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Annual Awards Dinner 2008

By Lee Koester

Well, if you didn't come this year you missed out again. Good friends, Good food, Good fun and Good weather.

Our meal was fried chicken, beef brisquet, corn and green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, slaw and deserts, down home cooking done on site. A hearty "well done" goes to the volunteer cooks from DAV.

Appreciation goes to Roscoe Morris, Cathy Ergovich, Brian Munslinger, Michael Meyer and Lee Koester, this year, for door prizes and silent bid items.

Roscoe donated a box of vintage gun magazines as a door prize. Some of the articles in these magazines are priceless and some let us know just how much technology has changed.

Cathy brought wonderful folding knives as door prizes and a beautiful framed picture for the silent auction.

Michael again brought hats, shirts and other great items from various businesses and organizations. Thank you Michael, you always to a good job.

Lee, this fall, had worked at Rocky Fork Conservation shooting range in Boone County. Part of his job was to sweep and keep the ranges clean. He collected all unclaimed brass from the range. He brought the sorted rifle and pistol brass cleaned and bagged for silent auction, door prizes, open auction and give away. Over 100 pounds of brass was distributed back into circulation. All proceeds from the silent and open auctions were for the Juniors Programs.

Brian was regrettably absent but managed to furnish a beautiful painting as a door prize.

Over 400 tickets were sold for the M1 rifle raffle this year and won by Thomas Scott from Florissant.

Everyone seemed to have a good time and the weather was great. Our thanks to all who attend the event, you make the Awards dinner the success it has become.

Mark your calendars for January 23, 2010 for the next event. Don't miss out and join us next year.

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The President's Podium

Kevin L. Jamison, MSSA President



A record ninety members of MSSA celebrated its annual dinner and eighty years of service to Missouri's shooting community. Mike Meyer overcame a poor economy to provide door prizes from Missouri businesses. Budweiser had previously provides a bounty of prizes, but is now owned by Belgians. Other businesses were laying off employees and not disposed to donate. Still, Mike came up with an impressive collection of door prizes. Lee Koester, always with an eye to an advantage, had recently served as a range officer. After policing up the brass he put them in a silent auction for

our reloaders; and a substantial advantage it was. Chris Midkiff spoke about the Appleseed Project, a program to teach rifle marksmanship in the spirit of our Revolutionary ancestors. It is not a competition; it is a celebration of marksmanship. After a grand meal the members went home to start the next eighty years of MSSA, one year at a time.

At the annual meeting Board member Stu Strickler reported that Missourians for Personal Safety will conduct its annual Gun Rights Rally on 1 April, 2009 from 9 to 11 AM in the Rotunda of the Capital Building in Jefferson City. April Fools Day seems to be an appropriate day to visit the legislature. The Rally focuses on promoting legislation to support the shooting community. MSSA has had a recruiting table at the Rally and this year will be no exception.

MSSA has received requests for support from a youth hunting organization. Encouraging youth participation in the shooting sports is a priority for us. However, we cannot support everyone and a committee was formed to set a criteria for providing support.

In the meeting the Board discussed MSSA's political involvement. In the last election I suggested and the Board decided to post links on our web site to candidate endorsements.

Missouri pro-gun groups made these endorsements. This was a new step for MSSA and one I do not believe we should take any further.



MSSA is a not for profit organization. We are actually an organization type which pre-dates Missouri's not for profit corporation laws. As a not for profit organization our ability to endorse candidates is limited. If we were to endorse candidates ourselves we would

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be subject to more examination by the state. Our tax reports will become more complex. Our efforts to establish a Foundation, which would accept tax-deductible contributions for Missouri shooters, would be vastly more complicated. Frankly, I am finding the process of establishing this Foundation is difficult enough.

