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PRESIDENT'S NOTEBOOK

by **John Thompson**
President

Last November the American electorate signaled a sharp turn to the right. The voters rejected the liberal, big government agenda of Obama, Pelosi and Reid. However that does not mean that Obama and his cronies have given up. The recent lame duck session of Congress makes it clear that they still intend to impose control by the federal government whenever and wherever they can. Handgun Control Inc. may have changed its name to something less threatening and their numbers are down but those that remain are still dedicated to taking away our self-defense handguns (Saturday Night Specials), semi-autos (assault weapons) and deer rifles (sniper rifles).

The Tea Party movement made its strength known. The question is whether the Tea Partiers are in it for the long haul. As gun rights activists we know that the battle for our freedoms is never over. We know that the other side is always lurking; ready to seize on any opportunity to cripple the right to keep and bear arms. For the agenda of freedom to advance our side and the Tea Parties must build upon the successes of last November. The job of restoring constitutional government has only just begun. Conservative forces must make it clear that they will only support the Republican Party when it acts conservatively. If the new Republican controlled House of Representatives in Washington focuses on limiting spending and reducing government intrusion in our lives and business they will continue to enjoy our support. And in 2012 they will see their numbers increase in the House and a Republican take over of the Senate.

However, if they fail to control spending and the size of government they will be seen as no better than the Democrats. If that happens they will lose control just like in 2006 and 2008.

In Delaware we have a different problem. While much of the rest of the country was going red we seem to be trending blue. Yes, we got rid of Mike Castle but he was replaced by a bearded Marxist who will vote the Obama/Reid line. In the House we elected John Carney who while not reflexively anti-gun but will vote with Pelosi at least 90% of the time. Our governor remains anti-gun. In the State Senate the only change is an A rated Democrat was

replaced by an A rated Republican however we lost ground in the House.

On the local level our senators and representatives in Dover will still listen to their constituents. That's us. They need to understand that you, the voters in their districts, are ever mindful of their actions and votes. The DSSA will keep you up to date with timely updates via our website and e-mail alerts. It is then up to you to make your voices heard by contacting your elected representatives and senators. It is very discouraging when I have a representative or senator tell me that they have not heard from any one in their district regarding a particular bill or proposal.

Please join us at the Annual Meeting on January 23, 2011 to hear about our strategy for advancing the right to keep and bear arms.

DSSA Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 23, 2011

Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #3
1584 Kitts Hummock Road
Dover, Delaware

Agenda: Defending the Right to Keep and
Bear Arms in a State That Is Trending
Blue

Election of Directors
Awards for Excellence in Competition

Schedule: 1:00 Social Hour
2:00 Business Meeting
Speaker: John C. Sigler,
Past President NRA

United States v. Chester, handed down by the Fourth Circuit today. Defendant had been convicted of firearm possession after a misdemeanor Domestic Violence (DV) conviction, and appealed. The Fourth Circuit initially vacated the conviction in an unpublished opinion that rejected the argument that the prohibition was justified under Heller's reference to "long standing" forms of gun regulation, and remanded, instructing the trial court to determine if there was any other justification. The Circuit then granted rehearing and entered this published decision.

The court initially deals with Heller's "long standing" regulations that are "presumptively lawful." It concludes that the first inquiry is whether the practice regulated lay outside the right to arms as originally understood. If it did not, then determine standard of review. The Court notes that scholarship is divided even as whether felons were outside the original right to arms, and there is no reason to believe misdemeanants were.

As to standard of review, the court notes that First Amendment restrictions are sometimes assessed under strict scrutiny and sometimes under intermediate review. Here, it rules, as one convicted of a violent misdemeanor, the Defendant is not within the core right which pertains to the law abiding, and the bar should be assessed under intermediate scrutiny.

But the court takes that seriously:

"Although [the various forms of intermediate scrutiny] differ in precise terminology, they essentially share the same substantive requirements. They all require the asserted governmental end to be more than just legitimate, either 'significant,' 'substantial,' or 'important' . . . [and] require the fit between the challenged regulation and the asserted objective be reasonable, not perfect." Significantly, intermediate scrutiny places the burden of establishing the required fit squarely upon the government."

