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Maryland's State NRA Association

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President's Column

It's finally spring and a young man's (and not so young man's) fancy turns to all the shooting opportunities that the warm weather brings. Check out all the matches that are going on around us. If competition isn't your thing try some of the clinics that are available or take a friend or friends out to your home club and introduce them to the shooting sports.

If you're getting ready (or just thinking about getting ready) to reduce your collection or are planning for the far distant future, take advantage of the tips and information in the article about Estate Planning for your Gun Collection.

Read the membership article carefully...you might want to renew now instead of waiting until after the dues increase becomes effective.

This issue is full of information from your association. Let me know what you find interesting and what you'd like to see more (or less) of in future issues.

There's a new raffle in this issue. Remember, the raffles help defray the costs of the newsletter and other association activities that aren't possible with just dues payments. We try to make them enjoyable and worthwhile to you.

MSRPA spent a lot of time and effort on the activities in Annapolis during the legislative session. See what we worked on this session and watch for the wrap up and assessment of how well gun owners fared.

Shoot often and shoot safely,

Larry Moreland

Estate Planning For Your Gun Collection

By Mark A. Moritz

Uncle Harold introduced me to guns when I was a teenager. He was an avid gun collector, shooter, and hunter, and a member of the board of the NRA. His extensive gun collection included target pistols, hunting and military rifles, an early-production S&W Model 39, and a Colt Cobra .38 that was his constant companion. His special prize was the elaborately engraved, gold-inlaid double rifle with which he had hunted tiger from the back of an elephant, as a guest of some Indian rajah.

After Uncle Harold died, I called the lawyer who was handling his estate, and asked if I could buy one of Uncle Harold's guns, as a keepsake. He told me that all the guns had been sold to a pawn shop. A pawn shop. That beautiful English double rifle in a pawn shop.

Years later, I helped settle the estate of a fellow who had died with no living heirs. He had named the NRA as beneficiary of his life insurance and his retirement plans. But he didn't have a will. Without a will, and without any relatives, his gun collection – mostly bench rest rifles – went to the state.

Once, a neighbor asked me to instruct her teenage son on firearms safety. The boy had inherited his grandfather's gun collection. Grandpa had died when the boy was four years old. The boy's mother had kept the guns under her bed since then. The Winchester 54, the Browning Lightning over/under, the Luger, the Ruger Flattop, and all the others, were thoroughly rusted.

You, as a gun collector, have a responsibility to other gun owners, and to our American heritage of shooting, to make sure that your estate plan includes specific instructions for the disposition of your firearms. If you don't, lots of things can happen, most of them bad. Your relatives, or your estate's lawyer, if they aren't "into" guns, are likely to sell your guns for a fraction of their value. Your guns may end up being melted or chopped, "to reduce gun crimes." Guns have even been known to "disappear."

If your total estate is large enough to be subject to estate or inheritance tax, your non-liquid guns may subject your heirs to very liquid taxes, which can cause either financial hardship or (more likely) a forced sale at rock-bottom prices.

What should you do?

First, get a will. You've been meaning to do it for a long time now, haven't you? It's time to stop meaning to do it, and do it. Write it on a napkin, or a paper bag, or the back of an SR1 target. Use a do-it-yourself will kit. Heck, go to a lawyer and spend a couple hundred bucks – or a couple thousand. What's your estate worth? What's your gun collection worth?

Write up a good description of your collection, so things don't disappear out the back door. You can use a word processor, a spreadsheet, or plain old pen and paper, but you need to give the folks left behind something to go on. I used GunTracker software. A printout is attached to my will in the fireproof document safe, and a copy is taped to the inside of the door of my gun safe.

Estate Planning, continued on Pg. 7.

**Official By-Laws
of the Maryland
State Rifle & Pistol Association
Revised July 8, 1989**

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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Chairman's Minute

A new year has begun and we're entering a new season of shooting and fellowship in the grand fraternity of shooters. One of the important events that many of you may not have attended is one of the local Friends of NRA Banquets. These events are sponsored by the NRA Foundation. The NRA Foundation is the charitable arm of the NRA. Contributions to the NRA Foundation are tax deductible.

If you've never been to one of these Friends of NRA dinners, what exactly goes on? Well, typically the evening begins with a social hour during which a variety of games and drawings take place. The prizes range from popular guns to shooting or hunting gear to shooting art. The social hour is a great time to greet friends or make new friends and talk about the last hunt or shooting competition or just gun stuff in general. Following the social hour, a delicious dinner is served which affords additional time to converse with your shooting buddies. But wait...many of the attendees bring their spouses with them, as well. You see, it's a great evening out!

During and following the dinner a silent auction is held. This is a chance to get competitive and bid on prizes and merchandise related to shooting. Some of the prizes are provided by a common prize package provided by the NRA Foundation, but others are donations from local merchants. The final event is the live auction. This is where the real fun begins. Nothing is more exciting than watching the bidding for a particular shotgun or framed artwork between two or three bidders...or better yet, being one of the bidders! When the night comes to a close, many times door prizes will be given out and everyone leaves with something, even if it's just the great feeling of sharing with fellow shooters in support of the NRA.

