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# New Mexico Shooting news

## HOUSE AND SENATE CANDIDATES QUESTOINNAIRES

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Primary elections for New Mexico State Senate and State House races will be held on Tuesday, June 3. Early in-person voting runs from Saturday, May 17, through Saturday, May 31. Polls are open for early voting from 12:00 pm-8:00pm Tuesday through Friday and from 10:00 am-6:00pm on Saturday; polls are closed on Sunday and Monday. Contact your County Clerk for information on early voting locations.

NRA-ILA and NMSSA have sent candidate questionnaires to all those who filed to run for these offices. The deadline for candidates to return these surveys had not quite passed before this newsletter went to press. Please visit NRA's political action committee website, [www.nrapvf.org](http://www.nrapvf.org), for the most up-to-date listing of primary election ratings and endorsements before early voting begins. These are the results as of Saturday, April 19, 2008.

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SD 06 (Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, Santa Fe & Taos Counties)  
Democratic Primary  
Sen. Carlos Cisneros  
A Rated & Endorsed

SD 10 (Bernalillo & Sandoval Counties)  
Republican Primary  
Sen. John Ryan  
A+ Rated & Endorsed

SD 14 (Bernalillo & Valencia Counties)  
Democratic Primary  
Sen. James Taylor  
A Rated & Endorsed

SD 17 (Bernalillo County)  
Democratic Primary  
Sen. Shannon Robinson  
A+ Rated & Endorsed

SD 23 (Bernalillo & Sandoval Counties)  
Republican Primary  
David Trenton Pyne  
A Rated

SD 30 (Cibola, Socorro & Valencia Counties)  
Democratic Primary  
Sen. David Ulibarri  
A Rated & Endorsed

### STATE HOUSE PRIMARIES

HD 22 (Bernalillo, Sandoval & Santa Fe Counties)  
Republican Primary  
Rep. Kathy McCoy  
A+ Rated & Endorsed

HD 22 (Bernalillo, Sandoval & Santa Fe Counties)  
Republican Primary  
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## New Mexico State

### Small-bore Rifle Prone Championship

**Date:** June 7-8, 2008

**Sponsored** by the Socorro Gun Club, New Mexico Tech Shooting Sports Club

**Directions to the range:** NRA Whittington Center, Raton, NM

Competition is open to all NRA members. NRA registered match.

**Entry fee:** \$50.00 adults; \$40.00 juniors. Socorro Gun Club will rebate \$5.00 for entries received prior to June 1. Includes \$20 Whittington Center Range fee.

Advanced entries are preferred. Firing begins at 8:30. Entries accepted on match day up to range capacity (41 points).

Current NRA prone rules apply.

The course of fire will consist of: 100yds, 40 shots, target A-25; Dewar (reverse) course (20 shots, 50yds, target A23-5; 20 shots 100yds, target A-25); 50 meters, 40 shots, target A-26; 50yds, 40 shots, target A-23/5. Iron sights, any rifle Saturday; any sights, any rifle Sunday. State champion will be from the aggregate of both days matches.

Seniors (over 60) may elect to shoot scope both days. On Saturday, they will compete in a Senior any sight class and on Sunday they will be placed in their respective class. Senior who choose scope only will not be eligible for State Champion.

There will be a team match on Saturday afternoon (\$5.00). Two members each and will fire the Dewar (50 yd and 100 yd).

NRA classification will be used (rule 19.15). Competitors will be grouped by age: novice (10 or younger), sub junior (11-14), inter. junior (14-17), junior (18-20), and adult (over 21). Less than 3 competitors will be combined.

Awards: Cash awards for each class; juniors will receive medals. State champion will receive medal or trophy.

General information: There is no food available at the range. Restrooms are available. Camping is allowed. For more information contact Virginia McLemore (701 Caine, Socorro, NM 87801; phone 835-3823).

The range will be open on Friday for practice.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

By **Matt Riggs, President, NMSSA**

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NMSSA members thank you for your ballots and the time for several of you to make comments on the issues addressed in the last newsletter. To allow for each of your ballots to be counted (given the

deadline of postmarking April 15th and to allow for delays in U.S. Postal Mail) and the deadline for submitting articles to this issue of New Mexico Shooting News; results of the ballot and proposed by-laws change will

be published in the next newsletter. Again thank you for your expressed comments and your ballots.

