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Capitol Gun Rights Rally Day! Be There!!!

Every year in the spring, gun rights activists and 2nd Amendment groups and organizations send members to the Missouri state capitol building in Jefferson City. We go there to rally our numbers, declare common ground and put our elected officials on notice that we are watching them to make sure they do the job we sent them there to do.

Wednesday April, 6th.

Time 10:00am to 12:00pm (Noon)

Access Time 8:00am (for all who are setting up or running the Rally)

Location is inside on the 1st Floor Rotunda.

We heard the suggestions last year about giving everyone more time to arrange your days off from work. We have been putting notices online now for the last couple of months and you still have time now to get that day off and attend and make this rally the largest rally in our history!

We need everyone to attend and show our legislators that we are united about our Pro 2A and Gun Rights agenda. There has been people wanting to get involved in the process. Well here is your chance. Come to the Rally and show the legislators that we want good Pro Gun Legislation.



Many regional 2nd Amendment Rights groups will be attending. Check with your local group and see if you can join them and join us in the Rotunda.

Do not miss this rally day. We are working hard to make this the best rally ever. We have invited many good Pro 2nd Amendment legislators and a few have already confirmed to speak. We expect more to confirm soon.

GCLA is sponsoring a bus leaving from St. Louis and WMSA has a bus leaving from KC. Please check their website for details. If you miss this one you will be sorry. More details at the MSSA Forum online.

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The President's Podium

Kevin L. Jamison, MSSA President



I Can Carry A Gun

I was watching a police show, and counting the Constitutional violations. The police officer was asked why he went into law enforcement instead of the lucrative family business. "I can carry a gun," he replied. I understand his reason, but many of us carry guns these days. We carry guns when hunting. We carry guns to the range for recreation or competition. We carry guns to remove varmints from our farms. We carry guns made a century ago or

a second ago to show off to other collectors. We carry guns for self-defense. We carry guns in the tackle box in case of snakes or snapping turtles; we can only do this under certain circumstances, but we are working on that.

We have preserved and improved our right to shoot and hunt and trap and own and carry guns to an extent we could not have imagined twenty years ago. We have protected our current and future ranges. We have protected current and future hunters, shooters and collectors. We are not finished. People who want to restrict our rights are not finished, so we are not finished.

On 6 April, 2011 we will hold our annual Rally Day in the Rotunda of the Capital Building in Jefferson City. There are a host of new legislators in the building and this is our opportunity to meet them and influence them. Mike Fischer performed at the last Rally and has agreed to return in April. You can see a sample of his music at www.thefischers.net. He was very popular last year and we expect more this year. Some of our friends in the legislature will speak, as will some of us. It is good to be in company of a crowd of like-minded shooters, it is great when the legislature realizes how many of us there are, and that we vote. We have more influence now, but we must learn to use it.

It has been a good year for MSSA. Missouri Carry, an internet web community, has merged into MSSA, this has gained us members, contacts and money. Lee Koester, our long suffering treasurer, tells me that this increase gives us the happy inconvenience of being forced to file a tax return. I think that we shall hire professional assistance for this task. We probably will not have to pay any taxes, but if the return is done wrong there could be penalties. It doesn't have to make sense; it's just the law.

John Leinberger is still bringing along our Junior Program. Our strong youth program is our best reason for optimism. There will be new shooters to enjoy the rights and ranges that we have preserved. The next generation can carry a gun.

2011 Missouri Gun Show & Event List

Mar 19-20 Louisiana, American Legion Post 370
Mar 19-20 Springfield Ozark Empire Fairgrounds
Mar 19-20 Stover, Community Center
Mar 25-27 Kansas City KCI Expo

Apr 1-3 Columbia, Boone County Fairgrounds
Apr 8-10 Clinton, Benson Convention & Expo Ctr.
Apr 8-10 Columbia, Boone County Fairgrounds
Apr 9-10 St. Charles Family Arena
Apr 15-17 Bridgeton, Machinist Hall
Apr 15-17 St. Louis, Orlando Gardens
Apr 30-1 Kansas City KCI Expo Ctr.
Apr 30-1 Independence, Independence Event Ctr.