All of the proceeds from the Friends of NRA functions go to the NRA Foundation. Half of these proceeds are distributed within the State by a committee made up of representatives from each of the local events. The funds distributed by the State Committee go to support shooting programs throughout the state. There are always more requests than funds available. The remaining half goes to the NRA Foundation for use in national programs. Your help is needed to support the NRA Foundation and contribute to the future of the shooting sports and protection of our 2nd Amendment rights. Watch the MSRPA web page (www.msarpa.org) for upcoming Friends of NRA events in your area. Attend as many as you can and have a great time!

See you on the Range!

Rich Kussman

MD Friends of NRA Dinners

8/27/2005

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Please join us!

COMING GUN & KNIFE SHOWS

April 29 & 30

MASON-DIXON KNIFE CLUB
Frederick Fairgrounds

May 14 & 15

CAMROD
Agriculture Center – Westminster

June 25 & 26

SILVERADO
Frederick Fair Grounds

July 16 & 17

SILVERADO
Showplace Arena , Upper Marlboro

July 29, 30 & 31

C&E GUN SHOWS
Dulles Expo, Chantilly VA

September 17 & 18

SILVERADO
Howard Co Fairgrounds, West Friendship

October 1 & 2

CAMROD
Timonium Fairgrounds, Timonium

November 11 & 12

SILVERADO
Frederick Fairgrounds

November 18, 19 & 20

C&E GUN SHOWS
Dulles Expo, Chantilly

November 19 & 20

SILVERADO
Showplace Arena, Upper Marlboro

January 7 & 8, 2006

SILVERADO
Sailwinds Park, Cambridge

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Always double check the show before you set out on a road trip, especially as the weather changes.

Preston Jones: 410-391-8883 or 410-632-4663
or www.camrodhuntingclub.com

Silverado Promotions: Frank Krasner –
301-874-5012 or www.silveradogunshow.com

Neal Knox

June 20, 1936 – January 17, 2005

Neal Knox, former vice president of the National Rifle Association and long time leader of the gun rights movement, died at his home in Manassas, Virginia on January 17, 2005 following a year long battle with colon cancer. He is survived by his wife, Jay Janen Knox and his four children; Christopher, Shan, Jeffrey, Stacey, and seven grandchildren.

Borne Clifford Neal Knox on June 20, 1936 in Rush Springs, Oklahoma, Neal spent most of his early life in Texas, graduating from Vernon, Texas High School and attending Abilene Christian College. His early working years included eight years in the Texas National Guard, stints in insurance and the oil business, and assignments as a reporter for the Vernon Daily Record and latter, the Wichita Falls Times and Record News. At the same time, he was demonstrating his life-long interest in firearms as a freelance writer for several gun magazines.

Neal realized his dream of becoming a full time gun writer in 1966 when he became the founding editor of Gun Week newspaper. A few years later he took over as editor of Handloader magazine and oversaw the creation of Rifle magazine. In 1971 he and his partner moved the magazines from Peoria, Illinois to Prescott, Arizona.

In 1978 Neal left his dream job and moved to the Washington DC, area to wholly commit himself to the cause of gun rights and the Second Amendment. He served four years as Executive Director of the Institute for Legislative Action, the lobbying arm of the National Rifle Association.

Since 1984, as chairman of the Firearms Coalition, Neal has dedicated himself to writing, speaking and lobbying for the development and support of grassroots gun rights organizations.

During his life, Neal competed in, and often won, competitions in virtually every shooting discipline, including winning a national title in bench rest. In addition to his shooting interest, he was an accomplished pilot, holding instrument and multi-engine ratings.

The Maryland State Rifle and Pistol Association sends its sincere condolences to the Knox family.

Maryland's Gunshows

Come out and enjoy Maryland's gun shows. Stop at the MSRPA table and visit with our volunteers. Find out what's happening all over the state — the latest legislative news, upcoming gun safety and training clinics, clubs in your area, places to shoot, and how you can help. Spend some time with people who are making a difference in the Free State.

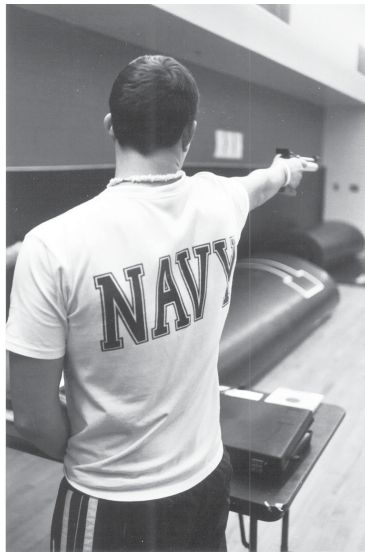
Air Pistol Clinic

On the very rainy evening of Saturday, April 2nd MSRPA conducted an air pistol clinic in Lusby MD following a full day of both air rifle and air pistol competition.

