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News from Floyd;

The Congress is in recess so no legislation is moving including H.R. 45. Hopefully nothing will occur to give the bill momentum.

The Kalifornia ammo dealer registration bill AB962 appears stalled in committee and prayers are being offered for its swift demise.

Rep. Peter King of N.Y, a so called Republican but a devout gun hater, has introduced a bill labeled "the Denying Firearms and Explosives Act to Dangerous Terrorists Act of 2009, H.R. 2159 would permit the Attorney General to prohibit anyone even SUSPECTED of terrorist activity from obtaining a firearm or explosives. Some interpretations of the bill would include tax protesters, right to lifers and NRA members as extremists and thus prohibited from obtaining firearms. This bill is the House version of Lautenberg's S1317 introduced in June.

Obama has nominated David Michaels as the new head of OSHA. Michaels is a gun hater and his being at the helm of this powerful government agency may lead to more work site government regulation "for the safety of the workers" or other contrived reasoning. (From the NRA-ILA website)

Some of you may have received or will receive an email authored by an anonymous soldier from the 101st Airborne at Fort Campbell Kentucky relating to the U.S. Army requiring that all soldiers register their privately owned firearms whether they live off post or not. The theoretical reason is that the Obama administration has started their long anticipated gun confiscation program and is starting with the U.S. military.

The real reasoning behind this registration scheme is that one company commander was concerned about the number of A/D's that have occurred with personal weapons that included one death. He issued an order requiring the registration of all privately owned firearms to include make, model, serial number, caliber and location as well as any CHL permits the gun owner may possess. The order was rescinded within days of issuance as directed by the post commander. The registration effort was initiated in view of the accident rate and was intended to provide data for additional training in the use of non-military small

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arms and not a secret confiscation program by the Obama administration according to Snopes.com. (From the OSSA's Straight Shooter news letter)

Those traveling to Kalifornia for competitive shooting should be reminded that penal code section 12020 prohibits the manufacture, *import*, sale, lending or otherwise transferring any magazine capable of holding more than ten rounds except tubular magazines. Residents of the state may transfer high capacity magazines only after rendering them incapable of holding more than ten rounds.

Safety on the ranges;

There have been many observable and sometimes dangerous actions with firearms on our ranges that must be corrected in the interest of maintaining a zero firearms accident rate. In violation of posted rules and general gun handling protocols the following breaches have occurred during competitions, general practice and sighting in exercises; (1) uncased or un holstered guns are being brought to or removed from the firing line at will and not pointed in a safe direction, (2) scope adjustments or other tinkering with a gun are made during the red light, cease fire period with people down range, (3) shotguns are carried parallel with the ground from station to station sometimes pointing at the middle of someone's back, (4) firearms are being drawn, handled, unloaded and reloaded in the parking lot and behind the firing line, (5) shooters ignore the warning horn and red light alarms and proceed down range without activating the safety devices, (6) safety glasses and hearing protection are not utilized despite posted rules and publication in the local newspaper, (7) live ammunition that has caused a malfunction has been thrown over or onto the berms and not properly disposed of, (8) pets and young, non participating children have been allowed behind the firing line without proper, close supervision, (9) proper hygiene (hand washing) is neglected after shooting and before consuming snacks or beverages that may lead to ingestion of lead, gun solvents and oils that contain petroleum distillates.

The JSSA membership should be aware that we must observe and enforce all posted rules and safety regulations in order to provide a safe shooting environment for ourselves and the public for which this facility is maintained.

Club members and competitors from others areas have voiced their concern over the lack of safety areas on our ranges for equipment checks and adjustments. In the past a designated safe table/area was haphazardly indicated by a nod in some direction or a rickety table set up at a different location for each competition.

We will also install a load/unload station on the road into the ranges adjacent to the new storage shed at the end of the south berm on the pistol range. The station will be used to unload and case or holster weapons before entry into the parking lots of the ranges. This station will also be used to reload weapons lawfully carried by CHL holders. A CHL license does not exempt the holder from the range rules of no loaded weapons except on the firing line.

