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

Gun Show Workers Needed



But we need your help in this task.

MSSA has recently purchased a wonderful trade show booth and we want to use it to increase involvement for both kids and adults. We will be bringing this tradeshow booth around to a variety of gun shows in Missouri this year and we NEED WORKERS.

The Missouri Sport Shooting Association is looking for a few good members. During the next year, we as an organization will be trying to attend as many gun shows as possible to allow others to learn about what the organization does. We also want to get as many children involved in shooting sports and competitions as possible.

To do this, we need to promote ourselves and show others why its important that they become involved.

Many parents are looking for ways to get their kids involved in shooting sports and competition. Many shooting teams around Missouri are looking for interested shooters. That is where we come in.

We need you as an MSSA member to volunteer some of your time to sit and man the booth and hand out information to perspective members.

People will have the ability to sign up to be MSSA members right at the booth but we need you to help guide them through the process.

So if you know of a gun show coming to your area, let us know if you would like to help out for a few hours. We will purchase the booth space and you will have access to the gun show for free while you work to help grow MSSA.

Let us know if you would like to volunteer.

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The President's Podium

Kevin L. Jamison, MSSA President



The January 2010 Annual Meeting and Dinner went as well as could be expected, which is very well indeed. Board reports show that our Association is solvent, equipment is accounted for, young shooters are being trained, and membership is stable. Actually, there was a rush of memberships after the NRA published our contact information. A number of potential members contact my office and asked what was in it for them? I sent them a copy of an old president's column I titled "What's In it for Me?" The thrust of that column was that there was nothing in it for the prospective member,

but a great deal for his children and grandchildren because we preserve shooting and hunting for subsequent generations. This argument seems to have had some effect.

Zac Bauer has discovered a possibility of paying for memberships through the web site. This is not as simple as it should be, as it requires a secure payment method. Zac believes he has solved this problem. Zac also suggested recruiting over the internet through Facebook. I cannot say that I know how Facebook works. I receive invitations from Facebook and I know that they are significantly different from the improbable invitations I receive to share unattended fortunes if I only provide access to my bank account. We are fortunate that Zac understands these things. The internet is the future of organization. I understand the concept, I just do not understand how to implement the concept; fortunately Zac does.

Michael Meyer did his usual phenomenal job in acquiring door prizes. He has a gift for talking people into donating valuable prizes. I may put him in charge of collecting from people who owe me money.

We did something different for a speaker this year. The Missouri Valley Vigilantes did one of their shows. The Vigilantes are a Cowboy group which teaches gun safety. They have recently added a political aspect to their presentation. This is a valuable development, this is an election year and it will take all of us to elect friendly persons. The cowboy presentation makes the message more palatable to parents and children, and more likely to enter the shooting sports, and MSSA.

The awards will be listed elsewhere and I shall not belabor them except for Board Member John Leinberger whom the Awards Committee named Sportsman of the Year. John has worked with young shooters for many years and richly deserves the award.

For as long as I can remember Harold Miederhoff has made the awards plaques for MSSA. I thought that he should receive an award for this extra service to MSSA. I am not talented in carving so was at a loss on how to proceed. Then I found stocks for Spanish CETME rifles for sale. I added a plaque with his name memorializing his dedicated service to MSSA. The resulting plaque can be hung from the swing attachment, used as a paperweight, and if things are really bad can be used to beat a way to the bar in any saloon in the country.

I awarded a similar plaque to Vice-President Grace Leinberger for her valiant service to MSSA. If things have gone smoothly it is because Grace has been there to ensure it is so. I gave another award to our Treasurer Lee Koester. Our funds have been well taken care of for as long as I can remember because of his detailed work. The last award went to our Director Emeritus Roscoe Morris. Roscoe has been with us for as long as anyone can remember. His experience has been valuable to us. He is the only Director Emeritus we have; he is the only one we have ever needed.

I appreciate the service of all our directors. They give of themselves and pay out of pocket to preserve the shooting sports for our children and grandchildren. I want to give them all awards, but I only had four rifle stocks.

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

2010 Missouri Gun Show List

Mar 20-21 Kansas City, KCI Expo
Mar 27-28 Saint Charles, Convention Center
Mar 27-28 Springfield, Ozark Empire Fairgrounds

Apr 2-4 Clinton, Convention & Expo Center
Apr 9-11 MO Moberly, Moose Lodge #776
Apr 17-18 Louisiana, American Legion Post 370
Apr 23-24 Columbia, Boone County Fairgrounds

May 14-16 Kansas City, KCI Expo Center
May 15-16 Pacific, Pacific Eagles Club
May 15-16 Springfield Ozark Empire Fairgrounds

Jun 4-6 Columbia, Boone County Fairgrounds
Jun 26-27 Kansas City Map KCI Expo

Jul 23-25 Kansas City KCI Expo Center

Aug 13-15 St. Charles, Heart of St. Charles
Aug 14-15 Springfield Ozark Empire Fairgrounds

Sep 3-5 Columbia, Boone County Fairgrounds
Sep 10-12 Clinton, Benson Expo Center
Sep 11-12 Kansas City, KCI Expo

More shows to be listed soon. MSSA thanks Gun Shows USA for getting us this information to provide to our members.

