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PRESIDENT'S NOTEBOOK

by John Thompson
President

It has been a very busy legislative session in this year's General Assembly. The governor proposed four gun control bills and Senator Marshal and the attorney general have added their own. Playing this much defense leaves no time to advance our own agenda. Perhaps this has been the other side's plan all along. For the most part we have been successful in blunting the most harmful aspects of the proposals.

Two bills have made it to the governor for his signature. First there was House Bill 46 which would allow the police to destroy unclaimed firearms in their possession without making reasonable efforts to locate and notify the lawful owner. After much opposition and negotiation we were able to amend the bill so that it only affected firearms abandoned for at least one year, required the police to search record data bases including drivers licenses and motor vehicle registrations to locate owners, require certified mail and publication notice, allow third parties to file claims, extend the claim period to six months and provide an accessible avenue for citizens to contest forfeitures. The revised bill expressly allows police departments to sell abandoned guns to licensed dealers rather than mandate destruction.

The legislature has also passed House Bill 48. We had no objections to the first part of this bill which would allow the sharing of mental health commitment records with the FBI for use in the National Instant Check System (NICS). This is already required by federal law. This means the FBI will be given the records of persons who are committed to mental hospitals to be used to screen firearms purchasers. This will enhance their ability to keep guns out of the hands of the wrong people. However the second part, the elimination of the Delaware Instant Record Check was very troublesome. In spite of repeated assurances from the proponents of the bill I am not convinced that relying on only the federal system will not create a loophole for purchasers that would be stopped because they are barred by provisions that are unique to Delaware. Only time will tell if the federal system will be effective but if it results in a tragedy it will not be because they were not warned. The whole motivation on the part of the governor and the state police was so they could use (waste) the funds elsewhere. But what if retaining our own system would have saved just one life?

Senate Bill 29 which would record checks at gun shows for sellers who were not licensed dealers has stalled in the Senate

Judiciary Committee. It is not likely to be considered again until 2012. The DSSA and NRA presented strong opposition to the proposal at both committee hearings. The governor's minions were unable to persuade a majority of the committee to criminalize conduct that would be lawful everywhere in the state, 365 days a year. Supporters could not point to even one time when a gun purchased at a gun show was used in a crime.

On Wednesday, June 22 Senate Substitute 1 for Senate Bill 39 was defeated in the Delaware Senate. This bill would have made it a crime to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs while in possession of a gun. The original version of the bill was so broad that it would have made criminals of persons who had three bees at their vacation home if there was even an unloaded gun anywhere on the premises. A traveler who had a gun in his or her hotel room would be subject to arrest if they had one too many at the hotel bar and could be arrested while they were still in the bar and nowhere near the gun. Even though some of the most objectionable provisions were dropped the bill still was premised on the idea that otherwise law-abiding gun owners are the root causes of violence on Wilmington and some other pockets of crime in the state. Of all the incidents cited by proponents of the bill none did not involve other more serious criminal behavior that resulted in arrest and prosecution. While we certainly do not defend drunk driving we do not see any promotion of public safety by adding on an additional charge if a gun is found in the trunk of a car if the driver or even a passenger is impaired. The bill also singled out holders of concealed carry licenses yet no one could point to even a single incident where a licensee acted improperly.

So out of the much heralded package of four "common sense" gun bills proposed by the governor only two amended (and declawed) versions made it to his desk.

Acting on his own but with the support of the governor Sen. Robert Marshall of Wilmington introduced Senate Bill 25 to create a system for the state to buy firearms. Such programs are customarily called "gun buy backs" but since the government never owned the guns in the first place it is a mystery as to how they got this name. \$100,000 was set aside in the state budget to fund the purchases. The Senate passed the bill in with the bare minimum of 11 votes. At no time could the sponsor or any of the bills supporters explain why a drug dealer or other criminal would turn the tools of his trade for a \$50 or \$100. Similar programs held elsewhere typically net a cache of old and broken guns from widows and others who present no threat to public safety. The gang bangers do not surrender their 9's and 40's. On Wednesday, June 22 the House Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee tabled the bill when it had only one supporter. The committee chairman, Rep. Mitchell held up a

stack of e-mails opposing the bill. Rep. Briggs-King commented that the chair's handful was quite small in comparison to the opposition she received. It may be resurrected in 2012.

