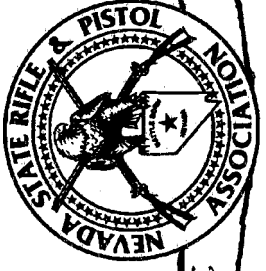


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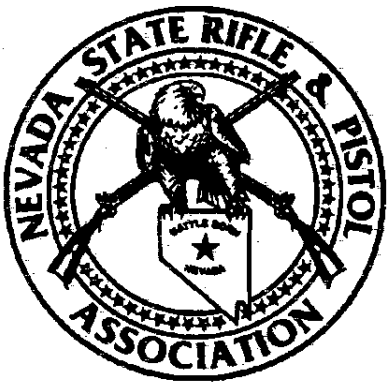
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From the Editor:

My apologies for how late this edition is. As you can see, we have executed the promised change in format. However, this has not been without growing pains. Your continued patience is appreciated.

This issue, I have switched the News and Editorial portions in general position to bring you the political news first. As has been belabored, NSRPA cannot advocate any political position. But I am not going to bury the political stuff either.

Next time around the news and editorial sections will be back in their normal positions.

As well as the National, State and local elections, NSRPA is also taking applications for its own elections to the Broad. Due to my getting this out late, I have truncated that process. I again apologize. So, please move quickly to get your letters of intent in to the Elections Committee, and a copy to me for the next issue.

Thank you.

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Election: Board of Directors

The NSRPA Elections Committee is again soliciting **Letters of Intent to Serve** and **Resumes** of members in good standing who would like to be considered by the committee for candidacy for the Board of Directors. The Duties require attendance of up to three board meeting per year, work on committees and other functions promoting the programs of the NSRPA. The Committee emphasizes that this is not a ceremonial position and that committee work assignments will be required of all Directors.

Please mail Letters of Intent to Serve and Resumes to:

Chairman, Elections Committee
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Please keep resumes brief to fit the "Nevada Marksman" format. The committee reserves the right to edit resumes for length. Letters of Intent to Serve, and Resumes must be received no later than November 10, 2004. And as much before that as possible. The Resumes of those selected by the Committee, and a Ballot will be published in the subsequent issue of the "Nevada Marksman."

The Ballots must be received by the Elections Committee no later than January 4, 2005, and preferably much sooner. These are needed prior to the Board of Directors meeting in January 2005.

Editorials & Pot Shots

The opinions expressed in the Letters to the Editor column are the views of the Author, and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Nevada State Rifle and Pistol Association, its officers or Directors, or any other party.

The Editor retains the right to edit all Letters to the Editor for length, content and grammar. The Nevada State Rifle and Pistol Association reserves the right not to publish letters, or responses to the same.

First: a few words from those candidates for public office kind enough to send us some.

This is not an endorsement for or against any candidate.

Gentlemen, thank you for your contribution.

To the NSRPA:

I'm not a gun owner. I've never been into guns. So, needless to say, I had a lot to learn about the issues important to you. As I've been walking the district, several folks have spent time talking to me about this issue, and I truly appreciate that. And I'm getting it.

I understand that more regulations and restrictions really only impact you, the honest citizens. I see that to reduce crime, we need to control criminals, not guns. And I agree that you have a right (heck, an obligation) to use a gun in self-defense to protect yourself, your family, and your home. I have seen many stickers on homes that show you have a gun, and that you are trained to use it. That's a pretty fair warning to any potential intruders. (I wasn't sure if I should even knock on those doors!)

As your legislator, I will work with the Nevada State Rifle and Pistol Association to enact legislation that continues to protect your right to bear arms.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss specific issues. I would sure appreciate your vote on November 2nd.

Sincerely,

Randi Thompson

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To the NSRPA:

As you know well, the right to keep and bear arms is constantly being eroded by elected officials and judges who fail to comprehend the original intent of the Second Amendment or who maliciously undermine it.

I'm Richard Ziser. I'm the Republican nominee for United States Senate, and I'm asking for your support.

Among the reasons I am challenging Harry Reid is that I value the individual right to keep and bear arms. Not only for sporting purposes, and not just for a militia or for the national guard or for the police, but for you and I as a means of personal defense, home defense, and defense of our country should it become necessary.

Unlike Harry Reid, I am consistently opposed to these efforts to erode our rights. Harry has voted both for and against them. An example is the so-called "assault weapons ban." The definitions are so broad that many sporting arms and home defense arms would be banned under a literal reading. The AWB has been allowed to expire, but it stands as a representation of the ideology of the ultra-liberals who believe we as a people should be disarmed. You can be sure that this type of law will rise again should Harry Reid and those he whips into compliance with his left-wing views be allowed to remain in power.

