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President's Column

Spring has sprung! The days are getting longer, the sun is out (most of the time) and nature beckons. We've all been locked up in our "cabins" all winter and now it's time to get out into the outdoors and enjoy our heritage.

If you're a hunter, now is the time to begin working up the loads to take on your hunt next fall. Spend some time on the range shooting from various positions, not just over the bench rest. Most of the time there is no bench available in the hunting fields. Try to get to the range and shoot 10 or 20 shots each week. Doing this will hone your shooting skills so when that buck of a lifetime walks in front of your stand at 200 yards, you'll be ready and confident that he is meat in the freezer!

If you really want to be at the top of your form, get involved in some competitive shooting sports. Competitive shooting teaches discipline and patience. Both of these come in handy when hunting. In addition, you will become much more familiar with your firearm--which is always a good thing.

You don't have to be the world's best shot to compete. There aren't many of us that are ready to go to the Olympics. Most competitions are held on a system similar to handicapping. Therefore, you only shoot against others of similar skill level. In shooter lingo, we call it your classification. Whether it be Marksman, Sharpshooter, Expert, Master or High Master, you only compete against those in your class.

There are many venues for shooting competitively. Many folks start out shooting in their club matches. Many times these expand to shooting in leagues either as an individual or as part of a club team. If you get bitten by the bug, then you can venture into NRA approved/registered matches. These are hosted by various clubs, in all the shooting disciplines. Another avenue you should consider is joining the

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Special Committee on Multi-Gun Competition

NRA President John Sigler established a new committee to discuss the potential for NRA sanctioning of Multi-Gun or 3-Gun competitions. Special Committee on Multi-Gun Competition members came together for their first meeting on October 25, 2008 at NRA Headquarters. Task Force members include: NRA President John Sigler, Chairman, Mr. Bill Allen, Vice Chairman, Mr. Gregory Coker, Mr. Andrew Horner, Ms. Denise Johnson, Mr. John Gangl, Mr. David Power, Mr. Steve Sutherland, Mr. Randy Luth and Aaron Hampton, SFC, USA.

Committee members were chosen from Multi-Gun match organizers and firearms manufacturers with specific products for multi-gun competition. All committee members were very enthusiastic about the possibility of NRA's involvement in these competitions.

Multi-Gun competitions are a fast moving action shooting sport where competitors must go through specific stages using a rifle, pistol and shotgun or any combination of these firearms. Multi-Gun matches sanctioned by the NRA would be a major change from the traditional bull's-eye precision competition normally associated with the NRA. In Multi-Gun competition the competitor moves from target to target with loaded firearms and engages both paper and steel targets through unknown stages of fire. There are a number of large Multi-Gun tournaments that want to have NRA sanctioning. With these tournaments as a base, the NRA could introduce this exciting tactical competition to local affiliated clubs across the U.S.

In future meetings the NRA will ask for the members help in designing other tactical courses of fire and how to incorporate tactical rifles and sights into our traditional shooting programs. We will keep you posted on new programs that result from these meetings.

NRA Disabled Services Launches NRA KEWL KIDS

NRA KEWL Kids is the latest program offered by the National Rifle Association's Disabled Shooting Services. The event is scheduled for May 2, 2009 at the Izaak Walton League in Fairfax, VA. The day will focus on outside activities for children between the ages of 8 -18 with physical disabilities and will include .22 rifle, air rifle, archery and fishing.

Disabled Shooting Services Manager Vanessa Warner expects approximately 30 participants for this event. "KEWL stands for Kids Excel Without Limits, and it was created to show children with disabilities that participating in the world of outdoor sports can be a reality," Warner said. "This inaugural event is to be the pilot for what we intend to become a national program that will help other clubs to bring children with disabilities to their facilities."

Warner has secured the support of Avery Outdoor Outfitters, Bass Pro Shops, Beeman Precision Airguns, Birchwood Casey, EPS-Doublet, Lapua, and Mars Supermarkets. "We are still accepting product donations for 'give-aways' and door prizes," Warner said.

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**Official By-Laws
of the Maryland
State Rifle & Pistol Association
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PREAMBLE

In accordance with the purposes and objectives of the National Rifle Association, the objectives of this association shall be to create a public sentiment for the encouragement of training in the use of firearms as a sport, as an essential contribution to National Security, and as maintenance of individual liberty and for personal defense.

The purpose of this organization will be to encourage proper organization, operation and administration of member clubs; to promote and coordinate statewide activities related to the ownership and use of firearms and to cooperate with other organizations in the conservation of natural resources within the State of Maryland and throughout the United States.



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Military Surplus Cartridge Case Issue Resolved

Recently, the Department of Defense informed NRA-ILA that fired military small arms cartridge cases are once again eligible for sale, following a temporary suspension in such sales. NRA-ILA began discussions with DoD shortly after the suspension took effect, and we were assured from the beginning that efforts were underway to resolve the issue favorably.

