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PRESIDENT'S NOTEBOOK

by John Thompson

Second Class Citizens

Gov. Markell firmly believes that residents of public housing are not to be trusted with firearms. His opposition to HB 357 makes it clear that persons who are beset by economic misfortune do not deserve the right to defend themselves from the predators who often plague government subsidized housing. The prime sponsors of HB 357, Rep. John Atkins and Sen. Joseph Booth, as well as the other sponsors, have advised the governor that they are willing to modify the bill so that it only covers the state's housing authorities. Yet this is not enough.

On April 16, 2010 we celebrated the twenty-third anniversary of the adoption of Section 20, Article I of the Delaware Constitution which states: A person has the right to keep and bear arms for the defense of self, family, home and State, and for hunting and recreational use. I was fortunate enough to be in the Senate Chamber that day when the last of four votes was recorded. In addition I regularly attended the committee meetings and sessions of the General Assembly during the adoption process. I can assure you that there are no exceptions to the word "person"; there are no footnotes, addendums or epilogues that exclude public housing residents from the protections in the Constitution. At that time no one even suggested that any ordinary citizen or group should be excluded from this protection.

Less than two years ago the United States Supreme Court in the case of District of Columbia v. Heller ruled that the word "people" as contained in the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution meant the individual and was not dependant on membership in or even the existence of a state militia. The justices recognized no exception for residents of public housing.

Notwithstanding the above the law does recognize that one can lose or forfeit ones rights by reason of their actions. Convicted criminals are deprived of many of the rights when sentenced to jail. It has long been recognized that convicted felons lose their right to possess a firearm. This consequence of criminal conduct has passed constitutional review.

So does Gov. Markell equate the residents of public housing with convicted felons? It is well known that Mr.

Markell is a millionaire many times over so does he believe that the poor should not have the right to protect themselves, their families and their homes? As governor he is provided at taxpayer expense one or more armed bodyguards. His home, also provided at taxpayer expense, is well fortified with fences and alarms. I also suspect that he enjoys a much quicker police response time when one of those alarms is triggered than that of a 911 call from the projects. While he too is a resident of "public housing" he retains his constitutional right of self defense. And yet he opposes the enjoyment of that same God given or natural right to those less privileged.

HB 357 has twenty-six sponsors and broad bi-partisan support. Please contact your Representatives and Senators and urge them to get HB 357 moving. Also please take some time and contact the governor's office and tell Mr. Markell to stop treating the residents of public like second class citizens. His telephone numbers are: Dover 302-744-4101 and Wilmington 302-577-3210. You may send an e-mail by going to: smu.governor.delaware.gov and clicking on "Share your thoughts".

Concealed Carry Permit Renewal Reminder

Please take a minute and check the expiration date on your Concealed Carry Permit. If it expires on May 31, 2010 do not delay any further in filing your renewal application. We have already heard concerns regarding applications, filed in mid-January, that have yet to be acted upon. We are investigating the delays but at this point we do not have an answer. In the past renewal applications were processed as they came in and not held until the expiration date.

There should not be any problem with a renewal since the law is clear that once issued permits are on a "shall issue" basis. That means that the state must prove just cause to deny a renewal. So if you have not been convicted of any crimes or serious motor vehicle offenses since last issued the approval should be routine.

Furthermore the statute states that neither the Superior Court nor the Attorney General can add any additional requirements not found in the law. See 11 Del. C. Section 1441(a)(5).

Please note the fee for renewals is now \$65.00 and the term of the new license is 5 years.

If you are experiencing undue delays please contact you state representative and senator to alert them of this problem. Please let us know as well by sending an e-mail to lawman515@aol.com or calling 302-764-6899.

Cruelty to Hunters

During the recent legislative recess HB 346 was introduced by prime sponsors Rep. Melanie George and Sen. Karen Peterson. The intent of the bill was to ban videos and pictures of animal cruelty. It was motivated by the appearance in the 1990's of what could only be called pornographic videos of scantily clad women in stiletto heels crushing small animals. In 1999 Congress passed a law, 18 USC Section 48, banning such videos using language similar to HB 346. Supporters of that law acknowledged that it stamped out (sorry I couldn't resist) the trade in so called "crush videos".