Harry Reid pushes hard for legislation that shuts sportsmen out of our public lands. The Black Rock National Conservation area follows on years of pushing for wilderness designations that close off roads and access. Deceptive wording has declared areas "roadless" by renaming what most of us would call roads as "ways." Huge boulders are sometimes placed across such "roads" to prevent access. You will recognize this from the Jarbidge experience.

I support multiple use of our public lands.

I have been given an A rating by the NRA, and I have truthfully answered all the questions of Gun Owners of America 100%. You may already know that Harry Reid has been given an F rating by the Gun Owners of America. His NRA rating has slipped to a B.

Harry Reid has been in office too long. As Minority Whip, he obstructs progress at every turn. He filibusters

President's Letter

Good news was received a short time ago that the 'Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004' was signed by President Bush on July 22, 2004. Check out the LEAA press release in this issue of the Nevada Marksman for the details.

I have just heard that the Department of Public Safety (DPS) sent letters to retail firearms dealers that it is going to increase the cost of NICS firearms purchase background checks from \$15 to \$25 on October 1, 2004. This is a surprise as several of us remember that DPS said that they would reduce the cost as soon as the new equipment necessary for the checks was paid for.

I have been talking to several members about their plans for the coming hunting season which brought to mind our desire to have our members submit articles about THEIR hunting trips so we can share their work and fun with our members. Last year, Secretary-Treasurer Mark Geldmacher wrote about his hunt and it was great to share a friend's experiences. So when you pack for your deer, elk or sheep or any other game hunt, include a camera and notebook so you can record the important facts and happenings. Then you can refresh your memory and write about your adventure. If you don't feel confident in your writing skills, just get your thoughts on paper or computer and Editor Mark Robertson will work with you and help you along. Stories with juniors involved with hunting will be given special honors.

Please study the candidates in the local, state and national elections and evaluate what each candidate stands for and supports, and their records, if they have any, before your vote. Some candidates are saying that they are hunters and that they support the Second Amendment but their voting records tell different stories. Don't let a setup photo op of a candidate holding a shotgun convince you that he is pro gun. Please study the issues and the qualifications of candidates before you vote and then VOTE!!! Get as many of your friends who have your same interests to vote also. Help them by showing what you know about the candidates and you will help preserve our rights. If good people do not vote, we will lose our vital rights.

For those of you that have internet access, please consider dropping the printed version of Nevada Marksman as the current issues are now posted on our web site, nsrpa.us. Just go to the site and pull it up and if that version meets your needs, please send an E-mail to president@nsrpa.us requesting removal from the Nevada Marksman list. That will save NSRPA printing and mailing costs, and will be greatly appreciated.

I just got this E-mail from Joe Melcher about the Palomino Valley Gun Club's Junior Program:

Hi All:

Our Junior Gun Safety and Marksmanship program is up and running! Our first meeting will be from 7:00pm-9:00pm on Thursday September 9, 2004 at McQueen High School ROTC rifle range. We supply everything your child needs to be a part of our program. Kids can be from 10 yrs up to 18. Parental involvement is welcome. Cost is \$5.00 per night and you must be a member of the Palomino Valley Gun Club to enter the range area. All paperwork and joining the club can be taken care of at the meeting.

Please email or call me if you plan to attend.

Joe Melcher joef@uisreno.com 775-324-4349

If you have juniors in your family or know of juniors who would be interested, please pass this information along. Junior shooters are our future and we must work to promote these types of programs.

Most of you have probably heard that the "Assault Weapon Ban" was allowed to sunset and that there are no FEDERAL restrictions on the sale of the firearms banned due to certain characteristics such as bayonet lugs, flash hiders, pistol grips and folding stocks, and high capacity magazines manufactured after September 1994. It appears that the situation is sorting itself out and all we have to worry about is the states that have restrictions on these items. Our neighbor to the west, California, still has restrictions on both firearms and magazines so if you are going to be doing business in California, please be careful. I am sure that ATF will be providing clarification of the dos and don'ts that apply to these transactions.

Have a happy Fall season,

Smitty

Robert Smith

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judges who understand the real meaning of the Constitution.

No matter what Harry Reid says in Nevada, in Washington he votes like Ted Kennedy and Hillary Clinton. Kennedy and Clinton don't represent Nevada values, and neither does Harry Reid!

I'm running against the money and power of political corruption.

I'm challenging the sweetheart land deal that "saved" Harry's powerful lobbyist friend millions of dollars that should have gone into the public coffers.

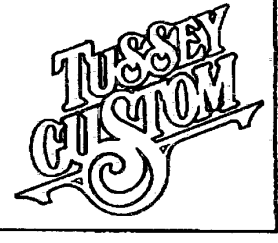
I'm challenging the flow of millions of dollars to lobbyist law firms staffed by Harry's buddies and relatives.

I'm challenging the ultra-liberal powers that control Harry's votes in Washington.

I'm challenging all Harry's votes that violate the values of Nevadans, from voting against the amendment protecting marriage to raising our taxes again and again.

