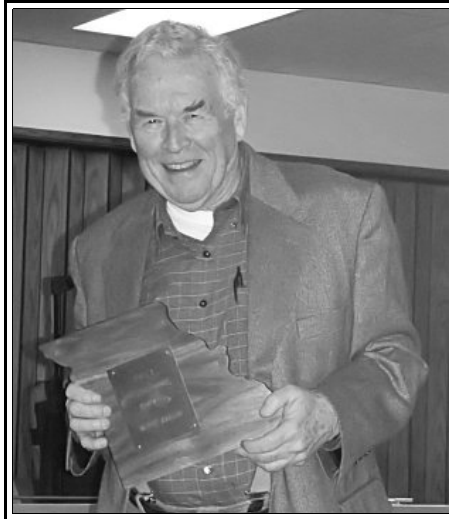
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Highpower Champion



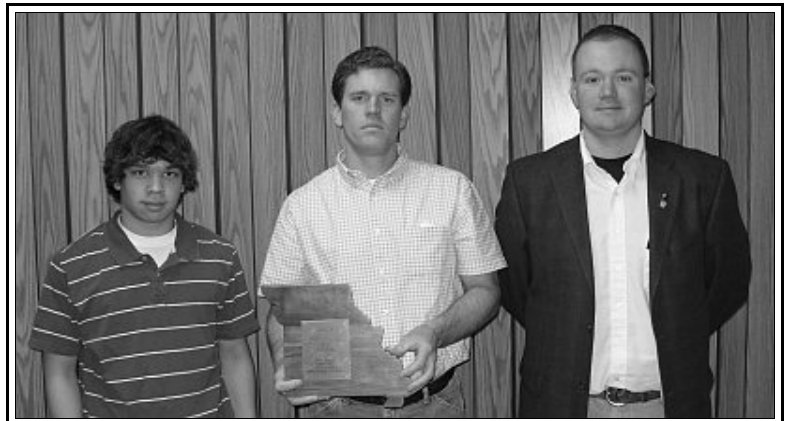
George Johnson
State Mid-Range Champion
State Senior Mid-Range Champion



Chris Calumpong
State Junior Highpower Champion
State Junior Service Rifle Champion
State Junior Midrange Champion



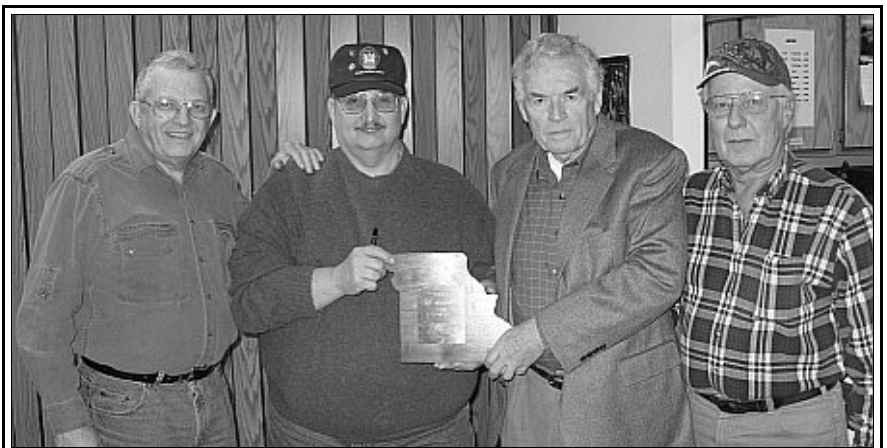
Paul Noles (with Harold Miederhoff looking on as
Guest Speaker Dennis Eggers presents the award)
State Indoor Pistol & State Outdoor Pistol Champion



Chris Calumpong, Frank Harles, John Teachey
(not shown: Steve Finnell)
State Service Rifle Team Champions



Mike Barron, Larry Ailor
(not shown: Jerry Bohnert, Jim Obermeyer)
State Highpower Team Champions



Ken Spears, Kurt Schinze, George Johnson, Bob McCammon
State Mid-Range Team Champions

Junior Competitions

by John Leinberger

Missouri junior smallbore and junior air rifle shooters were active at the beginning of 2008. There were 4 competitions in January and 1 competition in February.

On January 12, 2008, the Missouri State USA SHOOTING 3 Position Smallbore and International Air Rifle JORC (Junior Olympic Rifle Championship) Match was held at the Pioneer Gun Club Indoor Range, in Kansas City, MO. One male and one female State Qualifier will be invited per state provided they fire above the Minimum required "State Qualifier Score." The shooters are classified by age: J-3 (14 years and under), J-2 (15 to 17 years), and J-1 (18 to 20 years). Participation was great with a total of 19 competitors.

The National Junior Olympic Championship will be held April 4, 2008 through April 19, 2008. Women's competition will be April 4, 2008 through April 9, 2008. Men's Competition will be April 10, 2008 through April 16, 2008. The National Competition is held at the United State Olympic Training Center, Colorado Springs, CO.

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL AIR RIFLE

Winning Scores (total possible score for women = 400)

Gold	Kellie Zurowski	(J-1)	388	"State Qualifier"
Silver	Christine Manhart	(J-2)	378	"State Qualifier"
Gold	Jesse Johnson	(J-)	367	

MEN'S INTERNATIONAL AIR RIFLE

Winning Scores (total possible score for men = 600)

Gold	Sam Gall	(J-1)	569	
Silver	Chrisom Darnell	(J-2)	567	"State Qualifier"
Bronze	Jason Nienhaus	(J-1)	558	

WOMEN'S 3 POSITION SMALLBORE RIFLE

Winning Scores (total possible score for women = 600)

Gold	Kellie Zurowski	(J-1)	563	"State Qualifier"
Silver	Christine Manhart	(J-2)	542	
Bronze	Jesse Johnson	(J-1)	530	

MEN'S 3-POSITION SMALLBORE RIFLE

Winning Scores (total possible score for men = 600)

Gold	Jason Nienhouse	(J-1)	552	
Silver	Garret Spurgeon	(J-3)	458	"State Qualifier"
Bronze	Sam O'Hanlon	(J-1)	530	

The above "State Qualifier" shot a score equal to or above the required score for his or her age classification. The Match Director was Ed Camp. The Pioneer Gun Club has been an MSSA affiliated club for many years.

