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NEW MEXICO SHOOTING SPORTS ASSOCIATION

New Mexico Shooting news

FROM THE PRESIDENT By Roger Buelow

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Thank you for extending your trust by electing me as your President for the year 2009. I will do my best to promote the NMSSA and member opportunities to participate in and enjoy the shooting sports.

The current political attitudes, at both State and National level, are not friendly to our interest. Never the less, our sport has had the benefit of some friends who work to protect our rights and we have enjoyed some success in preserving those rights.

Many of you have read the NRA Bulletin reporting the U.S. Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals recent ruling that has upheld the right to keep a legally owned firearm in a private motor vehicle while that vehicle is parked in the persons employers parking lot. While no cases of employee action have been brought to public attention regarding this issue in our State, you might be surprised to learn that there was an attempt to have the State Chamber of Commerce (ACI) promote and support legislation that would permit employers to forbid this conduct. Thanks to some opposition, the attempt did not move

forward. This ruling from the Tenth Circuit Court should prevent future action of that type.

Several firearms friendly pieces of Legislation have been introduced in the 2009 N.M. Legislative session. Whether or not they succeed, we should all take the time to say thank you to the members who have promoted our sport. They include Representative John Heaton, (D-Carlsbad), Senator George Munoz, (D-Gallup), Senator Stuart Ingle, (R-Portales), Representative Don Tripp, (R-Socorro), Representative Bill Rehm, (R-Albuquerque), each of whom has sponsored legislation on this topic in this session.

The actions of the NMSSA is becoming increasingly important to all firearms owners because of the attempts at multiple levels to restrict ownership and use of firearms. Our organization must increase its ability to influence both State and Local Governments. To that end, we need to increase our membership, enhance our financial condition and develop relationships with our elected officials in order to protect and enhance the opportunities available in our sport. That is our objective for 2009. Please extend your help, skill and knowledge in this effort.

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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SILHOUETTE SHOOTING

By **Ron Stryker**

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The Texas state hunter pistol silhouette championships will be held in Austin on June 13 & 14 followed by the hunter pistol national championships on June 16, 17, 18, & 19 on the same range. Programs are now available from David.Hassinger@sbcglobal.net for the state & thru the NRA at silhouette@nrahq.org for the national championships. Attendance will mean competing with some of the best people in the world. In addition they are some of the best shooters in the world. Looking back over the 24 years I have been competing in silhouette it is amazing how many of the champions have

been from Texas.

The NM & CO state silhouette championships are on track. As always all proceeds will go the the NRAWC & kids shoot free. What better way to celebrate Independence day than participating in a shooting match at the premier shooting range in the US? Make your reservations now the summer is always a busy time at the NRA Whittington Center. In addition to shooting, the wildlife viewing is 2nd to none. Just like the onsite museum.

It is not to late to make a contribution to the NRAILA or your favorite 2nd amendment group. The current administration is lining up all sorts of "change" none of which is to the benefit of gun owners.

Make your contributions now! Make sure your legislators know who you are & what you expect from them. This may be the prime time to buy a gun or two. Support your local gun dealer to the best of your ability. Take a co-worker to a shooting match & get them signed up with the NRA. NO ONE ELSE PROTECTS YOUR GUN RIGHTS LIKE THE NRA. The NMSSA is the state gun rights organization, they also need your support. The current administration is the most anti gun I can remember & they plan on doing something memorable. America needs to remain a country of riflemen feared by all our enemies.

Vice-President's Input By **Anthony Trennel**

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A family member happened to fall and break her hip. Upon arriving at the hospital questions were asked, directly and indirectly as well as individually about what had happened. Basically she fell over an earthen laden pot while walking through an unlit area. Since an orthopedic surgeon was not available they shipped her to another hospital that also inquired about the fall. Obviously they were questioning what happened to determine if there was any abuse, which could lead to charges about domestic violence. In situations like this be careful what you say and be accurate since the wrong terms may trigger a report where you will be lucky if you resolve it with just some extra time. As I recall there was an "omnibus" spending bill where Congress was going into recess and they quickly voted. The domestic violence measure was slipped in and many were not aware until afterwards. You're all probably aware of persons including

police that lost their gun rights due to this.