Money and power don't like to be challenged. They pull out all the stops to prevent you from learning the truth. There's a world of difference between the two of us, and it's important for you to know what those differences are.

I stand up for my conservative values, while Harry Reid hides from his liberal record.

	
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Harry claims to be independent. Yet as Minority Whip he leads the ultra-liberal wing of his party. He is dependent on them to maintain the power he craves, and he uses that power to serve their ends.

Harry Reid believes that big government knows best. I believe that government has important but limited purposes.

Harry opposes tax cuts. I support them.

Harry voted against the national marriage amendment. I led the successful state marriage amendment campaign.

Harry opposes a Strategic Defense Initiative. I would support one.

Harry opposes school choice and vouchers. I support them.

Harry recruited and supported Erin Kenny and Dario Herrera for public office, both of whom have been indicted on extortion charges. I worked for their defeat.

Harry is a lifetime politician. I'm a businessman and community leader ready to serve. The choice is clear. Let's make a change in the United States Senate!

Richard Ziser

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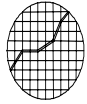
(Continued) Personal information:

My father was a tool and die maker and I grew up working in his shop. I learned the value of hard work by sweeping floors and running small production jobs. My father learned his trade in an apprentice program and became a machinist on board the USS Pennsylvania during World War Two. Building on what I learned from my parents, I went on to earn a degree in Industrial Engineering. I later returned to the family business and I've supported my family through self-employment ever since. I've owned several manufacturing businesses over the years. My most recent business, Casino Tokens, was recognized by Governor Miller as one of the top emerging companies in 1991.

Education is a lifelong process. My interest in Law, Ideology, and Social Change led to a master's degrees in 1998.

31 years ago while in college Sandi and I were married. We have three grown children, a married daughter who is a first grade teacher, a son who is a musician, and a son who has a small business. Sandi and I will soon be the grandparents of two – my daughter is expecting twins!

Again, just to CYA, Printing these letters is done as a service, and is not an endorsement of any kind.

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Editor:

I wish to inform and warn all NSRPA members that Dennis Balaam, our self-professed "pro-CCW, pro-gun, pro-law abiding citizen", Sheriff has, in the several weeks between my visits to his offices, posted the entrances to the Sheriff's Dept. business offices per Nevada Revised Statutes to prohibit lawfully carried concealed firearms. All citizens lawfully carrying concealed weapons (violent criminals will, of course, not be concerned about this) need to remember to remove and secure their firearms before entering the Sheriff Dept. offices. It is good to know where this Sheriff stands on upholding his oath of office defending the US Constitution and every citizen's constitutionally protected rights. While this sheriff has often stated his support for our gun rights, his actions and those of his paid legislative lobbyist have belied his words. He may be up for re-election in 2006. Remember to vote carefully!

"If ye love wealth greater than liberty, the tranquility of servitude better than the animating contest for freedom, go home and leave us in peace. We seek not your council nor your arms. Crouch down and lick the hand that feeds you, and may posterity forget that ye were our countrymen."

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To: President and Members NSRPA:

As you know, the Federal "Assault Weapons" ban expired on Sept 13th. Thus we can once again have bayonet lugs and flash hiders and other useless cosmetic accoutrements on our rifles. UNLESS YOU LIVE IN ONE OF THE LESS ENLIGHTENED STATES LIKE Massachusetts, New York, California, New Jersey, Maryland, etc.

This past year CMP made a few minor changes in its leg rules regarding grips on M1911 and M9 pistols. I ended up ejecting about \$80 worth of Pachmayr grips (I've acquired extra ball pistols for loan to new shooters) over this rule tweak. I liked the Pachmayrs because I've seen what ruptured cases do in IPSC. The Pachmayrs and their steel strip make a sore hand. Wood and plastic grips means tweezer time and bandages.

Bottom line: Rules changes cost shooters money and suppress attendance. If my gun is ruled illegal over minutiae, I won't bother to shoot the match.

I will let the other state associations speak for themselves, but I strongly encourage CMP NOT TO CHANGE ANY RULES ON ADMITTING CERTAIN RIFLE OR PISTOL FEATURES UNLESS THEY EXPAND ON THE NUMBER OF FEATURES ALLOWED.

I also encourage the application of common sense to these rules. For example, does the removeable service carry handle/picatinny rail AR really offer a competitive advantage when the service rifle configuration is used?

And I encourage CMP to continue to allow the rear sight lens systems. Many older shooters simply can not shoot the AR, M14, or M1 without them.

Even if every statehouse came to its senses and repealed their stupid ineffective gun laws, shooters still have a great deal invested in their current equipment configuration. Modifying it may be too expensive to justify, and we lose another competitor...