"We cannot conclude on this record that the government has carried its burden of establishing a reasonable fit between the important object of reducing domestic gun violence and § 922(g)(9)'s permanent disarmament of all domestic violence misdemeanants. The government has offered numerous plausible reasons why the disarmament of domestic violence misdemeanants is substantially related to an important government goal; however, it has not attempted to offer sufficient evidence to establish a substantial relationship between § 922(g)(9) and an important governmental goal. Having established the appropriate standard of review, we think it best to remand this case to afford the government an opportunity to shoulder its burden and Chester an opportunity to respond."

Judge Day concurs, but argues that the relevant standard should not be whether DV misdemeanants in general can be barred arms, but whether this particular defendant who was quite violent, and went beyond the bare "offensive touching" minimum of battery ... can be barred.

By David Hardy

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When the case of **Heller v. District of Columbia** was pending before the United States Supreme Court the anti-gun crowd and the main stream media could not whine enough about the dire effect that recognizing the true meaning of the Second Amendment would have on the citizens of Washington. They were sure that murders would zoom off the charts. Recently the Washington Post has reported that for 2010, the first full year since the **Heller** decision was announced, the murder rate has sunk to its lowest level in over 35 years and a 9% reduction from 2009. I wonder how disappointed they are now that their predictions have been proved wrong. Should we hold our collective breaths waiting for them to come forward to admit their error?

**IN MEMORIUM
Donn C. DiBiasio****By John C. Sigler**

On November 27, 2010, America lost one of her true unsung heroes when Donn DiBiasio passed away at the age of 81. I doubt that many here in Delaware knew or even heard of Donn, but you had better believe that every politician and would-be political power in Rhode Island knew, respected, and even feared Donn. For over 50 years Donn was the uncompromising voice of firearm freedom among Rhode Island's political power structure. For over 50 years Donn unselfishly fought for gun owners, hunters, competitive shooters, collectors and Second Amendment patriots, never asking for or seeking recognition, only the opportunity to serve.

Donn was a long-time member of the NRA Board of Directors serving on numerous committees during his tenure including Legislative Policy Committee, Range Development, Clubs and Associations, Finance, Smallbore, Black Powder, Silhouette and many others. Donn was a Benefactor Member of the NRA and a longtime supporter of women's and youth shooting and education programs. Together, he and his wife, Cindy Julian, were a very powerful and effective voice for Rhode Island on the NRA Board. Donn's legacy is both broad-based and varied. When NRA was in danger of being destroyed from within, Donn was there to help Marion Hammer and Charlton Heston save NRA from those who would do her harm. Donn was the leader of the Rhode Island State Rifle and Revolver Association's fight for firearm freedom and was Rhode Island's legislative director and chief lobbyist. In that role successfully defeated over 450 anti-gun and anti-hunting bills in the Rhode Island Legislature.

Every member of the Delaware State Sportsmen's Association owes a deep debt of gratitude to the memory of Donn C. DiBiasio, not because of what he did here in Delaware, but for all he did for the greater cause of freedom. Donn DiBiasio was the epitome of what it means to be an active member of your home-state NRA State Association. Donn was a role model for each of us by proving that one man can make a difference.

Donn was a gentleman and a friend to every gun owner in America. He will be missed by every American who believes in freedom and who is not afraid to stand up and be counted. Cindy has asked that Donn be remembered through a gift to his favorite charity - the NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund, a cause we can all embrace.

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View From The Boardroom By John C. Sigler NRA Past President

The final results of the much-anticipated 2010 Congressional Elections are finally in and those results are at least "encouraging", from a Second Amendment, gun-rights and firearm freedom perspective. Based upon NRA-Political Victory Fund's candidate rating system, America's gun owners will be in a somewhat better position in this new Congress than we were in the previous Congress.

Out of the 25 Senate races in which the NRA-PVF endorsed candidates, 19 of those candidates won their races. These 19 wins resulted in a net gain of 7 pro-gun votes in the Senate with no off-setting losses.

Going into Election Night 2010, there were 43 Senators with an A rating from NRA-PVF; 2 with B ratings; 9 with C ratings; 12 with D ratings and 34 with F ratings. The new Congress will see a Senate in which there will be 50 Senators with A ratings; 2 with B ratings; 10 with C ratings; 5 with D ratings; and 33 with an F rating from NRA-PVF. The Senate's Freshman Class will include 12 new pro-gun senators.

The news out of the United States House of Representatives is similar in both scope and nature. Out of the 283 House candidates endorsed by NRA-PVF, 227 of those endorsed candidates will take their seats in Congress in January.