For individual show contact information, please see gunshows-usa.com for up to date show information and show phone numbers.



Missouri Trappers!!

Missouri trappers are encouraging people to sign a petition online that will allow them to keep the fur they catch past the mandatory sell date. MSSA agrees and voted on this at the last board meeting.

PLEASE make time to go online and sign the petition to give Missouri Trappers this freedom. The Petition reads as follows:

Target: Missouri Department of Conservation

Background (Preamble):

The Mandatory sale date dictated by the Missouri Department of Conservation is in direct conflict with free enterprise this country was founded on, creating financial hardships for the fur harvesters.

Fur harvesters are the sole managers of furbearing animals in Missouri. Without these Fur harvesters there is no management of this resource, which results in public safety issues.

Petition:

We, the citizens of Missouri, request the mandatory sale date of furs be removed.

LINK TO SIGN PETITION:

<http://www.gopetition.com/online/30052.html>



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2721 Collier Avenue, Brentwood, MO

Directors elected by the members. Newsletter published.

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FOR SALE

Do you have a firearm or a firearm related accessory that you want to sell? We have a limited amount of space every newsletter that we can share with our members.

Log on to our website and send us an email with the item you would like to sell.

You MUST Include:

Detailed Item Description
Price
Your Phone Number
City or Town Location

So if you have something in your gun safe that you want to “unload” let us know and we’ll see if we can help out.

This is a free service for members of MSSA.

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

leekeoster@hotmail.com
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.

MSSA AFFILIATES

67 Gun Club	Osage Orange Sharpshooters
Arkansas Combat Pistol League	Owensville Gun Club
Arnold Junior Shooters	Ozark Shooters High School Trap
Arnold Rifle & Pistol Club	Ozark Shooters Sports Complex
Bench Rest Rifle Club of St. Louis	Piasa Rifle and Pistol Club, Inc.
Bucksnot Shooting Club & Jr. Div. Inc	Pioneer Gun Club
Clark County Long Beards	Prairie Grove Shooting Sports
Gascanade Co. Youth Shooting Sports	Shamrock 4H Club
Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance (GCLA)	St. Joseph Rifle and Pistol Club
Green Valley Rifle & Pistol Club, Inc.	St. Louis Antique Arms Association, Inc.
Hunter Trailers	U.S. Rescue & Special Operations Group
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Missouri Gun & Quail Club	
Missouri Valley Arms Collectors Association	
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By John Lienberger P1.

Junior Shooters

Making A Mark



The Missouri State Junior Olympic Championships

By Edward Camp and John Lienberger

The Missouri State Junior Olympic championships for 3 Position Smallbore, International Air Rifle and Sport Pistol were held over the weekend of January 9th and 10th at the Pioneer Gun Club in Kansas City Missouri. Edward Camp, the Division Director of Youth Shooting for Pioneer Club, was the match director. This is the fourth year for these events to be held at Pioneer Club. This years turnout was lower with only twenty-two entries for these events, due to weather.

The weekend began cold and stayed that way. Snow was heavy on the side roads and over a foot deep where it wasn't disturbed. The wind chill on Sunday was recorded at a minus 22 degrees at 8 am and a minus 6 degrees at 11 am. These young future Olympians braved the weather to compete for the State Championship Gold, Silver and Bronze medals and the opportunity to go to Colorado Springs to compete in the National Junior Olympics. Some of the competitors finished on Saturday and others elected to spend two days for their events finishing up Sunday. Even through the range was warm; the cold had an effect of reducing these young people's scores as I have seen most of them shoot much higher scores. This was an unusual year for weather and cold during this event.

In the 3 Position Smallbore events, with a possible total score of 600 points, in the men's category, Dan Hermsmeier of Chesterfield, MO took the Gold Medal with a score of 566. Garrett Spurgeon of Canton MO took the Silver Medal with a score of 552 and Clayton Hinton, also from Canton MO took the Bronze medal with a score of 544. In the women's category we only had one shooter, a new shooter who just began smallbore shooting a few months ago, Taya Ohms of Lake Winnebago, MO earning the Gold Medal with a score of 358.

In the International Air Rifle event there were no women entries, so the possible score was 600 points. Winning the Gold Medal was Garret Spurgeon of Canton, MO with a score of 566. Taking the Silver Medal was Jacob Butler of Joplin MO with a score of 551 and the Bronze Medal winner was Mitchel Jones of St. Louis MO with a score of 550.

Sport Pistol was a new event this year, taking the place of free pistol, so we only had four competitors participating. Only one of these young men had shot this event before. Winning the Gold Medal with a score of 485 out of a possible 600 points was Clayton Hinton of Canton MO. Taking the Silver Medal with a score of 478 was Houston Barber of St. Louis MO and the Bronze Medal was awarded to Mitchel Jones, also of St. Louis, with a score of 413 points. This event has precision slow fire and also rapid-fire stages, all shot with a .22 caliber pistol.

Congratulations to all the young shooters who participated in these Junior Olympic shooting events. It takes time and dedication to their sport, and parent participation, to achieve the level of expertise these young shooter have. These events are a great encouragement to get young shooters to participate in national shooting events, but there is a real need for more young shooters. We are not seeing a large input of new shooters as the years go by. The future of sport and competitive shooting demands new and younger shooters to survive, if you know of a young person interested in shooting, help them out, get them started.