May 14-15 Pacific, Pacific Eagles Club
May 21-22 St. Charles Convention Ctr.

Jun 10-13 Bridgeton, Machinist Hall
Jun 18-19 Kansas City, Ararat Shrine
Jun 24-26 Columbia, Boone County Fairgrounds
Jun 25-26 Independence, Independence Event Ctr.

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

RENEW ONLINE!!!

You can now renew your memberships online at our website. 2011 will be the first full year MSSA has allowed its membership to purchase and renew memberships at the website.

Many members have already discovered this convenience and have purchased their membership over the internet.

It's safe, secure, fast and easy.

Simply log on to missourisportshooting.org and select the "purchase membership" link on the left side of the page. Then select the membership option that is right for you.

Being a member of MSSA gives you an opportunity to purchase firearms from the Civilian Marksmanship Program as well as helping young shooters in Missouri compete in sport shooting activities all over the nation.

"I have been a member for the last few years, I signed up at your table the year we had the NRA convention in town. Thanks so much for offering dues payment online.

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- Jason, MSSA Member



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- **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 can be acquired.

Training is available on site. For qualifying Affiliate Clubs, financial aid is available to help offset the costs. For info, contact:

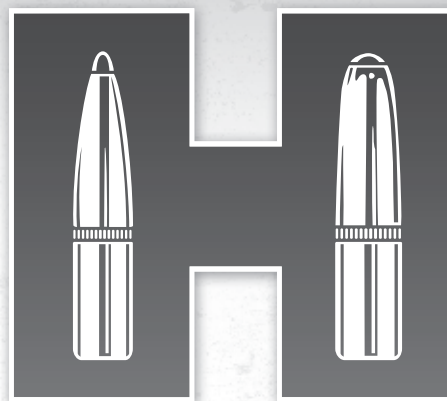
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or, call Lee at 573-449-2849

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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By Lee Koester Secretary/Treasurer

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If you are tired of the paper copy and wish to view online only please let me know and I can remove you from the NEWSLETTER mailing list. You will still get your renewal notices, when sent, and membership cards sent via snail mail.

If you would like to stop the hard copy of newsletter and consequently save MSSA printing, stuffing and postage costs, please let me know.

Send a short note to that effect with name, address and phone, for verification purposes, to MSSA – WEBNL, PO Box 10170, Columbia, Mo. 65205-4002.

Or email me at home. leekoester@hotmail.com.

Please type MSSA – WEBNL on subject line and in body of email please state your desire for web only newsletter, name, address and phone.

We will begin this with the first newsletter of 2011, after the Annual Awards Dinner.

Please send your request ASAP so database can be prepared.

Thank you.

Introducing the ATLATL

Part II

A new hunting method has been introduced to residents of Missouri thanks to the Missouri Department of Conservation and a number of hunting enthusiasts who prefer a different kind of tool to bring down their quarry.

This is their story.

EXPERIENCING MISSOURI'S FIRST ATLATL DEER SEASON



Results of a survey indicated that while no hunters bagged a deer during Missouri's first atlatl season, they experienced the excitement and challenge of pursuing game with this "new" weapon. The author prepared a brief survey and sent it, via email, to Missouri Atlatl Association members and to other atlatlists in Missouri who were identified as potentially using the atlatl for hunting deer this year. In several instances hunters were identified from newspaper articles this fall. While, it is possible that there were hunters in Missouri using the atlatl who were not identified, in the author's opinion the survey results reflect all or nearly all atlatlists who hunted during the 2010 firearms season.

Pictured: Ron Mertz with Dart in throwing position.

THE HUNTING EXPERIENCE

Of 11 individuals who responded to the survey, no one reported harvesting a deer. Two Atlatlists reported throwing at deer and in each case the throws resulted in clean misses. Responses of several hunters reflected the thrill of "almost" bagging a deer with the atlatl. Other responses pointed to the special challenges that the atlatl presents and the advantages of designating the atlatl for use during the archery season.