MSSA has never endorsed political candidates. There are other groups which do a good job of endorsing candidates. If we were to try to duplicate their work there is a danger of "mission-creep". In effect it will distract us from our primary mission of supporting shooting activities. Under our educational mission, we can report legislative efforts at the state and federal level. We can also refer members to the endorsements of other organizations. This may seem a fine line between endorsing candidates ourselves. It will help if we remember that taxes are involved; it doesn't have to make sense, it's just the law.

I strongly believe that for legal and practical reasons, we should take no greater efforts to endorse candidates. At the annual meeting the members in attendance and Board agreed to maintain this level of involvement. Of course this will not be an issue at all for another year. We want to be sure that the membership supports this level of involvement.

Every year MSSA conducts some sort of reorganization to better serve the shooting community. This is how we have survived for eighty years, and how we will survive for eighty more.



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Upcoming Youth Event!!!

By John E. Leinberger
CMP Missouri State Junior Director



CMP JUNIOR RIFLE CAMP AT LINN STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE

A CMP 3 - Position Junior Air Rifle Camp will be held at Linn State Technical College. Dates for the camp are July 27-31, 2009. This is one of only 8 locations in the United States chosen for 2009.

The camps teach intermediate and advanced rifle marksmanship skills to junior shooters and their adult leaders. Accomplished college rifle team members will serve as Camp Counselors and will staff the camp. Sommer Wood will serve as Camp Director and chief instructor. She is the CMP Manager of Junior Programs and competed as a member of the Clemson Air Rifle Team. Guest speakers who have Olympic and National Team backgrounds will visit the camp.

This camp will be a great experience for the intermediate and advanced juniors who attend. College housing is available for those juniors who are unable or choose not to commute daily to the camp.

For more information about the camp and registration go to: www.odcmp.com.

AFFILIATE OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

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. For info, contact:

LEE KOESTER

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or, call Lee at 573-449-2849

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

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- Bench Rest Rifle Club of St. Louis
- Big Game Hunters
- Boeing Employees Rifle & Pistol Club
- Bucksport Shooting Club & Jr. Div. Inc.
- Bullseye Gun & Rod Club
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- Gasconade County Youth Shooting Sports
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- Ozark Shooters High School Trap
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- Pioneer Gun Club
- Pony Express Pistol League
- St. Joseph Rifle and Pistol Club
- St. Louis Antique Arms Association, Inc.
- St. Louis Assn. of Firearms Training Instructors
- U.S. Reserve & Special Operations Group
- United Sportmen's Club
- Vienna Gun Club
- Western MO Shooters' Alliance (WMSA)
- Wil-Nor Hunt Club
- Women's Recreational Shooting Assn.

Part 1

Junior Shooters

Making A Mark



Missouri State Junior Olympic Qualifier Matches

John Leinberger & Ed Camp

January 10th and 11th, 2009 the *Pioneer Gun Club* of Kansas City hosted the Missouri State Junior Olympic Championships for the 3 Position Smallbore Rifle and International Air Rifle competitions. There were 23 entries for these events.

The three position smallbore competition was 20 shots prone, 20 shots standing, and 20 shots kneeling using the USA -50 target at 50 feet. The International Air Rifle competition was in the standing position using the AR/510 target, with the men shooting 60 shots and the women shooting 40 shots.

The junior shooters are entered by their age category. They compete for the top three men and the top three women in each event at the state level. The age category is used by USA Shooting to invite the top shooters in each state, if they shoot a qualifying score, to the National Junior Olympic Rifle Championships at the United States Olympic Training Center, located in Colorado Springs, CO.

Medal winners in the Men's 3 Position Smallbore Rifle were:

1st Place – Dan Hermsmeier of Florrisant, MO.

2nd Place – Garrett Spurgeon of Canton, MO.

3rd Place – Ethan Carder of Joplin, MO.

Medal winners in the Women's 3 Position were:

1st Place Christine Manhart of Washington, MO.

2nd Place Kelsea Hunt of Ozark, MO.

Medal winners in the Men's International Air Rifle were:

1st Place – Jason Nienhaus of St. Louis, MO.