In the air pistol match Zack Corder (343) captured the gold while Ian Pitts (324) took the silver and Joshua Stayrook (308) won the bronze.

Following the matches, approximately twenty (20) individuals participated in the Pistol Clinic and had the opportunity to fire both Tau-7 Junior air pistols and a variety of full sized air pistols. The clinic lasted about three (3) hours.

We gratefully acknowledge the support of USA Shooting who loaned us nine Tau-7 junior pistols. Coach Kathy Callahan, Pistol Coach at the US Naval Academy, John Venskoske of the



A good position on the line!

NRA and Kristina Kask, a talented junior shooter representing Garrett College in McHenry MD all contributed both equipment and valuable instruction. Thanks also to CDR Mike Dvorsky, USN, Ret for providing us a place to shoot on very short notice.



Kristina Kask, (a former member of the Estonian National Junior team now shooting for Garret College,) tries the Tau 7 Junior pistol during the clinic.



USNA Coach Callahan observes the line.

The clinic's goal was to introduce prospective junior shooters to the sport (and discipline) of air pistol. From the comments we heard we met and exceeded that goal.

Check out these photos from the clinic.

Bob Inness

Maryland State 3 Position Smallbore Championship May 21, 2005

**Sponsored by:
Monumental Rifle and Pistol Club
Maryland State Rifle and Pistol Assn.
Associated Gun Clubs of Maryland**

Location: AGC-Marriottsville, MD. Competition is open to all Maryland Residents. **NRA membership and MSRPA membership required.** See Page 6 for particulars.

Dropping a dime on ourselves

If you know what "dropping a dime means" then you have been around this old world more than a day or two. Your state affiliate is in the same boat you are. We have kept our annual membership dues at today's levels for more years than we would like to remember.

Unfortunately, Maryland's cost of living has continued to climb like a F-16 on afterburner. Over the years your Association has absorbed multiple increases in the cost of doing business. From postage and printing costs, supporting as many of the different shooting disciplines in the state as possible, to the costs of making a difference in Annapolis, it all takes money.

Your membership committee has been studying this issue for a while and has come up with a new fee structure for membership. We worked hard to find a balance between the costs of doing business in one of the most affluent areas of the country with the economic realities of some of Maryland's more rural areas. The new individual membership fees will go into effect as of July 1st. The new membership fees will be:

1 year Junior - \$10.00

(not 21 when joining)

1 Year Regular - \$25.00

5 Year Regular - \$110.00

Life Member - \$400.00

(payable in 2 equal payments over 1 year)

Life Member over 60 - \$200.00

(payable in 2 equal payments over 1 year)

The MSRPA has always encouraged interested clubs in the state to be members of our organization. We are revising our club membership fee as well. The new club fees are \$30 and go into effect on July 1st.

Thank you for your understanding.

2005 Maryland Session Update

SO FAR...

The 2005 Legislative Session opened on Jan. 12th. We were there to say hello to some of our old friends and watch a little of the pomp and circumstance. We were hoping for a smooth session this year. As I am writing this for the *Down Range*, a few bills warrant your attention.

The **Assault Weapon Ban** has returned this year. Senator Garagiola, along with some key co-sponsors, has introduced **SB116**. As proposed, this bill increases the criminal penalty for using a so-called Assault Weapon or Copycat Weapon in the commission of a crime. The bill spends most of its 8 pages on defining Assault Weapons and Copycats and very little on penalties.

SB-116 was heard on Feb 16th. The hearing date was announced late in the day on Friday the 11th. Short notice on anti-gun bills is becoming a trademark of Chairman Brian Frosh. We were able to get the word out through our e-mail alert network and at the big gun show that weekend in Timounm.

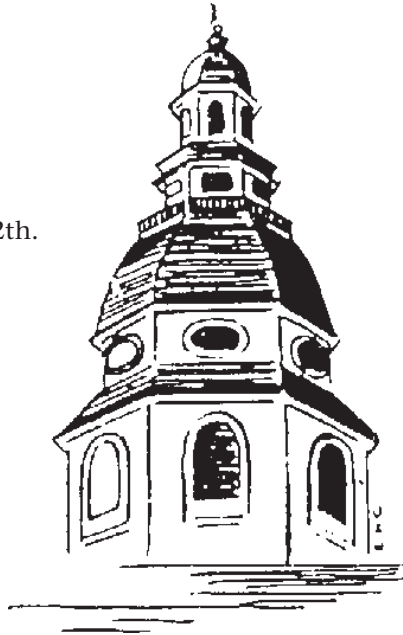
On the 16th, the Senate Hearing room was full of pro-gun citizens who took a day off work to make their voices heard. The Montgomery County Sheriff was the only speaker in favor of the bill. The Sheriff said not to worry; this bill would only affect criminals. Over 50 regular citizens and Pro-gun groups hammered home their opposition to the bill, and their distrust of Senator Garagiola. Senator Garagiola promised he wasn't going to amend the bill into a ban. The people were not buying his story. When I spoke for the MSRPA in opposition to the bill, I voiced our Organization's concerns that if passed out of committee, on the open floor, any Senator could amend SB116 into a Ban. Senate President Mike Miller just happens to be a co-sponsor. On the floor, a simple majority vote moves the bill forward. I explained that the assault weapons being described in the bill were almost never used to commit crime, and urged the committee to spend their limited time on legislation that would be of real benefit to Maryland. John Josselyn our good friend from the AGC asked the Senator if he was aware that under the broad definition of "Copycats" in the bill, even the State Polices' issue sidearm, would be an "Assault Weapon". Now we wait to see what the committee will do.