“On the way in about 75 yards from my stand I spot a small doe about 50 yards ahead and it seems she has me pegged but she starts slowly walking towards me head bobbing. As she passes behind each tree I slowly get a dart notched and arm in the up throwing position. She is slightly quartering to my left which I am not believing as I am starting to think this is going to happen. Slowly she closes the distance 40, 30, 20 my heart is pounding and I am at the ready. She gets to 15 yards and is just about to get her head behind a tree and give me a great shot when she suddenly starts to drift to my right and with each step she takes I am getting more out of position to throw. She lowers her head but I am twisted to the right too far and when I throw I don't get much on the throw and my dart passes under the deer and then she was gone. Anyway what a rush just a few steps the other way and maybe history is made.”

(RP)

“It was a fantastic experience! Quite unnerving to let deer get that close.” (ES)

“I hunted for four hours one afternoon during the antlerless season with my atlatl. I had four does and one 4-point buck at 40 yards, but they did not come any closer. It was EXTREMELY exciting hoping it was going to all come together!” (VC)



Hunting with an atlatl and dart presents greater challenges than hunting with a rifle or bow. It is much more difficult to be in meaningful range and have adequate cover, while having the opportunity for a clear unobstructed throw. In several cases, respondents reported deer were in atlatl range, but they were not able to get a clear throw because of obstructions or that they were spotted in the process of throwing.

I spent about 80% of the time in a tree stand, but only saw one deer from there. It was a little 6 point buck that came into either a grunt call or rattled horns, since I was using both at the time. It came in behind me but I don't think I could have gotten a throw anyway because of the brush I would have had to throw through. If I remember right, I saw a total of 7 deer while hunting. Only 1 was out of range of the atlatl but was in easy rifle range. It was also the only one that I saw in the open. Most of my success in seeing deer was on the ground, then trying to get close and find an opening to throw through. I had several opportunities at two yearlings, but it would have been throwing through heavy brush or a “head on” throw which is a very low percentage shot. Because of that, I never did throw a dart at a deer. All the deer I saw were at one time or another, close enough for an atlatl throw, with the exception of the one that I saw in the open. (RM)

When I was able to be within atlatl range there was too much brush for a good throw, or the deer spotted me before I could throw. I discovered that an atlatl hunting strategy must be developed which I found is different from a bow or rifle strategy.....I found that it will take a lot of practice throwing from different positions, at different elevations, and in a woods environment (i.e., trees, brush, etc.). (CW)

A doe was 20 yards away and the throw was on target, but the doe saw my throwing and bolted. (ES)

Pictured above: Three foreshafts and points: one removable foreshaft with a steel broadhead, a fixed foreshaft with steel broadhead and a foreshaft with a stone foreshaft.

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While not specifically asked, a number of respondents expressed their desire that the atlatl be designated for the archery season rather than the rifle season.

Due to cold I wish it could be held during bow season. Even after much practice I just can't throw with a glove on. My hand got very cold. It would also allow more time in the field. (ES)

I had an enjoyable time out hunting with the atlatl, but one morning, after a couple of hours in my spot I noticed a gun hunter nearby. This is a high pressure hunting season, and with a short range weapon like the atlatl it would be far preferable to have a longer, lower pressure season. I would like to see use of the atlatl moved to archery season, this would greatly enhance the experience and increase the likelihood of a harvest as an outcome. (JG)

I would like to see this weapon legalized for the archery season as I feel that early foliage and less wary deer would equal more opportunity and success. (RP)

It would be a lot easier to get a deer into my effective range if the regulations were changed to archery season! (BH)

I think we should have atlatls as a legal method during bow season prior to rifle season. Once rifle season starts, deer spook a lot easier. Wearing the blaze orange is also a hindrance. Deer can see color if they get close enough and that's what ruined two of the opportunities I had for throwing. (CW)

If we can get it included with archery, I think our chances will improve. (RM)

I think the atlatl season should be during archery season. (AJH)

In addition to the reasons cited above for designating the atlatl for use during the archery season, it appears that many of the respondents also hunt with a bow, reflecting a natural link between the atlatl and bow as well as similarities in hunting tactics.