DoD additionally confirmed the lifting of the suspension to pro-Second Amendment United States Senators Max Baucus (D-Mont.) and Jon Tester (D-Mont.), who sent the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) a joint letter vigorously opposing the suspension, on the grounds that it had "an impact on small businesses who sell reloaded ammunition utilizing these fired casings, and upon individual gun owners who purchase spent military brass at considerable cost savings for their personal use."

Everyone who would have been impacted by the suspension, had it become permanent, owes thanks to Senator Baucus for his leadership on this issue, as well as to Sen. Tester and U.S. Rep. Denny Rehberg (R-Mont.), who also weighed in strongly on behalf of gun owners and the suppliers from whom they obtain ammunition reloaded with surplus military brass.

In announcing that the suspension has been lifted, DoD also made clear that no cartridge cases that, in the absence of the suspension, would have been sold for reloading purposes were destroyed while the suspension was in effect. Such cases were instead protected by DoD during the suspension, and are again eligible for sale. With ammunition currently in short supply, that was welcome news, to be sure.

DLA also put to rest various theories and rumors that were circulated on

the internet, concerning the reason for the suspension. As DLA explained to Senators Baucus and Tester, and to NRA-ILA, DoD officials responsible for the demilitarization of military property temporarily halted the release of the cartridge cases last week, pending review of a policy change issued last year by the Office of the Secretary of Defense, which, in the interest of national security, halted the sale of items within a broad category of government property including, but not limited to, surplus small arms cartridge cases.

To make cartridge cases eligible for sale once again, DoD demilitarization officials verified that the cases could be appropriately placed in a category of government property allowing for their release for use within the United States, and then executed the recategorization. Whereas during the brief suspension, fired cartridge cases would have been releaseable only if the purchaser crushed or smelted them, now the cases may be sold as before, intact and reloadable.

DoD also assured NRA-ILA that companies previously authorized to purchase cartridge cases under Trade Security Controls need no further vetting at this time, and are eligible to resume purchasing cases under the policy adopted yesterday.

In sum, a problem that could have had serious repercussions for the remanufactured ammunition industry and the countless gun owners who support it, appears to have been resolved quickly.

Brian Swartz

Field Representative SNJ & MD

*From a statement from NRA Chief Lobbyist
Chris W. Cox*

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State Team for your specific discipline. When you shoot with the State Teams, you have the advantage of working with experienced shooters that can coach you to improve your performance. As you get more experience and compete at higher levels, you may participate in Regional and National Championships. Neither of these require that you be the best shooter in the State, because you only compete against similar skill levels. So if you are a Sharpshooter Classification, you may be at the Nationals, but you only compete against other Sharpshooters.

While you're at it, remember to bring your kids out and get them involved in an organized shooting program. Shooting instills confidence and teaches responsibility to our youth. Check with your local club to get information on shooting programs they have for the juniors. This is an ideal way to introduce your children to shooting in a safe, controlled environment with experienced coaches/instructors. Then take the time to go with them to shoot and, hey, volunteer to help with the program. Remember, our youth are our future. Get involved!

Rich Kussman

SPOTLIGHT ON...MARYLAND SHALL ISSUE

Maryland Shall Issue is a non-partisan, volunteer group with a commitment to advancing the 2nd amendment rights of the citizens of Maryland. Though the primary goal of the organization is to enact "shall issue" legislation for the purpose of self-defense, MSI is dedicated to all aspects of the right to keep and bear arms movement.

Since its inception in 2004, MSI has been instrumental in supporting pro-gun bills and defeating anti-gun bills as well as meeting those opposed to the 2nd amendment on their own turf. As part of the group's legislative efforts, MSI has sponsored testimony before the General Assembly by prominent figures in the 2nd amendment community such as former Texas State Representative and founder of the Civil Liberties Defense Foundation Suzanna Gratia-Hupp and internationally known firearms and self-defense instructor Massad Ayoob as well as sponsored lectures by noted authors Clayton Cramer ("The Racist Roots of Gun Control") and Charl Van Wyk ("Shooting Back: The Right and Duty of Self-Defense"). The organization has also mobilized the firearms owners of Maryland to appear at the hearings before various legislative committees. MSI was there with the 2nd Amendment Sisters when the Brady Campaign tried to single out and shut down Realco Guns in Prince George's County for the sake of a good photo opportunity and members of the group staged a protest outside of a fundraiser for the group formerly known as Ceasefire MD.

On the research front, MSI compiled data on the make up of current CCW holders in Maryland and also documented the history of Maryland laws governing concealed firearms dating back to 1642. The statistics on Maryland's issuance of permits to carry a firearm compared to surrounding states illustrates all too starkly the sad state of affairs on how our state government restricts a citizen's fundamental right to self-defense.