2nd Place – Garrett Spurgeon of Canton, MO.

3rd Place - Dan Hermsmeier of Florrisant, MO.

Medal winners in the Women's International Air Rifle were:

1st. Place - Kelsea Hunt of Ozark, MO.

As Junior Director for the Missouri Sport Shooting I thank the Pioneer Gun Club for hosting this event and Ed Camp and his staff for all the work involved with making this happen. *Pioneer Gun Club* is an Affiliate Club of MSSA and for many years (at least since 1984 when I first took a junior shooter to their club) has supported Junior Shooting Competitions.

Thank You! All of us at MSSA appreciate it.

MIDWAY USA DONATES TO MISSOURI 4-H

By John E. Leinberger

Midway USA, the central Missouri shooting supplies company, has an active mission to support youth shooting sports. For 2008, Midway USA elected to donate Caldwell Shootin' Galleries to 4H clubs and recently made a donation of Galleries to Missouri 4 H Shooting Sports Clubs.

The Gallery is a fast – paced action shooting gallery that will hold the attention of young shooters that have grown up on video games. It will also teach trigger control and accuracy to young 22 caliber rifle shooters.

The 4-H instructors and the junior shooters appreciate this generous donation. John Leinberger, Junior Director for the Missouri Sport Shooting Association, commends this type of junior shooting support. Midway returns 10% of its pre-tax profits as donations to causes related to firearms and youth shooting education.

Remember to support this generous Missouri shooting sports company.

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Missouri State 2008-2009 State Junior Olympic State Qualifier Match

For Three- Position Air – Rifle John E. Leinberger

This year was a real success for the Missouri State Junior Olympic Qualifier Match for Three-Position Air-Rifle. The match was held in two locations to help defray the cost of traveling for the junior shooters and their parents. The match was held January 17, 2009 at Ozark, MO. with 37 junior shooters participating and on February 7-8, 2009 it was held at Owensville, MO. with 22 shooters participating. This was a total of 59 junior competitors. The Ozark High School Army JROTC hosted the Ozark Match and the Gasconade County Youth Shooting Sports and the Gasconade County 4H Shooting Sports Club hosted the Owensville Match.

The Match was approved by USA Shooting and Sanctioned by the Civilian Marksmanship Program. Both Sporter and Precision Air Rifles were used in the competition. Qualifying junior shooters will be invited to the National Competition to be held at Camp Perry, Ohio.

There were 14 individual competitors in the Precision Air Rifle Competition. Two competitors shot qualifying scores (580 and above). They were Jason

Nienhaus from St. Louis, MO. and Dan Hermsmeier from Florissant, MO. Top three individuals were:

- 1st Place Jason Nienhaus from St. Louis, MO. --- 587
- 2nd Place Dan Hermsmeier from Florissant MO. ---- 583
- 3rd Place Christine Manhart from Washington, MO. ---579

There were two Precision Air Rifle Teams with one team, the St. Louis University High School Blue Team taking first place and shooting a qualifying score of 2308. Score to qualify was 2280.

The Sporter Air Rifle competition had 45 individual competitors. There were seven competitors that shot qualifying scores (525 and above). Top three competitors and junior that shot the qualifying score were:

- 1st Place Tyler Ferguson from Ozark, MO.---553
- 2nd Place Kyrstin Karr from Ozark, MO. ---545
- 3rd Place Lacie Norris from Ozark, MO. ---536
- Evan Matlock from Ozark, MO. ---534
- Lauren Curtiss from Ozark, MO.---532
- Samantha Norris from Ozark, M. ---526

Kyuon Lee from Missouri Military Academy, Mexico, MO. --- 525

There were nine Sporter Air Rifle Teams. Two team shot qualifying

scores (2060 and above. Ozark Red 1st Place with a score of 2164 and Ozark White shot a score of 2066. Both teams are from Ozark High School.

To all the staff that made the match possible and to all the parents and juniors shooters that competed, your participation is appreciated. Thank you

Missouri State Junior Olympic Air Pistol Qualifier Match.