Senate Bill 65 was brought to the legislature by the attorney general's office. It seeks to add gun crimes to existing law that would allow a home to be designated as a nuisance. Such a designation triggers a whole host of punitive measures including the forfeiture of the home to the state. We are certainly not opposed to ridding neighborhoods of persons who by their persistent pattern of illegal activity make an area intolerable. However this bill singled out even legal firearms as an aggravating factor. One incident with a gun would trigger the law but for drugs or violent crime, including murder, no action could be taken until there were three incidents. At line 33 in the bill "The presence, use, or display or discharge of firearms at or near the property" constitutes an "adverse impact" on the neighborhood. Repeatedly firearms, without any criminal behavior are lumped in with drug activity, criminal gangs, violent felonies and prostitution. On Wednesday, June 22 the bills sponsor, Sen. Blevins, removed the bill from the agenda and returned it to the ready list. An amended version may be considered in the last few days of June.

Along with Andrew Jennison of the NRA I have spent many afternoons and evenings in Dover this year. Our efforts have been for the most part successful but only because you, our members, have been very diligent in communicating your views to members of the General Assembly. Repeatedly we have been told not to worry about a bad bill because the legislator has already heard from the people in his or her district. By the time you read this the 2011 legislative session may be over. With your support law abiding gun owners should continue to fully enjoy their Right to Keep and Bear Arms here in Delaware.

NICS Background Checks Expensive, But At Least They're Flawed

page nine, by Alan Korwin, No. 100.

The lamestream media told you: Nothing.
The Uninvited Ombudsman notes however that:

Ph.D. researcher John Lott, author of More Guns Less Crime, <http://www.gunlaws.com/books4.htm> has examined NICS and found that it is not what it's cracked up to be. Based on his report:

"NICS accidentally flags many law-abiding people, stopping those who simply have the same name as a prohibited individual from buying a gun. A similar problem occurred five times for the late Senator Ted Kennedy when he was placed on a no-fly list. An initial denial does not mean an individual is actually disqualified from owning a gun."

Using those initial denials to draw conclusions would violate every principle of accuracy, but it hasn't stopped anti-rights bigots from bragging about how good NICS is.

Take the numbers for 2008, the latest available. There were 78,906 initial denials. But of those, only 5,573, or 7%, were

referred to BATFE for further investigation. So what about all the rest of the denials?

A report by the U.S. Department of Justice indicates, "The remaining denials (73,333 - 93%) did not meet referral guidelines or were overturned after review by Brady Operations or after the FBI received additional information." Lott makes this clear -- "To put it differently, the initial review didn't find that these individuals had a record that prevented them from buying a gun."

Relax, it gets worse. Of the 5,573 referred for review, over 44%, (2,472), involve "delayed denials," meaning a check hasn't been completed. Only 3,101 covered cases where initial reviews indicated that the person should have been denied buying a gun. "But the government admits that upon further review about a fifth of these referrals involved 'no potential or unfounded' violations of the law, leaving about 4,400 cases. That implies an initial false positive rate of roughly 94.4%," according to Dr. Lott.

Up until this point, the merits of the case has entered the picture. If a review of the records indicates that someone is a prohibited individual, they are included in the numbers. But of these 4,400 cases, only 147 seemed serious enough to refer to prosecutors. Of those 147, prosecutors thought the evidence was strong enough to bring a case only 105 times. Bottom line, 78,906 NICS denials yielded 105 cases, about a tenth of a percent, and that's without knowing if anyone was found guilty. At least, the system only costs us hundreds of millions of dollars.

Firearms Curiosa - Winchester Model 1911

The Model 1911 semi-automatic pistol is an icon. Even non-shooters can recognize the "Colt 45" adopted by the armed services in 1911. While Colt was the major supplier, this pistol was also made by others over the years, including, by way of example, Remington Rand, Singer, Ithaca Gun Company, and Union Switch and Signal and others.

As we celebrate the centennial anniversary of this famed firearm, it seems every gun writer has crafted an article on this pistol. Many manufacturers have put out at least one "commemorative" model, some offering several. While John Browning's masterpiece is undoubtedly worth all the praise and attention, the topic of this column is not the mainstream but the unusual. The subject of this column is the Winchester Model 1911. The Winchester Model 1911 was a shotgun, not a pistol.