Despite the fact that no deer were harvested during this first season, it was a success. Participants enjoyed the experience and became more aware of the special challenges that use of the atlatl brings to deer hunting. Also, while the number of hunters using an atlatl was very small compared to firearms and archery hunters, the designation of the atlatl as a legal method of pursuing deer has spurred a growing interest among

Missouri hunters and the number will likely be larger next year. Designating the atlatl for use during archery season would almost certainly result in an increase in the number of hunters using the atlatl. It would extend the time available for pursuing deer and provide a more conducive environment for hunters who want to experience a new level of challenge and enjoyment.

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ATLATL Success!

While there were no success stories using the ATLATL that we know of in Missouri, there indeed was some success last year in Pennsylvania where a 7 year old boy took a deer with an ATLATL. What made this story even better is that his Grandpa (he must be proud) caught the kill on tape.



It's always a success when a youngster enjoys his time in the outdoors and at an early age learns the wonders and discipline of the hunting sports. Hopefully next year someone from Missouri will make history by taking a deer with this method.

You can view the video of this hunt on YouTube at the following link.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rUuV5AJFZLk>



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 MSSA Board of Directors meeting:

Apr 9th 2011

American Legion Post 202 Hall, 600 Legion Lane, Columbia, Mo.

All MSSA Members are strongly encouraged to attend.

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- ✓ Be a current or former Missouri resident, and register Missouri as your state of residence.
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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

THE MISSOURI SHOOTER newsletter is published quarterly and normally mailed in the first half of the month following a quarterly Board meeting. **DEADLINES:** Articles and advertisements are due by Feb 1, May 1, Aug 1, and Nov 1 for inclusion in that month's publication.

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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.

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Youth Shooting Programs at MSSA

There are going to be many shooting programs kicking off this spring and summer. Now that the weather is warming up, its time to focus our attention in that direction.

MSSA strongly believes in supporting youth programs and urges other organizations and even the Missouri Department of Conseravation to also continue their heritage in supporting the shooting and hunting sports.

If you know of a child that is at least 10 years or older and wants to learn more about competition shooting, we will do our best to point his parents in the direction to help hone those skills.

Our children are the future of shooting sports in Missouri. Disciplined and responsible YOUNG shooters turn into disciplined and responsible shooters....who vote.



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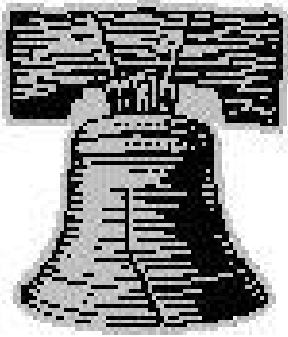
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Liberty Notes

By Kevin L. Jamison

Spring 2011

It is a good day for Liberty.

The world is short a mensch, for Aaron Zelman is dead. A mensch is a Yiddish term describing someone to admire and emulate, someone of noble character. The key to being “a real mensch” is nothing less than character, rectitude, dignity, a sense of what is right, responsible, decorous. Aaron Zelman founded Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership. He was vigorous in advocating our rights. I met him in the depths of the Clinton administration. He told me that the anti-gun philosophy was doomed, that we had the research to refute it. I was skeptical, but since that time our studies and research have crushed the prohibitionists. Much of this research is due to the efforts of Aaron Zelman. Prohibitionists are still active, because they function from emotion rather than facts but we are winning and have our late friend to thank for it.

Sarah Steelman is running for the US Senate seat now held by Claire McCaskill. Ms. Steelman has a history of supporting us in the legislature and in state office. The election of 2012 will be difficult and the earlier started the better. There is talk that Mr. Talent shall also running for the same seat. He also has a history of supporting us but has not declared as yet.