Maryland issues one permit for every 8,473 citizens. Our neighbors? Delaware 1 in 767, West Virginia 1 in 71, Virginia 1 in 68, Pennsylvania 1 in 21. Maryland's claim to fame? According to the 2004 FBI UCR, Maryland ranked #1 in robbery, #2 in murder and #3 in violent crime.

It is all too apparent that something is drastically wrong with Maryland's laws and it was out of this desire to change them that Maryland Shall Issue was born.

MSI and its members have had national and international visibility as supporters of the right to keep and bear arms. Vice-President Sebastian Sassi was featured in a televised debate with arch gun grabber Rebecca Peters of IANSA and President Paul Dembowski was quoted in an AP piece during the Heller rally in Washington, DC. In the lead up to the Heller case before the Supreme Court, MSI signed on to and sponsored a collaborative effort to formulate an amicus brief that ultimately supported the court's finding that the 2nd amendment is an individual right. With this landmark case ruling in our favor, we believe that it is only a matter of time before Maryland will follow the national tide and enact shall issue legislation.

Maryland Shall Issue is open to anyone who wishes to join the organization. Information on membership and the organization in general, can be found at marylandshallissue.org.

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MD STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Maryland State Rifle and Pistol Association is the sanctioning body for NRA State Championship Matches in Maryland. State Championship matches are hosted by member clubs. Approved State Championship matches are scheduled in the following disciplines:

3-POSITION SMALLBORE RIFLE

Saturday, May 09, 2009

Marriottsville, MD

Hosted by: Monumental Rifle and Pistol Club and
Associated Gun Clubs of Baltimore

Contact: Jim Bryant
341 Whitfield Rd
Catonsville, MD 21228
jirb@msn.com
410.719.7507

BULLSEYE PISTOL

Saturday/Sunday June 13-14, 2009

Harwood, MD

Hosted by: Twelfth Precinct Pistol and Archery Club

Contact: Garrison Johns
303 Fairfield Drive
Severn, MD 21144
Garrison.Johns@hp.com
443.994.2102

HIGHPOWER RIFLE

Saturday, July 25, 2009

Fort Meade, MD

Hosted by: Maryland Rifle Club

Contact: Paul Hudson
P.O. Box 691
Fallston, MD 21047
Phudson11@juno.com

NRA ACTION PISTOI

Sunday, August 16, 2009

Cumberland, MD

Hosted by: Fort Hill Rifle and Pistol Club

Contact: John Dowell
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LaVale, MD 21502
Jksdowell@atlanticbb.net

Coming Friends of NRA Banquets

Friends of NRA Banquets are key grassroots events that support thousands of community services related to firearms education, hunter safety, wildlife conservation, range improvements, youth marksmanship and law enforcement. The Maryland Friends Committees recommend how the money raised gets spent here in Maryland.

June 20th – Washington County FNRA – Smithsburg MD – Call Randy or Suzanne Lewis at 301.293.2333 or washingtonco.fnra@hotmail.com

August 23rd - Anne Arundel County FNRA – Annapolis MD - call Wendy Baldwin at 410.721.3089

Check www.friendsofnra.org or call NRA Field Representative Brian Swartz at 973.343.2104 for additional information.

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2009 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULED

National Junior Air Gun Championship and Training
Summit July 1-3 at Camp Perry, Ohio

National Action Pistol Championship (Bianchi Cup)
May 20-23 at Columbia, MO

National Muzzle Loading Championship
Week of June 15 - 21 at Friendship, IN

National Black Powder Target Rifle Championship/
Creedmoor August 10-11 at Raton, NM

National Black Powder Target Rifle Championship/
Mid-Range August 13-16 at Raton, NM

National Outdoor Pistol Championship
July 16-18 at Camp Perry, OH

National Smallbore 3-P Championship
July 23-25 at Camp Perry, OH

National Smallbore Prone Championship
July 26-30 at Camp Perry, OH

National High Power Rifle Championship
Aug. 11-14 at Camp Perry, OH

National High Power Rifle Championship
Aug. 11-14 at Camp Perry, OH

National High Power Long Championship
Aug. 15-19 at Camp Perry, OH

National Silhouette Championships

Hunter Pistol
June 16-19 at Austin, TX

Cowboy Lever Action
June 29 - July 2 at Raton, NM

Black Powder Cartridge Rifle
July 13-16 at Raton, NM

Black Powder Cartridge Rifle/Scope
July 17-18 at Raton, NM

Smallbore Rifle
August 2-4 at Raton, NM

High Power Rifle
August 6-8 at Raton, NM

CAMP PERRY PISTOL 2008

There are many stories that float around about shooters at Camp Perry. My favorite has a pistol shooter, a small bore shooter, and a high power shooter encounter a large puddle on the range. The pistol shooter simply slogs through, stands in the middle of the puddle, and commences to fire. The high power shooter walks into the puddle, lies down in the muck and mire, and commences to fire. The smallbore shooter sees the puddle and files a protest! Sorry smallbore shooters, that's the way I heard it.