Thank you all,

John E. Leinberger
MSSA Junior Program Director
CMP – Missouri State Junior Director

MSSA ANNUAL-2010 NRA INTERNATIONAL 3 POSITION SMALLBORE JUNIOR RIFLE CAMPS

By John Leinberger

The Missouri Sport Shooting Association will be conducting two NRA International 3 Position Smallbore Junior Rifle Camps this summer at the Bucksnort Shooting Club near Marshall, MO.

Beginners, intermediate, and advanced junior shooters are encouraged to attend the camps. Dates for the camps are: June 17,18,19,and 20, 2010 for the first camp and July 8,9,10,and 11, 2010 for the second camp.

For further information contact:

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BUCKSNORT SHOOTING CLUB RECEIVES AWARD

By John Leinberger
MSSA Director for Junior Activities

The Bucksnort Shooting Club recently received recognition for its support of the junior shooting programs in Missouri. The club has allowed the use of its smallbore range and clubhouse for the Missouri Sport Shooting Association / National Rifle Association Junior International Smallbore Rifle Camps which are held annually in June and July. Members of the clubs have helped with the camps each year.

NRA Smallbore 3 Position matches and prone matches encouraging juniors to compete are also held each year at the club. The club is located near Marshal, Missouri and is an Affiliate Member of the Missouri Sport Shooting Association. The club also hosts High Power Matches that include junior competitors

December 6, 2009, Bucksnort Shooting Club was presented the CMP/Missouri State Junior Directors Award for their support of Junior Shooting Activities. CMP Missouri State Junior Directors are John and Grace Leinberger. Shown with the award are the Club President Cristafer Strannigan and the Club Secretary/Treasurer Greg Merideth.



Pictures by John Leinberger

The Shooters Box

From Our Hearts

At our last board meeting, Grace Leinberger brought up an organization that she has had the pleasure of working with recently and we all wanted to share this with the MSSA membership.

Its called From Our Hearts and it centers around sending greetings cards to our troops that they can address and send back home to wives, girlfriends, children and family members for those special occasions that they just are not able to be there for.

As someone who has been deployed to a forward area in the past, I can tell you that it would have been nice to have a card to send home for Mom's birthday.



From Our Hearts is a not-for-profit 501c3 that began with a simple request by a son for a few handcrafted cards so that he could send "special" cards home to his wife and children while he serving his 6th deployment in Iraq. Today, the initial dozen handcrafted cards have turned into thousands of quality, handcrafted cards created and donated to From Our Hearts every month by hundreds of stampers nationwide and shipped to our servicemen and women serving our country in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Please feel free to email them if you have any questions, need additional information, or would like to donate.

Info@FromOurHearts.info

We may be reached at 1-573-690-3929

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Thank you for your support!

SHOUTBOX

Secretary:

We welcome our new affiliates

Western Missouri Shooters Alliance

Armed Missouri, Inc.

Treasurer:

We had a good Annual Awards Dinner. Silent auctions for range brass was successful and that along with M1 Garand Raffle proceeds and other shooting organizations donations will keep the Juniors Programs, smallbore camps and Jr. High Power program going for another year..

2nd Amendment Rally at the Arch

By Marc Perez - MSSA Member

On February 27th 2010 there was a 2nd amendment rally held at the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, The Gateway Arch in St. Louis. The date was chosen because Federal Regulations changed effective February 22nd 2010 allowing people to posses firearms on National Park Service Property. Because the Arch grounds are within the confines of the City of St. Louis open carry is not permitted in this park but those with conceal carry permits did carry their firearms. The rally was held to confirm and assert our 2nd amendment rights in a public forum and to encourage people to become more involved to protect our rights.

There were several speakers, among them 5 current members of The Missouri House of Representatives, one State Senator, some seeking elected positions and people from ordinary walks of life who support our 2nd amendment rights. The rally was organized by Marc Perez (MSSA member) who also recruited the speakers and worked with Zac Bauer of MSSA to promote 2nd amendment organizations such as the MSSA and affiliate groups.

Speakers included:

1. Missouri State Representative Cynthia Davis District 19 (R) 4 term Missouri State house member from O'Fallon representing part of St. Charles Co.
2. Missouri State Representative Linda Fischer District 107 (D) 1st term Missouri State house member from Bonne Terre representing St. Francios County.
3. Missouri State Representative Belinda Harris District 110 (D) 4 term Missouri State House Member from Hillsboro representing parts of Washington, Jefferson and Franklin Counties.
4. Missouri State Representative Brian Nieves District 98 (R) 4 term Missouri State House Member and Majority Whip from Washington representing Franklin Co.
5. Missouri State Representative Mark Parkinson District 16 (R) Representing St. Charles
6. Missouri State Senator Jim Lembke District 1 (R) , St. Louis.
7. John Ross – (D) Candidate for the 3rd District U.S. House of Representatives
8. John Wayne Tucker (R) Candidate for the 3rd District U.S. House of Representatives
9. Dr. Gina Loudon – Political Analyst KTRS radio, host of Dr.GinaLoudon.com, author and blogger.
10. Dave Evans – (R) Candidate for the Missouri House of Representatives District 19
11. Paul Curtman (R) Candidate for the Missouri House of Representatives District 105



The 5 to 10 minute presentations by these people were highly motivating and very informative. Video of the presentations can be seen at <http://www.conservativetvonline.com>. The weather cooperated and everyone had a great time on the Saint Louis River front. The event was covered by local television and radio stations who presented the rally well.