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## Whittington Regional Conventional Small-bore Rifle Prone Regional

Date: June 28-29, 2008

Sponsored by the New Mexico Shooting Sports Association, Socorro Gun Club, New Mexico Tech Shooting Sports Club

Directions to the range: NRA Whittington Center, Raton, NM

Competition is open to all NRA members. NRA registered match.

Entry fee: \$60.00 adults; \$40.00 juniors (includes \$10/day range fee and \$9 regional) for entire 2 days. One day package will be \$30. Socorro Gun Club will rebate \$10.00 for entries received prior to June 25.

Advanced entries are preferred. Firing begins at 8:30. Entries accepted on match day up to range capacity without adding another relay (41 firing points).

Current NRA prone regional rules apply.

The course of fire will consist of: 100yds, 40 shots, target A-25; Dewar (reverse) course (20 shots, 50yds, target A23-5; 20 shots 100yds, target A-25); 50 meters, 40 shots, target A-26; 50yds, 40 shots, target A-23/5. Iron sights, any rifle Saturday, any sights, any rifle Sunday.

There will be a team match on Saturday afternoon (\$10.00). Two members each and will fire the Dewar (50 yd and 100 yd). NRA medal/money will be awarded to the winning team.

NRA classification will be used (rule 19.15). Competitors will be grouped by age: novice (10 or younger), sub junior (11-14), inter. junior (14-17), junior (18-20), and adult (over 21). Less than 3 competitors will be combined. A High Master class will be used if enough entries. A High Master is any supported shooter, distinguished prone rifle shooter, or any shooter who has fired 5 or more 1600/1600.

Seniors (over 60) may elect to shoot scope all 2 days. On Saturday, they will compete in a Senior any sight class and on Sunday they will be placed in their respective class. Senior who choose scope only will not be eligible for Regional Championship, nor for credits to the National Championships.

Awards: Cash awards for each class; juniors will receive medals or merchandise. Regional champion will receive medal.

Each competitor who shoots the regional will receive a NRA regional pin.

General information: There is no food available at the range. Restrooms are available. For more information contact Virginia McLemore (701 Caine, Socorro, NM 87801; phone 835-3823). Camping and competitor housing are available--call 505-445-3615 Whittington Center for information.

The range will be open on Friday for practice. A \$10.00 range fee will be charged.

We will have a barbeque Saturday night, 5:00 PM. Bring utensils, steak to barbeque, drinks, and something to share for desert or main course. Socorro Gun Club will provide charcoal and plates.

**We must have a minimum of 10 competitors to continue having this regional championship at Whittington Center. So bring a friend and support small-bore rifle shooting at Whittington Center!**

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## GUN SHOWS By Charlie Weisleder

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NEW MEXICO GUN COLLECTORS  
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THE TEXAS GUN & BLADE SHOW

Both of these shows are held in the Manuel Lujan Buildings located at Central & San Pedro, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Both shows provide NMSSA with free tables which we greatly appreciate. NMSSA's main

purpose for being at the shows is to sign up people into NMSSA and NRA. The last show in March we signed up 8 new NRA members and received \$80.00 back from NRA. Many NMSSA members use our table to renew their memberships. We also sold a lot of NRA T-shirts and other items on the table.

Our table is also open to candidates running for state house and senate seats,

those running for congressional seats, and other political positions. If people are not registered to vote, we have voter registration forms at our table.

The best thing we do at gun shows is talk with folks about all kind of things, and answer lots of questions. We also learn a lot about what's going on in New Mexico and how we can benefit each other.

## Committee Kills MD serialization Bill

HB517, Maryland's ammunition serialization bill, received an "unfavorable" status in the House Judiciary Committee and was formally withdrawn on Feb 29, 2008,

The measure was introduced by state Del. Emmett Burns (D-10th Dist.) and would have required ammunition

manufacturers to encode a serial number on all ammunition for regulated firearms (handguns and "assault weapons") sold in the state and would have required the registration of the ammunition to the purchaser.

Only shotgun ammunition would have had to be disposed of by Jan 1, 2009. HB-

517 would have also allowed the State Police to create an extensive and intrusive database on all ammunition purchasers, paid for by a tax of 5cents per round.