Senate "Gun Bill Day" was March 1st in the Miller Office Building.

- **Support SB424** to repeal Ballistic fingerprinting.

House "Gun Bill Day" was March 9 in the Lowe House Office Building.

- **Oppose HB 948**, the Assault Weapon Ban. Delegate Quinter has 67 co-sponsors for this years' Ban. As written it will make virtually every semi-automatic rifle illegal.
- **Support HB179**, a bill to repeal Ballistic Fingerprinting. The state has wasted between \$2.5 and \$5 million on this and the State police want it to go away.
- **Support HB 1211** a change from May Issue to Shall Issue for CCW. There are several other bills good and bad that need your voice at the House hearings.



2005 MARYLAND LEGISLATIVE INFO

Maryland General Assembly's home page:
www.mlis.state.md.us

You can get a wealth of information on the goings-on in Annapolis here, locate and contact your state representatives, track important dates, and actions, etc.

To check on the current bills about guns:
www.mlis.state.md.us/2005rs/subjects/guns.htm

To check on the current bills about hunting:
www.mlis.state.md.us/2005rs/subjects/hunting.htm

You can also call Legislative Services in Annapolis and receive information on up-coming legislation and many other topics free of charge.

The phone numbers are:

Baltimore area 410-946-5400

Washington area 301-970-5400

1-800-492-7122 ext. 5400
in the rest of the state

We will keep you updated on these happenings. Watch our web page for alerts and calls to action. Go to www.MSRPA.org and check the announcements and legislative areas.

Also, we need to continue to build our E-mail alert list. Things can happen so fast now-a-days E-mail is the only way to mount a timely response to critical issues. Send a note to rayalbaugh@hotmail.com and we will incorporate you into our alert network. We will maintain your privacy and we will only contact you with relevant information.

Till next time,
Ray Albaugh
Legislative VP

**Maryland State
3 Position Smallbore
Championship
May 21, 2005**

Entry Fee:

	<i>Juniors</i>	<i>Others</i>
In advance	\$25.00	\$35.00
Event day	\$35.00	\$45.00

Relays: There will be one(1) relay beginning at 10:00am

Onsite: Registration begins at 8:30 am

Rules: Current NRA smallbore rules apply

Course of fire: 40 shots each prone, standing, kneeling. All at fifty (50) yards. A51 Target

Equipment: Iron sights only

Classification: NRA classification will be used. If there are 5 or more unclassified competitors, there will be an unclassified class; otherwise shooters will compete in the highest available class. There will be awards in each class unless there is only (1) shooter entered in a class, in which case that shooter will be combined into the next highest class.

Awards:

1st Place Aggregate for each class

2nd " " " "

3rd " " " "

1st Place High score for each position, each class

General: Lavatory facilities are available at the range. A beverage machine is also available. Food service may be available.

Information: Jim Bryant

341 Whitfield Rd

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(SAFE) Act of 2005

Rep. John Hostettler (R-IN) will soon be reintroducing his national reciprocity bill that protects the right of citizens to carry their firearms into other states. Hostettler's language has a huge advantage over other reciprocity-type bills in that it does not punish states for being too pro-gun. His bill would not penalize citizens from states like Alaska and Vermont, because his proposal doesn't require a citizen to first get a permit to enjoy reciprocity in another state.

Most carry bills in Congress seek to establish reciprocity ONLY between gun control states. These bills force people to jump through officially-mandated hurdles and get carry permits before they can carry firearms into neighboring states.

But now that more and more states are debating whether to adopt Alaska/Vermont style carry laws, it is important that the federal government NOT penalize citizens from those states.

Rep. Hostettler's bill, known as the Secure Access to Firearms Enhancement (SAFE) Act, is just what America needs. His draft would allow law-abiding citizens who can legally carry in their home state — even without a permit — to carry all across the country.

And, of course, for those gun owners who already HAVE concealed carry permits, the SAFE Act will provide complete nationwide reciprocity.

ACTION: Please ask your Representative to cosponsor Rep. Hostettler's concealed carry bill, the Secure Access to Firearms Enhancement (SAFE) Act of 2005. This bill will guarantee Americans the ability to carry firearms from one state into the next.

You can visit the Gun Owners Legislative Action Center at <http://www.gunowners.org/activism.htm> to send your Representative a pre-written e-mail message.

LEGISLATIVE ALERT!