John Leinberger & Ed Camp

January 18, 2009 the Missouri State Junior Olympic Air Pistol Qualifier Match was held at Owensville, MO. The match was hosted by the Gasconade Youth Shooting Sports and the Gasconade 4 H Shooting Sports Club. The juniors compete in a category that is determined by their date of birth. A J1 (18-20 yrs) – J2 (15 to 17yrs) – J3 (14 and under). They must shoot a qualifying score for an automatic state qualifier invitation to the National Competition at the United States Olympic Training Center, Colorado Springs, CO.

Junior Shooters

Making A Mark



Juniors competing were:

Houston Barber (J1) 1st Place with a score of 519 – from St. Louis, MO.

Clayton Hinton (J2) 2nd Place with a score of 516 – from Canton, MO.

Nick Sweet (J2) 3d Place with a score of 420 – from Canton, MO.

Austin Heisz (J2) with a score of 403 – from Canton, MO.

Ryan Biggs (J2) with a score of 382 – from Montgomery City, MO.

Ron Sweet (J2) with a score of 376 – from Canton, MO.

Shooter with the top qualifying score was Houston Barber. Clayton Hinton also shot a qualifying score.

Though the number of competitors was small, the Juniors all shot a nice match. A Progressive Pistol Match on March 20-21, 2009 is now being planned. Contact John Leinberger if more information is needed.

To the members of MSSA that helped with the match, Phil Anderson, Missy Manhart, and Jim Miller, thank you. It is only through such dedicated adult volunteer support that the juniors are able to compete at so many matches.

MSSA JUNIOR TEAM TRAVELS TO TENNESSEE

John Leinberger

January 30, 2009 the MSSA JUNIOR RIFLE TEAM traveled to the University Tennessee Martin at

Martin, Tennessee. MSSA Junior Members of the team were Christine Manhart, of Washington, MO., Garrett Spurgeon, Clayton Hinton, of Canton, MO. and Ethan Carder, of Joplin, MO. All the juniors were accompanied by parents or grand parents.

In the three-position smallbore rifle match there were 46 competitors. There were 4 college teams and the MSSA team was the only junior smallbore team. Scores for the individual team members were:

Christine Manhart --- 550 Garrett Spurgeon --- 550 Clayton Hinton --- 545 Ethan Carder --- 524

The team score was 2169 that placed MSSA third as a team. The University of Memphis (2240) and the University of Martin (mixed – 2212) were first and second. The Rose Hulman University (2160) and the University of Martin Women 2117 were 4th and 5th.

In the International Air Rifle Match there were 48 competitors. There were 7 college teams and 3 junior teams. Scores for the MSSA individual team members were:

Christine Manhart --- 569 Garrett Spurgeon --- 547 Clayton Hinton --- 545 Ethan Carder --- 538

The MSSA team score was 2199 and placed first as a junior team and fifth of all ten teams. Team scores for the college teams and the junior teams were: University of Martin (mixed) – 2294, the University of Memphis –2286, the

University of Martin Women 2243, Rose Hulman –2242, MSSA Juniors –2199, University of Alabama Birmingham – 2131, University of Arkansas – Ft. Smith – 2099, Mercer University – 1942, Craigmont High School –1919, and Weakley County 4H –1128.

The MSSA team all shot well. This was a very good experience for them to shoot shoulder to shoulder with college teams. The association can be proud of its team.

While not members of the MSSA Shooting Team, two other former junior Missouri shooters competed at Martin. Kelsea Hunt (538 –3-P smallbore rifle and 574 International Air Rifle) from Ozark, MO. shot for the University of Martin. This is Kelsea's first year in collegiate shooting. Kellie Zurowski shot her first match since being injured in an automobile accident this past year. She shot a 574 in International Air Rifle. Kellie is to be congratulated on her determination to return to her sport.