I have read Crossing Hitler. It seems that before he came to power he was subpoenaed as a witness in a murder prosecution of some stormtroopers. The fellow was asked, as leader of the nazi party, about the violent tendencies of the stormtroopers. The fellow declared that the nazi party was for legality and against violence. A lawyer loves it when witnesses lie on the stand. It is enormous fun to confront such witnesses with prior inconsistent statements. The judge cut the examination short, always frustrating, so the transcript only runs for ten pages. The remainder of the book is the background of the case, the parties, and the Jewish lawyer who cross-examined the monster. The case came too late to warn Germany and the lawyer was in the first wave of arrests after the burning of the Reichstag. The poor man died in a concentration camp. Sometimes all we can do is speed bump duty, but some of those speed bumps are remarkable.

We are frequently accused of racism, last argument of the intellectually bankrupt.

I heard a child speaking to her parents in Korean which I recognized from my time stationed in Korea. When I passed the child I said, “excuse me” in Korean, a phrase which came up often in the old days. She looked at me like I had grown another head, and not an attractive one. It is rare for an American to speak a foreign language, but it has a good effect on persons with whom one does business. Despite my best efforts I only speak English and Law.

Don't Forget!!!

Don't forget that our annual Members Banquet and Awards Dinner will be on April 28th, 2012.

The next MSSA meeting will be held on April 9th, 2011

Mark your calendars now!

April 9, 2011

July meeting is via electronic mail only.

October 8, 2011

January 14, 2012

ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER:

April 28, 2012

**Board meetings held at
American Legion Post 202 bldg.
600 Legion Ln., Columbia, Mo.**

A shoplifter was caught in the act and threatened the clerk with a hideous infection on her arm. This turned a petty theft into armed robbery.

There was a reality mini-series called, "The Colony" which placed a few stray citizens in a warehouse with the supposition that most of the population had died. They were raided for their small stock of supplies by other survivors and decided to fort up. One gentle soul devised a flamethrower. In the course of the program this man's wife found her way to the warehouse and joined the colony. The man gave her a tour of the place including his flamethrower. "Why do you need a flamethrower?" she asked incredulous of the presence of the weapon and the fact her husband had created it. "You need a flamethrower," her husband replied in the tone of a man who has seen the elephant.

I saw a request by Royal Navy Chaplains to carry pistols in the war. Her Majesty's chaplains said they did not want to engage in combat, but did not want to be taken alive by the Taliban. There is a precedent. In Britain's last Afghan war a civilian chaplain attached to a cavalry regiment earned the Victoria Cross by rescuing wounded from the attention of the Afghans. Rudyard Kipling knew this warrior chaplain and says that the man had a pistol; it being extremely difficult to discourage Afghans without one.

The House of Representatives has read the Constitution on the floor of the House. I thought this nothing but a stunt until I saw how unhinged it made the left. Joy Behar of The View thought that this "Constitutional love" had gone too far. The NY Times warned that it was racist. If this is the entertainment we can expect we must do it again.

At a Florida school board meeting a deranged criminal threatened and then shot at members of the board. A brave woman attempted self-defense with a purse but was ineffective. An "equalizer" might have ended the matter. There were excuses for the lunatic claiming that he "deliberately missed" hitting his targets. Video of the incident shows him aiming, but not with the precision required to deliberately miss. Whenever there is a mass shooting I am astonished to hear excuses heaped on the shooter and blame elsewhere. Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords and 19 others were shot by a lunatic. Before a single fact was known the attack was blamed on conservatives, the Tea Party, and of course, us. We are insulted for provocative language and of course a lack of gun control. The left-wing pothead nut who did the actual shooting has not been blamed for anything at all.

When the attack began in Tucson, a man with a concealed pistol was buying cigarettes in a nearby store. He heard the shots and charged for the guns. When he emerged from the store the killer was already disarmed and a citizen held the gun. We are constantly warned that in such a circumstance the silly, concealed-carry buffoon would begin shooting wildly, bullets would then, and only then, "go everywhere" and more innocent lives would be lost. This did not happen. The citizen immediately recognized the situation, holstered his gun and assisted in holding the killer. In a nation "awash with guns" the only gun immediately on the scene was in the hands of the psychopath. The usual suspects are demanding that laws be passed prohibiting guns within 1,000 feet of a federal official. These demands are so old they are not even couched in the metric system. The first problem would lie in determining where these bureaucrats might be lurking. It would be more efficient to prohibit the murder of a federal official.