**This article was taken from The New GUN WEEK, April 1, 2008.**

## Hawaii Bill to ban .50 calibers fails in House

Gunowners in Hawaii were relieved in early March when the state House Judiciary Committee fell short of a quorum to move a bill that would have banned .50BMG-cal. gun rifles and ammunition, according to The Honolulu Advertiser.

Earlier, the committee deferred the bill. But committee leaders agreed to try to round up votes after the Honolulu Police Chief said it was a priority on the department's agenda. A committee

hearing did not attract enough lawmakers for a quorum, so the bill could not go forward.

A similar bill in the state Senate has also failed to move as the deadline for bills to cross over between chambers approached. Lawmakers said the idea is essentially dead for the session.

"It's just another firearm," said Maxwell Cooper, the legislative co-chair of the Hawaii Rifle Association, which worked closely with the Fifty Caliber Shooters

Institute.

"People want to ban fur coats and Hummers, I guess. This is similar. It's still a free country," he said.

Honolulu police had purchased four of the .50-Caliber rifles to help deal with suspects who might use vehicles as weapons or in other volatile situations.

**This article was taken from The New GUN WEEK, April 1, 2008.**

## EDDY COUNTY SHOOTING RANGE

We're a new, young gun range full of enthusiasm. Artesia has been without a gun range for so long and lots of folks have spent a lot of time trying to get this gun range to be more than a distant dream. So it's really exciting to see us up and running and doing so well. The local businesses have been very generous to us, as has been the NRA.

So far we have only clay shoots; more

work to be done before we get rifle and pistol ranges going. We have nineteen regular sporting clay machines and two game machines, the RABBIT and the WOBBLE. We have practice shoots scheduled for May 3rd, June 7th, July 12th and August 2nd. Practice shoots will start at 10a.m.

Our first charity shoot will be put on by the CONQUISTADOR COUNCIL on May

17th to benefit the BOY SCOUTS. This shoot will start at 8a.m.

If you want to see what we look like, go to [www.ecsra.com](http://www.ecsra.com). Our webmaster, DAVID DURHAM, has our schedule and lots of fun photos displayed.

We hope you'll come to ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO and join us for a shoot.

## **RIGHT ON TARGET** By **Bill Rodolph** **High Power Rifle Executive Officer** **HighPowerRifle@nmssa.org**

I have had some contact with F class shooters in the Albuquerque area. Seems the Del Norte club will be conducting long range practice matches at the new range west of town on the second Sunday of the month. More info is available and contact info at their website: <http://www.delnortegunclub.com/>, I hope people can make a few and help their program, and maybe in turn it will get some of them down here.

Our hi power season got started on March 15<sup>th</sup> in Roswell. I guess the weather forecast scared a bunch of people off, it was supposed to blow hard, but didn't get cranked up until after the match. We only had 4 shooters and

Dave Crider ran the match. Many thanks to Dave!

Match winner was Mike Irish with a 742-11.

First Expert was Rick Gage with a 718-12. Sam Brown of Lubbock shot a 619-2. New shooter Don Field from Dora, NM shot a 549-1

If you like to shoot prone, there is a mid range match in Raton the middle of May. Two days of prone shooting at 300, 500 and 600 yds., 20 shots for record at each distance. I'm sure you can find info on the Whittington Center web site.

Long range starts the second Saturday of May, which is the 10<sup>th</sup>. You long range shooters might want to think about taking a

look at your targets, etc. Or at least come early so you can face targets and so forth. I haven't had the opportunity to do things like that this year.

I need volunteers to help run matches this year. Please let me know if you can help.

That's all for now, hold hard and favor center! AND CARPOOL!!

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This year we hope to have a great year around the state putting on fun shoots all over the state. Our first fun shoot is set for June 21<sup>st</sup> in Magdalena. We will be shooting cowboy action shooting with the Magdalena Trail Drivers. Lunch will be at 11 am and we will shoot directly after lunch,

around 1 pm. Set your calendar for this event as we will have fun, food, and prizes. Camping will be allowed. Please contact myself at 505-286-8449 or 505-350-9175 for more details.