This year there were two USA SHOOTING/CMP Missouri State Junior Olympic 3 Position Air Rifle Qualifier Matches held in Missouri. The first was held at Ozark High School, Ozark, Missouri and was sponsored by the Ozark High School Army JROTC. This match was held January 19, 2008. The second match was held at Owensville at the Gasconade County Fair Ground February 9, 2008. There were a total of 64 Competitors. The competition was held for both Sporter and Precision Air Rifle and included both individual competition and team competition.

These competitions determine who will compete at the National 3P JORC. The National 3 Position JORC will be held at Anniston, Alabama, July 10-18, 2008. These matches are approved by USA SHOOTING (the national governing body for the Olympics) and sanctioned by the CMP (Civilian Marksmanship Program).

3 POSITION SPORTER AIR RIFLE RESULTS:

Individuals: Kelsea Hunt 555

Shawn Sprawling 548

Alan Snyder 544

First Place Sporter Air Rifle Team:
Ozark High School ARMY JROTC "A TEAM"

Kelsea Hunt -555

Shawn Spradling - 548

Jacob Edwards - 522

Rob Thompson - 524

TOTAL TEAM SCORE - 2149

3 POSITION PRECISION AIR RIFLE RESULTS:

Individuals: Jason Nienhaus - 587

Dan Hermsmeier - 579

Christine Manhart - 575

First Place Precision Air Rifle Team:
St. Louis University High School "BLUE TEAM"

Sam Gall - 572

Jason Nienhaus - 587

Dan Hermsmeier - 579

Larry Rudolf - 559

TOTAL TEAM SCORE - 2297

The Match Directors for the two locations were Ronnie White for Ozark, MO, and John Leinberger for Owensville, MO.

Junior Competitions, cont'd.

MSSA Juniors competed at Martin, Tennessee in the University of Tennessee Martin Invitational Rifle Tournament. During January 25-26, 2008, five MSSA junior shooters competed at UT Martin in 3 Position Smallbore Rifle and International Air Rifle.

The junior shooters were Christine Manhart, Jordan Robertson, Garrett Spurgeon, Chisom Darnell, and Sam O'Hanlon. They competed as a team. As a junior team, they placed second in both 2 Position Smallbore Rifle and International Air Rifle. Their individual 3 Position Smallbore scores were: Chisom Darnell – 545, Garrett Spurgeon – 533, Christine Manhart – 526, Jordan Robertson – 525, and Sam O'Hanlon – 524. For International Air Rifle, their individual scores were: Chisom Darnell – 560, Garrett Spurgeon – 557, Jordan Robertson – 547, Christine Manhart – 546, and Sam O'Hanlon – 513. While at the University, some of the juniors went on a tour of the campus.

Goodbye to Tennessee, and Hello to Kentucky. The evening of January 26, 2008, the MSSA Junior Shooters were now in Murray, Kentucky to compete in the 2008 Roger Withrow Invitational Rifle Match. There were 16 Air Rifle Teams, 11 Smallbore Teams, and 16 Aggregate Scores. The MSSA Junior Rifle Team was 11th place Air Rifle, 7th in Smallbore Rifle, and 8th place in the Aggregate Score. On January 26th, the team shot the Smallbore Match: Christine Manhart – 541, Samuel O'Hanlon – 529, Chisom Darnell – 532, and Garrett Spurgeon – 548. Jordan Robertson shot as an individual with a score of 537. On January 27th, the team shot the Air Rifle Match: Christine Manhart – 547, Jordan Robertson – 548, Chisom Darnell – 552, and Garrett Spurgeon – 550. Most of the teams were college teams, which provided a good experience for our junior team.

Also, MSSA was well-represented by Kellie Zurowski, a junior shooter that now shoots for the University of Martin, Martin, Tennessee. As an individual, Kellie was 4th out of 98 shooters in Air Rifle at Murray, Kentucky. She shot well in her freshman year and is an outstanding young lady.

Kelsea Hunt of Ozark High School, Ozark, Missouri also competed at Martin TN and Murray KY. Kelsea's scores were: Air Rifle at Martin – 558, and at Murray – 568.

I was very happy about the number of junior competitors we had at all the matches and encourage them to shoot at the Outdoor Prone Matches at Marshall, MO this spring.



◀ from right to left

Chisom Darnell,
Jordan Robertson,
Garret Spurgeon,
and
Christine Manhart,
at the match in
Murray, KY.



from right to left ▶

Christine Manhart,
Chisom Darnell,
and
Jordan Robertson,
at the match in
Murray, KY.

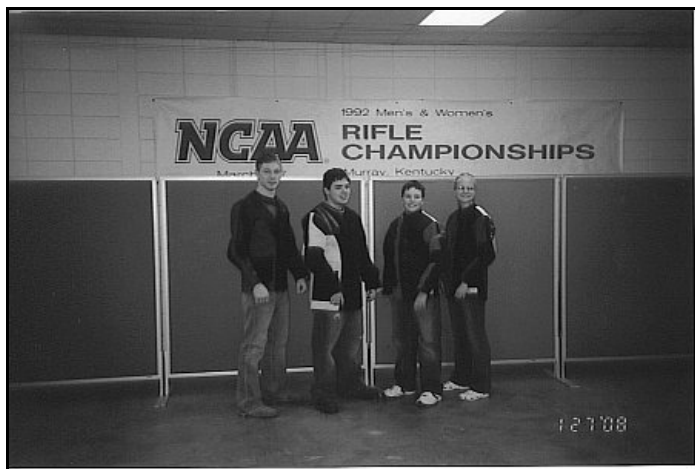
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There are two Junior Competitive Smallbore Rifle Camps planned for 2008:

June 19 through June 22

July 10 through July 13

For more info, contact John Leinberger at
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The MSSA Junior Rifle Team strikes a pose! From left to right: Jordan Robertson, Chisom Darnell, Garrett Spurgeon, and Christine Manhart. Missing is teammate Sam O'Hanlon who was unavailable at the time these photos were taken.



MSSA Team Gold is "Golden"

BY KENT FINLAY

My 14th trip to Camp Perry and the Pistol National Championships started out in a familiar pattern this year, but this time ended up on the stage at the Awards Ceremony with 3 of the finest pistol shooters in Missouri.

The Journey Begins

Jeff Schotland and I left Saturday morning to travel to Valparaiso, Indiana for what we would call our pre-Perry 2700 match. I'd not shot at "Valpo" before, but had heard that they put on a really great match. Also, I wanted to see the unusual target system located there. Seems like some other Missouri folks had the same idea, as our Super 8 also contained some familiar faces.