2009 Annual Awards Dinner Pictures



There were more pictures than we could ever fit into this newsletter so what you see above is just a quick sampling. Thanks to everyone for showing up and making it a record crowd. In the mean time we will start planning on next years dinner in order to make it another wonderful event.



TIME TO RENEW...?

If your MSSA membership expiration is close, please use the application on the back of this issue and renew now!

Hint: the newsletter envelope's label includes the expiration date in YYMMDD format.

MSSA MEETING NOTICE:

The next quarterly MSSA Board of Directors meeting will be held at NOON on April 18, 2009, at the Department of Conservation's Runge Nature Center in Jefferson City, Missouri.

All MSSA Members are strongly encouraged to attend.

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Instead of a membership dues check, send a signed note and pledge that you (or they) are active duty military and a current or former Missouri resident and register Missouri as your/their state of residence.

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Feb 1 • May 1 • Aug 1 • Nov 1

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

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

All submissions should include name, address, and phone number so we may contact you regarding questions or editing. Articles may be sent via email as attachments. (Most document types are acceptable: Word, Wordperfect, OpenOffice, AportisDoc, etc., or plain text files.) Send all submissions to be considered for publication to the Editor of THE MISSOURI SHOOTER, at the postal or email address provided above.



Liberty Notes

By Kevin L. Jamison

18 March 2009

It is a good day for Liberty

There has been some confusion over what to call the terrorists in the current war. Simply calling them terrorists would be descriptive, but does not differentiate them from other terrorists. They cannot be called Jihadists, because that has connotations of purifying one's soul, which is not accomplished by blowing up streets full of civilians. A Muslim magazine editor says they are "fasadis". The word "fasad" is a Koranic term for persons who kill innocents. This is perfect, and it was there all the time.

The National Park Service and its association of employees appear to take concealed carry in national parks as insult to the safety and crime rate in national parks. This is a problem. There is a lawsuit to reverse the rule allowing concealed carry in national parks. The park service and its employee association oppose the rule, along with the usual suspects. The current administration is tasked with defending the rule. This is a series of bad situations; however, the NRA is entering into the lawsuit. We need someone on our side in the fight.

During his marriage, a man gave his wife a kidney. The kidney functioned, but the marriage did not. During the divorce the man demanded the return of the kidney or its financial equivalent. The court ruled that the kidney was a gift and the husband could not demand its return. It is an old legal principle that gifts are irrevocable. However, the gift could be taken into account in the property division. Some people insist on making divorce more difficult than it needs to be.

On a related note, a man in California wrote a promise to cover a friend's lost investment. The court ruled that this was not an enforceable contract, even though it was written in blood. These cases demonstrate that things are never as simple as they seem, and some people insist on making a simple thing into something complicated.

The federal Attorney General promotes a new Assault weapon ban on the justification that Mexico is fighting drug runners who have automatic weapons and grenades. It is claimed that these automatic weapons and grenades come from the United States, so our semi-automatics must be banned. Automatic weapons and grenades have been strictly controlled in the United States since 1934. These are not weapons that will be purchased at the neighborhood gun show. If these weapons do come from the United States, I wonder how many originally went to Mexico as military and police assistance. There have been

Joplin Rifle and Pistol Club
2009 Calendar

Highpower Rifle 200yd Red.