Also, on your "nostalgic military match" rules you outlaw any glass bedding. I have Krag, and Krag stocks split by design. If your Krag has been shot even a little, its stock will be cracked in the pistol grip area. There are two kinds of Krag stocks, cracked and soon to be cracked. I encourage a rule change allowing glass bedding compound for stock repair as long as it doesn't affect the fit of the stock to the action. In other words, no bedding touches the action or barrel.

To finish beating the dead horse, recruiting new shooters is hard. We rely heavily on loaner gear, shooters with FFL's cutting good deals to new shooters, and new shooters, especially younger shooters, many of whom aren't made of money.

Please keep your rules inclusive and don't restrict them with each new year.

Matt Egloff
President
Montana Rifle and Pistol Association

To the NSRPA:

I just received my copy of the "Nevada Marksman" and want to congratulate you and your Directors on the excellent make-up of the publication. A 100% improvement over what has been mailed out to the membership in the past.

I noticed the change this past year and finally decided to let you know of my personal feelings.

I have been a life member since the 1980's, and at one time a member of your Board. You are doing an Excellent Job!!

Michael Opsitnik

Nevada Democratic Lawmakers and Candidates

(John Cahill) Be aware on the campaign trail you may be asked the reasons for the increase from \$15 to \$25 for the cost of NCIS background checks performed by the Nevada Department of Public Safety on every firearms sale in Nevada. This increase goes into effect October 1, 2004. (I guess that proves the DPS doesn't play politics or they would have waited until after the elections!) The increase was announced today in a letter to Nevada retail firearms sellers.

I don't have an explanation from the NVDPS on the cost increase but I did confirm the information and it seems likely that they will respond that the Department must cover increasing costs for the service.

Nevada sportsmen won't be happy to have another \$10 added to the cost of a firearms purchase, and Nevada firearms dealers will certainly be telling customers that they should contact the DPS and their elected representatives with complaints.

Adding some insult to the issue is the recollection of some Nevada Firearms dealers that the DPS said when the program began that they would drop or reduce the fee as soon as any new equipment was paid for.

Some folks might be happy that gun purchasers have to pay more and pay whatever the cost is for a background check, but gun purchasers will likely respond that if citizens believe the checks make them safer they should be willing to support the process rather than dumping the cost onto individual buyers. After all, we do tax everybody for schools, fire, and police. We don't just charge those who have children in school, or charge only those who call the police and fire department for services. In fact, sportsmen and women may hold the opinion that all costs for the checks should be shared by all who benefit.

I don't know if this cost increase will be a big deal or not with constituents in your district, but you can now be prepared if questions come up. And you heard it here first - from your NODC!

Contact me if you have questions.

John Cahill
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Explanation of the Brady Gun Check fee increase follows, as you requested

In early April 2004 the tentative decision was made to pursue two fee increases. The two affected program areas included the Civil Name Check (CNC) Program and the Brady gun checks. From April until August this matter was under consideration at the Director's level.

The operation of the Criminal History Repository is closely tied to the operation of the Nevada Criminal Justice Information System, a secure network designed to facilitate the exchange of criminal justice information among validated agencies. The information to be shared is derived from a variety of sources and is maintained in a variety of data bases supported by the department of Public Safety. The Brady gun check program relies on the same data bases of information.

Neither the Criminal History Repository nor the Nevada Criminal Justice Information System are supported by direct appropriation of funds from state general fund revenues. The operation of both functions is funded entirely by fees and assessments. The Repository performs a number of background check services related to non-criminal justice programs such as the Brady gun check. All of these services rely on the same information. Costs in acquiring, processing, managing, and maintaining the underlying information are directly relating to the success of all the Repository's functions.

The logic behind this fee increase decision included the following factors:

* The Brady gun check program was ten years old and there had never been any fee adjustments even though the associated costs continue to increase yearly.

* The technology support costs associated with this check process continue to go up at a rather rapid rate. Associated programming costs associated with mandates on this system continue to demand attention.

* The current Brady gun check currently queries five different state data bases and three data bases at the FBI level. This process is accomplished while the gun dealer is waiting by phone, usually less than a minute or two. This degree of service comes at a cost. As a result of this thorough process, there are approximately two felony warrant hits each week. Since most of these warrants are only in the state system, they would not appear in the FBI NICS (National Instant Check System) data base.

It has become common for critics of fee increases to compare Nevada's fee structure with other states; however, this comparative approach assumes that these other states

have a similar budget architecture. Many of these states either have general funding support or they acknowledge higher than normal fee structures.

In summary, it may be helpful to point out that the nine functions inside the Criminal History Repository are not "stove pipe" initiatives. They do not stand alone. The cost associated with the Brady gun check involves more than the actual inquiry itself. This process also includes the responsibility to acquiring and managing the data that is being checked. Our management responsibility also includes the duty to ensure the accuracy of the information. It is our intent to provide a valid and complete answer to each and every gun purchase process. The duty of the Repository is to manage the larger process of criminal history data so that all of the subordinate functions benefit. Based upon this philosophy, CHR management has the duty to commingle these functions and then ensure that the overarching budget obligations are met.