The match had only one relay, and it was sold out with 3 guys waiting for openings. Texas, Iowa, Indiana and Illinois were all represented. The 30 competitors included Darrell Wilson, Rick Ruecker, Bill Reinhold, Paul Noles (all from the St. Louis area), Chris Guerrero of Moberly, Jeff from Parkville, Hadley Wild from Lebanon, and myself. On a beautiful day for shooting, Paul Noles won the tournament with a 2622-97x, and Chris Guerrero was 1st Master with a 2599-86x. This targeting system was quite unusual and really a benefit for the shooters. Thirty targets, including the turners, were mounted on 1 long beam, and that was sitting on rails on the ground. After we shot each 10-round string, the targets came to us while we were picking up brass, loading mags, etc. Four feet from the firing line, we would score and put up new centers, and as a unit, the system would then return to the 25 or 50 yard firing line. Rather unique, I would say. And the NIISA range staff was very courteous and efficient in performing their duties.

Camp Perry

We all left that afternoon and made our way to Camp Perry, about 40 miles east of Toledo, Ohio. We were soon to be joined by Thomas Hile from Harris, Missouri, Eric Pearson of KC, and Kwen Griffith

from Springfield. In addition to the National Championships, some of us were also shooting the Distinguished Revolver Match and the Harry Reeves Memorial revolver match on Tuesday. The revolver was one of the primary firearms for Conventional Pistol competition back in the 60's and earlier, and a good many S&W 22 and 38 Masterpieces came out of retirement for these matches. Chris Guerrero won a Harry Reeves shirt by placing in the Top 100 (28th). Missouri's second-highest revolver shooter in the Reeves Match was Tom Hile.

Wednesday starts the Championships with what they call the "Warm-Up Match".

Here you have the opportunity to "sight in" in a formal manner. That day, we also finally determine who is available and wants to shoot the Team matches. After much discussion, Jeff and I decided to take charge and form two teams. We tried to determine our top shooters for a MSSA Gold team, and we also made a MSSA Silver team (affectionately referred to as "Centrum" Silver). The top three guys were easy as Paul Noles, Chris Guerrero, and Eric Pearson have been approaching and breaking the 2600 mark regularly. My scores have been slipping, but I became one of them as Team Captain. MSSA Gold was in the State Association Master category. Jeff (the young sprout at 45) captained the Silver team consisting of Darrell Wilson, Rick Ruecker, and Hadley Wild. Those three "old timers" average about 68, I'd say.

MSSA Silver competed in the State Association Sharpshooter category. The wind on Wednesday was barely tolerable, running a steady 15 mph, which is pretty challenging for a guy trying to hold a pistol in one hand and hit a 20-inch target at 50 yards. Much, much tougher was the 3½-inch 10 ring. I made note of the wind flags running perpendicular to the firing line, and at that time, I did not know that those would be the "best" conditions of the week!!

The Championship matches were fired

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, with Team matches usually starting about 2:30 p.m. The wind those days started at about 10-15 mph in the a.m., increasing to 20-25 by team match time -- mostly steady with few bad gusts. The let-offs were the killers, causing some competitors to actually let loose a round on the next target to the left. Guys coming off the 12:30 relay were pretty worn out for the Team match. MSSA Gold started out in 22 cal with a 3rd place in the SA Master class, shooting 93.3%. In Center Fire, we averaged 95.1% to take 1st in class. AND in the 45 cal match, we also placed 1st in class with a 92.7%. Those totals allowed MSSA Gold to take

1st place in the State Association Master Team Aggregate, which is a first for Missouri, in recent history.

It was the "windiest"
Camp Perry
in the last 25 years.

Being Team Captain, it's my job to check the score sheets and verify the point values. Well, in the 45 match, I slipped up. The scoring team had the same total I had, but in one of the boxes there was value of "1". No such value on the target, only values from 5 through 10X. But no denying it, there was a "1" in the value box. We knew what the value was, but only the original scorer could correct it. So, we embarked on the odyssey of finding the scorer (whose signature could just barely be read) of the Lewis, PA Club team. Hanging in the balance was the fact that if our score could be corrected, MSSA Gold would be the highest scoring State Association Team for 2007, beating all other State Association teams. Including the High Master Teams, there were 54 State Association teams attending. The official post locator was closed, so we spread out asking around for the team in about 10 acres of "huts," not knowing if they were on base or had left for home already. Finally, I spotted a fellow with a Pennsylvania shirt on. He thought the team we were looking for was somewhere to the east, but said to look for the hut with "Pink Flamingos" staked around the front door. Well, we found it with no one at home. Spreading out once again, we searched the area but to no avail. I finally went back to the stat office with the bad news. While standing there, I heard my name echoing thru the buildings. There came Jeff, Paul, and

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someone I hoped to be our scorer. He was, and after much ado, he determined the "1" was indeed a "9", and not a "10" by the slant of the line (of all things). The angle matched his 9s, not his 10s. That equaled the total for that target. We were in!!!!

Our stage presence was a little ragged compared to some of the other winners. After all, they were cleaning up, while we were running around sweating about 8 points. But we got to walk across the stage and be recognized as the Highest Scoring State Association Team at 2007 Camp Perry's National Championship. It's not quite like being the Overall Winning Team (we were 4th out of 106 teams), but close enough for us!! As I look back, Paul Noles' 860 and Eric Pearson's 859 scores in the team match were beaten only by Brian Zins' 871, and Brian was our 2007 National Champion. The MSSA Silver Team placed 12th in their class, with Jeff leading the scoring. Jeff also did a much better job of verifying scores than I did!!

By Sunday, the wind flags I had looked at on Tuesday were nearly torn in half, and we did not have one single storm all week. It was the "windiest" Camp Perry in the last 25 years.

Individual Feats

Paul Noles placed 9th out of 40 High Masters. Out of 114 Masters, Chris placed 9th and Eric placed 28th. In the Expert Class of 210 shooters, Jeff placed 22nd and I placed 34th. Thomas Hile was 14th out of 20 Police Experts. Two Missouri shooters made the President's 100 with the service Pistol, Eric Pearson (63) and Paul Noles (76). Eric also earned 10 Distinguished points in the National Trophy Individual Match. Due to Paul's individual score in the 2006 Championship, he got to fire as a member of the 2007 NRA/USA Civilian Pistol Team. Not only was he only 1 of 10 firing members, but he shot the highest score of all 10. That got his name engraved on a trophy forever, and earned him a spot on the awards stage where he stood for the next 90 minutes!!!! But that's another story, and this has gone on long enough! Congrats to all the competitors!!