Sewing Appleseeds - By Sheila Stokes-Begley

I know, I know, it seems like it should be SOWING Appleseeds, and maybe it should. But really this story starts out with sewing.

I loved the Appleseed I went to earlier in the year, and since I didn't make rifleman (yet) I signed up to try again.

One thing I think I should mention here, I know the NRA did a story where an anti-gun organization called Appleseed FOUNDATION is mentioned, this is NOT our Appleseed PROJECT. I wish the NRA had been a bit more clear on that. The Appleseed Project is dedicated to turning us back into a nation of Riflemen and Riflewomen and Riflechildren too!



The fact that you get to hear amazing stories of heroes of the Revolutionary War is just a double cherry on the sundae. One thing that makes these stories so fascinating to me, is most of these folks were just ordinary men and women, trying to live their lives and enjoy the opportunities living in America afforded them. They weren't out to change the course of history, though they did. They weren't out for fame, fortune or acclaim. In fact in many cases, it cost them their fortune (or subsistence) and/or their lives.

I had run across a story on the internet before I started attending Appleseeds that really impressed me. It was about a young girl named Sybil Ludington, or Sebal, which is apparently the spelling she preferred, and since it's HER name....

Sebal is the female Paul Revere. She is called that because of her ride through Putnam and Dutchess Counties to warn the militia that British troops were burning Danbury, Connecticut. The really inspiring thing is Sebal was only 16 years old at the time, and while Paul Revere rode 20 miles, Sebal and her horse Star went 40 miles, alone, at night. She had her father's musket and a stick, to whack doors as she rode by to warn the farmers and gather the militia of which her father was the Colonel in charge of the local militia. She and Star made it home by daybreak, where the entire militia was gathered at her farm, Sebal and Star had done it! In fact there is a movie due to be released by a Christian group and you can get more info at <http://www.sybilludingtonmovie.com/>

So in October when my school held another natural horsemanship versatility challenge and costume contest, I knew what had to be done! Captain Bob and I practiced the course that would be required, and it was a tough one! We also had to decide who or what we would be. We decided we would be Sebal Ludington and her horse Star. So I found a pattern for a Revolutionary war shirt, vest and Tricorn. If anyone ever asks you to make a Tricorn, the smart answer is no! Not only no, but no way! I got very lucky, I only had to make one, our Kevin loaned me one so I only had to make one for Captain Bob. I decided since I didn't know what Sebal rode in that night, I was going in breeches and the shirt & vest. Much easier than a dress. Captain wore his tricorn, but I should have made the strings holding it onto his halter shorter, he had way too much fun tossing his head and thus, his hat. He was pretty darn cute though. So why do all this sewing and training? For the prize, no, not winning, though I wouldn't have minded, but because when it was your turn to come in for the costume contest, you could say who and what you were, and Captain & I were allowed to tell the story of Sebal & Star.



Why they made the ride, why the British wanted the town of Danbury, what made it so important. I had some people come up to me later and tell me it was a fascinating story. Which of course, gave me the chance to “mention” Applesseed. I’ve also had the chance to mention Applesseed to a couple of people where I work. One as a gift, that could be bought and given to a grandson for Christmas, once as a chance for a daughter to learn to shoot a rifle. You know, I’m surprised the movie people didn’t contact Captain and I to portray Sebal and Star in the movie, shocking, I know.



In November, I attended my 2nd Applesseed, without Captain Bob, but with Dennis and my cousin Jeff. It was again held at the wonderful Pioneer McBride range. I loved that range the first time I went, but loved it even more after this shoot. Why you ask? Because it rained, it rained the whole weekend. Saturday it was more like a drizzle/rain. Sunday, it was down right serious rain. And cold, did I mention cold? You know, I live on a farm, I’m used to being out in all weather, I do chores no matter what. I thought I was ready and had good rain gear. Um, no. I had wonderful rubber boots (blue & green plaid) I had a great yellow saddle slicker, it’s long and between the boots and the saddle slicker, WITH a hood my legs and arms were covered, add gloves and I thought I was good to go. Um, no. The first day I shot next to Jack Smart, President of Pioneer, the man is a wonder. He also made Rifleman, with a bolt gun. The first day. Good thing Jack is easy to like. My cousin was having a great time as was Dennis, but the rain was beginning to get to Jeff. Jeff had a surgery a couple years ago that makes him staying out in the rain a really bad/risky plan, so he opted out of Sunday’s rain-fest.