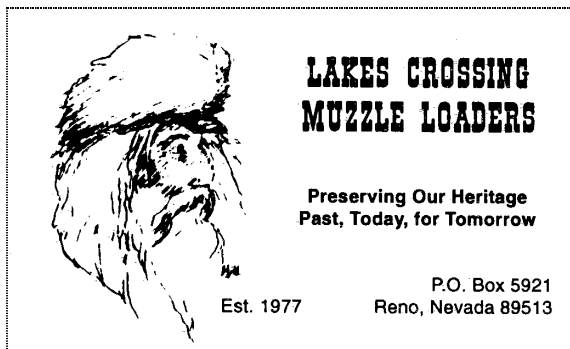
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News of the world:

The Gun & Knife Show at the Avi Resort & Casino

Kevin McNair, Sr. Director of Marketing
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702.535.5530

Laughlin, NV -- The Gun & Knife Show at the Avi Resort & Casino, September 17-19 was a huge success. The show was very well-attended and the vendors reported they were very pleased with their sales. Buy, sell, or trade was the key phrase describing the action of this 3-day event. By popular demand and at the request of the vendors, the Avi Resort & Casino is now announcing the next show dates of Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 17-18-19, 2004--just in time for the holidays. This will be a much larger show with a wider variety of vendors and items available for sale or trade. To accommodate this show, the event will be housed in a single 12,000 square-foot venue with up to 300 merchant/vendor tables. Participants are encouraged to call now to reserve their space at the Avi Resort & Casino's Gun, Knife, Hunting & Fishing Show. Interested parties should call Fred at 702-535-5536 or Bonnie at 702-535-5518 for additional information.



Rare Winchesters, Colts and Civil War Arms' Auctions To Benefit NRA Programs

FAIRFAX, VA-(NRA) Over 1,470 firearms will be auctioned in October and November to benefit The NRA Foundation's permanent endowments that provide funding for its many national education and public service programs.

The first auction, described by one expert as "One of the finest single-owner Winchester collections to be offered in recent history," will be conducted October 4 - 7 by James D. Julia Auctioneers of Fairfield, ME. The late Eldon J. "E.J." Owens, a past president of the American Society of Arms Collectors, owned the 850 firearms, which also include Colt long arms and pistols, early muskets, Civil War carbines, target rifles and early percussion and flintlock arms. Proceeds from the sale will fund a trust that will eventually endow "The Eldon J. and Edith W. Owens Gallery" in the National Firearms Museum.

Greg Martin Auctions of San Francisco will hold the second auction on November 14 - 15, featuring 621 firearms,

From the Desk of Matt Egloff, President MRPA, to the NRA

I spoke with one of your staff today and I am not satisfied with the answers that I received on this licensed target issue.

1. Regarding this police match that started it all - whose fault was it that the licensed targets were wrong, NRA, Speedwell, or the shooters?

I say the NRA for not exercising oversight of their licensee, and Speedwell for screwing up the targets.

2. Who was punished?

NRA punished the shooters by DQ'ing their scores, records, increased classifications, etc.

3. Regarding Full Face targets - WHO IS GOING TO MAKE THEM NEXT YEAR?

I didn't get the name of the manufacturer from your staff. Nor did I get price and delivery information. Do you really have one locked in, or are you hoping they'll commit?

4. Who has let the manufacture of full face targets lapse for the past decade by not keeping on top of their target licensing program?

NRA failed to license and persuade licensees to make full face targets, particularly 1000yd targets, for the past several years.

5. Who is left to improvise adapt and overcome NRA's lapse?

The gun clubs who must scrounge & stockpile targets.

6. Who told me that NRA will feel free to declare any properly made under license target unfit for use in NRA matches at the end of each year?

Your staffer in NRA Competitions told me that NRA can declare any target made by any licensed manufacturer, correctly made or not, unfit for use in competition at the end of each year when you decide who gets licenses renewed and who doesn't. I'm glad they don't do this with money.

7. Who told me to buy only the number of targets that we need for the upcoming year?

Your staffer in NRA Competitions. Had we not stockpiled full face targets, I guess we probably wouldn't have been able to run one legitimate NRA match since 1980-something...

BTW, will your licensed vendors like to hear the above NRA answer?

8. Are the dimensions of old DCM targets and Military targets really different?

Not according to my tape measure.

9. Can we use old DCM and Military full face targets since NRA has failed to provide official NRA targets of certain types for the past decade?

According to NRA competitions, we can't use them, even though we can't get NRA targets of that type.

I'll stop my questions at nine.

You, the NRA, are at fault on this target issue.

We have been unable to obtain new official targets for YEARS. Many YEARS.