In spite of the success of the federal statute in addressing the concern several of our local legislators decided that the General Assembly needed to act. At the same time the case of *United States v. Stevens* was working its way to the US Supreme Court. It appears that Mr. Stevens of Pennsylvania was prosecuted in US District Court for filming dog fights in violation of the federal law. In spite of the government's best efforts the law was held to be an unconstitutional violation of the free speech rights protected by the First Amendment. So ruled the Third Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia. Undeterred the government appealed to the Supreme Court and the case was argued earlier this year. The NRA submitted an amicus brief opposing the statute because it rightly concluded that the law was so poorly drafted that it would ban videos of lawful hunting activities. HB 346 suffers from the same poor drafting.

On April 20, 2010, one day before HB 346 was to be heard by the House Judiciary Committee, the Supreme Court in a rare 8-1 decision ruled that Section 48 was indeed too broadly written and did violate the First Amendment. The House Judiciary Committee has tabled the bill while it investigates whether it too violates the First Amendment. Answer: It does. It would also criminalize the possession of any picture or video of the hunting of an animal that is not hunted in Delaware. Bear hunting-illegal, elk hunting-illegal, African game-illegal. Fortunately Rep. George agrees that the bill goes too far and has assured us that there was never any intent to impact lawful hunting. While it will be fairly easy for the bill to be amended to address the DSSA's concerns the writers will have a much more difficult time complying with the First Amendment issues raised and acknowledged by the Supreme Court.

The smart money says we won't be seeing this again. Suggestion: If you are concerned about scantily clad women stepping on small animals just say so and pass a law against that.

Please see our website, delsports.net, for the full Supreme Court decision.

VIEW FROM THE BOARDROOM

By John C. Sigler, NRA Past President

In this, the first edition of "View from the Boardroom" since leaving office as NRA's president, I am privileged to announce good news from Capitol Hill. On April 27 and 28, 2010, a bi-partisan group of Senators and Representatives introduced companion bills to address Washington, D.C.'s continued resistance to the Supreme Court's 2008 decision in *D.C. v. Heller*, and its continued denial of the right to keep and bear arms by law-abiding citizens within the nation's capitol city.

In the House, Representatives Travis Childers (D- Miss) and Mark Souder (R-Indiana) introduced **HR. 5162**, the Second Amendment Enforcement Act. In the Senate, Senators McCain (R-Arizona) and Tester (D-Montana) introduced an identical bill bearing the same name in the **Senate, S. 3265**.

Both of these bills are the result of the move led by House anti-gun Democrats to scuttle the DC Voting Rights Act, which had passed the Senate bearing provisions similar to those contained in these new Second Amendment Enforcement Act bills. Apparently, the perceived need by some to continue to deprive the citizens of the District of Columbia of their right to keep and bear arms and self defense was more important to these rabidly anti-gunners than it was to allow them to vote in federal elections - proving once again that to these gun-grabbers, freedom is truly a relative term.

According to Senator McCain's press release, "The Second Amendment Enforcement Act would:

- "Repeal the city's onerous firearms registration system and allow District residents to own firearms.
- "Allow District residents to legally purchase guns and ammunition from licensed dealers in Maryland and Virginia and transport firearms back to their residence in the District since there are no traditional retail firearm stores in the District.
- "Restore the right of self-defense for any District resident in his or her home. Previously, the District had a requirement that any firearm kept in a home be stored in a way that made it essentially useless for self defense (e.g. kept 'unloaded and either disassembled or secured by a trigger lock, gun safe, locked box, or other secure device'.
- "Prohibit landlords from banning legal guns from rented homes or offices, which would prohibit the District of Columbia from restricting the legal ownership of firearms in public housing residences.
- "Retain the District's law that would allow the City Council to implement regulations governing licensed carry and the prohibition of firearms in District government buildings that have implemented security measures.
- "Codify the District's City Council's repeal of the semiautomatic ban and retain the District's ban on fully automatic machine guns."