John M. Browning was already a successful firearms designer when, in 1899, he called on the Winchester company with his latest design, a semi-automatic or "self-loading" shotgun. Browning had already brought to Winchester a number of his rifle and shotgun designs and manufacturing those firearms had made a great deal of money for Winchester (Browning designed Winchesters include the 1887 and 1897 shotguns and the Model 1886, Model 1892, and Model 1894 rifles.)

Anxious for another lucrative collaboration, Winchester assigned staff to assist Browning with the patent applications for his new shotgun. Unfortunately for Winchester, after Browning's patents were secured, negotiations with Browning broke down. Winchester wanted to purchase the manufacturing rights for the new Browning shotgun, while Browning insisted on a royalty

arrangement whereby he would retain the rights to his design and Winchester would pay a fee for each shotgun it produced.

Unable to resolve the dispute, Browning packed his prototype and his patents and left Winchester. Browning reached an acceptable agreement with Remington, which manufactured the shotgun as the Remington model 11. Browning also reached an agreement with FN in Belgium, which manufactured the shotgun as the Browning Auto 5. Savage manufactured the Browning shotgun as its Model 720 (and as the Model 745 with an alloy receiver). The Browning design was the top selling semi-automatic shotgun until after the end of WWII and remained in production until 1998.

Not only did Winchester miss out on the opportunity to manufacture Browning's design, but it soon found that the patents held by Browning presented major obstacles to designers attempting to develop a competing design. Browning's patents even included the charging handle on the shotgun's bolt (the handle that is pulled back to move the bolt when loading or unloading the shotgun).

After struggling for several years to work around Browning's patents, Winchester brought its own semi-automatic shotgun to market as the Model 1911 Self Loader, or 1911 SL. The Winchester Model 1911 was Winchester's first semi-automatic shotgun and its first hammerless shotgun. The product of a bygone era, the manufacture of the Winchester Model 1911 required extensive machining and craftsmanship. Winchester produced the Model 1911 from 1911 to 1925, total production reaching approximately 83,000 during that period. The design itself, however, was fundamentally flawed.

One challenge for the Winchester designers was how to cope with recoil. Winchester's answer depended on two buffer systems relying on fiber disks to dampen recoil. The system is not effective and recoil is reported to be horrendous with all but the lightest loads. The recoil problem is so significant that many 1911s seen today have cracks in the forearm and/or in the wrist of the stock.

Because Browning held the patent on the charging handle, Winchester had to develop another means of allowing the shooter to pull back the bolt against spring tension to load (or unload) the shotgun. Winchester's solution was to knurl a section of the barrel so that the shooter could grasp that knurled section and pull the barrel back into the receiver, cycling the bolt.

Reaching out past the forearm to grasp the barrel and then pulling the barrel back against considerable spring tension is just as awkward as it sounds. For this reason, many shooters loaded and unloaded their Winchester Model 1911s by resting the butt on the ground and using both hands to push down on the barrel, cycling the action. While this manner of working the action is mechanically efficient, it puts the shooter's head right over the muzzle end of a loaded shotgun. This gave rise to the common nickname of the model 1911 - The Widow Maker.

The Winchester Model 1911 is among the least collectable of all Pre-1964 Winchesters. Although some shooters report that they are well-balanced and point naturally, the design flaws are significant. A review of auction sites shows well-worn examples selling in the range of \$100.

Anyone brave enough to shoot a Winchester Model 1911 should have the firearm checked by a competent gunsmith and, in addition, be certain that she or he is well-versed in the safe operation of this unusual shotgun (for those more cautious souls, you can watch someone else fire a Winchester Model 1911 here: <http://www.gundigest.com/gun-blogs/shooting-the-widowmaker-the-winchester-model-1911>

Photos are from the National Firearms Museum website: www.nramuseum.com

Information above was drawn from a variety of sources, including www.shotgunworld.com, *The History of Winchester Firearms 1866-1982*, by Thomas Henshaw, and www.gundigest.com.