Now you're making it worse by trying to force us to scrap some of the targets we've saved, and to replace them with new targets that you haven't made available yet!

And worse, you are threatening to punish the shooters for your mistakes. Indeed, you have already penalized one match.

I forgive you for not keeping on top of the targets issue. It can't be undone, so let's move on. But I find it hard to accept your proposed fix, and I find your actions after this match deplorable.

We're in the middle of an important election. When that's over, I would encourage the state associations to consider this new NRA target policy, and to consider my proposals to change it:

1. No properly made target, produced under valid NRA license at the time of manufacture, may be later declared unfit for use in NRA competition unless it is damaged, or of the wrong type for that match/stage/range.

2. Since full face targets of several types have been unavailable for several or more years, Military or CMP targets of the same type may be used as a substitute, if an NRA licensed repair center is used over them. (name a national record you can break if you winged a "5" or anything else outside the repair center)

3. If an error in target usage occurs at any NRA tournament, the competitors will not be penalized if the targets used were of the correct dimensions. If the target dimensions were incorrect, or the targets of the wrong type, NRA will refund the competitor's NRA fees if they disallow the scores.

4. NRA will engage the CMP, UIT, the Military, and other organizations with whom they share target designs, and work to standardize and "multiple-license" those target designs that they share.

If you enforce your current policy, and if you have no new NRA licensed full face targets available at reasonable cost, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HOLD MANY OF YOUR TOURNAMENTS IN 2005. No legal targets available = no match.

Further, if NRA starts banning formerly legal targets, we won't stockpile, we will redistribute and share to use them up, and your vendors will suffer a loss of sales.

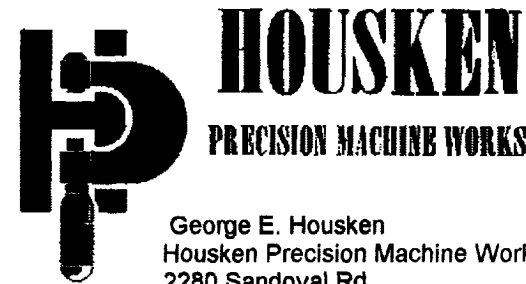
CMP matches allow Military or NRA targets. Legs don't have to be held in conjunction with any NRA match now. We can still hold their matches without worrying about the targets.

I suggest that you find a more equitable way out of your target license contract woes. You failed to consider the competitive shooter and sponsoring clubs in your negotiations and policies. We don't have to threaten a boycott or a strike here. We just have to obey your ruling to the letter, and it will have the same effect. You don't have any new legal targets to sell, so I suggest letting us use what we have as I have proposed.

Matt Egloff
President,
Montana Rifle and Pistol Association

including a special collection of Civil War-era carbines, guns of the Old West, and a large selection of Winchester Model 1873 rifles and carbines and Model 1887 lever-action shotguns. Many of these guns were gifted to The NRA Foundation by donors, including: Dr. Harold Cottle, the estates of C. Thomas Claggett, Jr., Harris Johnson, Edwin Roberts and Harvey M. Aungst, Jr. Proceeds from this auction will be used to support educational and public service programs as well as the Gun Collecting Endowment. In addition, Greg Martin Auctions is donating its services and making a substantial contribution to the endowment.

"I'm familiar with the firearms being sold in these auctions and as a collector, I can say that many are the best of the best," said Craig D. Sandler, Executive Director of NRA's General Operations. "Not only are these auctions a chance to acquire some magnificent and rare firearms, they are also a chance to support the programs that teach their safe and responsible use. The funds generated will further secure NRA's ability to carry out its mission for future generations. We are most grateful to



those thoughtful members and friends who have made it all possible."

The NRA Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization that raises tax-deductible contributions in support of a wide range of firearms-related public interest activities of the National Rifle Association of America and other organizations that defend and foster the Second Amendment rights of all law-abiding Americans. Since its establishment in 1990 The NRA Foundation has awarded over \$70 million in grants to support nearly 1,800 gun-safety and shooting education programs throughout the United States.

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SMITH & WESSON INTRODUCES DISABLED MARKSMAN AWARD

(NRA) Smith & Wesson has established an award honoring the marksmanship accomplishments of Americans with physical disabilities. This award is very significant, as it marks the first time that a major pistol manufacturer has chosen to highlight contributions that disabled marksmen make to the shooting sports.

The Smith & Wesson Award will be presented to the highest ranked pistol competitor in the final standings of the annual NRA-Beeman Grand Prix championship. This 12-city precision air rifle and air pistol tour was developed in 1997, by Dave Baskin, manager of NRA Disabled Shooting Services, for the purpose of offering quality shooting sports opportunities to the nation's large disabled population. Since its inception, the popular tour has appeared in 26 cities in the United States, and by special invitation two cities in Canada. The NRA-Beeman has also established the best participant diversity record of any open shooting sports competition in the world, with woman and minority marksmen finishing among the top award winners on a regular basis.