The Senate bill, **S. 3 265**, now goes to the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee upon which both Senator McCain and Senator Tester now serve. **House Bill #5162** now goes to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

Senator Orin Hatch (R-Utah has already joined Senators McCain and Tester as a co-sponsor of the Senate version of the **Second Amendment Enforcement Act, S. 3265** and other senators are sure to follow Senator Hatch's lead over the next several days and weeks. Likewise, Representative Denny Rehberg (R-Mont.) signed onto **HR. 51 62** soon after the bill's introduction in the House, serving as the leader of what will surely be a large and significant number of Representatives who understand the significance and importance of this truly bi-partisan piece of legislation.

Call to Action: Please contact Congressman Castle, and Senators Kaufman and Carper and ask them to support the Second Amendment Enforcement Act by signing on as early co-sponsors. Ask then to support full citizenship for the residents of Washington D.C. by ensuring that they enjoy the same rights to keep and bear arms and self defense as we do here in Delaware.

Congressman Mike Castle: (HR. 5162)

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Milford - (302) 424-8090; Washington, D.C. - (202) 224-5042.

Another First for the First State

The Delaware State Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) Championships were held at the Nanticoke Sportsmen's Club in Seaford, DE, home of Paden's Posse on April 16, 17 and 18.

SASS is a shooting organization dedicated to the shooting sports of the Old West. Competitors use single action revolvers, lever-action rifles and side by side and model 97 Winchesters (or clones) shotguns to compete. The competitors dress up in the clothing styles of the Old West or B Western/movie characters.

The SASS format used for shooting allows the competition to easily include men, women and children... Shooting side by side in the same events. Quite often a husband and wife will be competing with their children as the rest of the competitors cheer them on.

This is a game of fantasy gun fighting....not fast draw. Safety is the number one rule in SASS. It is often said, "HAVE FUN SAFELY!" It is a rule in SASS that you are your brothers keeper when it comes to safety.

Paden's Posse is one of the oldest SASS Clubs on the East Coast. SASS matches are held here on the third Sunday of each month with competitors attending from PA, MD, VA and NJ as well as DE. SASS desires that each state hold a competition to determine who their State Champion, Male and Female will be. The State Champions go on to compete in the 'Regional' Championship and if they win there, then they go on to compete in the National Championship held in New Mexico.

Last year, a group of local SASS members got together and discussed the possibility of holding a SASS State Championship here in Delaware for the first time. Allot of hard work went into the three day event with competitors coming from ten different states. The competitors were treated to ten 'stages' of Cowboy Action shooting, long range rifle competition, speed rifle and pistol as well as derringer competition and a Saturday night BBQ. Youngsters from the age of twelve, to Elder statesmen and ladies over seventy five competed with moms and dads to settle who was the quickest and most accurate.

Each member chooses a unique alias and is given a Badge number that is theirs alone. Such monikers as Judge Soy Bean, Mild Bill, Denver Doc, Whistle-stop Jim, Wyoming Schoolmarm, Big Foot Jim and Southpaw Saddle are used by the members.

The shooters are given a course of fire that requires them to shoot ten rifle rounds, ten pistol rounds and approximately 4 shotgun rounds on each stage. Each stage is different than the others and follows a movie plot or a historical event or whatever is in the imagination of the Match Director. Each shooter shoots the same course of fire and then moves to another stage until the entire course is completed. Each shooter is timed from the first shot till the last and procedurals are accessed for misses and shooting the scenario out of order. Movement is included in each stage, acquiring the targets in a specific order, saying a 'line' such as "Howdy Pardner" or handling a prop such as a canteen or lasso. The top shooters at this year's event did most stages in approx 17 - 20 seconds each while shooting clean: i.e.; shooting all of the targets without missing any. The Top male and female Delaware Shooters for 2010 are "Hand Cannon" [aka] Vince Cichocki and "Quickdraw Pinkerton" [aka] Vickie Pine. Over all winners (from CT) were "Quakerhill Bill" and his wife "Appalossa Amy" who brought their daughter "Snazzie McGee" who was the winner of the Young Gun Division.