▲ Paul Noles - NRA/USA Team Award



▲ MSSA Silver Team



◀ Missouri Boys at Valpo

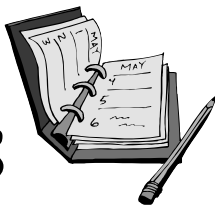


MSSA Gold Team ▶

▼ Gold Team on Stage receiving the High State Association Team Award



Mark Your Calendars



Would you like your club event included? If so, just send the info to sbegley@missourisportshooting.org and put your club name in the subject line. Events to go into the next issue are due by May 1.

March Events

*Joplin Rifle & Pistol Club

March 16- Highpower 200 yards 8:30 AM
USPSA Pistol - 4th Sunday of the month at 1 PM
Steve Thompson 417-782-4283

Lambert Field Rod and Gun Club

March 28,29,30 and April 4 and 5
11:00 AM to 6:00 PM

BBQ Time

Fund raiser for Lambert Field Rod and Gun Club
Villa Del Cresta Shopping Center (Max's Meats)
432 Howdershell, Florissant, MO.
Ribs, Rib tips, Pork Steaks, Bratwurst, Slabs, Half Slabs, Plates, Sandwiches. Plates come with 2 sides, extra sides are available.

Owensville Benefit "M1s For Vets" Shoot

30th March at the Gun Club Ranges in Owensville.
(See page 11 for details.)

April Events

*Joplin Rifle & Pistol Club

April 5-Military Bolt Action 8:30 AM
April 5- NRA approved Smallbore prone-9 AM
April 20 Highpower 200 Yard 8:30 AM
April 26 CMP Sanctioned John Garand 8:30 AM

MSSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

26th April, 2008 Noon-4 PM
Runge Center, Jefferson City.

Annual Gun Rights Rally

April 29th at 10 AM
Capitol Rotunda in Jefferson City.
WMSA will have a bus going to Jefferson City.

May Events

*Joplin Rifle & Pistol Club

May 3- Military Bolt Action Rifle 8:30 AM
May 17- NRA Approved Smallbore 9 AM
May 18- Highpower 200 yards

* For more information:
George Carder 417-624-6839
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OWENSVILLE GUN CLUB BENEFIT SHOOT



The Second Annual “M1s for Vets” benefit shoot, conducted by the Owensville Gun Club, has been scheduled for **30 March 2008** at the Gun Club ranges in Owensville. This is a money shoot with 20% of the fees/contributions going back to the participants for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards. The remainder of the fees will be used to buy M1 Garand rifles for presentation to Missouri’s combat-wounded veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan. The entry fee/donation is twenty dollars (\$20).

The “M1s for Vets Project” is not affiliated with any large firearms organization. It is a small, grassroots group of gun clubs, shooters, and collectors that want to, and are, showing their appreciation and respect for our combat-wounded veterans.

Missouri’s combat-wounded veterans are worthy of recognition by all Missourians. Their service and sacrifice on our behalf calls for us to support them as they struggle to regain their self respect and get on with living their lives.

The “project” is an essential part of that support. It was conceived as a part of the recovery therapy for our combat-wounded warriors. Veterans are identified by the various trauma centers and screened to ascertain that they will accept our helping them by gifting them with an M1 Garand rifle and arranging for them to get to a range to fire their historically significant gift.

The Owensville Gun Club (www.owensvillegunclub.org) invites other Missouri gun clubs, police/veterans and service organizations, individuals, and businesses to join in this project of recognition for these fine men and women.

The club is offering two levels of participation. The first is as a “Sponsor.” A Sponsor is an individual, organization, or business that donates a complete rifle or provides the funds to purchase a rifle, approximately five hundred forty dollars (\$540). The Sponsor will be entitled to present a rifle directly to the veteran at an appropriate presentation ceremony. The second level is as a “Co-Sponsor.” A Co-Sponsor is an individual, organization, or business that donates one hundred dollars (\$100) to the project toward the purchase of a rifle for presentation. Sponsors and Co-Sponsors will be included in all publicity generated for the appropriate presentation ceremony.

In 2007, the Club presented three rifles. Unfortunately, in 2008, there may be more than a dozen presented.

The Gun Club coordinator for the project is: Don Merritt, LTC, US Army (RET) 573-437-2527 or 573-301-0036.

*Don Merritt
Owensville Gun Club Coordinator “M1s for Vets” Project*

ANNUAL GUN RIGHTS RALLY

April 29 at 10 a.m. – State Capitol Rotunda

PLEASE JOIN US IN THIS CRUCIAL ELECTION YEAR

The attack on firearms rights are coming from many directions now. Efforts to close down ranges, increasingly strident calls for more gun control from politicians assuring us they “believe in the Second Amendment” or “support the Second Amendmen.” People that do not like guns, or do not think you should have guns, will not care what you do with them, how old a shooter is, or what kind of people gun owners are. All they see is their world view, and they try very hard to make us fit into it. In order for us to keep these rights, to enjoy our sports, hunting, practice self-defense, or just collect and admire our guns, we need to show politicians that there is a large active community that care very much about their gun rights – for ourselves, and for our children and grandchildren, nieces and nephews. They need to know that this matters to us, and that we vote. Please, in this crucial election year, make plans to attend the Annual Gun Rights Rally. This would be a great family event.

M-1 Garand Winner

BY LEE KOESTER

Well, another Annual Awards dinner has passed and another M-1 Garand has been given away.

The winner of the rifle this year is Warren Loschky from Glasgow, Mo.

I spoke to Warren on the Sunday following the drawing and wanted to congratulate him and let him know the CMP will handle everything. Of course Warren was surprised and shocked to hear he had won the rifle. Being a WWII vet, he had carried in the war and was seriously thinking of biting the wallet to acquire one from CMP soon.

I have known Warren for several years. We have RO’d Glock matches and one year, the Bianchi Cup in Columbia. In fact, we have worked the same area because we always got along so well. I think its because of Warren though, I really am a bear to get along with.

We reminisced about matches we had worked together and hoped we would see each other again soon. September and the Glock match will be here sooner than we think.

I cannot think of a more deserving recipient of the Garand. Had we been forced to nominate a winner, Warren would have been on the list.



THE SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK

MINUTES – MSSA Board of Directors Meeting

October 20, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Kevin Jamison at noon. Board members in attendance included Kevin Jamison, Grace Leinberger, John Teachey, Lee Koester, Mona Oliver, John Leinberger, Zac Bauer, Sheila Stokes-Begley, Michael Meyer, Larry Crawford, and Roscoe Morris; absent were Harold Miederhoff, Greg Jeffrey, Dave Jones, Terry Struse, Bob Sliger, Tim Oliver, Tom Zenthoef, and Gary Davis.

Motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting as printed in The Missouri Shooter newsletter was seconded and passed.

BOARD REPORTS

Lee Koester gave the Treasurer's report and provided the Board printed reports of account transactions and income/expense for the last five months. Current balance in the checking account was \$9,749.81; another \$599 in checks yet to be deposited would bring the total to \$10,348.81. Lee stated he would provide a report for the entire year (2007) at the next meeting. The increase in dues had been delayed with the last newsletter, but would go into effect January 1. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was seconded and passed.

John Teachey gave the Executive Officer's report. Three rifles had come in this week. The 1936 B&L scope and tripod [reported in April 2007 BoD meeting] was sold for \$500; combined with \$150 from earlier in the year from the sale of M14 magazines, \$650 was available and would be utilized for Junior program purchases. There was an increase in junior shooters in the state championship held two weeks earlier. Chris Calumpang swept the Junior championships, winning the high power, service rifle and long-range shoots. Jeff Chosid, the current high-power committee chairman, was no longer active in high power and was resigning his position; John recommended Greg Meredith fill the position; this was well received, a motion was made by Grace to nominate Greg to the position, the motion was seconded and passed; the Board then approved the appointment. Kevin inquired if a letter of appreciation had been sent to the CMP; John Teachey advised that, while he was at Camp Perry, he was able to thank the Director in person and so had not sent a letter.

Junior Programs: John Leinberger gave the report on the Junior Programs. Outdoor 3P and smallbore rifle championships had a very strong showing of juniors, with 9 to 11 in each match. Junior camps will be held in June 2008, the goal is to have full camps of 18 kids in both. Plans for a number of future matches were then provided. John wanted to have an "MSSA Junior Rifle Team;" a motion to approve the MSSA junior team was seconded and approved; a discussion on related matters, such as providing the team with patches and/or jackets, followed; Michael Meyer offered to check for team shirts, etc. John reported 4-H was finally starting to turn around; he then reported on results of various past competitions. John reported there was \$1,809 in the Juniors account.

Newsletter: Sheila requested a photograph be sent or included with articles of the author for placing in the newsletter. The next newsletter was to be the pin issue [approved in April meeting], so the newsletter should only be 14 pages instead of 20; discussion arose on whether placing the pin in between the newsletter sheets would be adequate; Kevin requested Lee send a pin between 7 folded sheets (the thickness of the newsletter) to see if there would be a problem; if it goes through fine, we'd send the pin in a shortened newsletter, if not, we'd send a full newsletter (and determine what to do regarding pin distribution at a later date). Kevin stated a service member in Bagdad had joined and reported being happy with the newsletter.

Website: John Teachey wanted to know if more current photos would be going up on the website; Zac advised if someone sent him more current

photos, he would use them; several advised they could get some new photos taken. A discussion on posting results of events to go on the website was discussed; further discussion and coordination would be needed.

Membership report: Lee reported 858 current paid members, 708 annuals, 150 life; there were 34 paid affiliates; this did not include recent lapses (some members re-up after expiration). There were 32 complimentary newsletters going out. Discussion on membership matters followed.

Kevin spoke on Gary Davis who had passed away, and then opened discussion regarding appointment of Stu Strickler to fill the position left on the Board; Grace moved to accept the appointment of Stu Strickler, the motion was seconded and passed.

Lee reported on Board members who would be up for reelection; Bob Sliger would not be running for another term; Tom Zenthoef would not be running but had someone he would recommend for the position at the annual meeting; Lee advised he had not heard back from Dave Jones; all other current Board members would be seeking reelection for the upcoming term.

Kevin advised pictures of Board members would be placed on the website.

OLD BUSINESS

Kevin reported on the status of the tax exemption; still waiting on the IRS.

Zac brought example MSSA promotional color brochure; 1,000 full color, glossy, was \$209, plus \$26.57 for shipping. Discussion followed; Lee requested Zac get pricing for 2 and 5 thousand pieces, agreeing this was a great price, especially for the quality as plain black and white was \$.10/each; discussion continued. Zac would get additional pricing and report on that next meeting.

Kevin wanted to finalize the special award for Dan Smith; discussion followed. A motion for a special award for Dan was made, seconded, and passed.

After discussion, a motion to have a new award was seconded and passed. This award would be called, "The Gary Davis Leadership Award."

Board members on the Awards Committee was Harold, Lee, and John T.

NEW BUSINESS

Kevin reported on the lobby seminar to be held in Hallsville which was being sponsored by GCLA, WMSA, MissouriCarry.com and SAFTY; a motion was made, seconded, and passed for MSSA to also help sponsor the lobby seminar at \$150, which was the same amount the other organizations were providing. Lee recommended having Board member name plates by the time of the annual meeting; motion to approve was seconded, and the motion passed. A discussion on distribution of raffle tickets followed. Michael Meyer would be checking into getting door prizes for the annual dinner. Further discussion regarding the upcoming annual meeting and dinner followed. Zac reported that the MissouriCarry picnic raised over \$8000 and there were over 450 people there.

The meeting was concluded at 2:20 p.m.

MINUTES* – MSSA Annual Members Meeting

January 26, 2008

*Tentative, subject to Board approval.

The Annual Members Meeting was called to order by President Kevin Jamison at 2:00 p.m. Board members in attendance included Jamison, G. Leinberger, Teachey, Koester, M. Oliver, Stokes-Begley, Bauer, Miederhoff, Meyer, T. Oliver, Crawford, Zenthoef, and Morris; absent were J. Leinberger, Jeffrey, Jones, Struse, and Sliger.

BOARD REPORTS: Mona Oliver read the minutes of the last meeting; a motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes as read. Lee Koester provided the Board a written Treasurer's report and then summarized the details; a motion made to accept the Treasurer's report was seconded and passed. John Teachey gave the Executive Officer's report: status on .22 rifles were unchanged, all the AR15s were issued, the M14s called back by CMP were turned in and credited for 3 new AR15s. Grace provided the Juniors Report in John's absence [see "Junior Competitions" article for match updates]. Lee then provided the membership report, and Tom Zenthoef provided the legislative report. Tim Oliver spoke on the Lobby Seminar held in Hallsville, then updated the Board on the Cedar Creek Rod and Gun Club lawsuit; it went to court and CCRGC had a temporary injunction imposed; the club is to limit times open, have no shooting on Sundays, and the plaintiffs were awarded a large sum; a hearing was scheduled for Feb 20 on the injunction, and a motion was in play for a new trial. Mona reported cost to mail pins to all members had become a problem as they couldn't be included in the newsletter pack; Michael Meyer would check on methods/costs of sending pins as inexpensively as possible. Regarding the MSSA website: Kevin advised the website had been down for a while at some point as notification to renew was not received, but the problem had been resolved.