Our next fun shoot will be in August at the Del Norte Range. We will be shooting sporting clays. We will announce more on

this later. September 27<sup>th</sup>, we will be shooting at the New Mexico Bighorn Gun Club Range again. We will also be shooting sporting clays. Food, fun, and prizes for everyone. More to come on this event.

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## **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE** By **Ken Laintz**

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So far for 2008, we are running about a 78% member renewal rate with 30 members renewing with life or multi-year memberships. Unfortunately, we have had only 10 new members join our ranks compared to 35 last year at this time.

I would like to encourage all of the annual members who may have joined so they could buy a rifle or carbine

from the CMP to continue their support of this worthwhile organization. Please bear in mind that it is not NMSSA's fault that you may have received something akin to junk from the CMP.

I would also like to encourage all of you recruiters out there. I hear gun show attendance has been up so far this year. Perhaps those of you who have tables at upcoming shows would like to put

NMSSA flyers out. Please email me and I will send you a flyer as a pdf document with printing instructions.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of you who have sent in donations to help fund the operating expenses of the organization. With the lower numbers of new members joining and the 22% non-renewal rate, we can use the extra help.

## A CALL TO ARMS By Paul C. Lisle, Gun Collecting Executive Officer GunCollecting@nmssa.org

Last month the Supreme Court held a hearing on "District of Columbia vs. Heller". The hearing was to last no longer than an hour but went on for an hour and a half. Justices Ginsburg, Souter and Breyer think the Second Amendment is an individual right but exclusive to militia service and the common defense. They also believe that the DC's restrictions are reasonable. Justices Roberts, Scalia, Alito and Kennedy think the Second Amendment is an individual right and that the DC restrictions go too far. Justice Thomas was silent, but his past remarks put him with the individual rights group. Justice Stevens is a swing voter and could go either way. I am predicting a 5 to 4 or even a 6 to 3 vote for the individual right. Same for the DC total ban on handguns. Based on one of Justice Roberts's comments, the decision will be narrow in focus. The question of what are reasonable restrictions on guns will go unanswered and we can look forward to years of hashing out the details.

We have all heard of the horror stories that federally licensed gun dealers have had dealing with the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives (BATFE) agents. As a Federal Firearms License (FFL) holder, I have my own stories to tell. When Clinton was elected President, we had about 250,000 FFL's. Today we have about 50,000 FFL's. During this period, the size of the BATFE has increased four fold. What you have not heard is that new FFL applicants that have submitted their request for a FFL, and after a year has passed, still have not heard any response from the BATFE. These are basically people that are applying for a FFL to work out of their homes. H.R.

4900 "Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Reform and Firearms Modernization Act" will change for the better some of the ways BATFE conducts business. I urge you to call the U.S. House of Representatives today at (202) 224-3121 and ask your representative to co-sponsor H.R. 4900.

Anti-gun Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) introduced S.2577, the "Gun Show Background Check Act of 2008". This bill, if passed into law, creates so many restrictions on the gun show host, the table holders and the attendees that it will end gun shows. The show host faces large penalties if a gun is transferred at the gun show without it going through an FFL and a background check. The show host has no control over individual gun transfers, so no one would consider becoming a show host under the rules of S.2577. I urge you to call your Senator and ask him to vote against this bill. Jeff Bingaman (202) 224-5521 and Pete Domenici (202) 224-6621.

The March gun show put on by the N.M. Gun Collectors Association was really good. What I especially enjoyed was that our pro-gun candidates for both state and federal offices had a presence at the show. People working for White, Huckabee, Wilson, Pearce, and Paul passed out literature. Lisa Torracco, running for Bernalillo County District Attorney, was present both days of the show and met a lot of the attendees. These candidates need both money and volunteers. Historically, the gun community has been notorious for not giving either money or volunteering help for political candidates. This has to change if we want to keep our guns. Please get involved.

In February, 2008, I attended the SHOT show in Las Vegas, NV. The show filled the whole convention center and a number of temporary buildings were put

up beside the convention center. This is a huge show put on for dealers and not available to the general public. One of the many highlights of the show was Ruger's new LCP. This is a small 380 that will give Kel-Tec's 380 some real competition. I spent a great deal of money at the show, as gun distributors offer some great deals. One of my successes was becoming a factory-direct dealer for Sig Sauer. They only sell to gun stores but made an exception for me which I really appreciated.