Plan to attend next year's festivities and enjoy the fun.... Or attend a monthly match to see what it is all about. Want more information? Contact Deacon Will [aka] Dave Bell dabll@comcast.net or check out the webb site < nanticokesc.net > and click on COWBOY and follow the links to see more pictures and information. You may also want to check out the SASS webb site at < <http://www.sassnet.com/index.php> >



Left: Top Hat is "No Name" from West Virginia and is timing "Dropshop Gene from Maryland.

Right: Appolussa Amy and her son and daughter.



Bottom: Group of shooters.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS, MAY & JUNE 2010 by Dan Lindbergh**PLACES TO SHOOT**

Ommelanden Rt.9	Trap & Skeet 5 Stand	Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. - Last Sign Up 8:00 p.m. - Friday - Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Last Sign up 3:00 p.m. - Closed Monday, Tuesday & Thursday - 302-323-5333 No Evening Hours. Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. last sign up 2:30 p.m. Friday - Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Last sign up 2:30 p.m.
Eagle Wing Dover, A.F.B.	Skeet & Clays	Wednesday 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Manager Chris Smith at-302-677-5553, Range 302-677-6308. To enter the base you need either a military ID or a Skeet Pass. If you need a pass call Chris Smith for details.
Alexander's		Multi Use Range. Rifle & Pistol Wednesday - Sunday 8:00 a.m. til Dusk. Targets to 600 yd. Membership only. Massey, 410-928-3311

3-D ARCHERY

May 23 Registration 6:30 a.m. to 12 noon - Topton F&G - Topton, Pa - Dan Hartzel - 610 - 509 - 3707

BENCHREST

May 16 10 a.m. -100 yd - Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol - Bridgeville, De - Richard Timmons -410 - 543 - 2804
June 26 10 a.m. - 100 yd - Delaware State Championships - Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol-Richard Timmons-410-543-2804
June 27 10 a.m. - 200 yd - Delaware State Championships - Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol-Richard Timmons-410 -543-2804

BLACK POWDER

May 1 Black Powder Cartridge Firearms - Nanticoke Sportsmen's Club - Bob Tyson - 302 - 539 - 2666
May 8 N.J. Devil Shoot - 10 a.m. - Brandywine Muzzle Loading Long Rifles - Southern Chester County Sportsmen's Club - Rt 926 - London Grove, Pa - Michael Amico & David Wright
May 15 Black Powder Muzzleloader Shoots - Percussion, Flint, Revolver, Single Shot Pistol - Nanticoke Sportsmen's Club, Seaford. Delaware - Ray Stevens - 302 - 875 - 5428
June 5 Black Powder Cartridge Firearms - Nanticoke Sportsmen's Club - Bob Tyson - 302 - 539 -2666
June 12 Summer Shoot - 10 a.m. - Brandywine Muzzle Loading Long Rifles - Southern Chester County Sportsmen's Club - Rt 926 - London Grove, Pa - Mike Butler & Charlie Hufnal
June 19 Black Powder Muzzleloader Shoots - Percussion, Flint, Revolver, Single Shot Pistol - Nanticoke Sportsmen's Club, Seaford, Delaware - Ray Stevens - 302 - 875 - 5428