OLD BUSINESS: MSSA had purchased an oak tree for Gary Davis' family as a memorial gift; as Kevin had purchased the tree on behalf of MSSA, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to reimburse Kevin for it. Kevin then advised Gary had been one of the Board members on the MSSA Foundation, with his vacancy, the Foundation needed to appoint a new board member; Grace volunteered for the position. 501(c3) status: paperwork plods on. Lee then handed out MSSA BoD identification badges, approved in a prior meeting, to each Board member present.

NEW BUSINESS: Jim Dickerson addressed the Board, thanking MSSA for supporting the Arnold team; they've become very successful, one girl was on the Junior Olympic Team; he then reported that Josh Creswell, who also receives MSSA support, has rapidly become one of the premier trap shooters in the U.S., placed 8th in the nation (overall, not just youth). Josh then addressed the Board and thanked MSSA for its support. Presentations: MissouriCarry.com's President presented a \$2000 check to MSSA, \$1000 to YHEC, \$500 to WMSA and same to GCLA, from funds raised at their last annual picnic; GCLA then presented MSSA a check for \$500. The donations were targeted for the Juniors Programs; total received: \$2500.

Elections were then held. Members present were voting on eight members to serve on MSSA's Board. All end-of-term Directors except Sliger and Zenthoef were interested in re-election; with nominees Greg Meredith and Terry Brookman, there were six nominees for current terms, plus Strickler and Teachey were running to complete the terms of their interim positions. No other nominations were made. Secret votes were duly cast. Elected: Miederhoff, M. Oliver, Jamison, Jones, Strickler (to finish appointed term thru 2008), Teachey (to finish appointed term thru 2009), Meredith, and Brookman. The new Board sequestered to elect executive officers; the result of the election: no change in officer positions. The Board scheduled 2008 BoD meetings for 4/26, 7/12, 10/18, and set the annual meeting for 01/24/09. The meeting was then adjourned.

LEINBERGER TO COMPETE FOR CHANCE AT 2008 OLYMPICS IN BEIJING

Vying for a spot on the 2008 Olympics will be 1st Lt. Lucas Leinberger of Linn, who is trying to earn a place among the elite to represent the U.S. in the Airgun competition at Beijing, China in August.

Leinberger will compete in the Airgun Olympic Selection matches March 1-3 at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Leinberger is a 2002 graduate of Linn High School and earned his bachelor's degree in Russian from the U.S. Military Academy of West Point in 2006. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in field artillery after graduation from West Point and joined the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit International Rifle Team in 2007.

Leinberger is a two-time All-American, and was a member of both the 2001 U.S. Biathlon and NCAA Rifle Championship Teams.

Above is a reprint of a newspaper article by the Army.

Lucas Leinberger is a former Junior Shooter in Missouri, a Graduate of West Point, and with the Army Marksmanship Unit at FT. Benning, Ga.

Lucas also attended the MSSA Junior Rifle Camps as a junior shooter.

This should give Juniors an idea of what they can accomplish!

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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."

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THE GAVEL

Legislative Update by Tom Zenthoef

2008 MO Firearms-Related Legislation

The Missouri House and Senate started the session at noon, January 9, 2008.

HOUSE BILLS

So far, there are thirteen House bills to watch:

BAD BILLS

HB 1447

Will allow non-charter counties to adopt noise ordinances. [Roorda] 01/10/2008 - Referred: Local Government (H)

It is a bad bill since this bill does not contain an exemption for shooting ranges from the noise ordinances.

HB 1651

Adds active duty military, reserves, national guard, and those who have been discharged with an Honorable or General Under Honorable Conditions to those who do not need training to receive a Missouri CCW endorsement. [Dethrow] 01/24/2008 - Referred: Special Committee on General Laws (H) Hearing was scheduled 19 Feb 2008 at 8:00 am

This is a bad bill. It does not require any legal training for them so they won't know WHEN they MAY shoot. Not all military personnel receive adequate training in firearms use.

GOOD BILLS

HB 1383

Prohibits businesses from prohibiting firearms in vehicles, except vehicles owned by the business. Also, businesses are under no duty to guard against criminal acts by a third person, except under certain circumstances. Also, businesses are under no duty to protect their customers. [Cox] 02/04/2008 - Referred: Crime Prevention and Public Safety (H) Hearing held 12 Feb 2008.

This is a good bill and should be supported and passed.

HB 1765

Prohibits the release of PTA records unless by court order. [Parson]

This is a good bill.

HB 1798

Seems to say that someone who invites or allows others to hunt or fish on their land is not responsible for injuries to those people. [Ruzicka]

This looks like a good bill.

HB 1975

Changes the concealed carry permit from three years to six years. [Scharnhorst]

This is a good bill and should be supported and passed.

HB 1982

Removes the six-month residency from the requirements to obtain a Missouri concealed carry endorsement. [Thomson]

This is a good bill and should be supported and passed.

"That the said Constitution shall never be construed to authorize Congress to infringe the just liberty of the press or the rights of conscience; or to prevent the people of the United States who are peaceable citizens from keeping their own arms ... "

- Samuel Adams

Debates and Proceedings in the Convention of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, at 86-87 (Pierce & Hale, eds., Boston, 1850)

HB 2034

Creates Hunting Preserves and gives them the protections that we want for ranges. [Munzlinger]

This is a good bill and should be supported and passed.

HB 2053

Removes the exceptions to "no duty to retreat." [Jones (113)]

This is a good bill and should be passed.

HB 2146

Will allow non-charter counties to adopt noise ordinances. [Wilson(119)]

This is a better bill than HB 1447 since it give exception to the noise ordinances for shooting ranges.

BILLS TO BE WATCHED

HB 1411

Would change 571.070 from prohibiting possession of a concealable firearm by someone who has been convicted of a dangerous felony to prohibiting possession of a firearm by someone who has been convicted of a felony. [Darrough] Referred: Special Committee on General Laws (H)

Since federal law prohibits possession of a firearm by anyone who has been convicted of a felony, this law is superfluous and needs to be merely watched.