This unique award from Smith & Wesson will not only bring well-deserved attention to the achievements of disabled marksmen, but also provide encouragement to the millions of Americans who suffer a disabling injury or illness each year, and feel that they can no longer be an active participant in sports and recreation activities. For more information on the NRA-Beeman Grand Prix Championship, call NRA Disabled Shooting Services at (703) 267-1495.

A LONG JOURNEY TO THE NRA-BEEMAN TITLE

(NRA) One stormy December day in 1967, a baby boy was born to Angela and Julio Ponce, at a small clinic in Havana, Cuba. The baby was born premature weighing four pounds. The nurses avoided giving Angela much information about her newborn, which caused her to worry that something was wrong with the baby. The clinic personnel did not let Angela see her baby until the day they were discharged, at which time she discovered that her son had been born without hands and no legs below the knees.

Angela was both shocked and puzzled, as there was nothing in the family's genetic heritage that could have given her my advance warning. Because of the baby's physical appearance, the doctors assumed that he might also have suffered internal complications and expected him to live no longer than a few weeks. But being a devoutly religious person, Angela refused to give up hope. She prayed and petitioned St. Barbara to take care of her son, promising to name him after

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The baby lived, and was named Barbaro in honor of St. Barbara. However, the family's difficulties were not over, as the Castro regime would not allow them to travel to the United States for the advanced medical care that Barbaro required, which was unavailable in Cuba. Since the Cuban government was adamant in its refusal of travel permits to the United States, even for humanitarian purposes, the Ponce family applied for and gained entry to Spain. After residing in Spain for one year, the family emigrated to the United States.

The family settled in Atlanta, Georgia, where Barbaro received rehabilitation and became a good student who would go on to earn a Masters Degree in Architecture from the highly regarded Georgia Tech University. At the present time, Barbaro owns a general contracting company that specializes in housing modifications for senior citizens and people with disabilities.

While a student at Georgia Tech, Ponce became active in the disabled sports program at the Shepherd Center in Atlanta, which is one of the south's leading rehabilitation hospitals. The sport that interested him the most was their precision air rifle marksmanship program. The fact that he was without hands did not bother the young man, for Barbaro it was just another challenge to overcome.

The past 14 years have seen Barbaro work very hard at his chosen sport, and since 1997, he has been a competitor on the NIA-Beeman Grand Prix Championship Tour for marksmen with physical disabilities. The NRA-Beeman Tour is considered to be one of the toughest titles to win in all of the shooting sports, because each competitor must compete at 12 different locations across the nation, under a variety of conditions. Any person who wins the coveted title of NRA-Beeman Grand Champion, is truly a national champion in every way.

On August 28th, Barbaro Ponce was crowned the 2004 NRA Beeman Grand Champion. But the season long title chase was not an easy one, as the lead alternated back and forth between Ponce and the 2003 grand champion, Deborah Lewis of Irondale, Alabama. At the final event in Birmingham, Alabama, Barbaro was able to secure the individual championship by 1/84 of a point, which is the smallest margin in NRA-Beeman history. Third place honors were taken by Mike Dickey from Trafford, Alabama.

The Smith & Wesson/NRA-Beeman Pistol Championship was won by Frank Javorka of Lititz, Pennsylvania. This was a new award for 2004, especially created by Smith & Wesson to encourage pistol marksmanship among the nation's large disabled population.

The NRA-Beeman National Team Championship was claimed by the Shepherd Center Team of Ponce, David Blevins from Conyers, Georgia, and first year competitor, year old Matt Smith of Atlanta. This accomplishment marks the first time in shooting sports history that a hospital sponsored team has won a national level marksmanship title.

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NRA Certified Instructors-We Need You at the 2005 Boy Scout Jamboree!

(NRA) NRA needs help to conduct the Rifle and Shotgun Merit Badge segments for the 2005 National Scout Jamboree, July 25 to August 3, at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. We will be part of the Merit Badge Midway, and will teach the Scouts firearm safety to fulfill the safety requirement for us their merit badges. NRA will also be running an air gun range at the Venturing Exhibit.

"It was only through the selfless assistance of the many NRA Certified Instructors that we were able to have such a successful presence at the 2001 Jamboree," said David Kulivan of the NRA Youth Programs Department. "So, we are asking for your help again. You call volunteer to work one day, two days, or as many days as you wish. We will need volunteers for both the Merit Badge Midway (rifle and shotgun) and the Venturing exhibit air gun range. Volunteers are responsible for all their own expenses, including travel, housing and meals. A

daily boxed lunch will be provided by NRA."

If you would like to volunteer, please contact us to be included on the Volunteer Instructor List. Spaces are limited, so please call as soon as possible.