Charlie Dickerson owns and operates Dickerson's auction barn in Las Cruces. I have work with Charlie in the past to put on two really good gun auctions. We have a third gun auction, scheduled for Jun 14<sup>th</sup>, at the auction barn. It looks like there will be over 300 guns in the auction. Should be another good one, don't miss it.

On March 28<sup>th</sup> the NM Department of Public Safety held a meeting for concealed weapons instructors in NM. The meeting lasted for four hours and was very beneficial to both to the DPS and licensed instructors. The DPS told us of problems they wanted us to correct and we told DPS what our gripes were. One interesting note, as of 3/28/08 there were 8851 concealed carry license holders in NM. Of that number, the average age for men was 60 to 65 and the average age for women was 55 to 59. DPS is receiving 50 to 100 new applicants per week. DPS made it very clear that they do not have the manpower to handle this workload.

When seconds count, the cops are only minutes away. Remember, don't leave home without your cell phone and your 'concealed carry' gun.

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## YOUR BUSINESS CARDS ARE WANTED

Currently, the business cards that are on file for members to have posted in the New Mexico Shooting News are about 4 years old. I would like to update the cards I have on file. If you are an NMSSA member, and would like to

see your business card in an edition of the New Mexico Shooting News (where space permits), please email me your business card. If your business card appeared in this issue, and there is incorrect information, please accept my apology in advance. If

the information is correct, please contact me so I know to keep the card on file. You can email me at:

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# NATIONAL FOUNDATION for WOMEN LEGISLATORS, INC

## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual NFWL / NRA Bill of Rights Essay Contest

### “The Great Enfranchisement: Women’s Suffrage”

This year, the National Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL) and the National Rifle Association (NRA) are sponsoring their 11th annual nationwide Bill of Rights Essay Contest. The focus this year will be on the Bill of Rights as shown through prominent women during the suffrage movement as women fought for the right to vote. The deadline for submission is **Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008** after which an NFWL committee will judge each essay. There will be a quarter-final, semi-final and final round of judging after which the seven award recipients will be chosen.

If you are a female High School junior or senior, class of 2008 or 2009, you are eligible to participate. The seven winners will receive an award, a \$3,000 unrestricted college scholarship, and an all-expense-paid trip to NFWL’s 2008 Annual Conference. The Conference will take place in November, after the election and before Thanksgiving. The location will be announced soon. **You**

**will be required to secure a state legislator as your sponsor and that legislator must also agree to attend the entire conference with you (they will have all of their travel expenses paid by NFWL as well).**

This year’s essay topic is “The Great Enfranchisement: Women’s Suffrage.” Write a 400- to 600-word essay on how the enfranchisement of American women was achieved from the 1890s to 1920.

The Scholarship Committee will weigh four specific elements in submissions: 1) story-telling ability, especially expressive and dramatic stories, 2) how much your writing inspires its audience, 3) how clearly you understand the U.S. Bill of Rights, and 4) how much original insight you convey about heroic qualities and how our Constitutional rights can enable a woman to actuate those heroic qualities. Errors in spelling and grammar can have a disqualifying effect.

The mission of the National Foundation for Women Legislators is to enable women

lawmakers to be effective leaders. NFWL provides women Governors, Members of Congress, state legislators and other elected women lawmakers with strategic resources, including opportunities for networking, leadership skill development, debates and briefings on current public policy issues.

The National Rifle Association, established in 1871, is a grassroots membership organization with more than four million members committed to defending our freedoms as they are enumerated in the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The Second Amendment states, “The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.” The NRA is proud to sponsor this annual essay contest with NFWL in order to enable young women committed to defending the Bill of Rights to attend college and advance women in leadership.

For more information, please see the NMSSA website and click the link in the marquee.

## CONSERVATION AND HUNTING STUFF By David Bernd, Conservation and Hunting Executive Officer [ConservationAndHunting@nmssa.org](mailto:ConservationAndHunting@nmssa.org)

It has been a quiet [wild life] spring. There have been no major moves or proposals in the hunting/conservation arena.