HB 1468

Changes the laws regarding the crime of endangering the welfare of a child in the first degree. Currently only involves controlled substances, but could be amended to include firearms. [Pratt] 01/17/2008 - Referred: Crime Prevention and Public Safety (H) Hearing held, HCS Voted Do Pass (H) Substitute wording not yet available.

This is a bill that needs to be watched so that they do not make it a bad bill.

HB 1478

Puts federal restrictions prohibiting purchases of firearms into state law. [Cunningham 86]

This is a bill to be watched.

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Liberty Notes

BY KEVIN L. JAMISON

15 February, 2008

It is a good day for Liberty.

We have eight months until the election.

I watched a movie called "Unfinished Business" regarding the incarceration of Japanese-Americans during WW II. Three Japanese Americans refused the offer of incarceration and were tried for the crime of defying the removal order. The three were Gordon Hirabayashi, Fred Korematsu, Minoru Yasui. Mr. Korematsu took his case to the Supreme Court, and every law student reads the decision which deferred to the judgment of the government. We now know that this decision was based on false representations of Japanese-American disloyalty. When the proof finally came out, the three had to have their convictions expunged. They would have great difficulty expunging a conviction today; there is no statutory expungement authority any longer. The case is significant because in 1942 the Japanese-Americans were presumed disloyal. Today gun owners are presumed violent. Internment camps are not proposed, but a variety of other punishments are in play. For example, Disneyland will fire any employee for simple possession of a gun locked in his or her car in the employee parking lot. It will not, however, fire an employee charged with possession of child pornography. It is nice to see the presumption of innocence respected; however, it is only extended to a person accused of a crime, not persons who have not even been accused.

The anti-gun attitude violates the ancient right of presumption of innocence. It is therefore evil.

NRA Executive Vice-President Wayne LaPierre writes that 700,000 names are on the terrorist "no-fly" list and wonders if there could possibly be 700,000 terrorists in the United States. This figure does not count the persons with the same or similar name. It is easy to get on the list, impossible to get off; and there are constant demands to prevent these arbitrarily

labeled person from buying guns. If this demand becomes practice, we can expect the list to expand to include 80 million gun owners.

I am representing a man who was expelled from a trucking school because he kept a gun in his car. The car was never on the school grounds, and there is no claim that he ever threatened anyone. The administration was told he had one, and he was gone. This interfered with his prospects for employment. The basis for the suit is interference with his contract for employment with a trucking company. We cannot sue simply because he was kicked out, it is quite legal to discriminate against gun owners.

Another gun owner consulted me after being fired. The excuse was that he had a gun on business premises. The property in question was a motel room rented by the company while he was doing a job away from home base.

I see that Spaniards in San Bartolome de Pinares honor San Anton, patron saint of animals by riding horses through bonfires. People have a marvelous ability to convince themselves of the necessity of doing nearly anything. I have no doubt about the rider's belief that the best of all possible actions was to sit in the saddle while his horse does the firewalk. However, I would expect the horse to have more sense.

Most presidential candidates claim to be Second Amendment supporters so strongly that it appears as if they are running for president of the NRA. It is as if we do not know that some of them are lying about their record. They insult us.

I saw my first Hillary for President commercial. I survived the event, it remains to be seen if the country shall. It occurs to me that I can look forward to nine months of this; it takes the shine off of the big screen TVs.

Shortly thereafter I saw my first Obama for President commercial. Takes the shine off of TV entirely.

It strikes me that the Obama and Clinton

commercials look like Ronald Reagan commercials. I fear that is all they learned from the man.

A Virginia state senator looked around the state house and observed that they must be considering a gun bill because "the cast of Deliverance is here." Insults of this kind have been less public since we have shown our political strength, but they have not disappeared.

President Sheila has finally promised not to declare martial law. This usually means that martial law will be declared in a week. She claims, however, that she was never in the military and therefore cannot declare martial law, but she could declare Parelli law, which has to do with training horses. I warned you about those saddles.

I saw a "48 Hours" edition which recounts a woman who shot her husband. There was evidence of self-defense, but, she cleaned the entire house and put her husband in a tub "to take to the police" before she called the police. She failed to fulfill the detective's expectations for exhibiting trauma. She was convicted. What one does in the aftermath of a shooting can be more important to the legal consequences than the gunfight itself. In rape cases, the jury is always warned not to expect the victim to have acted in a certain way, but people involved in gunfights are supposed to display stereotyped reactions, and judges refuse to allow experts in the variety of reactions to trauma. It requires someone to explain the facts of the matter to the jury; and I do parties, too.

The Kirkwood City Hall killings teach us several things. The killer surprised a police officer; even if he did not have a gun already, this gave him a gun. The killer shot the obviously armed persons first. Other persons in the room had time to throw chairs. If they had time to throw chairs, they had time to draw and shoot. Any type of resistance helps.

A New York City man entered a psychiatrist's office and hacked her to death. Another psychiatrist tried to intervene but was stabbed. We are often told that training in interpersonal relationship will eliminate violence. Here two mental health professionals were unable to convince a man not to stab them over and over again. A high school dropout

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SENATE BILLS

There are seven Senate bills of interest, which are:

BAD BILLS

SB 812

Expands unlawful use of a weapon to include discharge of a firearm in the air for celebratory purposes in an urban area. [Wilson] 1/14/2008 - Second Read and Referred S Judiciary and Civil & Criminal Jurisprudence Committee

This is a bad bill, as, if passed, it could be interpreted to prohibit self defense or shooting at a range.

SB 813

Makes possession of tasers or stun guns illegal except for certain persons. [Wilson] 1/14/2008 - Second Read and Referred S Judiciary and Civil & Criminal Jurisprudence Committee

This is a bad bill since it would prohibit possession or use of these less-than-lethal devices by all but a select group of people.

SB 836

Creates the crime of negligent storage of a firearm. (Lock up your safety.) [Bray] 1/14/2008 - Second Read and Referred S Judiciary and Civil & Criminal Jurisprudence Committee

This is a bad bill.

GOOD BILLS

SB 834

Includes language that creates an absolute defense against civil liability or prosecution for killing a dog in certain circumstances. [Bartle] 1/14/2008 - Second Read and Referred S Judiciary and Civil & Criminal Jurisprudence Committee

This is a good bill, expanding self defense to explicitly include protecting against a dangerous animal.

SB 1076

Creates Hunting Preserves and gives them the protections that we want for ranges. [Engler]

This is a good bill and should be supported and passed.