Report of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee

Report: Four ATF Agents Working on Controversial Operation 'Fast and Furious' Tell their Story

Agents say DOJ still being untruthful about efforts to let guns 'walk' into hands of drug cartels

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman Darrell Issa (R-CA) and Senate Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Senator Chuck Grassley (R-IA) today released a report, "The Department of Justice's Operation Fast and Furious: Accounts of ATF Agents." The report includes testimony from four Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) agents offering firsthand accounts about the controversial Operation Fast and Furious that allowed suspects to walk away with illegally purchased guns. Two of the approximately 2,000 guns that ATF let criminals walk away with were found at the murder scene of U.S. Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry in December 2010.

"ATF agents have shared chilling accounts of being ordered to stand down as criminals in Arizona walked away with guns headed for Mexican drug cartels," said Rep. Issa. "With the clinical precision of a lab experiment, the Justice Department kept records of weapons they let walk and the crime scenes

where they next appeared. To agents' shock, preventing loss of life was not the primary concern."

"These agents have risked their lives working for the ATF and they've risked their careers by coming forward to speak the truth about a dangerous strategy that was doomed from the start," Sen. Grassley said. "The report shows the street agents' perspective on this risky policy to let guns walk. It should help people who are wondering what really happened during Operation Fast and Furious understand why we are continuing to investigate."

Highlights of the report include:

- "The supervisor of Operation Fast and Furious was "jovial, if not, not giddy but just delighted about" walked guns showing up at crime scenes in Mexico according to an ATF agent. (p. 37)
- "Another ATF agent told the committee about a prediction he made a year ago that "someone was going to die" and that the gun walking operation would be the subject of a Congressional investigation. (p. 24)
- "The shooting of Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords created a "state of panic" within the group conducting the operation as they initially feared a "walked" gun might have been used. (p. 38)
- "One Operation Fast and Furious Agent: "I cannot see anyone who has one iota of concern for human life being okay with this ..." (p. 27)
- "An ATF agent predicted to committee investigators that more deaths will occur as a result of Operation Fast and Furious. (p.39)
- "Multiple agents told the committee that continued assertions by Department of Justice Officials that guns were not knowingly "walked" and that DOJ tried to stop their transport to Mexico are clearly untruthful. (p. 45-50)

The above is a summary of the full report which may be found at:

http://oversight.house.gov/images/stories/Reports/ATF_Report.pdf

A Fun Sunday Afternoon

By Kathy Watson

On a sunny slightly chilly Sunday in March, my husband Dan and I headed out to Delmarva Sportsman Club in Sudlersville, Maryland for some practice. We checked their schedule on line and no shooting events were scheduled for that day. Dan had recently picked up two new guns that he had ordered (a Smith & Wesson M & P 15 22 rifle and a Henry Golden Boy 22 rifle) and was anxious to try them out. Along with a brick of 22 ammo, we also brought our Rossi 22 pump rifles, our Ruger 22 pistols and paper targets.

We set up a target on the rifle range (Club members have access to target stands and can purchase paper targets if they need them) and our afternoon of 22 shooting began. 22 ammo is fun (and inexpensive) to shoot. We shot using the bench rest for some and standing for others. We are cowboy action shooters and are always looking to practice when we have time. Shooting

at paper is different than I'm used to. There's no "clang" when you hit the target and accuracy is much more important on paper. In cowboy shooting, hitting the target is a hit, but on paper targets hitting the "10" ring is preferred over hitting other areas on the paper.

The Smith & Wesson M & P is a cool looking gun. Since 22 ammo has no recoil, I can shoot the M & P easily and look like a mean "mammy jammy". My accuracy improved as the afternoon wore on and we had a lot of fun with all the guns. The Henry Golden Boy is really nice but I prefer my pump. Dave Bell engraved our cowboy aliases on our pumps, so I'm partial to using it when we shot 22s.

Only one other shooter came out that afternoon and he set up on the pistol range to practice. We were surprised that "more action" wasn't going on that day. Sudlersville (Delmarva Sportsman Association, Inc.) is a very nice range and we always enjoy shooting there. The pistol range is divided into three bays and work is currently being done to separate the rifle range into two bays. This project will allow more shooters to use the range at the same time and help the various shooting activities that shoot there. DSA hosts Cowboy action shooting, Silhouette shooting, USPSA, Battle rifle, and 4H events. Monthly meetings are on the last Thursday evening of each month, January through October. Their website is www.dsarange.com and gives directions, schedules, info, pictures and has a membership application.