GUN BILL HEARINGS ANNOUNCED

SENATE "Gun Bill Day"- March 1st.

1:00 pm in the Miller Senate Office Building
Support SB-424: Repeal Ballistic Fingerprinting

HOUSE "Gun Bill Day"- March 9th.

1:00 pm in the Lowe House Office Building
Oppose the Assault Weapon Ban: HB-948
Support the repeal of Ballistic Fingerprinting: HB-179
Support HB-527 Stopping while transporting Firearms
Support HB-1211 Shall Issue for Citizens

Plan on arriving early and staying late. Dress nice, suits preferred. No penknives, nail clippers, camo, etc.

A well-behaved, well-dressed group sends a much more powerful message to the Committee Members.

Show up with your State Association and help protect your rights in Maryland.

Maryland State Rifle and Pistol Association
www.MSRPA.org

*A sample of
flyers
distributed at
Gun Shows
and by e-mail!*

Estate Planning, continued from Pg. 1.

Once I was involved in an estate where somebody broke into the house and stole some of the guns. We knew there had been a burglary; the gunroom door was jimmed, and the glass in the display case was broken. But we didn't know what had been stolen, or what it was worth, because there was no listing! Come to think of it, now that we have digital cameras, I'm going to go take pictures of all my guns, and put the images on a CD, to be kept with my will. Wait a minute; I'll be right back....There, that's taken care of. Go thou and do likewise.

Get a written appraisal...

or at least write down a good ballpark idea of the values. I've often been surprised at the values guns have brought at auctions. (GunTracker software uses the values from *The Blue Book of Gun Values*.) Guns that are old and rusty and beat up, that look like scrap metal, sometimes are worth thousands, because of their rarity or provenance. If you don't let people know what your guns are worth, they are liable to sell them for pennies on the dollar after you're gone.

Decide who should receive your guns.

If you want specific pieces to go to specific relatives or shooting buddies, check to see whether your state has a "separate list" statute. In "separate list" states, you can attach a list of guns and recipients, and change it at any time without going through the formalities of a will (witnesses, notary, etc.)

Designate one or more people.

Identify "special executors" or "recommended consultants" for firearms in your will. You know who knows about guns and who can be trusted. Specify that when it comes time to dispose of your gun collection, your executor should hand off to your designated gun expert.

Consider leaving your gun collection to The NRA Foundation.

The NRA Foundation is a 501(c)(3) "charitable" affiliate of the NRA. If there are going to be any tax benefits involved, it will be important to specify "The NRA Foundation." If you don't have relatives who will appreciate your guns, who will just let them rust, or turn them in at a municipal gun meltdown in exchange for a toaster, then make sure your guns go toward a good cause.

Guns left to the foundation are offered first to the NRA's National Firearms Museum in Fairfax, Virginia. This is where a good description (and photos) can be a big help. There is a big difference between "rusty old revolver" and "Billy The Kid's Colt Lightning," although both might be accurate descriptions of the same gun. Guns not selected by the Museum are sold, with the proceeds going to the foundation, and used in accordance with your instructions.

If you have museum-quality pieces in your collection (and you know if you do), consider making a gift right now, while you are living, so you can get income tax as well as estate tax benefits. Or, at least consider a temporary loan to the Museum, or a partial gift (like several months a year); you may be able to get a partial income tax deduction.

Finally, please, please, please call The NRA Foundation at (800) 423-6894. They will provide you with names of appraisers, accountants, financial planners, and lawyers in your area who are "NRA-friendly," and who will help you plan your estate so that you can "Leave A Legacy of Freedom."

Mark Moritz is an estate planning attorney in Scottsdale, Arizona, a Benefactor Member of the NRA, a member of the NRA Heritage Society, and a member of The NRA Foundation Volunteer Network of Estate Planning Professionals.

For more information on how to make a gift of guns through your will or estate plan or for information on how to convert your gun collection to a tax-favored income stream and receive a charitable deduction, call (800) 672-4521. Be sure to also request our brochure "Ways of Giving" that describes 11 different ways to make a charitable gift to The NRA Foundation a part of your estate plan.

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NEW RAFFLE ANNOUNCED!!

Have you been to a gun or sporting goods show this winter? Have you noticed how many participants are wearing NASCAR hats or shirts at these events?

As we manned the MSRPA booth at some of these events we became aware of just how much crossover interest there appears to be...hence the new raffle. Check out the flyer!

You'll have a chance to win 4 tickets to the big Sunday, September 25, 2005 race at Dover International Speedway with BLUE CREW Premium Seating. BLUE CREW includes premium seating on the mezzanine level at turn 3 with easy access to restrooms, food and beverages. The BLUE CREW includes a catered lunch buffet, beer and soft drinks and an official souvenir event program.

Raffle tickets are \$10 a piece or 3 for \$25 and can be ordered by completing the order form on the bottom of the flyer and mailing it in or by stopping by the MSRPA table at a gun show when you see the big full color poster displayed.

The winning raffle ticket will be drawn at the August 28, 2005 MSRPA Board of Directors meeting so you'll have almost a full month to decide who gets to go with you.



