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**Next Meeting November 18th at the Klamath County
Museum 1451 Main St 6pm**

News from Floyd:

There has been no activity as far as HR45 is concerned and hopefully this monstrosity will die in committee as it well deserves.

The Congress has passed an amendment (1447) to the Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2010 that prohibits Customs and Border Protection (CBP) from making a rule that redefines switchblade knives to include all "assisted opening" knives. (NRA-ILA)

The RCMP (Canadian Mounties) is proving that registration leads to confiscation by using the lists to pick up those firearms that have expired registrations. With the rationale that somehow the guns are more apt to be used in crime because the owner was lax in maintaining the registration, he most likely would also be less than vigilant in the manner he stores the guns that would make them more prone to theft by burglars. "These guns would then wind up being used in crimes so this is strictly a crime prevention measure" says Toronto police Chief Bill Blair. A bill to abolish the long gun registry as exorbitantly expensive, 2 billion dollars, is wending its way through the Canadian Parliament

Not to be outdone, the police in the Northern Beaches section of Sydney, Australia have embarked on a four year long inspection tour of licensed gun owners to assure their guns are stored as specified in state mandated safes. Penalty for unsafe storage of a firearm is up to 2 years in prison.

Today, October 12th Swartzenegger signed AB962 into law that will take effect on February 1, 2011 and establish another useless government agency restricting the rights of citizens. The bill requires a ledger to record handgun ammunition sales that must be maintained for 5 years to document the buyer's name, address, phone number, type of ID and right thumbprint along with the caliber, and quantity of ammunition bought. Mail order sales will be banned and ammunition cannot be displayed accessible to the customer without the assistance of an employee and includes reloaded ammunition. The federal Firearms Owners Protection act of 1986 abolished a similar registry that law enforcement declared useless for prosecution purposes. A provision that would have required vendors that sell more than 50 rds per month be licensed by the state was dropped during the processing of this bill. It should be noted that crooks will be exempt from complying with this new law as it will violate their right against self incrimination. A repeal effort is underway by amending AB373 that is already in the legislative hopper.

Another bill was vetoed by the Governor that would have had the effect of enabling the shut down of gun shows throughout the state. AB585 would have closed gun shows at the Cow Palace providing precedent for further actions against the shows on public property.

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In what appears to be another one of those internet unsubstantiated, alarmist headlines like SB2099, a letter is being circulated calling for the registration of all non gun owners in Vermont under penalty of a \$500 fine for not complying. Supposedly introduced in the State Legislature, in adjournment since May until January, It cites Rep Fred Maslack as the author. The legislative directory of Vermont lists no such Representative.

Many of us remember the horrible accident last year in Massachusetts where an 8 year old boy was put behind a sub gun for some unreasonable purpose and the gun walked right back into him in a fatal accident. We all have our thoughts about the ancestry of those club members that allowed this idiocy to occur. The Governor on the other hand has recommended measures to prevent further tragedies and they include: 1. filing a safety plan for any club function 30 days in advance with the local P.D., 2. the club must obtain a special license from the state to operate any public event, 3. a police officer will be present at all club functions where the public is present, 4. a certified firearms instructors must be present whenever there are 20 or more persons and for every 5 if children are present at any club function, 5. and lastly no machine guns will be allowed at the event.

A letter was read at the JSSA monthly meeting on October 21st by Treasurer Bill Watson and signed by him and President Don Poor concerning the presumptuous action taken by the KSP board demanding removal of the Range Safety Officer's travel trailer. The letter also was read at the KSP park board meeting on October 19th and asked the KSP board to direct any further correspondence concerning JSSA areas of responsibilities to the JSSA President for further action.

It is with great interest that the October KSP newsletter has informed us that they unilaterally decided to close the JSSA ranges for two days a week. I do not recall any discussion at our JSSA meetings or executive council meetings to that effect. This action brings two questions: 1: since when does the KSP board dictate the operation of the JSSA? And 2: what days is the balance of the park going to be closed to the public to provide days off for the other park hosts?

The proposals published in last month's Jefferson Shooter have generated much controversy. They were proposals only and no vote was taken to adopt all or any part of them. Publishing them did accomplish one thing, it made members aware that actions they did not approve of might take place and it behooves them to take a more active interest in the operation of their club. The October meeting was the best attended in my memory.

It was suggested at the October meeting that the Executive Officer head up the planning committee as he is in charge of all range construction as part of his official duties. I must ask will there be regular meetings of the planning committee to evaluate proposals submitted by the membership? Will those accepted be formulated into a plan subject to review by the membership before being incorporated into a grant request? Who will the members of the committee be so they may be contacted with ideas for improvements?

Oregon law prohibits gun sales by private parties at gun shows without a background check. Failure to comply with ORS 166.438 is a class 'A' misdemeanor. The third offense will be a class 'C' felony.

The background check will reveal if the buyer is a prohibited person as defined in 18 USC i.e. a minor, a mental incompetent, a felon or a person with a misdemeanor conviction of domestic violence. If you do not know the buyer you may be committing a federal felony.

Observations from Preston Shaw:

The night shoot on October 17th went very well. The weather was perfect. Attendance was very good. The fun factor was high and the courses of fire very teaching. These are only observations from Preston. Some people may not agree. Know that your handgun is in perfect working order. There were several instances of having to get handguns functional again with only your flashlight. One time the flashlight was mounted to the pistol. Use full power ammunition. Using down loaded ammo as a gaming trick didn't work.

Know and stay within your capacities of shooting related to distance and target size. Carry more than enough ammo. Know absolutely what your target is and what is behind it. This was the common error made. O.B. Laden was neutralized many times and all he was doing was showing you his camera. If you have a back up gun don't leave home without it.