To volunteer, phone us at (703) 267-1550, e-mail us at youth_programs@nrahq.org, or write us at NRA Youth Programs Department, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax VA 22030. You will need to provide your name, address, telephone number, Social Security number, and date of birth. The Boy Scouts of America conducts criminal background checks on all Jamboree staff and volunteers.

More detailed information will be provided as the 2005 National Scout Jamboree draws closer.

Nick of Time

(NRA) At 10 o'clock in Mothers Day evening, in a Toledo neighborhood plagued with crime, 23-year-old Habib Howard was busy at work in his parents convenience store. Howard was armed with a handgun at his side and a three-day-old Right-to-Carry license.

A man entered, grabbed a 12-pack of beer and, before Howard could say hello, brandished a firearm and demanded cash. "I opened the drawer and walked away as I had practiced many times before," Howard said.

With the loot and brew, the assailant himself backed away. As he pushed the door open behind him, Howard saw the man raise the gun from waist to shoulder level and point it directly at him. "All I saw was the gun come up," Howard said. "Basically, it was a normal reaction."

His split-second reaction that night was to draw his sidearm and fire five times, striking his assailant in the shoulder and groin, severing a major artery.

The man, Jose J. Custodia-Mota, stumbled out of the store, dropped his ill-gained goods, and was arrested at a local hospital. Accomplice Alberto Martinez was later arrested as well. "I believe the man had every intention of taking the money, taking the beer and taking his life," Howard's mom Tammy, said. "I believe that 100 percent."

Howard's actions on that Mother's Day night have prompted other Toledoans, many in the convenience store industry, to apply for their Right-to-Carry licenses. In fact, Howard's mother, three brothers and clerks at the several other stores the Howards own have all applied.

On that very day, 2000 individuals calling themselves the Million Mom March rallied against firearms rights in Washington D.C. They wouldn't have been happy with Howard's actions, but things look different when staring down the barrel of a pistol.

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From Kid Sopris

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Contact me directly : kidsopris3290@msn.com

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Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino
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November 20-21, 2004
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December 17-18-19, 2004
Avi Resort & Casino's Gun, Knife, Hunting & Fishing Show
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March 19-20, 2005
Gun & Knife Shows
R. K. Shows
Las Vegas Cashman Center

Northern Nevada
October 2-3, 2004
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Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4

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2nd Sunday: NRA High Power, 7:00 A.M.

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Election: Board of Directors

The NSRPA Elections Committee is again soliciting **Letters of Intent to Serve** and **Resumes** of members in good standing who would like to be considered by the committee for candidacy for the Board of Directors. The Duties require attendance of up to three board meeting per year, work on committees and other functions promoting the programs of the NSRPA. The Committee emphasizes that this is not a ceremonial position and that committee work assignments will be required of all Directors.

Please mail **Letters of Intent to Serve** and **Resumes** to:

Chairman, Elections Committee
 P.O. Box 7512
 Reno NV 89510-7512

Please keep resumes brief to fit the "Nevada Marksman" format. The committee reserves the right to edit resumes for length. Letters of Intent to Serve, and Resumes must be received not later than November 10, 2004. And as much before that as possible. The Resumes of those selected by the Committee, and a Ballot will be published in the subsequent issue for the "Nevada Marksman."

The Ballots must be received by the Elections Committee no later than January 4, 2005, and preferably much sooner. These are needed prior to the Board of Directors meeting in January 2005.

SHOOTING SPORTS POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

Since the NSRPA is prohibited from political activity pursuant to its incorporation as a non-profit educational charitable organization, some interest has been expressed about forming an organization to represent the interests of shooters before legislative institutions and with various agencies and departments. Additionally, if it would choose to do so, this organization could support candidates for political office through endorsements and contributions.

The cost of operate such an organization is quite significant. Upon one check, accounting and tax services could cost between \$5,000 and \$10,000 per year. This is before any other activities are accomplished. Registration may be required to appear before legislative bodies. This is an additional expense.

If, having faced these facts, people are still interested in pursuing such an organization, which will be entirely independent of the NSRPA, they should contact Jim Brandmueller via e-mail at jbrandmu@nvbell.net. If there is sufficient interest, a meeting will be called to discuss and organize such a group. Your input is essential in determining if this is a viable avenue of action, or not.

Mule Deer Foundation

The mission of the Mule Deer Foundation is to ensure the conservation of mule deer, blacktail deer and their habitats.

To this end, the MDF is supporting various methods and projects with their own funds in partnership with state and federal agencies, private and public organizations, and individuals. Among other programs MDF collects through the sale of state game tags at banquets and conventions. These funds are then used in the state where they were collected for projects in that state. In 2003 in Nevada MDF raised \$32,000.

You can help by joining and supporting your local chapter.

Mule Deer Foundation
 1005 Terminal Way, Suite 170
 Reno NV, 89502
 (888) 375-3337



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Yes! I want to support mule deer with a \$25 Full Membership.

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