Lunch on Saturday was wonderful, I took mine but Denny & Jeff ate the good hot lunch the ladies of Pioneer had made. I understand they make a great lunch. Wonderful Cookie Lady (Robin) had cookies for an after lunch treat for us. I think that is what gave me the strength to go back (ok, maybe I went back on the line because I passionately believe the gift of freedom that our founders gave us needs work and effort to preserve it, but the cookies didn’t hurt and I’m sure they helped. Especially the ones with chocolate in them). Saturday we all continued to try for the honor of being a rifleman by scoring 210 on our AQT target. If anyone thinks this is easy at 25 yards, well, then, come on out! Shouldn’t take you more than a couple rounds of firing, right? Thing is, once you hear that first story, the first strike of the match, you’ll be hooked for the rest of the weekend. Oh yes you will!

Sunday dawned grey, dreary and rain falling steady. Denny wasn’t feeling too great after the soaking the day before, so he opted out. I did chores, made a sack lunch, filled my thermos and headed out to McBride. There was a MUCH smaller group to shoot on Sunday. Jack was there, but since he made Rifleman the day before, he stayed in the clubhouse to answer questions or help with other things. He wished me luck and off I went, slogging along through the mud. Now Greg Sackett (our shoot boss) has a concept he calls “drinking from the fire hose”. What this means is they give you a LOT of information, very quickly. You won’t remember it all,

but each time you go, you remember more. One of the concepts I had missed from my previous Appleseed was that you could practice at home INDOORS, obviously unloaded. Not being of the mindset of dry firing a gun, I must have been swallowing another bit of information when they told us that. There are all kinds of things like that you can learn. At one point we were firing a set from the prone position, I laid down in the mud/water mix that became my 2nd home for the weekend, got my natural point of aim and shifted my body around till my sights stayed on target, then they called for us to load our rifles. I rolled over put a magazine in my Ruger 10/22 rolled back prone and wondered where the heck my sights went! They were there, then they were gone. I frantically looked in front of me, spotted them reached out and grabbed them and....."FIRE"! Well, a riflewoman fires when they say "fire". So I just did the best I could. After a few rounds "MamaBear" (Kori Anderson) noticed on her walk by. "YOU DON'T HAVE ANY SIGHTS! WHERE ARE YOUR SIGHTS?" I picked them up and showed them to her and said, "Yes I do, here they are, was I suppose to put them ON my gun?" After that round she got Eric to locktite them on. And that was just the first time, over the course of the weekend, I lost sights three times.

The last being when I was cleaning my rifle Sunday night. Poor water logged little .22. I've got to tell you, by Sunday lunch time, I was looking REAL forward to getting to go back to the McBride clubhouse, use indoor plumbing, hot coffee and sit down somewhere dry and eat. I've learned a saddle slicker is not the optimal attire for shooting, riding yes, shooting no. It nicely funnels the water running down it into the lovely blue & green plaid boots. My feet were soaked, my gloves were soaked, my jeans were soaked.....you get the idea. As I walked back to the club house, I was thinking of scenes from the movie the Patriot, I thought about the Civil war, I thought about a lot of wars where people fought for their Independence and the right to live as people free of tyranny and decided I shouldn't whine.

Chris pointed out better rain gear would be Frogg Toggs or what Robin & Greg wear, actual rain gear. Lunch was again wonderful, as was being inside and hearing the wonderful stories. They told Dangerous Old Men and Women Patriots, my FAVORITES! I will never get tired of hearing the different instructors tell the stories. They need to be heard, by everyone. During lunch Chris and I talked about the Rifleman patch. Some Riflemen have earned their patch during blizzards, below zero and they get to have a polar bear (I think) on their patch. I told Chris if I actually made it this time, I wanted a little cute submarine on mine. He was less than impressed with the adverse conditions we were shooting under. And after a few of the stories he told, I realized he was right. But that little submarine would have been cool. After lunch Robin (Cookie Lady) revived us all and saved our lives by administering more cookies. Calories don't count in this case because they were MEDICINAL cookies. BIG difference.