Now we have another "Omnibus Stimulation" bill that has been touted to be necessary quickly or dire things may happen. It turns out that many if not a large majority of Congress voted on this measure not knowing the total contents. They were given no time to digest this monster of a bill – just sign it, which enough did so that it will become law. I have only read second hand information on some of the contents but some provisions are of extreme concern. All people's medical records are to be "computerized" supposedly for efficiency and also where Washington can "guide" health care. Along with this are provisions to extract data concerning persons "mental" history with certain guidelines to take away their gun rights! I suppose that the language is "weasely" enough to keep on adding reasons to destroy individual 2nd Amendment Rights. Another item that has been touched on in the bill is transfer of firearms and the necessity of a NICCS check. I'm sure more

of this will come out as both Congress persons and citizens read what has been written, approved and without doubt signed. I understand one Congressman was so disgusted he threw his copy of the bill onto the House floor.

We all grew up to believe we live in a representative democracy, a republic. Yet our representatives including our senators signed off on a bill without chance for input from their constituents and most likely without reasonable understanding what they were signing. If you have displeasure (a wimpy term on purpose) with this event you ought to let these Congress people know what you think in no uncertain terms. Furthermore, you must get every gun owner you know or run across to be active in supporting our Rights. This is especially true for some of the occasional gun users (hunting season only) that gun rights must go to the top of their list of reasons for assessing candidates for office.

APPLESEED EVENTS

Hello again from the RWVA Appleseed Project. We have several Appleseed Project events scheduled for 2009 so far. We are adding more as the year progresses.

You can see the event schedule at http://www.appleseedinfo.org/as_schedule.htm. Last year proved to be a success for our first year of hosting these events.

We had only a couple but they were relatively well attended and got great

responses. To see what all the excitement is about please visit our home website <http://www.appleseedinfo.org/> and read for yourself why this is such a wonderful opportunity to get valuable rifle training for cheap. Your kids will shoot free, military personnel shoot free, women shoot free and anyone who shows up for the weekend dressed in period attire from the Revolutionary War shoot free!

Those of us who have to cough up the dough only pay \$70 if we pre register or

\$80 at the gate. Some ranges also charge a nominal range fee which will be required from everyone. We currently have a February shoot and March shoot in Las Cruces.

We also have a shoot at the Whittington Center on April 18th-19th, which happens to be the anniversary of the Revolutionary War. So, check us out and you'll find you can't beat the price for a weekend of fun and intense rifle instruction.

CONSERVATION AND HUNTING STUFF By David Bernd, **Conservation and Hunting Executive Officer** **ConservationAndHunting@nmssa.org**

It's been relatively quiet the past few months. The Game Dept. held a public hearing regarding trespass on private land, and associated penalties. The land owners want protection and hunters don't want to get too blasted for accidental trespassing. It is easy to understand both sides. It is not easy to find a fair and effective policy. The final resolution comes later this spring.

There will be more changes to hunting regulations later this spring. I have looked at the agenda for the next

Commission meeting. The issues to be addressed are identified, but not in any detail. Again it is apparent that individuals who want to try to influence things must contact the commissioners and their elected legislators. I still feel that the Commission exists to serve political interests, not sportsmen's issues. It was not too many years ago when a commissioner told me that the goal of the policies and regulations was to raise as much money as possible while killing as few animals as possible. I do hope that is not still the case.

It has become apparent that the Valles Caldera can not pay for itself. [Required by the law setting up the place]. The legislature is trying to help by ordering the commission to sell up to twenty bull elk licenses at fees exceeding seven thousand dollars for hunts there. Considering that the place runs more than three million in the red annually, that isn't even a drop in the bucket. Perhaps the state can get a stimulus to help the place.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE By Ken Laintz **Membership Secretary** **MembershipSecretary@nmssa.org**

Our membership roles are off to a great start for 2009. We have had 19 new members join so far this year, which represents 270% increase over last year at this time and a 190% increase in recruiting efforts over

2007. We have also had 26 folks take advantage of our Free One Year Limited Membership so far. In total, this represents a gain of 45 new members. Keep up the recruiting efforts!

Respectfully submitted,
 Ken Laintz
 NMSSA Membership Secretary

INCREASE NMSSA MEMBERSHIP IN 2009

Gun Show Coordinator

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Don Patton, who owns Calibers Indoor Shooting Range, met with Wayne LaPierre at the shotgun show in Orlando, Florida on 16-18 January 2009. Wayne talked with Don and asked how Don could help NMSSA in signing up new members.

What Don Patton has done is to set up a table in the indoor range and let NMSSA members have access to all shooters seven days a week. Don has said that Friday and Saturday would be

the best times to increase our membership. This is a great opportunity for us, and I manned the table on Wednesday, February 4th. That morning, four people signed up in NMSSA: one is a Life Member and one is a senior life member and 2 are annual memberships. One of these members joined the NRA as well. Not bad for the first day and a week day at that. Imagine what we can accomplish in just a few hours on Friday and Saturday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Consider committing a couple of

hours of your free time to benefit NMSSA.