Match starts 8:30am

March 15th

April 19th

May 17th

June 21th

July 19th

August 16th

October 18th

Military Bolt Action B/R

Match starts 8:30am

March 7th

April 4th

May 2th

June 6th

July 4th

August 1st

September 5th

October 3rd

November 7th

December 5th

CMP Sanctioned John Guarand

Match starts 9:00am

May 16th

July 11th

October 17th

NRA 1600 Smallbore Prone

Match starts 8:30am

May 23rd

August 22nd

October 24th

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many reports of military and police units defecting to the drug dealers. It would not be unusual for these defectors to take their weapons with them. I also remember that a shipment of Chinese weapons was discovered at the border after coming through the Chinese port facility in Los Angeles, California. Perhaps these are also “from the United States”. Even if they are not, we are not dealing with facts, only excuses to infringe on our rights. I wonder what effect this will have on carbine sales by CMP. The proposed new restrictions cover carbines and any other firearm that fires semi-automatically. I was surprised and pleased to hear that Speaker Pelosi has declined to support a new assault weapons ban. I do not believe that she has come over to our side, or even a step close to our side. It is probable that she remembers that the last assault weapon’s ban caused the Democratic Party to lose control of congress. She is more interested in power than any specific action. After the 2010 elections we will undoubtedly become a priority target.

My cell phone was dropping calls and blaming it on “low battery”. The cell phone technician said that the cell battery was swollen. Despite being bigger, it would not take a sufficient charge. We rely on these cell phones for safety, security, and idle entertainment. It would be nice if they were reliable. Of course, I also have become swollen in my old age, and perhaps less reliable.

With the price of ammunition on the rise, and becoming scarce at any price, reloading becomes more popular. I am a lousy cook, and I am not sure if I should be mixing gunpowder. However I have been collecting empty cartridge cases for many years. I was inspired to do so by the proposal that we take a cartridge case from a gun we shall never give up as a symbol of our resolve. There was never a consensus on what to do with these cartridge cases. Since I had no intention of giving up any of my guns, or the guns of persons next to me on the firing line, I have accumulated several pounds of cartridge cases. It may soon come to pass that I shall explore reloading. I see that gunpowder is available. Bullets are available nearby from Brad Alpert of the WMSA Board and Missouri Bullet Company. I have seen Brad at gunshows with a table full of bullets. The lawyer in me saw a public safety hazard. If the bullets should fall from the table they might injure persons passing by. Members will contribute to public safety by buying up these bullets before such an accident occurs. It is not necessary to load these bullets into cartridges, simply pour them into an old sock and you will have a weapon to adjust the decision making process of deserving persons. Some of the blackjacks from the Civil War period have been found to be full of musket balls, so there is precedent.

I must call many people for my law practice. I speak to many voice mail systems. I dislike this intensely but it is better than no contact at all. I increasingly encounter persons who put an elaborate musical production number on their answering system instead of a polite request to leave a message. I really, passionately and devoutly hate these production numbers. They consist of poorly recorded examples of questionable musical taste which provide no indication if one has reached the party desired.

The anti-gun factions claim that the rule allowing concealed carry in parks would make people think that they could carry during the presidential inauguration in Washington D.C. They warned of the deadly threat of private citizens believing that they have constitutional rights in the nation’s capital. This disaster did not occur, but that does not stop them from making continued warnings in the same vein. Despite being continually proven wrong they continue to make their dismal predictions and continue to be taken seriously.

The Ottawa, Kansas police decided to do an inventory and found that an MP 40 submachine gun is missing. It was last recorded 40 years ago, so it is unlikely that its absence will detract from the effectiveness of the department. It does indicate that 40 years between inventories is excessive.

A judge scolded runaway that she risked dying as a toothless crack whore. The judge himself was scolded for upsetting the child. Of course upsetting the child was what the judge intended, and what was called for. It is thought that feeling good is better than being good.

The TV show Dollhouse had a technician bursting into a meeting and declaring that there was, “Trouble, the kind you shoot at”. This sort of trouble occurs in reality as well. Later on the star of the show is handed a gun and asked if she knew how to use it. She replies, “Three brothers, none of them Democrats.” We do have friends who are Democrats, but there is some truth to this as well.

By the time this is published, my junior son will be a junior Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corp. I have been looking for an official Marine Corp sword. What with the ammunition shortage and the desire to bring the war in under budget I imagine he shall be leading a number of saber charges. He should do well; he has been running and screaming since he was a baby. We always told him not to run with sharp objects, but he never listened.