None of these mass shootings has been committed on impulse. The killer has planned his attack, sometimes for months.

Gun owners in Oregon have been solicited by a group calling itself "Oregon Gun Owners Political Action Committee" for money to protect their rights. Research disclosed that this group promoted anti-gun legislation. It is another false flag operation to divert money from real gun rights groups and to claim that gun owners are such masochists that we want more restrictions heaped upon us.

In the new series "The Walking Dead" a mob of zombies pulls down a horse and eat it alive. Of course WMSA President-for-Life SHEILA now has declared a "zero tolerance" policy for zombies. This shall complicate relations with some of our elected officials but standards must be upheld.

We shall overcome.

Meeting Minutes

January 22 Annual Meeting minutes.

Meeting called to order 2:02 pm by President Kevin Jamison.

Secretary's report given by Lee Koester. Lee gave reports using data projector instead of on paper this year.

Lee reported 676 members with 518 being annual members and 158 Life members. There was showing of the membership database and explanation of data in files and importance of each item.

Finance report given by Lee Koester. Again with showing of finance database with explanations of entries pertaining to online memberships.

Motion to accept reports and seconded.

Executive Officer report given by Phil Anderson. Phil also reported that a complete inventory was done and all accounted for except for a missing gun. Discussion continued pertaining to missing gun. Records showed name of last lende and SS#. Phil has contacted a detective to try to locate lende.

Juniors report given by John Leinberger. John reported dates for 2011 junior camps.

Zac Bauer gave report about website and newsletter. Announced newsletter deadline of February 1st for articles.

A proposal was made by Phil Anderson pertaining to new planning for Junior High Power Camp and asked for stipend on \$1000 to get camp started. Proposal made and seconded. During discussion Lee Koester made a counter proposal asking Phil to rescind his original proposal and accept new proposal of \$2500 annually to both JHP and Jr camp programs. Proposal made and seconded. Discussion and further explanation followed.

Motion to accept made and seconded and vote to accept was unanimous.

Phil Anderson proposed changes to MSSA by laws pertaining to membership categories.

Since all by law changes must be announced to membership and voted on by membership at annual meeting, proposal will be written and announced in newsletter and voted on at April 2012 annual meeting.

Under old business, discussion continued about mailing of newsletter. Lee Koester has contacted Mail and More and they are willing to mail our newsletter using bulk postage. We will try them and see how everything goes.

Terry Brookman talked about a Boy Scout group who are trying to get a shooting range started in the St. Louis area. Terry asked if MSSA would be interested in making a donation. Due to published donation procedures, we will wait for a written proposal and visit from people receiving donation.

Proposal to donate \$50 for travel expenses for Michael Fischer to open Gun Rights Rally in Jefferson City. Seconded. Discussion and call for vote. Approved unanimously.

Motion to take nominations for board seats expiring in 2010. Expiring terms were for Terry Brookman, Kevin Jamison, Greg Meredith, David Jones, Harold Miederhoff and Mona Oliver.

David Jones and Harold Miederhoff expressed desire to not run again. Terry, Kevin, Greg, and Mona accepted nomination. New nominations were Don Merritt and Eric Burger. Due to six nominees, proposal to temporary suspension of secret ballot and accept nominees by acclimation was approved and new board approved by unanimous vote. Suspension of voting rules reinstated.

2010 annual meeting closed.

2011 Meeting called to order.

Election of officer called. Nominated for President, Kevin Jamison. Nominated for Vice President, Grace Leinberger. Nominated for Sec/Treasurer, Lee Koester.

Temporary suspension of secret ballot called and voted. Proposal to accept nominees by acclimation, approved by unanimous vote. Suspension of voting rules reinstated.

New dates for board meetings and Annual Awards dinner set. April 9, 2011, July meeting via email if necessary, October 8, 2011, January 14, 2012 and April 28, 2012 for Annual meeting and Awards dinner.

MSSA DINNER!