Please call me if you can spend some time on week days or weekends so that I can be sure you have all the tools that you will need.

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EDITOR'S RANT'S

By **Scott Lockwood**

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Every two months I am asked to put out a newsletter for the NMSSA, and have done so since January of 2004. We have had our "bumps in the road" with a few articles, but have seemed to get around them the best we could. But there has been one thing that I have noticed time and time again. There are 26 NMSSA Officers that are entrusted with various positions within the

NMSSA, but relatively FEW provide articles for the newsletter!!

I am constantly receiving emails from members AND THOSE THAT WANT TO BE MEMBERS regarding the happenings going on in the NMSSA in a lot of the areas that never get any type of publicity through this newsletter. I find it hard to believe that in the last 5 years, there hasn't been anything "news worthy" to tell our members!! So I am putting down a chal-

lenge to ALL of the NMSSA officers to submit an article for the next edition of the newsletter. The articles will be due on Saturday, April 18th by Midnight. I am hoping that we can increase the number of articles that are put into, and better inform those members that receive the newsletter, and to better inform all the individuals that are interested in joining the NMSSA.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MARCH 2009

7-8 Gun Show

Fairgrounds
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7-8 Gun Show

Shrine Auditorium
El Paso, Tx
Contact: Jack Thompson
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14-15 Gun Show

Armory
Silver City, NM
Contact: Don Darnell
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APRIL 2009

4-5 Gun Show

Shrine Auditorium
El Paso, Tx
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4-5 Gun Show

Larry Brian Mitchell Center
Gallup, NM
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CHARITY SHOOT & YARD SALE

FOR

Disabled American Veterans, Auxiliary Unit 1

By Loren Collett

The Hole In The Wall IDPA Club located at the ProForce Training Academy, 4008 Hiway 90 South, Old Turner Airport, Silver City, New Mexico would like to invite the general public to come visit and shoot with us. A Charity IDPA shoot and a course on firearm safety will be given on April 18th and 19th, 2009. The Firearm Safety Course will be taught by certified NRA Range Safety Officers and certified IDPA Safety Officers and will run from 9 AM to 4 PM both days. The Safety course takes about 30 minutes and is mandatory before you get to shoot the IDPA stages. New shooters will be briefed on the safety of handling firearms and rules for shooting IDPA courses of fire. Each new shooter is assigned to an experienced shooter who will help and guide new shooters through the courses of fire. So bring your favorite firearm and see how it will shoot and perform for you. The Hole In The Wall IDPA Club is asking for a \$10.00 donation that will go to support the funding of Disabled American Veterans, Auxiliary Unit 1. To those that want to take the Safety Course and shoot, but don't have a firearm, there will be firearms available for your use at a nominal fee for ammunition.

The public is invited to come by and see what is for sale at the Charity Yard Sale. If you are interested in a table, please contact Brenda at ProForce Academy at 388-8186. Please call and reserve a table prior to April 10th. Tables will be on a first come first serve basis. The cost of a table is \$5.00 with 10 per cent of your sells going to the charity.

Scores will be kept and prizes awarded to the following categories of shooters:

- New Shooters
- Law enforcement
- Border Patrol

IDPA Shooters

The International Defensive Pistol Association, <http://www.idpa.com>, was started in 1996 as a shooting sport using standard equipment and shoot scenarios that might be found in a real life situation. Scenarios are taken from newspaper reports of actual events, police reports of actual real life situations and from things that might happen to you, such as a car jacking, parking lot encounter and home invasions.

To quote directly from the IDPA rule book: *"Defensive Pistol shooting as a sport is quite simply the use of practical equipment, including full-charge service ammunition, to solve simulated 'real world' self-defense scenarios."*

In a relatively short time, IDPA shooting has really taken off. While this is no small accomplishment, IDPA membership represents less than one percent of law-abiding Americans who legally carry a concealed handgun for self-defense, not to mention the millions who keep a gun in the house to protect their families. Given these numbers you can see why IDPA has the potential for astronomical growth. So why hasn't IDPA grown faster?

One of the more pervasive criticisms of IDPA is that it is only a sport and its rules are inconsistent with pure tactical pistol training. Those who espouse this opinion dismiss IDPA as a game that could lead participants down the road to bad defensive habits.

Furthermore, if competitive shooting is so harmful, why are more and more elite government and military units hiring top practical shooters? They are being hired to teach the skills and techniques they've developed from years and years of competitive shooting.