COWBOY

May 1 Eas'dern Shore Renegades - Delmarva Sportsman's Assoc. Sudlersville, Md - Earl Brooks - 410 - 648 - 6829
May 2 Boot Hill Gang-Reg. 8:30-Shooters Meeting 9:30-Topton Fish & Game-Topton, Pa-Ranger Smith 610-797-7844
May 5,12,19,26 Indoor Practice for Outside - 7:30 p.m. - Delaware Rifle & Pistol, Elsmere
Jack Conomon-302-654-7580
May 16 SASS - Paden's Posse - 9a.m. - Nanticoke Sportsmen's Club, Seaford - Dave Bell - 302 - 245 - 4822
June 2,9,16,23,30 Indoor Practice for Outside - 7:30 p.m. - Delaware Rifle & Pistol, Elsmere
Jack Conomon-302-654-7850
June 5 Eas'dern Shore Renegades - Delmarva Sportsman's Assoc. Sudlersville, Md - Earl Brooks - 410 - 648 - 6829
June 6 Boot Hill Gang-Reg. 8:30-Shooters Meeting 9:30-Topton Fish & Game-Ranger Smith -610-797-7844
June 20 SASS - Paden's Posse - 9a.m. - Nanticoke Sportsmen's Club, Seaford - Dave Bell - 302 - 245 - 4822

INDOOR AND OUTDOOR PISTOL

May 2 Steel Matches Pistol & Revolver - 125 Shots Minimum - 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.- Open to Public
May 2 For Information Tom Benjamin - 610 - 754 - 8590 - Ontelaunee Rod & Gun, New Tripoli, Pa.
May 3,10,17,24,31 Silhouette Pistol Indoor, 7:00 p.m. - 50 ft - Delaware Rifle & Pistol, Elsmere
Jim Bowman - 302-368-8626
May 4,11,18,25 Indoor Pistol - Bullseye Practice 22-38-45 -50 ft. - Delaware Rifle & Pistol

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- Paul Connor - 302 - 995 - 5657
- May 7,14,21,28 Silhouette Pistol & Rifle - Indoor 5p.m.-25yd - Open to Public - \$2.00 Buys 40 Knock Down Targets & Home Made Dinner, Delaware State Pistol Club, New Castle, Dan Lindbergh, 302-475-4228
- May 16 Outdoor 2700 Pistol - Anne Arundel, Md - Paul Striffler - 410 - 544 - 5648
- May 16 Outdoor 2700 Pistol - Delaware County Field & Stream, Aston, Pa. - Jon Hodges - 484 - 886 - 6119
- May 16 Outdoor 2700 Pistol - Sq. Circle - N.J. - John Gunn Jr - 609 - 288 - 0778
- May 16 Steel Matches Pistol & Revolver - 125 Shots Minimum- 9 a.m. & 1p.m.- Open to Public-Outdoor For Information Tom Benjamin - 610 - 754 - 8590 - Palmyra Sportsmens Assoc. Palmyra, Pa.
- May 16 IPSC Pistol - Topton Fish & Game Topton, Pa - Dean DeTurk
- May 16 Pistol Combat - 9 a.m. - Outdoors - Open to the Public - DLEMA Delaware Law Enforcement Marksmanship Assoc. - Sudlersville, Md - Mario Dobrich - 302 - 629 - 4125
- May 22,23 Outdoor 2700 -Central Jersey Rifle & Pistol -Mary Badiak - 908 - 788 - 5503
- May 23 Steel Matches Pistol & Revolver - 125 Shots Minimum - 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.- Open to Public For Information Tom Benjamin - 610 - 754 - 8590-Guthsville Rod & Gun Guthsville, Pa
- May 29,30 Outdoor 2700 - Regional with Leg & Dr - Boyertown, Pa - Keith Davis - 610 - 369 - 0608
- June 1,8,15,22,29 Indoor Pistol - Bullseye Practice 22-38-45-50 ft., DE Rifle & Pistol - Paul Connor - 302 - 995 - 5657
- June 12 Pistol Combat - 9 a.m. - Outdoors - Open to the Public - DLEMA Delaware Law Enforcement Marksmanship Assoc. Seaford, De - Mario Dobrich - 302 - 629 - 4125
- June 12-13 2700 Regional with Leg & Dr. - Sq. Circle, N.J. - John Gunn Jr. - 609 - 288 - 0778
- June 13 Steel Matches Pistol & Revolver - 125 Shots Minimum - 9 a.m. & 1 p.m. -Open to Public For Information Tom Benjamin - 610 - 754 - 8590 - Topton Fish & Game Assoc. Topton, Pa.
- June 17-18 IPSC Pistol - Topton Fish & Game Assoc. Topton, Pa. Dean DeTurk
- June 19 2700 Outdoor - Anne Arundel, Md - Paul Striffler - 410 - 544 - 5648
- June 19,20 IPSC Pistol - 3 Man - 3 Gun Team Event - Topton Fish & Game Topton, Pa - Dean DeTurk
- June 19,20 2700 Outdoor - Central Jersey Rifle & Pistol - Mary Badiak - 908 - 788 - 5503
- June 26 2700 Outdoor - Citizens, N.J. - Keith Stern - 609 - 462 - 9428
- June 26 2700 Regional with Leg and Distinguished Revolver - Harrisburg Hunters & Anglers - Harrisburg, Pa. Eric Poole - 717 - 766 3625
- June 27 Service Pistol & Revolver Championship - Central Jersey Rifle & Pistol - Mary Badiak - 908 - 788 - 5503