The **Maryland Rifle Club** will be holding **Curio & Relic Military Rifle Matches** at the Associated Gun Clubs range in Marriottsville on the following dates for 2005:

- * April 23
- * May 28
- * June 25
- * September 3
- * October 1

Additional information can be found at www.mdrifleclub.org

2005 HIGHPOWER RIFLE MATCH SCHEDULE FORT MEADE, MARYLAND

SPONSORED BY THE CHESAPEAKE RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB

LOCATION: Range No. 1, Fort Meade, Maryland

MATCH DATES:

April 17, 3 x 600 Yd. July 16, 800 Aggregate
May 22, 800 Aggregate Aug. 20/21, State Championship/EIC match
June 11, 800 Aggregate Nov . 6, 3 x 600 Yd.

Maryland State Highpower Rifle Championship August 20; 800 Aggregate CMP Excellence in Competition Match August 21; NMC

RULES: Current NRA highpower rifle rules will govern all matches. Open to all NRA members. CMP Excellence in Competition match is open to all. **Must be a member of a state association to compete in State Championship.**

CHALLENGE FEE: \$2.00

CLASSIFICATION: Current NRA highpower classification card or temporary scorebook. Match director may require display of either to verify classification.

RIFLE:

For 800 Aggregate matches, NRA Match Rifle or Service Rifle with metallic sights.

For 600 Yd. matches, rifle shall be as designated for specific match.

For CMP EIC match, Service Rifle only.

CATEGORY: By NRA classification, Match & Service Rifle. A minimum of 5 (five) competitors to form a class or category.

Classes and / or categories will be combined if there are insufficient shooters in a class or category.

AWARDS: Awards will be given by class and by category whenever sufficient shooters are present. One award shall be given for each 5 (five) competitors in a given class or category.

ENTRY FEES: Adult entry: \$30.00 for 800 Agg. matches.

Junior entry: \$15.00 for 800 Agg. matches.

Adult entry: \$10.00 for each 600 yd. match.

Junior entry: \$10.00 for each 600 yd. match.

Entry fee for CMP EIC match is \$15.00 for all entrants.

TARGET OPERATION: Competitors are responsible for target operation. NO target pullers are provided by the match sponsor.

RANGE LIMIT: First 40 (forty) PAID entries.

MATCH BEGINS: DUE TO RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED SINCE SEPT. 11, BY THE ARMY, WE NOW ENTER (C) – CHARLIE GATE, ON RANGE ROAD, WHICH IS OFF PINEY ORCHARD PARKWAY.

WE WILL ASSEMBLE AT THE GATE AT 7.30 A.M. FOR ENTRY. SIGN-IN WILL BE COMPLETE BY 8:00 A.M.; AND WE WILL ENTER AS A GROUP. WHEN THE GROUP HAS ENTERED, THE GATES WILL BE CLOSED. IF YOU ARRIVE AFTER THE GROUP ENTERS, YOU WILL NOT SHOOT. FIRST SHOT DOWN RANGE AT 9.00AM PER NEW RANGE S.O.P. WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED THAT TIME WILL BE ALLOTTED TO COMPLETE THE MATCH.

INFORMATION & ENTRY ADDRESS:

Paul Hudson, P.O. Box 691, Fallston, MD 21047

Make checks payable to: Paul Hudson

COURSE OF FIRE: All scheduled 800 Aggregate Matches:

Match #1: 20 shots for record and 2 sighting shots @ 200 yds. slow fire, time limit 22 minutes.

Match #2: 20 shots for record @ 200 yds. sitting rapid fire fired in two 10-shot strings, preceded by 2 sighting shots; time limit 60 sec. per string.

Match #3: 20 shots for record @ 300 yds. prone rapid fire fired in two 10-shot strings, preceded by 2 sighting shots; time limit 70 sec. per string.

Match #4: 20 shots for record and 2 sighting shots @ 600 yds. slow fire, time limit 22 minutes.

Match #5: Aggregate of Matches 1, 2, 3, & 4.

CMP Excellence-in-Competition Match:

- 50 Shot National Match Course, no sighters.
- 10 shots for record @ 200 yds. slow fire, 10 minute time limit.
- 10 shots for record @ 200 yds. rapid fire, 60 second time limit.
- 10 shots for record @ 300 yds. rapid fire, 70 second time limit.
- 20 shots for record @ 600 yds. slow fire, 20 minute time limit.

For 3 x 600 Yard Matches:

Match #1: 20 shots for record, service rifle, 2 sighters, 22 min. time limit.

Match #2: 20 shots for record, any rifle/ iron sights, 2 sighters, 22 min. time limit.

Match #3: 20 shots for record, any rifle/any sight 2 sighters, 22 min. time limit.

F Class:

- F class shooters will be welcome for the 600 yard matches. F class will compete separately.
- Awards for F class will be made if 5 or more F class shooters register and shoot.