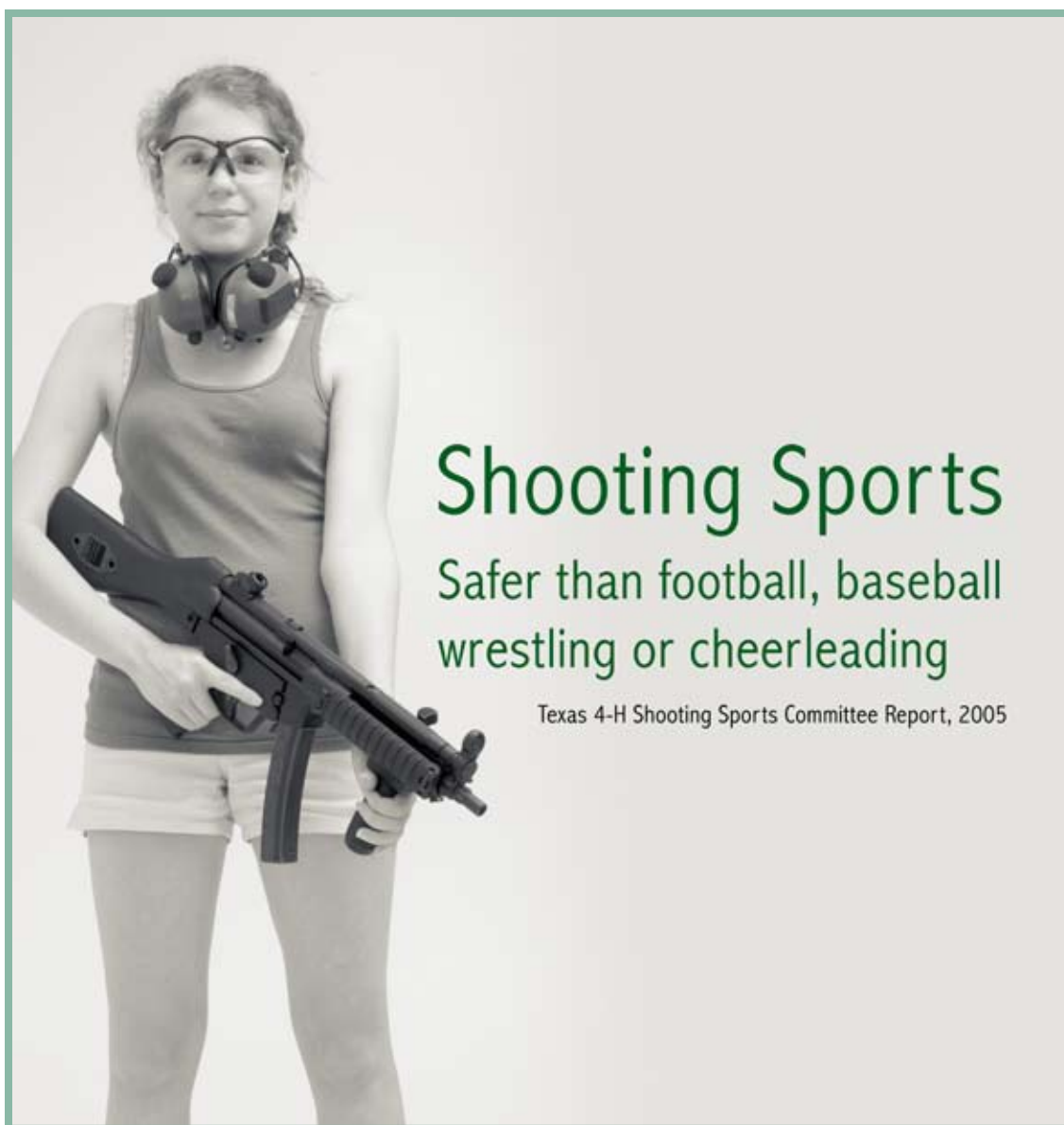
By this time Grif Pickett had showed up. Grif is a member of Pioneer, and we know each other from working booths gun shows. Grif felt sorry for me as he saw me wringing out my gloves and got a BAG of gloves from his truck and offered me a pair. I declined at first, telling him they would get soaked. He said it was ok, go ahead, so I did borrow a pair. There were only two of us that headed back out to the line after lunch. Nate, who I'm guessing might be National Guard, and me. But every single instructor there went back out on the line with us. Not ONE of them said oh, you don't need us all, it's cold and pouring harder now, they ALL suited up and went back on the line. And they were nice about it! They didn't tell Nate or me, oh, well, let's call it a day, you can try again another time. Nate and I both shot for quite awhile. Nate finally called it quits, I kept on. I kept on till my hands were so cold I couldn't get bullets in my magazines anymore.

I wanted to make Rifleman so much. I didn't want to have to keep peeling potatoes. I got close on some targets, the last one I fired, looked not bad. Rebel Yell (Scott) was there when I took it down, he smiled and asked if I wanted to try another one. And he meant it! That's how they ALL were, you want to keep trying, we're here with you, we'll help you, we will give you every opportunity to make Rifleman. As you can see, when you are the last one on the line, you get a LOT of help!

So here is what I know. You may think you have the right gear for any weather you might have to shoot in, but until you've actually shot under those conditions, you don't really know. I know my Rugar 10/22 is a tough little LTR (Liberty Training Rifle). He stood up to the weather and never mis-fired due to the huge amount of water he had to deal with. I also know he shoots a LOT better with the new Red trigger assembly I put in from Hornet. Red triggers are much more accurate, and it has a lighter smoother trigger pull too. I know that locktite is a necessity of life. I think it washed out with the rain though.

I am seriously considering Gorilla glue or JB weld at this point. I shoot horribly without sights. I know that I am very blessed to live in America, and that a lot of very brave men and women made it this kind of country. I know that I am very blessed to have the chance to go to Appleseed shoots, if I lived in the liberal paradise of Cuba, Venezuela or Iran, I don't think I would have that chance, do you? I know I am very blessed that there are patriots, that take time out of their lives to teach people to become Rifleman or to improve their shooting. And lastly, I know that when I "grow up into a Rifleman" I want to be like Cookie Lady and MamaBear, women who very much know what they are about. Until then, I will continue sewing, or sowing Appleseeds every chance I get!

Sheila Stokes-Begley Future Rifleman





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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.

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Liberty Notes

By Kevin L. Jamison

Spring 2010

It is a good day for Liberty.