Another given at Camp Perry is that weather will play a role at some point in time. And this year was no exception. Prior to the arrival of the pistol shooters, who open the National Matches every year, much of Camp Perry was literally under water. And, for the seven days that made up the pistol phase of Camp Perry 2008, most of the pistol firing points were under water ... in some place calf deep. Not a problem ... absent lightning, the matches will go on.

For those unfamiliar with the pistol activities at Camp Perry, I'll provide a brief synopsis of the way things are supposed to transpire. The CMP Small Arms Firing School (SAFS) begins Monday with a classroom clinic in the morning and live fire practice in the afternoon. Tuesday morning has the SAFS conduct their qualification match. Tuesday afternoon begins the NRA's portion of the pistol matches, with the Harry Reeves Revolver match, followed by the Distinguished Revolver match. Wednesday is the Preliminary Match; one National Match Course fired with all three pistols22 caliber, center fire, and .45 caliber. Thursday begins the real NRA pistol championship, with the .22 caliber individual and team matches. Friday is center fire day, and Saturday completes the NRA phase with the .45 caliber matches. Finally, Sunday finishes up the pistol matches, with the CMP hosting the President's 100, the National Trophy Individual (NTI), and the National Trophy Team (NTT) matches.

And, for the most part, that's the way things happened. There was a slight glitch on Tuesday, when the firing line was evacuated during the second relay of the Harry Reeves Revolver match due to inclement weather ... read that as heavy rain and lightning. This relay, and both relays of the Distinguished Revolver match, were rescheduled to Wednesday morning. Of course, this rescheduling delayed the Preliminary Match by about three hours, which made for a rather long day ... at least long by pistol standards.

I guess this is as good a time as any to discuss the differences in actual time spent shooting at Camp Perry compared to actual time needing to be present at Camp Perry. I've never shot small bore at Camp Perry, but have witnessed these matches on several occasions. Essentially, small bore shooters show

up at your firing point with their equipment, and make a day of shooting their relay, resting during the other relays. High power does things somewhat similarly, except there are more relays where you don't get to shoot. In addition, high power shooters get to participate in that crowd favorite known as pit duty, whereupon two or three individuals per point get to hike to the pits and service the targets for those relays actually getting to shoot ... this makes for a very, very long day. Pistol shooting is, by comparison, more efficient ... some would say more gentlemanly. You show up at your point at the appropriate time, you fire your 90 shots in about two hours, then you get to go back to the huts or wherever else it is you may want to be. If you're shooting with the team, you come back at 2:30 PM,

shoot another 30 shots, finish up by 4:30, then enjoy the rest of your day. So, let's compare... small bore, while I'm not sure how many shots are fired, takes all day to shoot; high power shoots either 30 or 50 rounds and takes eight to twelve hours (no kidding, I've been there for a thirteen-hour NTI match); and pistol fires 90 rounds in two hours, with another 30 rounds for team in another hour or so. If you measure bang for your buck, pistol shooting at Camp Perry is the way to go. Actually, any shooting at Camp Perry is terrific, but there will always be a bit of good-natured ribbing amongst the various



The MSRPA 2008 State Bullseye Pistol Team at Camp Perry.

disciplines, which is just fine.

This year the Maryland State Rifle and Pistol Association fielded a Master State Association team, which consisted of Jeff Andrews, Tim Caven, Eddie Grove, and Tom Willats, and was captained by Neil Kravitz. In addition, two other teams from Maryland competed which included a fair number of MSR&PA members. The 12th Precinct fielded a Master Local Club team, which was comprised of Keith Hodge, Garrison Johns, Ryan Slipper, and William Slipper, and was captained/coached by Mike Slipper. The Anne Arundel Fish & Game Association fielded an Expert Local Club team, which was comprised of Erick Graves, John Hollingshead (who captained the team, as well), Steve Peters, and Paul Striffler.

So, how did we do? Pretty well!

Beginning with the revolver matches, Rich Kang shot a 264-6X to finish 9th out of 339 in the Harry Reeves Revolver match, then backed that up with 273-6X to finish 8th out of 309 in the Distinguished Revolver match.

.22 caliber found Johns Hollingshead shooting a 198-11X to finish 3rd Master Civilian in rapid fire, while Eddie Grove shot a 197-11X in the same match to finish 8th Master Civilian. In the .22 caliber aggregate Eddie Grove fired an 871-39X to finish 4th Master Civilian.