FOR MORE INFO & DIRECTIONS:

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You can promote your business to a large group of dedicated shooting enthusiasts by advertising in the *DownRange*. Your advertising dollars will help support the MSRPA's goals and objectives. Rates and copy requirements are available by contacting Larry Moreland at 301-249-4586 or lcm1385@aol.com.

**2005 CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM
NATIONAL TROPHY MATCHES
CAMP PERRY, OHIO**

July 11-12	Pistol Small Arms Firing School
July 17	President's 100 / NTI / NTT (pistol)
July 24	Rimfire Sporter
July 28	Clubs Meeting
July 30-Aug, 1	Rifle Small Arms Firing School
Aug. 2	President's 100 (rifle)
Aug. 3	NTI / CMP Competitors Meeting
Aug. 5	NTT / Springfield / Military Bolt Rifle Match
Aug. 6	NTIT / John Garand Match

2005 NRA NATIONAL RIFLE AND PISTOL MATCHES

Proposed Schedule.

July 8-10	Muzzleloading Matches
July 11	Pistol Practice
July 12-16	Pistol Matches
July 20	Smallbore Practice
July 21-23	Smallbore 3-Position Matches
July 24-29	Smallbore Prone Matches
Aug. 4	Whistler Boy, JR. High Power Matches
Aug. 7-11	High Power Matches
Aug. 12-14	Long Range Matches
Aug. 13-17	Long Range Firing School

Online Registration will be available in late March. You can register online for all events at the NRA National Matches by going to: www.nrahq.org/compete and clicking the "2005 Camp Perry Online Entry" link.

Online registration is available for all CMP events at: www.odcmp.com/NationalMatches.htm

Blue Crew Ticket Raffle Order Form

See Page 7 for article and Flyer Insert for more information.

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**2005 High Power Rifle
Team League**

*Sponsored by
Associated Gun Clubs of Baltimore
Marriottsville, MD*

Dates:

May 1 / 15 / 22
Sept 11 (Practice Match)
Sept 18
Oct 2 / 9 / 16 / 23

Place: 200 yard Range, Patapsco Range, Marriottsville, MD
Open to teams from NRA Clubs. Teams must provide scorers and target pullers. Teams must have at least four shooters. Four highest scores per match count toward team score.

Each team will shoot 2 matches in the spring and 2 matches in the fall.

Registration:

Fall: September 17, 2005

Fees:

Fall: \$120 per team

Time:

First shot down range 10:00 am

Course of fire:

- National Match Course,
200 yard reduced range
- 10 shots plus 2 sighters, Offhand, 12 minutes, SR Target
 - 10 shots plus 2 sighters, Standing to Sitting Rapid, 60 seconds, SR Target
 - 10 shots plus 2 sighters, Standing to Prone Rapid, 70 seconds, MR-42 Target
 - 20 shots plus 2 sighters, Prone, 22 minutes, MR-52 Target
- NRA High Power rules apply.**

Classification:

Current NRA High Power classification card or temporary scorebook.

Awards: Awards will be given for the Fall Matches. Award classes are grouped by NRA classification and Match or Service Rifle. A minimum of five competitors to form a class. Classes will be combined if there are insufficient competitors in a class. One award will be made for each 5 competitors in a class.

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NRA's Civil Rights Defense Fund Sponsors Essay Contest for Students

The NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund (NRACRDF) is sponsoring an essay contest for students in the United States celebrating the Second Amendment as an integral part of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

The theme for the essay is "The Second Amendment to the Constitution: Why it is important to our nation." The contest is open to all students enrolled in an elementary, junior high or high school during the 2005-2006 academic year who have not previously received a prize.

Essays will be judged in two categories: Senior (grades 10-12) and Junior (grades nine and below), with separate prizes awarded to the winners in each category. First prizes are \$1,000 in U.S. Savings Bonds; second prizes, \$600 in Savings Bonds; third prizes, \$200 in Savings Bonds; and honorable mention, \$100 in Savings Bonds.

All essays should be about 1,000 words in length and must be submitted before December 1, 2005. Essays should be neat and legible (double spaced, typed preferred), and will be judged on originality, scholarship and presentation. Applicants should include their name, age, address, telephone number, school and grade on the essay and also submit a statement from a teacher or parent saying that the paper is their original work. NRA's Office of General Counsel can provide a listing of reference materials for research upon request.

Essay contest winners will be selected by the NRACRDF and notified not later than January 31, 2006. Winners will have their names published in *InSights*, NRA's magazine for junior members.

Please mail entries to: The NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund, C/O NRA Office of General Counsel, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030. For questions regarding the contest please call (703) 267-1250.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Anne Arundel County's State Senator John Astle!

Astle was named "State Legislator of the Year" by Safari Club International for his efforts on behalf of hunters and conservation at their convention in Reno.

The award is given annually to a lawmaker in a state legislature who best demonstrates outstanding leadership in protecting America's hunting heritage and wildlife conservation programs.

Astle founded and serves as co-chair of the Maryland Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus which led the way in overturning the long standing ban on Sunday hunting in Maryland.