SMALL BORE & HIGH POWER RIFLE

- May 1 Rim Fire Rifle - Silhouette Match - Quinton Sportsman's Club - Gary Ireland - 856 - 296 - 4982
- May 7,14,21,28 Jr. Small Bore Rifle - Teach Your Children The Basics Of Safe Gun Handling and Marksmanship 8:30 a.m. Year Round Class - Public Invited-All Equipment Supplied, Delaware State Pistol Club, New Castle, DE, Foster Rennie - 302 - 998 - 4820 Dave Heckler 302 - 733 - 0838
- May 8 High Power Rifle - 1000 Aggregate Regional - Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol - Jeff Hague - 302 - 422 - 0233
- May 9 High Power Rifle-Leg Match-Any Rifle Any Sight p.m.-Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol-Jeff Hague-302-422-0233
- May 30 High Power Rifle - 9:00 a.m. - Standard Service & Match Branch Valley Fish Game & Forestry Assoc. 1000 North Ridge Rd- Perkasio, Pa - Bob Gular - 610 - 631 - 9630
- May 30 Small Bore - 12:30 p.m. - 100 yd Prone Match 800 - Branch Valley Fish Game & Forestry Assoc. 1000 North Ridge Rd. - Perkasio, Pa - Chris Seitz - 215 - 541 - 4930
- June 12,13 High Power Rifle - 800 Aggregate - Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol - Jeff Hague - 302 - 422 - 0233
- June 27 High Power Rifle - 9:00 a.m. - Standard Service & Match Rifle - 30 shot MI Carbine Match @ 50 yds. Branch Valley Fish Game & Forestry Assoc. Perkasio, Pa - Bob Gular - 610 - 631 - 9630

SPORTING CLAYS

- May 1 NRA Fun Shoot - 50 Birds - Hopkins Game Farm & Clays - 410 - 348 - 5287
- May 2 Union Lodge #5 Benefit - 50 Birds - Hopkins Game Farm & Clays - 410- 348 - 5287
- May 2 Wild Turkey Open - NSCA 100 - Schrader's Sporting Clays - 410 - 758 - 1824
- May 2 Mispillion Rotary - 50 Birds - Owens Station Sporting Clays - 302 - 349 - 4334
- May 2,16,30 Fun Shoot - 50 Targets - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Last Sign up 12:30 - Atglen Sportsmen's Club - Tim McClure - 610 - 721 - 0114
- May 5,12,19,26 5 Stand - 5pm to 8:30pm-Atglen Sportsmen's Club - Tim McClure - 610 - 721 - 0114
- May 7 TGIF Shoot - NSCA 100 - Prince George's Trap & Skeet - 301 - 577 - 7178
- May 15 Wye Upper School - 50 Birds - Pintail Point - 410 - 827 - 7065