The “bring back the T-REX folks” are raising the usual cane over wolf, jaguar, etc. issues. I doubt the day will come when both sides in this issue will be at peace.

The issue of many aspiring hunters and limited licenses continues. I don’t pretend to have any answers to the unhappiness. But it appears time to have a qualified group of sportsmen, govern-

ment, land owners and conservationists examine the issue and bring some realistic proposals to the citizens. Let’s get the gut-level issues and questions out in the open. Recognize that there will always be groups unhappy with any thing other than “their way”. But happy mediums can be found if folks are reasonable. Start hitting up on the Game and Fish Directors, the Game and Fish dept., and your legislators. A key point is that hunting and fishing are BIG business. Lots of jobs and lots of money [with attendant votes] swim in this pond.

Nationally the anti’s march on. They seem to have inexhaustible bank accounts and tireless workers.

Stay alert to the warnings in the various shooting/hunting, fishing publications. Don’t just turn the page. READ them. Something that is a puzzle to me; the anti’s have deep pockets. How come the trial lawyers aren’t begging us to sue? Hey trial lawyers, you want to sue every body with money. How come you’ve missed the gold mine of the anti’s??



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## SILHOUETTE SHOOTING By Ron Stryker

### Silhouette Shooting Executive Officer

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The New Mexico & Colorado state silhouette championships are on track & will take place at the NRA Whittington center Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, & 11<sup>th</sup>. Programs are available by contacting Ron at the address listed at the bottom. Now is the time to plan on attending. It is always a good idea to have reservations etc. If memory serves me right the YHEC national championships will be held there this year also.

The Arizona State standing silhouette championships are now history, 20 shooters attended & that is better than average attendance. The results can be found in the "bullet trap" which is the official newspaper of Arizona State Rifle & Pistol Assoc. It also will appear in the IHMSA news.

This is the time of year to start getting yourself & your equipment ready for the competition season. Any physi-

cal training is good and is dependent on age/condition. Personally I walk 12 to 15 miles a week and do a couple of hundred arm curls daily. Mental conditioning is just as important as physical and that can be done in lots of places. One shooter I know was still running 3 and 4 times a week at age 65. I am not sure that many of us can stand that much strain on old joints. Incidentally that individual is in multiple shooters hall of fame. Any cardiovascular workout is good no matter where it takes place. Just don't overdue it. Shooting lots of matches is some of the best training available and when those matches are fired on the same range as the championship events it is even better.

Glenda Graves is running silhouette matches starting in May and the schedule is posted at the NRA Whittington center website. Something over 177,000 people visited the center this last year, were you one of them?

The new Brownell's museum is supposed

to be open now at NRAWC, I have not yet seen any of the displays but expect it to be spectacular.

Of the many, many emails I have received this winter the most memorable states that "life is not a practice make it a good one, be good to yourself & your fellow man".

The silhouette world lost a friend this winter, Charlicie Ishmael lost her battle with cancer that lasted 14 years. When I had cancer in 91 she was very supportive. We can all take a lesson from Charlicie's fantastic attitude that kept her going through chemo, bone marrow transplant, more chemo & numerous surgeries. I have never known a stronger person. Her faith remained to the very end. The world is less for her leaving.

Ron can be reached at 208-413 2444 cell or [silhouetteshooting@nmssa.org](mailto:silhouetteshooting@nmssa.org).

# NMSSA HATS – LIGHT GRAY WITH A RED BILL

By Charlie Wiesleder, Gun Show Coordinator Executive Officer

[GunShowCoordinator@nmssa.org](mailto:GunShowCoordinator@nmssa.org)

You have all seen these hats and know what they look like. We have 10 HATS LEFT and they are for sale. I could sell them at the next gunshow, and they would be gone. I


would like to keep them for NMSSA members. This is the last chance to have one of these beautiful hats. You need one of these great hats for only \$20.00. Some of you may want more than just one.

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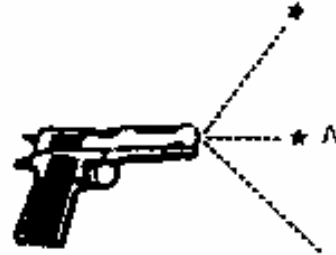
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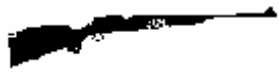


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