Actually, this is the boy who taught English classes to unsuspecting Kenyans, who now know how to say, “hey dude”. He brought me back two Massai spears. If the ammunition shortage continues I shall have something to work with. I still expect that in the fullness of time he shall get me a wheelchair with a motor. Our Sheila has been using the spears to run Board meetings. She can be really scary when she points a lion-killing spear at the Board and starts channeling Queen Boudica. Boudica led a British uprising against Rome in the first century A.D., destroyed three Roman cities, wiped out multiple Roman legions, and not in a nice way. She reacted badly to being flogged and her daughters raped. I cannot blame her.

A number of local lawyers confirm that debt collectors are calling people and demanding payment on extremely old debts, even debts that are not legally enforceable. I have been told about lawyers out of St. Louis filing suit on these unenforceable debts. Such suits are a violation of law and something in which the Bar Association might take an interest. In Missouri a contract for the payment of money or property has a statute of limitations of ten years. All other contracts have a statute of limitation of five years. Anyone receiving a demand for payment after this time should either laugh into the telephone, or obtain information about the company in order to sue them for violation of the federal Fair Debt Collections Act or Missouri’s Merchandising Practices Act.

There was a threat by the Defense Department to destroy cartridge cases before selling them for scrap. Cartridge cases are worth six times the value of the brass itself, so there could have been only one purpose of such a ban. It must also be considered that some effort and expense would have been required to destroy the cartridge cases before sale. A flurry of response from the shooting community prevented this outrage.

The administration reportedly has “de-funded” the Flight Deck Officer program which trains airline pilots to carry guns in case of hijacking. The money is being diverted to investigate pilots who have already passed the training in an apparent attempt to slander the program and reduce the number of armed pilots.

Despite these instances of harassment, and threats of gun bans, I do not believe that we will see a concerted effort to attack our rights until after the 2010 elections. The last assault weapons ban cost the Democrats control of congress. I believe that most of the politicians are more interested in retaining power than in any specific addenda. This only gives us a short time to organize for the elections; and I could be wrong.

I hear many people say “From my cold dead hand” indicating that they will resist gun control efforts at some indefinite future date, unsuccessfully. Instead I say, “Here I am”. I resist gun control efforts now so that my sons will not have to suffer “cold dead hands.” I am on a list and I shall make it mean something.

We shall overcome.

Raffle revamp and The Winner Is!!!

By Lee Koester

The M1 rifle raffle is always a big event for us at MSSA. Lots of people participate and hope for their name to be drawn. In the past, a limited number of tickets were printed and the late comers may not have gotten to participate. Last year, the drawing was a most year event and no limit to the tickets anyone can purchase (Thomas Scott) and no limit to the number sold. The tickets were printed as the last page each newsletter. This seems to work well, so we will continue. Starting with this issue of the newsletter, you can purchase your tickets whenever you desire and in any (Thomas Scott) quantity you desire. There are four (4) tickets with each newsletter, but you can reproduce them in any quantity you want. Drawing date will depend on when the Annual Awards Dinner is held. Any tickets that are not received, before the actual (Thomas Scott) drawing, will automatically be entered in next years drawing.

Anyone purchasing raffle tickets will be contacted with verification only if you furnish an e-mail address, OR if you enter when you renew, I will send a note with your card.

There were over 400 tickets sold this year and we hope even more will be sold next year. Remember, the proceeds, after rifle purchase, goes to the Junior Camp and Junior High Power Programs.

OK, so I am not as cute as I sometimes think I am. That's right **Thomas Scott** from Florissant was the big winner this year.

I called Tom the morning following the drawing and told him there may be a problem with his membership. I wanted to verify his name spelling and address for the.....CMP, because he had won the M1 rifle! You could hear the excitement all the way to Port Clinton. When Tom calmed we talked a little more and he mentioned it was his birthday next week. I let him know the verification would be sent to CMP and he would hear from them soon. CMP is usually very prompt.

Our congratulations go out to Tom on his win and a hearty Happy Birthday, I won't ask.



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