Center fire had a number of outstanding performances

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NAVY JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORP. (NJROTC) AIR RIFLE NEWS

Congratulations to King George, Paint Branch, and Calvert NJROTC Air Rifle Teams who will be traveling to Port Clinton, Ohio for the NJROTC Eastern Regional's on 26-28 February 2009. These three NJROTC units will be representing Area 5.

NJROTC units participated in the 2008-2009 Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Air Rifle Competition. Qualifying individuals/teams then participate in the SECNAV Eastern and Western Air Rifle Championships, and ultimately, the Civilian Marksmanship Program National JROTC Championship.

The Postal phase is a 10-meter, three-position (3X10) air rifle event shot between 20 October and 6 December 2008. Targets were forwarded to CMP for Scoring. Results are posted on the CMP web site. The top five Precision teams and the top ten Sporter teams from the Overall SECNAV Postal Match will be invited to the SECNAV Championship. A maximum of 222 individual cadets will be invited to participate in the SECNAV NJROTC Shoulder-to-Shoulder Championship. They'll be three relays of 75 shooters each firing two 3X20 courses of fire plus one final.

The CMP National JROTC Air Rifle Championship

FROM THE TEAM

Participating in the air rifle junior Olympics was an experience I will never forget. When we first learned that we had won the state Championship, we were overjoyed, our hard work had paid off and we had attained the level of competition that we had dreamed of. I did not know what to expect. Neither I, nor my teammates had ever gone to nationals, for we were a fairly young team. We made arrangements to camp in Cheha State park, for we were low on funds and could not afford the hotels. I don't think we could have made a better choice. The park was beautiful, and the scenery was breathtaking. We barbecued every night and swam in the lake after shooting. The facilities in Anniston were outstanding, a brand new air conditioned building with lighted shooting lanes and holding areas. The staff was helpful and courteous, and timers were set up next to brand new shooting traps. There was also plenty to do between shooting, we spent time trying out precision equipment and a prototype rifle.

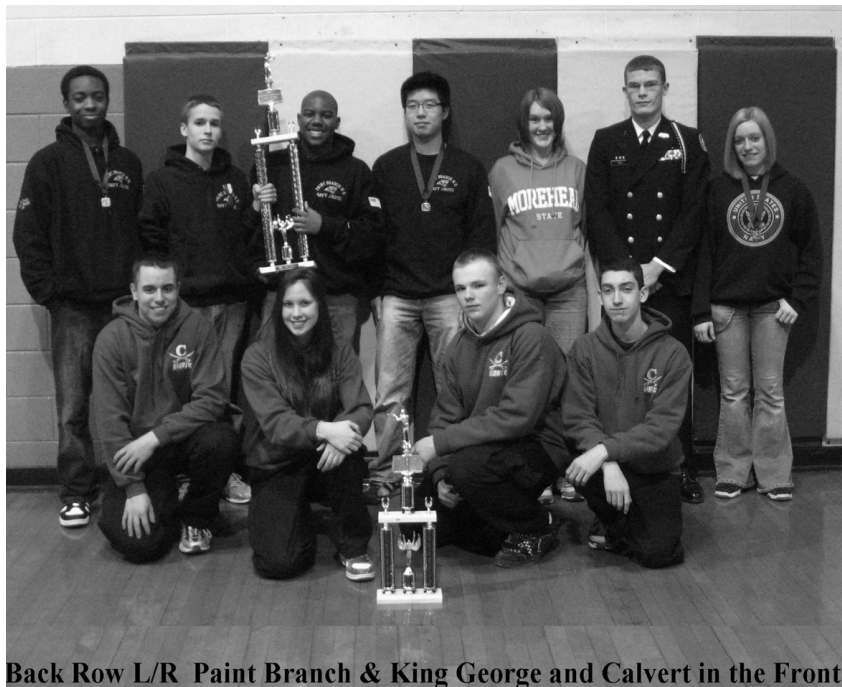
My favorite part of the whole trip was to shoot alongside youth from all over the country who shared the same love for shooting as I do. I was honored to be in the company of shooters of such high caliber (Pun). Our trip to Anniston was a huge success even though we came home with no medals or trophies, and we plan to return in the future.

We would like to thank the various organizations throughout the state of Maryland who contributed funds to our team, which made our trip to Anniston possible.

Casey McGrath
Paint Branch NJROTC
Air Rifle Team Captain

will be held at Fort Benning, Georgia on 25-28 March 2009. Qualifying are the top four Sporter and Precision teams in the SECNAV Service Championship and the top six Sporter and Precision individuals in the SECNAV Championship will represent the Navy JROTC in the CMP National Air Rifle Championship.