SPORTING CLAYS CONTINUED

- May 16 Quality Deer Management - 50 Birds - Owens Station Sporting Clays - 302 - 349 - 4334
May 16 VFW Camden - 50 Birds - Schrader's Sporting Clays - 410 - 758 - 1824
May 19 Denton Rotary - 50 Birds - Schrader's Sporting Clays - 410 - 758 - 1824
May 22 Kent Island Rotary - 50 Birds - Pintail Point - 410 - 827 - 7065
May 22 Big Money Blast Prelim - 100 Birds - Schrader's Sporting Clays - 410 - 758 - 1824
May 23 Big Money Blast - 100 Birds - Schrader's Sporting Clays - 410 - 758 - 1824
May 30 Pittsville Volunteer Fire Department Shoot - 50 Birds - Owens Station Sporting Clays - 302 - 349 - 4334
June 2,9,16,23,30 5 Stand - 5pm to 8:30pm- Atglen Sportsmen's Club - Tim McClure - 610 - 721 - 0114
June 5 10th Annual Outback Classic - 75 Birds - Pintail Point - 410 - 827 - 7065
June 6 NC County Ducks Unlimited 3 Shot Tournament - 99 Birds-Hopkins Game Farm and Clays-410 - 348 - 5287
June 6,20 Fun Shoot - 50 Targets - 9a.m. to 2p.m. - Last Sign up 12:30 - Atglen Sportsmen's Club-
Tim McClure - 610 - 721 - 0114
June 12 Chesapeake Classic Ducks Unlimited - 75 Birds - Pintail Point - 410 - 827 -7065
June 13 Bill Abbott Memorial Ducks Unlimited - 50 Birds - Owens Station Sporting Clays - 302 - 349 - 4334
June 17 Union Sportsman Alliance- 100 Birds - Prince George's Trap & Skeet - 301 - 577 - 7178
June 19 Havre De Grace Decoy Shoot - 75 Birds - Pintail Point - 410 - 827 - 7065
June 19 Catholic Sportsman Shoot - 50 Birds - Prince George's Trap & Skeet - 301 - 577 - 7178
June 20 Cecil County Ducks Unlimited Father's Day - 50 Birds - Schrader's Sporting Clays - 410 - 758 - 1824
June 25 Great American Prelim - NSCA- Hopkins Game Farm & Clays - 410 - 348 - 5287
June 26,27 Great American - NSCA 200 - Hopkin Game Farm & Clays - 410 - 348 -5287
June 27 Indian River Ducks Unlimited - 50 Birds - Owens Station Sporting Clays - 302 - 349 - 4334

TRAP

- May 8 Marathon Shoot - 300 Singles 200 Doubles - Wilmington Trapshooting Assoc- Bill Trone- 302-534-9320
May 23 Delaware State Shoot Warm-up and County Championships - Bill Trone - 302 - 534 - 9320
June 13 Appreciation Shoot for Barb and Richard Cairns - Bill Trone - 302 - 534 -9320

INTERNET CORNER

By: Thomas D. Shellenberger

I do not come from a family of shooters. Although my father enjoys plinking and informal clay shooting, his interest in firearms goes no further. Fortunately for me, he was accepting of my interest in shooting and introduced me to a friend of his by the name of Charlie Huber.

Charlie was an avid shooter and a patient mentor. When he took me shooting, we would spend almost the entire day firing thousands of rounds of rifle, handgun, and shotgun ammunition. Charlie also loaned me books from his library, took me to gun shows, and spent many hours sharing his knowledge of how various firearms worked. It was Charlie who urged me to join the National Rifle Association. I followed that advice, becoming a life member when I was 13 years of age.

One of the earliest skills that Charlie Huber taught me was how to field strip a Colt 1911. Although it is a basic task that most of us can do with our eyes closed, I remember how proud I was the first time I did it myself, from start to finish, on Charlie's basement workbench.

While not a replacement for one-on-one training with a skilled instructor, the internet is jammed packed with folks willing to share what they know (or think they know) about shooting sports. The website www.youtube.com has an extensive selection of firearms-related videos, ranging from professionally produced programs to crude presentations demonstrating gun handling skills that would cause any competent range officer to gag.

