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**Next Meeting October 21th at the Klamath County
Museum 1451 Main St 6pm**

News from Floyd:

The process in which a treaty is processed is far worse than any legislative bill that is introduced. A treaty is only required to be ratified by the senate after referral by the president. There is no House of Representatives discussion or vote, thereby leaving them completely out of the picture.

From the NRA-ILA website;

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The "Inter-American Convention against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking of Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives and Other Related Materials".

A gun control treaty with the Organization of American States (OAS), now called a convention for some political reason, was signed by Clinton in 1997. He did not send it to the Senate for ratification nor did President Bush. In April of this year Obama said he would.

Provisions of the treaty include prohibiting police agencies from reselling confiscated weapons even to FFL's, the licensing of all those that reload ammunition as manufacturers, the licensing of all those that make accessories for firearms; i.e., scopes, bipods, barrels, slings, magazines etc as manufacturers and any person that installs accessories such as the above including those that tinker at home .

The fed or the states or both would be empowered to license those that fit the above descriptions of manufacturers, thus creating more government bureaucracy, adding more cost to our right to arms and provide for unannounced BATFE inspections of manufacturing facilities; i.e., your reloading room. Manufacturers must also keep records of all products they produce, under current regulations, and this would amount to mountains of additional paperwork for the individual citizen. Imposition of this licensing system can only be followed by total registration.

Those having internet capability should read the entire post on NRA-ILA.ORG. Currently I do not know exactly where it stands, but it would be a good idea to send letters to our two Senators Merkely and Wyden.

<http://www.jssainfo.org/index.html>

Senator Ron Wyden
107 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington D.C. 20510
wyden.senate.gov

Senator Jeff Merkley
223 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington D.C. 20510
merkely.senate.gov

The Department of Justice is investigating the New Orleans Police Department's actions during 2 shootings in the confusion following hurricane Katrina. Police officers in the NOPD are unhappy with the harsh methods used by the feds during their investigation but seem to forget the tactics they, along with fellow police and National Guard troops, used to confiscate weapons after the big storm. A video clip from the NRA shows police officers forcibly taking away a revolver from a frail 80 year old woman that caused her injuries requiring surgery. Many of the weapons still have not been returned to their owners and have been reduced to rusty junk being stored in rent-a-van type trailers while the PD drags their feet in finding the rightful owners.

The NRA and Second Amendment Foundation filed suit to return the guns and feel now would be a good time to find out who gave the order to confiscate voiced by Police Chief Eddie Compass when he announced that no one but police would have weapons. Emergency Powers Legislation that prohibits any government entity from confiscating firearms in the wake of a natural disaster has been enacted in many states, including Oregon, since then. Go to the NRA-ILA website for more on this story and to view the video.

Kalifornia's AB962 has been modified in committee and sent to the Governor but is still a threat to the law abiding. Changes made include dropping the license requirement for those that sell ammunition, or sell more than 50 rounds in a 30 day period. Still in the bill is the fingerprint, record keeping and ban on mail order sales requirements that have no effect on crooks and thugs. It is still a bad bill and Kalifornia residents need to contact the Governor and ask him to veto the legislation.

The Federal Appeals Court for the D.C. Circuit has voided the campaign finance law's ban on free speech before elections. Citing violations of the first amendment the decision will remove the restrictions placed on the NRA by the law. Previously the NRA, Sierra Club and other organizations were banned from electioneering 30 days before a primary and 60 days before a general election, the law was aimed at the NRA specifically to silence us by leftist elements of the government.

The U.S. Senate has passed an amendment to a transportation bill that would allow transportation of firearms in checked baggage on AMTRAK trains. In the past, firearms transportation was banned following 9/11. Passengers may now enjoy the same privilege as airline travelers by declaring a gun is in their checked baggage and only they have the key. Called the Wicker amendment our senators voted as follows: Wyden Nay, Merkely Aye.

Master plan:

I am under the impression that there is a master plan for improving the ranges at the KSP by the JSSA. However no one knows where this plan is or how it is being implemented. There have been many suggestions on how to improve our facilities in recent weeks and we must entertain all ideas that would improve them, however unless all these suggestions are consolidated into a master plan with a responsible leader to guide accomplishment, we are whizzin' in the wind.

NRA membership news:

Did you know that a disabled vet can become a life member on the easy pay life program for just \$375? After the initial \$25 down payment a bill will be sent to you every 3 months, and in only 14 payments you are a life member of the NRA. The same payment program applies to those over 65 for distinguished life membership. A junior life membership of \$550 is payable under the same plan, and after 21 payments the under 18 junior will be a full fledged life member from then on.

Volunteers for fall gun show:

Mike Monciardini will be soliciting for volunteers for the upcoming fall gun show on December 5th and 6th so contact him if you can spare a few hours as a door guard, roaming security or work the front door.

Instructor certification:

A delay is being experienced in securing an NRA training counselor to certify our prospective new instructors. PFC Sean Jenkins-Carroll reports the preferred training counselor will undergo surgery and be unable to conduct the class. Sean is working on a replacement and will keep us informed. There are 11 candidates so far.