I'm one of the newest members to the MSR&P Association Board of Directors. I have worked with the Annapolis High School NJROTC Air Rifle team for twelve years and the Junior Rifle Program at Anne Arundel Fish & Game Association for nine years. I would like to start putting articles on youth accomplishments in the quarterly MSR&P newsletter. It can be an individual or team accomplishments. I can be reached by email at andrea@chesmill.com or by phone during the week (daytime) at 410.260.1009.



Back Row L/R Paint Branch & King George and Calvert in the Front

Paint Branch Air Rifle Team and coach camping out.



Camp Perry, from Pg. 5.

by MSR&PA members. In slow fire, Tom Willats fired a 184-5X to finish 3rd Master Civilian and Tim Caven fired a 175-2X to finish 19th Expert Civilian. John Hollingshead fired a 195-11X in timed fire to finish 10th Master Civilian. Eddie Grove fired a 193-4X in rapid fire to finish 10th Master Civilian and finished with an 846-18X aggregate good enough for 9th Master Civilian.

.45 caliber saw Tim Caven firing a 184-5X in slow fire to finish 8th Expert Civilian. .45 was capped off by John Hollingshead firing a 195-7X in rapid fire to finish 4th Master Civilian.

In the team matches, the MSR&PA team finished 7th overall in Master State Association with a 3302-70X. We had solid performances in center fire and .45, where we shot an 1101-22X to finish 4th and an 1106-24X to finish 5th, respectively. Unfortunately, a disappointing 1095-24X in .22 led to an 8th place finish in that match...it was pretty windy for .22 team, but, then again, all the teams had to shoot in it.

The 12th Precinct team had an excellent outing, shooting a 3353-74X to finish 1st Master Local Club. In fact, they finished 1st Master Local Club in all three guns...firing a 1133-28X in .22, a 1115-29X in center fire, and a 1105-17X in .45. Great shooting 12th Precinct!

AAF&G finished the team matches with a 3153-70X to finish 4th Expert Local Club. Their .22 score of 1039-25X was good for 4th, their center fire score of 1049-23X was also good for 4th, and their .45 score of 1065-22X was good for 2nd. Wait a minute ...I thought the bigger guns were harder to shoot! Not for these guys. Just goes to show, the bigger bullets can score bigger, as well.

The **Civilian Marksmanship Program's (CMP)** matches... the President's 100 (P100), the National Trophy Individual (NTI), and the National Trophy Team (NTT) also take place at Camp Perry in the same time frame.

The CMP matches are all conducted with service pistol... essentially, iron-sighted 1911s in .45 caliber or Beretta 92Fs in 9mm. Other than some accuracy enhancements and an action job, these pistols are pretty much copies of what our service members carry in combat.

So, what are the matches like? The P100 is a 40-shot match; two 10-shot slow fire strings fired at 50 yards in 10 minutes per string, two 5-shot timed fire strings fired at 25 yards in 20 seconds per string, and two 5-shot rapid fire strings fired at 25 yards in 10 seconds per string. The NTI is a 30-shot match, firing the National Match course...one slow fire, one timed fire, and one rapid fire, as described above. The NTT is also a 30-shot match, firing the National Match Course in a team format. Unlike NRA matches, the CMP matches are competed in an unclassified manner...in other words, you shoot against all comers.

All of the CMP matches have a good bit of significance and history, as they're the original matches that later grew into include the other NRA National Matches. The P100 recognizes the top 100 shooters, and awards them with a letter from the President. Incidentally, many years ago this match (and the like named service rifle match) selected the top 50 pistol and rifle shooters who made up the President's security detail. The NTI is the match where you may earn much sought after "leg" points en route to earning the coveted Distinguished Pistol Shooters badge. The NTT is THE team match...like the NTI you shoot against all other teams in an unclassified format.

So how'd we do?

In the P100, Rich Kang led the MSR&PA members, finishing 4th with a 381-18X, while Eddie Grove's 352-6X was good for 80th and John Hollingshead's 352-1X was good enough for 84th. All three were awarded a copy of the President's congratulatory letter and can proudly wear the President's 100 badge. The same three received recognition in the NTI, as well. Rich fired a 273-5X for 30th and John fired a 270-6X for 42nd. Eddie's 262 earned him 10th Senior ... not bad for a geezer!

The CMP also recognizes aggregates of these matches. The first aggregate includes the NTI and the NTT, and had Rich's 550-9X finishing 5th, Eddie's 524-3X finishing 17th, Tom Willats' 506-6X finishing 32nd, and John's 504-11X finishing 33rd. The final aggregate, combining the P100, the NTI, and the NTT, had Rich's 931-27X finishing 9th.

In the NTT, the MSR&PA fielded a team comprised of Eddie Grove, John Hollingshead, Rich Kang, and Tom Willats; the team was captained and "coached" by Jeff Andrews. In order to make things interesting and level the playing field a bit, all NTT teams must have one "new" shooter ... someone who has never competed before in the NTT as a firing team member. This year our "new" shooter was John Hollingshead.