Rally Day is 8 April, 2010 in the Rotunda of the Capital Building in Jefferson City. A bus will leave Kansas City that morning and return about 4 PM. We will have speakers and speak to our legislators. There are bills in the works we want our legislators to pass, and bills we would like them to pass on. There is nothing like a hall full of gun nuts to get their minds right.

I believe that the Supreme Court approved instruction given to juries concerning the Castle defense contains a booby trap. The instruction mirrors the law we struggled to pass with the addition that after the intruder has broken in, he threatens “unlawful force.” The instruction does not define “unlawful force.” This term does not appear in the statute and amounts to the jury instruction committee re-writing the law to what it believes the legislature should have said. I am reliably informed that the jury instruction committee was concerned that a homeowner would discover a burglar passed out on the couch, or stuck in a window and would execute him on the spot. None of us who worked to pass the new law ever thought it would cover such a circumstance, mostly because we had never heard of such a circumstance. To guard against such a speculative incident, they re-wrote the law to restrict the Castle doctrine, the very thing we labored to prevent. We could go back to the legislature and pass another law clear enough for the committee to understand, or some brave volunteer can take it to the Supreme Court with the argument that they made a mistake.

Star columnist Guswelle writes that all guns should be registered. He claims this will do no harm and much good. He bases his statement on the claim (which I have not checked) that New York City has fewer murders than Kansas City compared to population and New York City registers guns. This is much like the blind man who touches an elephant’s tail and concludes that an elephant is like a rope; there are more significant factors at work. Criminology finds that a crime rate is directly related to the percentage of young males in a community, especially when they lack family or other structure. Murder rates follow gang activity, especially disputes over drug turf. This is simplified, but no form of restricting or registering guns has contributed to a lower murder rate. Mr. Guswelle dismisses our concern that registration will lead to confiscation as paranoid nonsense. Mr. Guswelle has certainly heard of the Katrina disaster. Part of this disaster was the spectacle of law enforcement going from home to home and confiscating guns from inoffensive citizens without a speck of legal authority. One team of officers forcibly disarmed an elderly widow in front

Don't Forget!!!

The Annual Capitol Rally at Jefferson, City on Thursday, April 8, 2010. 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

We always have a great turnout and this year will be no different.

Please make plans to take off work and gather with friends at our states capitol. There will be many great speakers again this year including elected officials from around the state.

GCLA and WMSA are already making plans to be there so contact them if you wish and travel together.

Afterwards, many of us will be meeting for lunch somewhere in Jefferson City.

See you there!!

of TV cameras. If they did that much in public, they did more in private. All guns, including hunting guns were seized. The NRA sued to stop these confiscations, and the City of New Orleans told a federal judge that it had not confiscated guns, then that it had confiscated guns but did not have them, then that it did have them but could not return them. Finally in the face of very specific court orders, the City agreed to set up procedures to return guns to their owners. The City required claimants to show a bill of sale for the gun claimed. Their houses had been swept away, but the City insisted on seeing paperwork. There were no records made at the time the guns were confiscated. To this day these guns rust away in storage trailers.

Mr. Guswelle doubtless heard of the tornado which devastated Greensburg, Kansas. He does not appear to have heard that following the devastation, law enforcement confiscated guns, including hunting guns, from inoffensive citizens without a speck of legal authority. Currently, no one knows where these guns have gone. New York City has registered handguns since 1911, and long guns since about 1967. They use this registry to confiscate guns, although when the law was proposed they promised they never would. Typically an heir is threatened with legal action for having an unregistered gun, and the gun confiscated. Mr. Guswelle has not heard about these confiscations because his newspaper has not reported these crimes. We are concerned about confiscation of registered guns, not because we are paranoid, but because we are better informed.