Overhaul of ranges:

Proposals are being circulated for complete overhaul and realignment of the ranges most used at the park to wit;

1. The existing pistol range will be fenced off and dedicated to action pistol events with fixed target arrays inaccessible to the public. The firing line cover to be demolished.
2. The 200 yd. range to be modified to accommodate 4 pistol shooting lanes with a 60 yd berm.
3. The rifle range will lose 4 positions.
4. All concrete shooting benches will be replaced with wooden structures.
5. All warning lights to be converted to rotating beacon or strobe configuration.
6. A new range complex to be constructed between the ingress road and the south berm of the existing pistol range. The complex to be divided into bays with storage shed/shelter for each bay. These ranges will absorb existing archery targets and necessitate removal of about 50 trees. The complex will be fenced off from public use.
7. Water supply to be installed in two locations in the new pistol range.
8. Pave the 200 yd. firing line, add concrete retaining wall and install permanent safety line.
9. Clear the area near the range host and establish a picnic area.
10. Installation of safety and regulatory signage.
11. Provide sufficient target stands for shooters at all times.
12. Grade and resurface the parking area at the existing pistol range.

Justifications for range modifications:

The Bill Mason pistol and small bore rifle range was built for PPC style shooting. Last year the match director reported 6 shooters total for PPC matches. The majority of organized shooting done by the JSSA are competitions in USPSA, Steel Challenge, IDPA, bowling pins, 3 gun matches and Cowboy Action shooting where the PPC type range configuration with covered firing line does not lend itself to accommodate the current shooting disciplines.

1. Unauthorized use of target arrays and security of them will be enhanced with the proposed improvements.
2. The 200 yd range is reported to be sparsely utilized except prior to deer season in the fall and then it is reported that there is still an open bench or two.
3. From reports of some club members the pistol range is also underutilized with only one or two shooters at any one time.

4. Consolidation of the 200 yd and pistol ranges that are open to the public provides more efficient supervision by the range safety officer.

The preceding are currently only proposals and membership input is sought for additional concerns and suggestions to finalize a document to present to the park board.

Secretary's corner:

Leon wishes to remind the membership that dues have increased to \$25 with a current NRA membership. If you cannot produce proof of NRA membership when renewing JSSA membership, we will buy you an associate NRA membership and your dues will be \$35. Due date to remain a member in good standing is December 31st.

Bill Watson will be distributing some forms for match directors to use that provide him with data that aids in the filing of our tax returns. Please provide him with the necessary information with as much decorum as you can manage under the circumstances.

Phil Doddridge informs us that a culvert has been installed at the bottom of the hill on the entrance road that should aid in drainage of the hazardous corner.

The ad hoc safety committee (those that could not vacate the area quickly enough) is planning new signs that proclaim the rules and safe gun handling procedures we require on these ranges.

The electrical line has been laid to Mike's Monster (new storage shed) by Winema Electric and the service panel should be installed soon.

NIGHT EXERCISE

A night shoot is being planned for October 17th, a Saturday night. There is no other match scheduled for that weekend. The idea is not so much a competition as it is a chance to see how effective you can be with your 'house gun' when under low light conditions in a couple of SHTF (stuff hit the fan) scenarios. The twisted minds of Charlie Halvorsen, Preston Shaw and Leon Williamson will be working to confound and confuse you.

There will be a couple of surprise stages designed for handguns. No rifle or shotgun stages. Bob Hunt will provide a pyrotechnic demonstration. You are encouraged to bring more than one gun and a couple of types of ammunition. One bay will be set up just for you to fire a few rounds for checking muzzle flash.

We will meet in the barn. No one will be allowed on the range without a range officer. Sunset, according to the almanac, is at 6:22 pm on shoot day. There will be a shooters meeting at 6:30. We will probably start shooting by 7:30. We will have tables and chairs in the barn and probably some refreshments.

It's been a while since JSSA has had a night shoot. If this works, we'll do it again. It's important that we know how many will attend to better plan the evening's entertainment. Please call Leon Williamson at 541 273 1677 if you plan to attend. Even if you're not sure you can make it, we'd like to have an idea of how many shooters to plan for.

Handguns only, if this works maybe we can do shotguns next time.

No holsters will be used, bring a gun case or a gun bag, lasers and weapon lights are OK.

Surprise stages...no peeking, Comstock scoring, kind of...

Bring the flashlight you keep in the nightstand. You do have one, don't you?

Friends of NRA:

Our reservation forms have been mailed so get yours in early to make sure you have a seat as we expect a sell out event. We are running a raffle for \$1,000 cash and you may buy tickets from Floyd or Phil Hodge. The winner will be drawn at the banquet on October 24th.

Some merchandise includes: the "Gun of the Year" a matched pair of Ruger Vaqueros in 45 colt, a Kimber Ultra Carry II in 45 acp, A Henry Golden Boy lever action 22 donated and inscribed by the JSSA and a fine print of Cape Buffalo titled "Bad Boys" by Eddie Leroy as the Print of the Year.

Safety tables:

Permanent safety tables are in place on the Bill Mason pistol range. The steel match of the 29th saw their first use and avoidance. Thanks go to Leon who did the lions share in building them and Don Poor who affixed the tops. Applause.....applause. Now if we could just groom the ground area around those to prevent a twisted ankle, the safe area would be safer.

These tables are a necessary safety measure for competitive matches however they will be quite inaccessible during winter so the posted range safety rules must be observed at all times.

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 _____

Monciardini's address:
6600 Old Fort Road
Klamath Falls, OR 97601

Shooting schedule;

Oct 3rd—Steel

4th—USPSA

10th—PPC

11th & 24th—Cowboys

17th—Night shoot

25th—IDPA

JEFFERSON STATE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION, Inc.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

Please print

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ state _____ zip _____

Phone _____

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

Bill Scholtes Klamath Sportsman's Park membership number _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Your email address will not be shared, sold or given to anyone. JSSA will only use it to message you directly.

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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