And the team did very well. Our 1026-15X garnered 9th overall and was 6th amongst all civilian teams. I'd like to attribute their outstanding performance to outstanding coaching, but that would be a crock ... these guys can flat out shoot!

Well, that's it for Perry 2008. Hope you enjoyed the report ...it's actually more fun to shoot, but this is fun, too.

In closing, I encourage anyone interested in shooting with the Maryland State team to contact me. You don't need to be a top-notch shooter, as we'd be glad to help you along the way ...that's pretty much how many of us improved and gained experience through the years. If interested, you may contact Jeff Andrews at shootens@hotmail.com or (443) 745-2011.

KEWL Kids, from Pg.1.

The event will kick off with safety instruction conducted by NRA-certified instructors. Participants will then head to the ranges, where Range Safety Officers and volunteers will continue the supervision and instruction. There is no fee for participants and lunch will be included.

"We are very excited to offer the NRA KEWL Kids program to the disabled community," said Mike Krei, Director of Competitive Shooting. "Although the program was designed specifically with the needs of children with disabilities in mind, the entire shooting community stands to benefit from the experience."

For additional information or to register for the event contact Vanessa Warner at NRA Headquarters at (703) 267-1495 or disabled-shooting@nrahq.org. To learn more about NRA's Disabled Services, visit <http://www.nrahq.org/compete/disabled.asp>.

Please Note: If you want to submit photos for inclusion in the Down Range, please be sure to send us the highest resolution you can get from your camera. Cell phone photos generally do not reproduce well when printed. Thanks.

MARYLAND 2008 STATE PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

The Maryland State Outdoor Pistol Championship Match was fired at the Twelfth Precinct Pistol Club on 9 and 10 August, 2008. Both days had superb shooting conditions and 31 competitors vied for the championship.

Virginia shooters dominated the first three places with CPL Ben Footer, USMC, of Quantico, a member of the USMC pistol team, emerging as match winner with a score of 2911-100X. His teammate SSGT Jordan Kramp, USMC, also of Quantico, was close behind with a score of 2609-113X. Third place went to Joe Chang of Ft. Belvoir with a score of 2598-108.

The high Maryland shooter and new State Champion was the Twelfth's own Keith Hodge shooting a 2594-96X.

The Class winners were Bill Nash in Expert Class, Steve Peters in Sharpshooter and the Marksman Class winner was Michael Butterfield, all Marylanders.

The Civilian Marksmanship Program Excellence in Competition Match had 17 competitors and produced some higher than usual scores. SSGT Kramp won the Gold with a 288-11X, the Silver went to CPL Footer with a 278-10X. Both of these competitors are Distinguished Pistol Shots. The Bronze and 6 more points toward Distinguished went to John Hollingshead with his 276-9X. This puts John within one "leg" of earning the coveted Distinguished Badge.

The increasingly popular NRA Distinguished Revolver Match had 18 competitors and was won by Distinguished Revolver Badge holder Richard Kang with a 267-7. Joe Chang was second with a 264-4 and Henry Maier of Wilmington, DE was third with a 257-4X. Joe and Henry will earn 8 and 6 points respectively toward their Distinguished Revolver Badges.

A fine lunch of lasagna, salad and garlic toast was prepared each day by fellow shooters Rosemarie Callage and Kathy Callahan. Kathy's superb brownies were the hit of the dessert table. Many thanks for their help, and to the range staff of Garrison Johns, Joe Chang, George Petricko, Ryan Slipper, Cary Slipper and Dick Chadwick.

NRA 2700 REGIONAL

This is the first call for the Marriottsville Outdoor 2700 NRA Regional Match. This is a Sanctioned NRA event to be held at Marriottsville, MD; and is sponsored by the Garrison Rifle and Revolver Club. The match is a 2-day event, starting at 900 AM, Saturday and Sunday, 4-5 July. There will be Team Matches (22 & CF) and a Distinguished Revolver Match on Saturday, and Team Matches (45) and an EIC (Service Pistol Leg) Match on Sunday. Medals have been provided by the NRA for both the 2700 and the Open Team winners (in all three categories 22, CF, 45). All competitors will receive a Regional Championship Pin and CASH will be awarded for all categories and classifications (three places).

There will be a cook out, included in your match fees, held on Saturday, after the DR Match.