Shooting an IDPA Course of Fire is like playing a round of golf. Some will shoot it fast with no mistakes and no equipment malfunctions and some will have more problems than Hogan's Goat. Those jams or misfires that you have had while practicing

will really stand out and make you take notice of your equipment and ammunition. When you first started any new sport where you really good? Could you keep up with the masters? The same holds true when you start shooting IDPA. The more you shoot, the better you will get. To keep things on a level playing field for expert shooters and novices alike, there is a classification course of fire. That way you only shoot against shooters of like skill. Its fun to watch new shooters move up the classification ladder from novice to marksman, sharpshooter, expert and finally to master.

Carrying and having to use a firearm for protection is a huge responsibility. Knowing how to safely handle, carry and use a firearm can keep you from accidentally hurting yourself or someone else. Knowing that your firearm and equipment (holster and ammunition) are in good working order and safe to use, makes you a safer firearm handler.

The Hole In the Wall IDPA Club, located at the ProForce Training Academy Center, 4008 Hiway 90 South, Old Turner Airport, on Highway 90 in Silver City, New Mexico hosts a monthly IDPA shoot on the first Saturday of each month. Shooter sign up starts at 9 AM with a mandatory safety briefing at 9:45 AM. Shooting starts at 10 AM and usually finishes up around 12:30 to 1:00 PM. A snack lunch is served at the end of the shoot while the scores are tabulated and posted. There are four exciting fun filled scenarios to keep you entertained. Cost for all this fun is only \$10.00. For more information, please visit our website at <http://www.LDCollett.com/idpa.html>. Spectators are welcome and any and all questions will be answered. Eye and ear protection are required and handguns can be rented at the range.

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

This country has elected the most anti-gun President in its history. President Obama's choice for Attorney General, Eric Holder, has an anti-gun record and could be worst than Janet Reno was for gun owners. An early clue to President Obama's gun policy was in the 63-question questionnaire that the thousands of people wanting to work for President Obama had to fill out. Question 59 reads, "Do you or any members of your immediate family own a gun? If so, provide complete ownership and registration information. Has the registration ever lapsed? Please also describe how and by whom it is used and whether it has been the cause of any personal injuries or property damage. Enough said.

Another very anti-gun Obama appointment is Rep. Rahm Emanuel of Illinois, to be Obama's chief of staff, a job that essentially makes him more powerful than anyone else in the White House, except the President himself. Sarah Brady said it all when she wrote to her members "I was so excited when I heard that Rahm Emanuel was going to be the Chief of Staff in the Obama White House. Jim and I know Rahm from when we worked closely with him to pass the Brady Bill."

There is some good news and some bad news. Since good news was

very scarce in 2008 I will give you the good news first. Rep. Heaton, (D-Carlsbad) introduce HR-105. If passed into law this bill will allow those with concealed carry permits to eat and carry in a restaurant even though the restaurant serves liquor by the drink. The restaurant must obtain at least 60% of its income from food sales. HR-105 is one of the best bills that I have ever read. It is short, sweet and to the point. This is going to be a very difficult bill to get passed considering the makeup of the new legislature. However, we will do our best to support this bill.

The bad news is that in Washington on January 6th, the first day of the new congress, Rep. Blair Holt (D-IL) (Obama's home state) introduced HR-45 Licensing and Record Act of 2009. This bill requires both guns and owners to be registered. All sales must go through a FFL and the FFL has to send a report to the government for each sale. The gun owner must pass a test, be fingerprinted, provide DL#, SSN, maintain a valid address at all time and submit to mental and physical health records being put on file. The gun owner must certify that all guns are in safe storage and cannot be accessed by any one under 18. I have only touched the highlights of the bill, as it is 26 pages, 4,600 words, long. This bill will really hurt us if it becomes law and we need to work to defeat it.

The gun scare continues with people lining up to buy guns that in many cases are unavailable. Like the gun stores, gun shows have been packed with people looking for and buying guns. This gun buying frenzy will not end until the Democrats get their new assault weapons ban and other anti-gun bills passed into law. It will not be long.

One of the latest attacks by the anti-gunners is on ammunition. What they are pushing is a bill that requires the manufacture to code all ammunition so that there will be a record of how much you buy and what calibers. In addition, all ammunition not encoded must be destroyed by July 1, 2011. This bill has been reportedly introduced in 18 states (Alabama, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Washington).

Remember, don't leave home without your cell phone and carry gun. I don't.

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Thomas Jefferson

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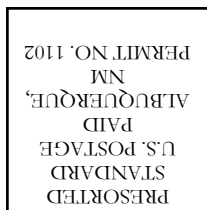
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