Again, going into Election Night 2010, there were 226 House members with an A rating from NRA-PVF; 18 with B ratings; 14 with C ratings; 22 with D ratings; 151 with F ratings and four with a "?" rating from NRA-PVF due to their refusal to answer questionnaires. The new Congress will see a gain of 36 A-rated Representatives for a total of 272; 11 with B ratings; 21 with C ratings; 16 fewer Congressmen with F ratings (135); and only 3 Congressmen with "?" ratings. All told, there were 29 Congressional Districts where the grade improved as a result of the election and only 3 Congressional Districts where the grade went down, for a net gain of 26. The Freshman Class of the House of Representatives will boast 86 pro-gun Congressmen.

Despite our own miserable performance here in Delaware, the United States Congress that will convene in January of 2011 will be a better Congress than was its predecessor - at least on paper. Only time and hard votes will tell whether these freshmen can "walk-the-walk" as well as they can "talk-the-talk."

It is up to each and every NRA member and pro-gun activist to keep a careful watch over this new Congress and to speak out loud, clear and often when they see these folks doing things that offend the letter and the spirit of the Second Amendment.

One way to stay informed and "in the game" is to make frequent visits to the NRA-ILA web site at www.nraila.org. There you will find the most recent and up-to the minute information about what is going on in Congress that is of interest and concern to America's hunters, shooters and gun owners. I also encourage you to visit NRA News on the web at www.nranews.com and on Sirius Patriot 144 on your satellite radio.

In this regard, the first order of business in this new Congress is to defeat President Obama's appointment of anti-gun zealot, Andrew Traver, to head up BATFE. Please call your Senators and ask them to vote "No" on Traver's confirmation.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS, JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2011 by Dan Lindbergh**PLACES TO SHOOT**

Ommelanden Rt.9	Trap & Skeet	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
	5 Stand	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.	Rifle & Pistol	Wednesday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday 9:00 a.m. Last sign up 2:30 p.m., Friday - Sunday
	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 1:00 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

ARCHERY

January	6, 13, 20, 27	Winter Archery League, 7:00 p.m. Atglen Sportsmen's Club, Parkesburg, PA; Bob Devlin 610-380-1262 Open to Public - \$45 for 10 week shoot - 450 rounds.
February	3, 10, 17, 24	Winter Archery League, 7:00 p.m. Atglen Sportsmen's Club Parkesburg, PA; Bob Devlin 610-380-1262 Open to Public - \$45 for 10 week Shoot - 450 rounds.

BLACK POWDER

January	15	Black Powder Muzzleloader Shoots, Percussion, Flint, Revolver, Single Shot Pistol; Nanticoke Sportsmen's Club Seaford, DE; Ray Stevens 302-875-5428
	16	Muzzleloader Shoot, Topton Fish & Game Assoc., Bob Smith - 610-797-7844
February	5	Black Powder Cartridge Shoot, Firearms; Nanticoke Sportsmen's Club, Bob Tyson 302-539-2666
	12	F.Y.B.O. 10:00 a.m.; Brandywine Muzzle Loading Long Rifles; Southern Chester County Sportsmen's Club Rt. 926 London Grove, PA; Jack Ferretti & Kenneth Lewis
	19	Black Powder Muzzleloader Shoots; Percussion, Flint, Revolver, Single Shot Pistol; Nanticoke Sportsmen's Club Seaford, DE; Ray Stevens 302-875-5428
	20	Muzzleloader Shoot; Topton Fish & Game Assoc.; Bob Smith 610-797-7844

COWBOY

January	5, 12, 19, 26	Indoor Practice for Outside, 7:30 p.m., Delaware Rifle & Pistol, Elsmere, DE; Jack Conomon 302-654-7580
	16	SASS; Paden's Posse, 9:00 a.m.; Nanticoke Sportsmen's Club, Seaford, DE; Dave Bell 302-245-4822
February	2, 9, 16, 23	Indoor Practice for Outside, 7:30 p.m., Delaware Rifle & Pistol, Elsmere, DE; Jack Conomon 302-654-7850
	5	Eas'dern Shore Renegades, Delmarva Sportsman's Assoc., Sudlersville, MD; Teton Tracy 302-378-7854
	20	SASS; Paden's Posse, 9:00 a.m.; Nanticoke Sportsmen's Club, Seaford, DE; Dave Bell 302-245-4822