BILLS TO BE WATCHED

SB 851

Prohibits a person from possessing a concealable firearm if they have been convicted of a dangerous felony. (Note: Federal law already prohibits this - for any felony, not just a dangerous one.) [Justus] 1/14/2008 - Second Read and Referred S Judiciary and Civil & Criminal Jurisprudence Committee

Since federal law prohibits possession of a firearm by anyone who has been convicted of a felony, this law is superfluous and needs to be merely watched.

SB 860

Prohibits the condemnation of property owned by a gun club or sportsmen's club. (Range protection light?) [Shoemyer] 1/14/2008 - Second Read and Referred S Pensions, Veterans' Affairs and General Laws Committee

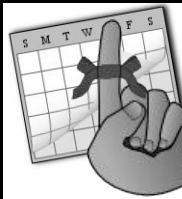
This is a bill that needs to be watched.



ANNUAL GUN RIGHTS RALLY DAY

April 29 at 10 a.m. – State Capitol Rotunda

JOIN US!



TIME TO RENEW...?

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Liberty Notes

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with a handgun and minimal training could have eliminated this violence on the spot.

Following the Kirkwood murders, ABC contacted me for information on Missouri gun laws. It is good that they come to us for such information.

Along the same lines, the Missouri Bar Association invited me to submit a podcast on weapons law to the Missouri Bar web site. I had heard of podcasts, and I knew that they were significantly different from pod people, but that is all. They made it sound like a really neat thing, so I agreed. I was interviewed for about twenty minutes, and it and a number of other interviews on other legal subjects can be found on www.MoBar.org. One clicks on a space called "podcast" and a great deal is available. I mentioned the WMSA "Stay Out of Jail" card and gave our web site. We are fortunate that people come to us for such information.

I recently taught handgun shooting to a young man who had never shot before, and another who had not shot in years. I found that the laser sight helped them enormously with trigger control as well as sight alignment.

A woman who helped a murderer escape from prison says that she wondered, "When is somebody going to step in and stop this?" I would point out that she was closest. Some people expect the government to save them from their own stupidity. Such a powerful government is likely to commit its own stupidity.

There is a certain hysteria because an ex-convict in Oklahoma was found in possession of a ".50 rifle". The rifle in question was a muzzleloader, but that is not mentioned in the general hysteria. The governor of New York promises to restrict these antique replicas, not because they are involved in crime, but because they bring us pleasure.

Whenever I have occasion to spend the night in Columbia, Missouri, I stay with my sister who runs a little bed and breakfast. It is a very little bed and breakfast (I am her sole customer). Her solitary customer may account for the

eccentric practices of her hotel. There are no mints on the pillows, and on my door she hangs a sign which reads "Already deeply disturbed."

The Russians have a gun in their survival kit on the international space station. The usual suspects are hysterical over the possibility of someone running amuck. Of course, if an astronaut wanted to kill everyone, flipping a switch might do the job just as well, and someone with a gun might be able to stop it. It is a remote possibility, but it is not as if they can call 9-1-1.

Briefs have been filed in District of Columbia vs Heller, the Second Amendment case in the Supreme Court. The Missouri Sport Shooting Association and 39 other state associations joined in an amicus brief. This is a technical term for a "friend of the court" brief. There is also an amicus brief which has been signed by the attorney general of Missouri and 30 other attorney generals. I am still reading the mass of briefs submitted on our side, much less the opposition ravings. Their theory boils down to a claim that the Second Amendment is an absolute Constitutional right to join the National Guard. One hopes that the Supremes will make the right decision. We need to swarm the letters-to-the-editor columns and talk-radio programs in support of the individual right to own guns. Writing the Supremes does no good, and may hurt us. They do pay attention to the election returns and may be affected by polls. It is a little thing, but we do what we can.

I have submitted some research to some of the lawyers doing briefs for our side in the Heller case. I don't know how helpful this was, but I felt like I had to do something.

Jasper County Missouri has passed a county ordinance restricting "cabarets." They mean juice bars where nude dancing is legal under state law. One of the restrictions is that no one is allowed to carry weapons in such a place, and patrons can be searched without probable cause. It also prevents employment of anyone who is HIV positive, which is probably a violation of the Americans With Disability Act. The statute is illegal because it is more restrictive than state

law and violation the Fourth Amendment. Jasper County does not seem to care.

A veteran union organizer was interviewed in 1985 for American Heritage Magazine. He had gone through the often brutal organizing efforts of the 1930's Depression. He was asked why men risked their jobs and lives when neither could be replaced. He said that it was for dignity. "Dignity was the great thing that came out of union organization. When you think of it, wages in the auto industry were not bad, and nobody had benefits of any kind. So you didn't realize what you were missing. But what you gained from the union was the right to talk back." When we began WMSA, politicians avoided us, refused to hear us out, and did not respond. Newspapers published cartoons portraying us as Neanderthal psychopaths. This was considered normal. Today, politicians contact us, and even the newspaper has muted its insults. This is the result of many years of hard work by many people. Some devoted all their time to the cause, some devoted a few hours here and there, working a table at the gun show, folding newsletters, or passing out literature. People did what they could, no matter how small, and it added up. Keeping our dignity is the current concern.

The city of Berkley, California has passed resolutions against a Marine recruiting office in the city, and has aided and encouraged protesters at the office. The Marines shall continue to defend Berkley; it is what they do.

The Brady Center has issued a press release, which has been printed as a news item in at least one newspaper. It purports to rate the firearm laws of the different states. Missouri got four points out of a possible one hundred. We can congratulate the activists of our state for failing the Brady test. The release claims that "in most states, there are few or no laws to prevent gun violence," and "This is true at the federal level as well." This is a lie. I call it a lie because they purport to have researched the topic, and the most casual reader will find a great many laws governing firearms use and ownership. This is what we are facing.

We shall overcome.

AFFILIATE OPPORTUNITIES

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

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The Missouri Sport Shooting Association

Our Mission...

The Mission of the MSSA is to protect and preserve the shooting sports at the state level. MSSA will promote and improve the shooting sports by sponsoring marksmanship training and competitions throughout the state of Missouri. MSSA will work for the rights of the gun owner, shooter, collector, hunter, archer, black powder enthusiast, and trapper. MSSA will support the free exchange of ideas, information and education related to gun ownership, shooting, hunting, firearms and related topics.

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The MSSA Board of Directors schedules quarterly meetings in order to conduct Association business. Meetings are open to the Members.

The next meetings will again be held at NOON at the MO Dept. of Conservation - Runge Nature Area (MDC-RNA), which is off 179 just north of Hwy 50 West, Jefferson City.

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THE MISSOURI SHOOTER

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Columbia, MO 64205-4002

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