He also serves as President of the National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses.

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If you can help out, even if only for half a day, please contact Erich Grove at mdrifleclubhipower@comcast.net or at 410-489-5905 so he can add you to his list of workers.

Did I remember to tell you that if you work you get in free that day?

Support the organization, support gun shows – all of it helps sustain our rights and firearms heritage.

Arlington Rifle & Pistol Club, Inc.

Presents our 25th Annual 'Lewis S. Libby Memorial' Junior Smallbore Match June 18, 2005

A Junior Match Competition

Shooting tradition since 1978, honoring the memory of our long time Arlington Junior Club Coach Lewis "Doc" Libby

*Also presenting the
'Peter Conroy Sr. Memorial' Trophy,
to the best coached team in the match*

1. **Place:** Patapsco Range. Located at the corner of Marriottsville and Wards Chapel Roads, Marriottsville, Maryland.
2. **Match Date:** Saturday, June 18, 2005. Entry and squadding will begin at 9:00 A.M. Match will begin at 10:00 A.M.
3. **Open To:** All Junior shooters between ages of 12 to 20, providing their 20th birthday occurs in this year. A separate category will be held for 'Sub Juniors', 11 years and younger, who will be allowed to compete along with the Match course of fire, but will not be eligible for the main match awards. These shooters will be awarded participation awards to encourage future young shooters and shooting.
4. **Entry Fees:** Individual entries will be \$10.00 each, and competitors can register for only the individual portion of the match. Team Match fees will be an additional \$10.00 per shooter, or \$40.00 per team. Teams may register up to the end of the last relay of the individual portion of the match. Teams may be registered with less than 4 team members, and combined with other members, from other clubs, to allow all to compete. Teams with less than 4 members, may still compete, but only scores fired will be counted, each team member only being allowed to fire once, no dummy scores will be used. Fees will be assessed for Team Match; by number of shooters per club 'Sub Junior' fees will be \$5.00 for each stage of the competition, \$10.00 total.
5. **Squadding:** Each Club will be assigned 1 firing point for every 2 registered shooters. Club leaders will handle their individual shooters' point assignments. Individual shooters will be placed at the Match Director's discretion. Each point assignment will remain the same for both the individual and team portions of the match.
6. **Course of Fire:** All shooting will be on NRA A-23/5 targets, with each shooter firing 20 scoring shots per target, five shots only, per scoring bulls, with unlimited sighters, in a 20 minute time period, following a 3 minute prep period. The Individual Match will be fired in its entirety before starting the Team Match. Each match will consist of two relays for each shooter, for a total of 40 record shots, 2 targets for each match.
Match #1: (Individual Match) Consisting of 2 A-23/5 targets fired one after another, per shooter, fired in prone position, in 2 individual relays, 20 scoring shots per target, 5 shots per record bull, with unlimited sighters allowed.
Match #2: (Team Match) Consisting of 2 A-23/5 targets, fired one after another, per shooter, fired in prone position, in 2 individual relays, 20 scoring shots per target, 5 shots per record bull, with unlimited sighters allowed.
7. **Scoring:** Each competitor will be responsible for scoring the target to their right, or the higher numbered target, with the high numbered shooter scoring the low numbered shooter's target on the left side of the line. Coaches may assist and scoring devices will be available for everyone's use. A fifteen minute challenge period will follow each relay, or until the score card is signed by the competitor, whichever time is less. Disputes will be settled by the Scoring Judges, with a final decision confirmed by the Match Director, whose determination will be final.

8. **Classification:** All juniors will be classified by age, into 3 total categories, Expert, Sharpshooter, and Marksman; with the addition of a non-competition 'Sub Juniors' category, for beginning shooters, who are designated as being 'safe shooters' by their coaches, and under their observation while shooting. Those 'Sub Juniors' who desire to; may shoot their match from a support, or rest, as long as the shooter, and all conditions are considered safe, as determined by the Match Director.

Expert Shooters Ages 18-20

Sharpshooter Shooters Ages 15-17

Marksman Shooters Ages 12-14

'Sub-Junior' Shooters Ages 11

and younger, at their coach's discretion and considered safe.

9. **Coaching:** Unlimited coaching will be allowed, for both the individual and team matches. Sub-Juniors may also shoot from any type of support, or rest, as long as it is considered both safe and sportsmanlike. The Match Director, whose decision is final, will resolve disputes.
10. **Rules:** All competitors **must wear eye & ear protection while on the firing line.** All current NRA rules will apply for the match, but neither the Individual, nor Team Match, are NRA sanctioned matches.
11. **Rifles:** Any bolt action rifle, using metallic sights. Only single shots will be fired, no magazines, or tubes will be in use.
12. **Ammunition:** All competitors will be responsible for providing their own ammunition.

We will hold this match every year, on the Saturday of Father's Day weekend, each June.

If you know of any other Junior shooting programs or shooters looking to compete, please refer them to Arlington Rifle & Pistol Club. Andy Reidler at 410-795-2318. We will be happy to add them to our mailing list.

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