View the entire match program and sign up on line at: <http://www.associatedgunclubs.org/PDFs/GarrisonMatchReg20009Form.pdf>

COMING GUN SHOWS

May 1, 2 & 3

Appalachian Promotions and SAR
York Fairgrounds – York PA

June 13 & 14

Silverado
Frederick Fairgrounds – Frederick

June 20 & 21

Appalachian Promotions
Timonium Fairgrounds – Timonium

June 27 & 28

Appalachian Promotions
York Fairgrounds – York PA

July 18 & 19

Silverado
Show Place Arena – Upper Marlboro

July 24, 25 & 26

C & E Gun Shows
Dulles Expo Center – Dulles VA

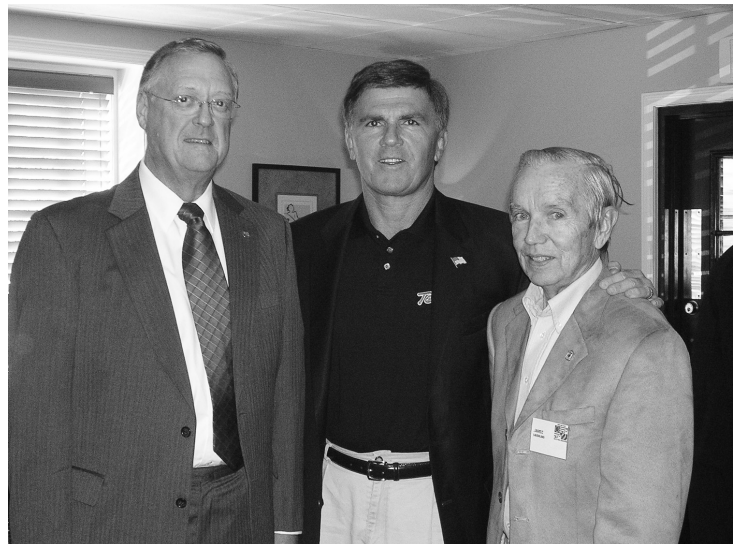
September 19 & 20

Silverado
Howard County Fairgrounds – West Friendship

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We want to keep sending you the *Down Range* so please use the membership form on the back page of this issue to renew. We'll even send you a little thank you gift with your new card.



NRA President John Sigler, former Governor Bob Ehrlich and an MSRPA member take time to discuss the political climate.

FROM THE NEW MSRPA PRESIDENT



John Sigler, NRA President, congratulates MSRPA board member Glenn Reisinger on his safe return from deployment in the Middle East.



NRA President John Sigler congratulates Bryant Cramer for receiving the Fritz Award for work with competitive shooters.



Roy Tarbutton accepting the Defender of Freedom Award from NRA President John Sigler.

The Maryland State Rifle and Pistol Association is the National Rifle Association's representative in the State of Maryland. We are responsible for providing training programs in firearms safety and use, defending our 2nd Amendment rights in the State of Maryland, and sponsoring and sanctioning state-level competitions.

I am proud to have been elected to serve as your president over the next year. I want to acknowledge the solid foundation that my predecessor, Larry Moreland, established over his 5 years in the office. We have come a long way under Larry's leadership and I plan to build on the many successes he achieved.

My agenda for the year includes increasing our emphasis on the individual clubs in Maryland.

Just as the MSRPA and other State Associations are key to the NRA's success, so are our clubs critical to ours. We depend on the clubs to deliver many of the NRA's programs to their membership and the public at large. We must work together to realize success, especially in today's political environment.

Another element of my agenda is to increase the individual membership in MSRPA. We are entering troubled times with the enemies of the 2nd Amendment now in very powerful positions. With the recent election of President Obama and the appointees to his cabinet, our work is cut out for us. Couple this with the State leadership, both in the legislature and the State House, and we need every gun-owner in Maryland to be a member of the NRA and the MSRPA.

We must each be prepared to speak to our legislators and congressional representatives, meet with them, and rally when needed to combat legislation that will further erode our 2nd Amendments rights. Similarly, we must be prepared to support legislation and rule making that will regain some of the rights we have lost over the years. This means being active in the gun clubs we belong to, writing letters to papers, magazines and our law makers clearly

and politely, making them aware of our views and their basis in our National and State constitutions.

I am asking each of you take action! Speak at every opportunity about the importance of our 2nd Amendment rights. Volunteer to work on committees in the MSRPA. Help to increase the participation in the MSRPA by getting your friends, neighbors and families to join. Only though strength in numbers can we be successful in the "...pursuit of happiness..." first voiced in the Declaration of Independence and the "...Right to Bear Arms..." established in the Bill of Rights in our Constitution!

Rich Kussman

MSRPA board member Wally Chance and outgoing President Larry Moreland enjoy a quiet moment.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

George Frederick won that magnificent custom finished M1-Garand rifle at the raffle drawing at the Annual Meeting.

Congratulations also go to Lawrence DiMarco who won the AR-15 drawing the same day.



Incoming MSRPA President Rich Kussman thanks outgoing President Larry Moreland for his years of service at the 2008 MSRPA Annual Meeting.



Mickey McGowan and David Ridgeway flank NRA President John Sigler as they display their Hap Baker Awards for work with range development.



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