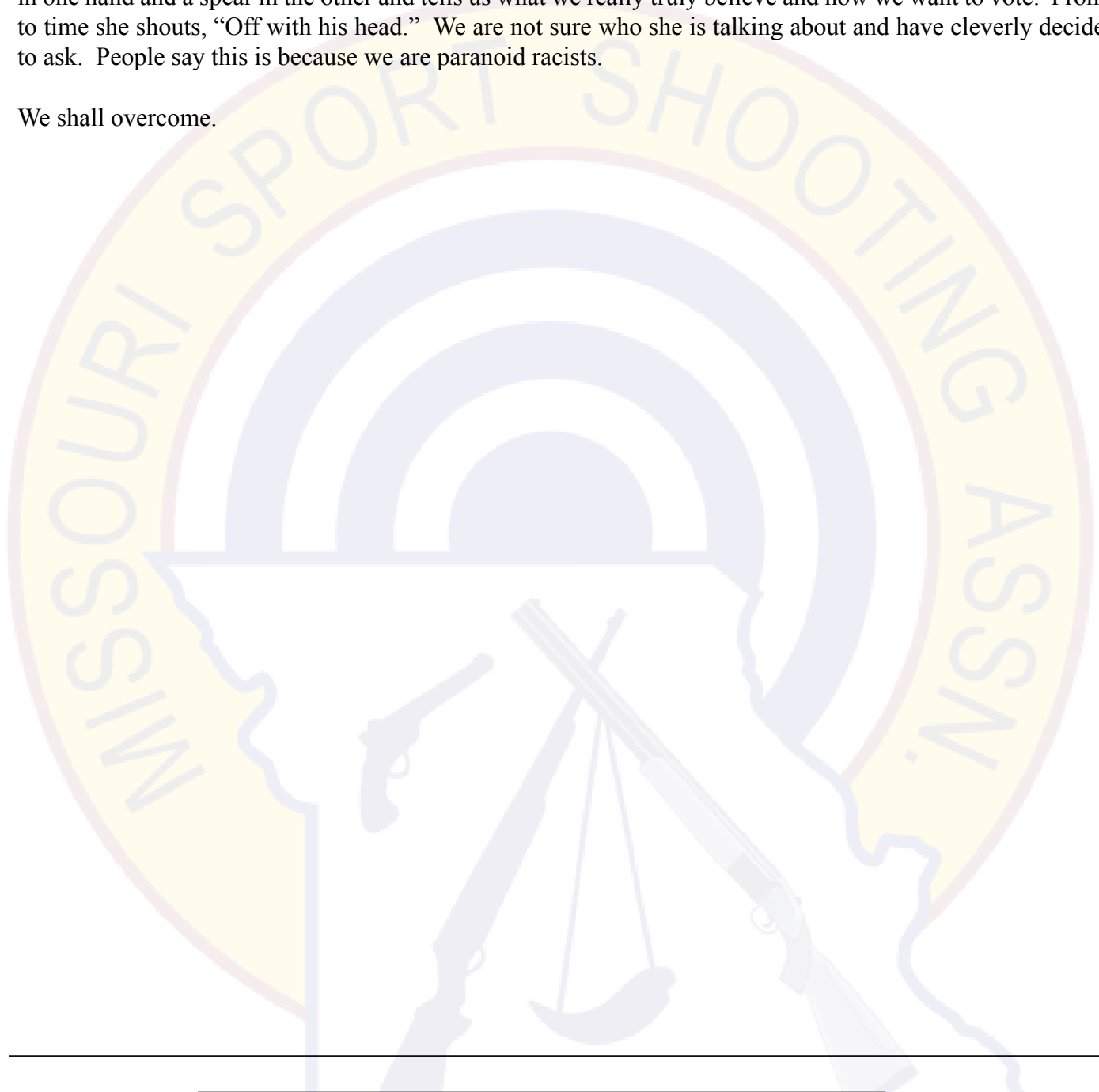
Mr. Lewis Diuguid, another Star columnist, writes that he attended a couple of gun shows, apparently to show his tolerance. It seems that he did not enjoy the experience and in fact seems to have been quite alarmed; there were a lot of guns. He was also alarmed that attendees were 95% white, and the parking lot was full of pickups. This attention may have worked in our favor; at the following gun show I noticed more African-American attendees, still a lot of pickups. A number of letters to the Star objected to the subtle accusation of racism. Mr. Diuguid was promptly supported by a letter from the "Violence Policy Center" whose writer disclosed in terrified tones that she had attended a gun show and found a lot of nazi and Confederate memorabilia. Of course, there must have also been memorabilia from Imperial Japan, Native Americans, Cowboys, and the Soviet Union. Telling the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth did not work towards calling us racists.

A columnist in San Francisco has reviled local gun rights activists. Carrying unloaded firearms openly is legal in California and some have taken to carrying unloaded firearms as an act of protest. The columnist reviles these persons claiming they are trying to prove their manhood, misquoting the constitution, and being mean, sullen obstacles to human happiness. He sees agreeing with a Supreme Court decision to be misquoting the Constitution. He claims that they force coffee shops to post the premises "no murder" in the apparent belief that there is no other reason to carry a gun. These mean, vicious, libels against us are becoming increasingly common. We cannot let them slide. We shall see much more of this as the elections draw near. Confront these libels nicely, confront them politely, but confront them. Tell them we do not deserve such insults and are tired of being called racists, but tell them.

Gun Nuts are the only heavily armed persecuted minority in recorded history. People will say it is because we are paranoid racists; I believe it is because we are so polite. Good manners are an important part of our success, but sometimes we take it too far. We take it too far when people lie to us and we sit and take it. I heard a speaker from a national anti-gun group claim that there were no laws restricting guns at all, not one. He allowed there were tax and zoning laws but that was all. I have had clients arrested and jailed for violation of gun laws, and this speaker doubtless knew of such cases. No one in the audience challenged this lie. I was unable to get to a microphone to call him a liar. There are polite ways to call a person a liar, and this is necessary. People are uncomfortable in deciding who is the liar, and we want them to feel comfortable agreeing with us. Tell the speaker that he is misinformed, or that the person who told him that story lied to him. They try to provoke us into losing our tempers, which is playing their game. They think we are paranoid racists.

People have asked about the WMSA Board meetings. President Sheila presides over the meeting with her notes in one hand and a spear in the other and tells us what we really truly believe and how we want to vote. From time to time she shouts, "Off with his head." We are not sure who she is talking about and have cleverly decided not to ask. People say this is because we are paranoid racists.

We shall overcome.



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We will be happy to print any interesting articles you send us and share your thoughts with the rest of our members at MSSA!

Send any articles via email to

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Be sure to put "MSSA Newsletter" in the subject line.



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