A quick search for "1911 field strip" on youtube.com returns 332 videos. The most basic videos were produced by folks sitting at the kitchen table recording their effort with cheap webcams. The more elaborate videos are professionally produced in studios. Some are focused on a particular model (e.g., field stripping a Kimber Ultra Carry II SIS CDP) while others demonstrate various tricks, such a one-handed field stripping, speed field stripping, or field stripping while blind folded.

How good are they? They are all over the quality spectrum. In the first video I watched, the "instructor" used a Swiss army knife instead of a bushing wrench. While he acknowledged that his method was hard on the finish, I am not sure there was much benefit in demonstrating that particular technique. Other instructors gratuitously used language more appropriate to a prison cellblock than an instructional video. Most were reasonably well done.

Where www.youtube.com really excels is in demonstrating the rare or unusual. Want to see a fully automatic 12 gauge shotgun (300 rounds per minute from a 20 round drum magazine)? A Glock 18 dumping a 30 round magazine? A Lakeside belt-fed full auto .22 rimfire? All of these, and many, many more, can be seen on www.youtube.com.

In summary, there is lots of good information, and entertainment, available to shooters on www.youtube.com. The important thing to remember is that the method demonstrated by one contributor may not be the best method for your circumstances. Take what you find there with a generous helping of salt.

T.D.S.

**NO LONGER NECESSARY TO DISPLAY
LICENSE**

On April 8th House Bill 216 was signed into law eliminating the requirement that a person display a hunting, fishing or trapping license in a manner that is plainly visible. Now one must only have the license their in possession.

The bill, House Bill 216 was sponsored by Representative Robert Walls of Milford and Senator George Bunting of Bethany Beach. Co-sponsors included Representatives John Adlkins, Brad Bennett, William Carson, Michael Mulrooney, William Oberly and Senators Joe Booth and Bruce Ennis.

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Nur Temple Gun Show

**Saturday-May 15th-- 9:00 to 5:00
Sunday-May16th--9:00 to 3:00**

**Shrine Building--Junction of Routes 13 and 40
New Castle
Admission \$5.00
Refreshments Available**

Worth Quoting

But the First Amendment protects against the Government; it does not leave us at the mercy of noblesse oblige. We would not uphold an unconstitutional statute merely because the Government promised to use it responsibly.

Chief Justice John Roberts in United States v. Stevens, April 20, 2010, in which the United States Supreme Court held that a federal statute that could ban hunting videos was unconstitutional.

NRA Annual Meeting

This year's NRA Annual Meeting is being held in Charlotte, North Carolina on May 14,15 and 16, 2010. There is no better opportunity to get together with like minded gun owners and shooting enthusiasts. The display hall will have exhibits from virtually every manufacturer of guns, optics, knives, clothing and everything else shooting or hunting related. If you tire of endless tables and booths of guns etc. there are also a series of seminars and conferences featuring prominent political figures and gun rights activists including the DSSA's own President John J. Thompson who will be speaking on Sunday morning at the Clubs and Associations Workshop.

We Can Do Better

If we all work together we can lower our score; the Brady score that is. According to Handgun Control Inc., now known as the Brady Campaign, Delaware scored 21 our of a possible 100 points in their survey of gun control laws. No matter how you look at it our score is way too high. We view with envy states like Arizona which scored an admirable 2.

Women On Target

On May 22, 2010 the Delaware State Pistol Club on Moores Lane in New Castle will host an NRA Women On Target event. Twenty-four women will be given instruction in safety and basic marksmanship followed by an opportunity to practice those skills with .22caliber handguns and rifles. They will also be able to view, inspect and handle other rifles and shotguns. After lunch the attendees will be allowed to shoot larger caliber handguns if they wish. The cost of the program is \$10 and includes ammunition, lunch and materials supplied by the NRA. Currently attendance is full but there is a waiting list. If you are interested in attending this event or another one in the future please call 302-528-5940.

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