2010 Annual Awards Dinner by Lee Koester

Kathy Ergovich, Michel Meyer, Missouri Carry, Harold Miederhoff and the entire staff of DAV chapter 17 made the 2010 Awards dinner the best ever. We fed and entertained 63 this year.

Thank you one and all for donations, awards manufacture and preparation of the meal. The food was excellent, the Awards beautiful as usual and the donations plentiful. And the Raffle for M-1 Garand rifle you ask? Goes to.....!!!

Lee Koester brought in another load of sorted brass donated by the Missouri Dept of Conservation from the Boone County Rocky Fork public shooting range. The brass is silent auctioned off for the benefit of Juniors programs headed by John Leinberger and Phil Anderson. A hearty round of applause should go to them for the excellent job they do with youth shooting training and competitions.

Also in the silent auction this year was a very nice telescopic sight and an expensive Harley Davidson knife. Kathy never ceases to amaze me with her generous donations of knives for door prizes, and Michael Meyer scours the countryside and comes up with lots of really good items.

And the dinner was fantastic! Fried chicken, roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, macaroni salad, lettuce salad, pudding and cakes galore. All you can eat for \$15 and door prizes for everyone. Where else can you get an evening of fun, being stuffed and prizes for that price. Lets make next year an even bigger turnout. Lets see, have I forgotten anything? Weather threatened and a couple of the northern state people did not show. But the local weather held out and the roads were decent.

I happened to be watching the front row as the Garand rifle was awarded and the look of surprise was wonderful. Yes, it is real and not a dream, Congratulations goes to James Meehan as the raffle winner. April 28, 2012 is the new date for 2011 awards dinner. The date was changed due to weather uncertainty and the NRA convention in St Louis in early April.

Hope to see lots of the same and new faces next year.

Coaches Needed

MSSA is in need of more coaches for shooting events. If you like shooting and working with young upcoming shooters and don't mind to travel on our dime to different matches in Missouri and elsewhere, please contact us.

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MSSA MEETING Pictures

Pictures from the Annual Board Meeting and Dinner.



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Gun Articles Needed!!!!

Hey there, if you have a story for us that you think needs to be told, send it in! Do you have commentary about a recent trip to the range? How about a great hunting story that you would like to share? What about that last trip to the gun show that was so crowded and you didn't find what you were looking for? Tell us about it.

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

zbauer@missourisportshooting.org

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



Meeting Locations

The next MSSA meeting will be held in Columbia on April, 9th.

American Legion Post 202 bldg. 600 Legion Ln.,
Columbia, Mo.

Annual Meetings are held in Jefferson City

JOIN MSSA ON FACEBOOK



MSSA is now on Facebook. The current estimates are that over 500+ million people are now on facebook around the world with over half logging on every day.

If you have a facebook account, please log on and add our page to your profile by clicking on the "Like" botton. Then be sure to share with your friends by encouranging them on your wall to "Like" the page as well.

The MSSA facebook page will be updated anytime there is a new event scheduled on the MSSA website or anytime another newsletter gets published. MSSA members are encouraged to write on the MSSA facebook wall as well.

There is a direct link to the MSSA facebook page on our website or you can search on facebook for "Missouri Sport Shooting".



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Official tickets for MSSA raffle drawing. M1 Raffle sponsored by The Missouri Sport Shooting Association and the Civilian Marksmanship Program. Any tickets arriving after drawing date will automatically be entered into the next M1 Raffle. Copies can be made for additional tickets.



MSSA Membership Application

Renewal New Application

- Annual **JUNIOR** Dues (under 18) – only \$5
Juniors must also provide Date of Birth: _____
- Annual **MEMBER** Dues – only \$20
- Annual Sustaining Member \$50 to \$99
- Annual Silver Sustaining \$100 to \$499
- Annual Golden Sustaining \$500 & above
- Active Duty Military** – 1 FREE YEAR (Attach signed declaration of Missouri residency and active duty military service.)
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- I'm already a member. Please add my name to your email alert list.
- LIFE** Membership – \$250
- BENEFACTOR** (Life) – \$500
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