INDOOR AND OUTDOOR PISTOL

January	10, 17, 24, 31	Silhouette Pistol Indoor, 7:00 p.m., 50 ft., Delaware Rifle & Pistol, Elsmere; Jim Bowman 302-368-8626
	4, 11, 18, 25	Indoor Pistol, Bullseye Practice, 22-38-45; 50 ft., Delaware Rifle & Pistol; Paul Connor 302-995-5657
	7, 8	2700 Indoor, Riverdale, NJ; Dave Lange 201-251-0933
	7, 14, 21, 28	Silhouette Pistol & Rifle, Indoor 5:00 p.m., 25yd., Open to Public, \$2.00 Buys 40 Knock Down Targets & Home Made Dinner Twice a Month, Delaware State Pistol Club, New Castle; Dan Lindbergh 302-475-4228
	8	Pistol Combat, 9:00 a.m., Indoor, Open to the Public, DLEMA Delaware Law Enforcement Marksmanship Assoc., Nanticoke Sportsmen's Club, Seaford, DE; Mario Dobrich 302-629-4125
	15	International, Riverdale, NJ; David Lange 201-251-0933
	16	Air, Free Pistol & Air Rifle, Citizens, NJ; Walt Gregory 732-877-0881
	16	IPSC Pistol, Topton Fish & Game, Topton, PA; Dean DeTurk
	22, 23	Indoor 2700, Old Bridge, NJ; Mary Badiak 908-788-5503
	29	Indoor 2700, Square Circle, NJ; John Gunn Jr. 609-288-0778
February	1, 8, 15, 22	Indoor Pistol, Bullseye Practice, 22-38-45, 50 ft., Delaware Rifle & Pistol; Paul Connor 302-995-5657
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	6	Air Pistol, Square Circle, NJ; John Gunn 609-288-0778
	6	Indoor 900, West Caln, PA; John Ross 610-384-5583
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- 18, 19** International/Conventional Sectionals, Riverdale, NJ; David Lange 201-251-0933
- 20** IPSC Pistol, Topton Fish & Game Assoc., Topton, PA; Dean DeTurk
- 20** Air - Free Pistol - Air Rifle, Citizen, NJ; Walt Gregory 732-877-0881
- 20** Sectional, Old Bridge, NJ; Mary Badiak 908-788-5503
- 20** International-Conventional- Sectionals, Riverdale, NJ; David Lange 201-251-0933
- 23, 24, 25** Sectional, Abbottstown, PA; Neil Kravitz 410-883-2100
- 26,27** Indoor 2700, Delaware State Pistol Club, New Castle, DE; Greg Barton 302-893-1146

SMALL BORE & HIGH POWER RIFLE

- January 1, 8, 15, 22, 29** Junior 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
- February 5** Rim Fire Rifle - Silhouette Match - Quinton Sportsman's Club - Gary Ireland - 856 - 296 - 4982
- 5, 12, 19, 26** Junior 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

SPORTING CLAYS

- January 16, 30** Fun Shoot, 50 Targets, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Last Sign Up 12:30 p.m., Atglen Sportsmen's Club Tim McClure 610-721-0114
- 5, 12, 19, 26** 5 Stand, 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Atglen Sportsmen's Club; Tim McClure 610-721-0114
- 9** Snow Shoe Open, NSCA 100, Hopkins Game Farm & Clays, 410-348-5287
- February 2, 9, 16, 23** Fun Shoot, 50 Targets, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Last Sign Up 12:30 p.m., Atglen Sportsmen's Club Tim McClure 610-721-0114
- 6** Super Bowl Blast, NSCA 100, Pintail Point, 410-527-7065
- 6, 20** Fun Shoot, 50 Targets, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Last Sign Up 12:30 p.m., Atglen Sportsmen's Club, Tim McClure 610-721-0114
- 20** Central Delaware Ducks Unlimited, 50 Birds, Owens Station Sporting Clays 302-349-4334
- 26** Lions Club, 50 Targets, Schrader's Sporting Clays, 410-756-1824

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4 ANNIE OAKLEY'S/CALAMITY JANE'S
40 BIRD PARTNER SHOOT-OUT (2 SHOOTER PROTECTION)
SINGLE SHOOTER LONG BIRD JACKPOT

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TEAM ENTRY \$30.00 CASH AWARDS
ENTRY \$5.00 JACKPOT MIN. AWARD 100.00

SHOOTING ORDER OF GAMES:

- 1 Annie
- 1 Calamity
- 1 Annie
- Lunch Break
- 1 Partner/Protection 40 Bird Shoot-Out
- 1 Calamity

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