Executive Officers report 8/25/09

The ODFW grant papers will be here for the club to sign by the time this news letter reaches the membership. This is great news for the completion of our new meeting room.

We already have requests from training instructors for the use of our new room. It is very encouraging to know our facility will be used to better educate folks in the safety aspect of our activities at the park.

We could use some help clearing the meeting room area inside the Barn. Anything left in the way will be removed by the framing contractor to an area at his discretion.

We are in need of;

A wall unit heat pump / AC 220 volt. 1 1/2 ton package unit,

Wall and ceiling insulation R-19 or higher,

A 4 X 8 ink eraser board,

A large wall mount pull down projection screen,

A large first aid kit / trauma kit,

Someone that can hang and trim out doors,

Door hardware, hinges, 10 dead bolts and knobs,

White paint - primer, Killis or gripper,

All donated labor and materials must be accounted for to receive the matching funds credit, so please sign in on the sign up sheet located inside the new room. We are required to match the grant funds so any help would be greatly appreciated.

Anyone wishing to help with labor and / or material please call me 883-2004 or Henry (Dobi) Stork 883-1606. Please do not drop off anything at the range without calling first.

Mike Monciardini

Donation;

The JSSA has donated a Henry Golden Boy rifle in 22rim fire to the Friends of NRA for their banquet/fund raiser on October 24th. The rifle has been engraved with a sentiment respecting the occasion. The FNRA committee thanks the JSSA for their generous donation and reminds members that banquet reservation forms are in the mail so be sure to get them in early to take advantage of the early bird package.

Correction of errors;

Approximately four or five weeks ago the Chamber of Commerce contacted me regarding their wishes that an article be written for the Basin Business supplement to the H & N to explain the functions of the JSSA. I wrote an article and with President Don Poor's approval it was published in the supplement on August 13th. An error existed in which I designated the first weekend in April to be our gun/sports show in 2010. In reality that weekend is Easter and we do not do gun shows on that religious observance. The proper date is April 17 & 18 and will be advertised as such in the appropriate media. I apologize for any calamity this error may have caused others and will duly reference the show calendar in the future before sending any article to the media.

The Sportsman's park \$1,000 raffle winner will be drawn on September 6th and not as stated in the August newsletter at the December gun show.

Instructional opportunity;

The NRA Club University will hold a seminar in Sacramento on October 3 for club officers and those interested in being one. Subjects covered will be; range issues, marketing and customer service, legislative issues, grant funding, insurance, and increasing membership. These subjects would also be beneficial to the park board members. Registration fee is \$30 and please contact Leon for more information at 273-1677.

SCOTUS;

The U.S. Supreme court will hear two second amendment cases on September 29th asking whether the amendment applies to only the fed or also limits state and local laws. Sotomayer should excuse herself as she has previously ruled on the question in a lower court.

AUGUST 19TH MEETING

18 members showed up for the meeting. Glenda Monciardini treated us to her homemade chili. Unfortunately, she brought Mike with her. Fortunately, he did not win the raffle. The Henry Golden Boy mentioned last month was on display, looks very nice.

A report from the ad hoc Safety Committee was delivered and received a mostly favorable reaction from those present. Safety tables will be on the pistol range before you read this. Informative

signs to follow. The consensus is that safety rules have to be written in such a way as to inform the least experienced shooters and cannot take for granted the notion that 'everybody knows that'.

Frank Hopkins brought news from the National Shooting Sports Foundation. They have been dispensing grants to shooting facilities. Mike M. is going to put Pete Johns, our Grants Chairman, on notice about the NSSF grants. Frank also brought info about some trauma packs for the ranges. In other news from NSSF, we are on notice that the National Park Service seems to be starting a campaign against lead ammunition and fishing gear. Heads Up! There was an article in a recent Herald and News about some folks trying to re-establish the California condor in Oregon and Washington. Despite a lack of scientific evidence, there are claims that lead ammo in abandoned game animals causes Condor deaths. (See June news letter about the Yurok's interest in establishing Condor range near the mouth of the Klamath River on their reservation).