Results: Average time for match 6 minutes, average number of hits on non-threats per participant 4.3, average time each participant was clawed, bitten, knifed or shot 3.

The November IDPA match will be a classifier. 90 rounds of ammunition are required. At least 3 magazines, speed loaders or moon clips required.

The December 27th IDPA match will be a "low light" match. It will be a regular IDPA match done after dark and from under cover. The stages will be close in and short duration. Shooting with flash lights will be done on all stages. No weapon mounted lights or weapons with lights mounted will be allowed. Use of weapon mounted lasers not allowed. Starts at 4:30pm.

Xo report:

The Range grants are being formulated by Pete Johns and Steve Hall. These two have done a great job in acquiring the last grants and are working diligently on the next Friends of the NRA and ODFW grants. Our direction for the next Range improvement Grants will be for improving the 200 and 600 meter ranges for the general public, prior to our special club needs. Hopefully we can use some of the grant money for parking lot and range gravel (those cinder clods are getting bigger every year).

We expect to have our meeting room finished soon thanks to Henry (Dobi) Stork and all the other volunteers who have helped so far. We could use 5 Gal. of Kills Paint and volunteers to roll the exterior sheer panel walls of the new room.

Don't be afraid to submit your range improvement ideas to the board and grant committee. We need input for the requesting of additional grant funds i.e. parking area improvement, concrete shooting bays with benches and prone positions, a 600 meter shooting bay cover and benches, a JSSA *exclusive* competition range.

Don't forget to RSVP for the Christmas Party to me or Glenda.

Mike Monciardini.

NRA membership:

An NRA membership is a great Christmas present and inexpensive too! A junior membership is only \$15 and they receive the "Insights" magazine. If they are over 16 they can select one of the regular magazines instead. A life membership is easy to obtain on an easy pay life (EPL) program. At my discount rate of \$750. A \$25 down payment will start the program and you will receive a bill quarterly. There is no prepayment penalty and you can pay as much as you wish with each bill. Life members receive \$10,000 death and dismemberment insurance whereas annual members are limited to \$5,000.

Floyd.

From the Secretary:

Wednesday, October 21

Mike Monciardini informed us that the grant from ODFW has arrived. The money is to be used for finishing the classroom. We got \$13,000 of the total \$15,000. They hold back a portion until the project is completed. Dobi Stork has been working there when he has time. Most of the framing is done and Mike has done some of the wiring. Drywall installation is next. Basin Glass donated the windows which are on the east wall.

Approximately 80 tables are already reserved for the Gun Show which will be on December 5th and 6th.

Our friend Dick Wickline is in the hospital in Salem. His recovery may take some time. We sent him a card, signed by everyone at the meeting, and some flowers.

Bill Watson read a letter which he had presented to the Park BOD on Monday the 19th. The gist of the letter is that the ranges should not be closed on the days when the Range Host is absent.

Phil Hodge has had to cancel the .22 pin match scheduled for November 7th. Instead, we'll have a cleanup day the main attraction of which will be firewood splitting and stacking for the winter events.

Mike Monciardini is seeking bids for a retaining wall, fill and paving the firing line on the 200 meter range. A grant application for the project is in the works.

Speaking of grants, Pete Johns has submitted a request to Klamath County for a grant from the Tourism fund. If we get it, the idea is to use it for advertising the Sports Show.

Final note: Martha Berry won the raffle by drawing her own ticket from the box. I'm sure it was on the up and up. Right, Martha?

DO IT NOW!!

Dues are due December 31st but If you are planning to renew your JSSA membership at the gun show, please have your proof of NRA membership with you. The mailing label from your NRA magazine is all we need. Tear it off your magazine and put it in your wallet now. Dues for 2010 are \$25.00. Go ahead and put \$25 with the label so you'll be set. If you don't have proof of NRA membership, dues are \$35.00, \$10.00 of which will be applied to NRA membership.

Shooting schedule:

Oct 31st—Steel

**Nov 1—USPSA, 7—Range clean up and firewood detail.
8—Cowboys, 22—IDPA, 28—Cowboys**

Dec 5 & 6 Gun Show, 11 Christmas party

JSSA CHRISTMAS PARTY RSVP

Friday, December 11 2009

Klamath County Museum

6:00 P.M.

If you wish to attend, please fill this out and send it to Mike Monciardini or call Mike or Glenda at 883 2004. Reservations must be received before Nov. 30.

The party will be an adults-only affair due to limited seating. We will be serving ham and roast tri-tip with all the fixin's and green salad. Everyone is encouraged to bring an appetizer or dessert.

There will be door prizes and raffles during the evening. Part of the fun will be the White Elephant gift exchange. If you want to participate in the exchange, bring a wrapped gift with a tag indicating whether it's for a man or a woman. Bring something nice but don't spend more than ten or fifteen dollars.

Name _____

Phone _____

How many dinners? **Ham** _____ **Tri-Tip** _____

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Phone _____

N.R.A. Membership no. _____ Renewal date _____

Bill Scholtes Klamath Sportsman's Park membership number _____

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If you are renewing your JSSA membership, please tell us what year you first joined

Please check the line/s that apply to you;

I'm older than 18 ___ 25___ 35___ 45___ 55___ 65 ___ dirt ___

There are times when it is helpful to know the average age of our members and how many are in a certain age group. None of the personal information you have given us will be used for any purpose that does not directly benefit JSSA. No information will be sold or used for commercial purposes.

Annual dues are \$35.00 per year for family membership, \$20.00 per year for college students, and are payable on January 1st. NRA members are entitled to a \$10.00 discount. The mailing label from your NRA magazine or a photocopy of your NRA membership card must accompany your application. Make checks payable to JSSA and send payment with your completed application/renewal form to:

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