The proposal for raising dues and attaining 100% NRA membership, which appeared in the Jefferson Shooter last month, was adopted on a motion by Bill Watson. Basically, dues rise to \$35.00 annually with a \$10.00 rebate for NRA members.

Mike Monciardini has calculated that JSSA has to come up with \$4,500.00 worth of in-kind labor as matching funds for the classroom construction. We will have to keep a ledger and strict accounting of volunteer time.

Sean Jenkins-Carroll brought a handout which explains the kind of program he envisions for firearms training to be offered through JSSA.

Phil Hodge submitted a schedule for .22 Steel Challenge and .22 Bowling Pin matches from November through May with the first .22 pin shoot on November 7th.

If you're not attending the meetings, you're missing a good time. The monthly raffles always have good prizes available. Steve Goode won a 50% discount certificate for Redding Reloading supplies this time. We should at least have donuts, coffee and sodas for you, sometimes more. You can Tivo Doctor Phil and join us. (Leon).

NRA instructor certification;

We now have 7 candidates for NRA instructor certification but would like a few more. Please do not leave out the ladies in considering applicants. A lot of women are somewhat put off by the male domination of the instructors and we would like the feminine point of view on many subjects.

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. Next month's JEFFERSON SHOOTER will have more details but don't wait until then to call if you're planning on being there.

The sparsely attended PPC matches are being alternated with more 3 gun shoots. We owe Fred Klotz many thanks for making the long drives to an empty range and running this slowly declining program. He deserves our appreciation for his efforts.

Shooting schedule for September;

3rd thru 8th----Cowboys “Lead Daze at Linkville”
12th—Sporting clays and 3 gun.
26th---Sporting clays buddy shoot and cowboys.

October;

3rd—Steel
4th---USPSA

Note;

Sporting clays final shoot for the year on the 26th includes a BBQ steak lunch by Mark and Brian Catering for the shooters at a nominal fee.

Fee for the new self-serve trap is \$16 for 100 birds and you must see Rick the range host for the controller and birds. The trap will not be useable during scheduled sporting clays shoots but should open about 1:30pm

Proposal update;

The following proposal for increasing membership authored by Secretary Leon Williamson was adopted in it's entirety at the August 19th meeting by unanimous vote of the members present. Proposal Number 2, an incentive program by Executive Officer Mike Monciardini was tabled indefinitely. The two proposals were published in the August edition of the Jefferson Shooter.

PROPOSAL #1

A PROPOSAL FOR INCREASING NRA MEMBERSHIP And JSSA ANNUAL DUES

It is essential that all JSSA members also be members of the National Rifle Association. It is understood that the NRA is the strongest and most effective voice in the nation advocating second amendment rights for U.S. citizens. It is in the best interests of all gun owners to support the NRA.

An affiliated club which has 100% NRA membership is eligible for Range Improvement grants from the NRA every year. Those grants may be as much as \$5000.00 every year. Range improvement is an ongoing process and JSSA could make use of any grant for that purpose for years into the future.

THEREFORE:

All members of the Jefferson State Shooting Association must be current members of the National Rifle Association

Annual dues for membership in the Jefferson State Shooting Association shall be \$35.00.

Upon presentation of proof of current membership in the National Rifle Association, A JSSA member may apply to the Membership Chairman for a reduction of \$10.00 from his dues amount.

Current membership in the National Rifle Association, for purposes of this section, shall mean a NRA membership which is valid through Dec. 31 of the year of the JSSA annual membership

The only exception to this rule shall be for JSSA Life members. If a Life Member's NRA membership expires, JSSA will renew it as a NRA Liberty membership (\$10.00 annual) until the JSSA Member's death.

JSSA Life Members shall not be assessed for the increase in dues but must show proof of NRA membership each year in December. Should a JSSA Life Member not maintain his NRA membership, JSSA will purchase a NRA Associate Membership in the JSSA Life Member's name.

Leon Williamson,
Secretary

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:

JSSA MEMBERSHIP
P.O. Box 7178
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