Patriot Event

On July 7, 2011 DSSA President John J. Thompson will address the Sussex County chapter of the 9-12 Patriots at the Millsboro Fire Hall located at 106 State Street in Millsboro. The meeting begins at 7:00 pm and Mr. Thompson is scheduled to speak at 8:10 following the 8:00 break. His remarks will focus on the Right to Keep and Bear Arms as protected by Section 20 of Article 1 of the Delaware Constitution and the Second Amendment in the United States Constitution, the Delaware laws that affect gun rights and developments in the recent session of the General Assembly.

DSSA members are welcome to attend.

Top Hunting and Shooting Equipment Brands for 2010

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FERNANDINA BEACH, Fla. - Southwick Associates has announced the brands hunters and shooters purchased most frequently in 2010. This list has been compiled from the 41,923 internet-based surveys completed by hunters and target shooters who volunteered to participate last year in HunterSurvey.com and ShooterSurvey.com polls.

In 2010, top brands included:

- Top rifle brand: Remington (17.5% of all purchases)
- Top shotgun brand: Remington & Mossberg (virtual tie with 21.5% of all purchases)

- Top muzzleloader brand: Thompson Center (31.9% of all purchases)
- Top handgun brand: Sturm Ruger (16.7% of all purchases)
- Top scope for firearms: Bushnell (17.1% of all purchases)
- Top rifle ammunition brand: Remington (25.3% of all purchases)
- Top shotgun ammunition brand: Winchester (31.9% of all purchases)
- Top handgun ammunition brand: Winchester (22.0% of all purchases)
- Top blackpowder brand: Pyrodex (38.7% of all purchases)
- Top balls, bullets, or shot brand: Hornady (28.4% of all purchases)
- Top bow brand: Matthews (17.5% of all purchases)
- Top arrow brand: Carbon Express (27.6% of all purchases)
- Top fletching brand: Blazer (15.8% of all purchases)
- Top broadhead brand: Muzzy (20.3% of all purchases)
- Top archery target brand: The Block (10.3% of all purchases)
- Top decoy brand: Mojo (12.9% of all purchases)
- Top game call brand: Primos (33.5% of all purchases)
- Top reloading bullet brand: Hornady (31.7% of all purchases)
- Top reloading primer brand: CCI (38.2% of all purchases)
- Top reloading powder brand: Hodgdon (37.8% of all purchases)
- Top binocular brand: Bushnell (33.6% of all purchases)
- Top holster brand: Uncle Mikes (19.0% of all purchases)
- Top knife brand: Gerber (15.0% of all purchases)
- Top scent or scent covering brand: Scent-A-Way, Scent Shield (14.7% of all purchases each)
- Top shooting target brand: Shoot-N-C (31.3% of all purchases)
- Top clay brand: White Flyer (51.8% of all purchases)

The marketing data presented here is a summary of a 238-page report that details consumer behavior including what products and brands are purchased, where they are bought, how much customers spend, and demographics of hunters and shooters broken out by each product category. Current information about what gear and brands hunters and shooters prefer, how many days they spend afield and what type of hunting and shooting they enjoy most is vital to businesses trying to build their customer base.

You can stay abreast of consumer buying patterns and overall market trends by purchasing an annual subscription to Southwick Associates' monthly HunterSurvey.com, ShooterSurvey.com and TargetShootingSurvey.com reports. Reports are available for specific product categories including firearms, ammunition, blackpowder, bowhunting and archery equipment, decoys, game calls, apparel, optics and more. To purchase your subscription, contact Rob Southwick at Rob@southwickassociates.com

About AnglerSurvey.com and HunterSurvey.com

Reliable and Trustworthy

If you need a good knife from a company you can trust look to the Columbia River Knife & Tool Co. Last April, while at the NRA Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, I visited their display booth. I am familiar with some of their products and they offer well made knives at reasonable prices. I had in mind the replacement of a knife I had given to my son last Christmas. I allowed him to pick from a box of several pretty good specimens and he of course picked the best of the bunch. There was a wide selection of knives and tools on display but when I narrowed my choice the sales rep could not find the price in his list. After summoning his boss we settled on \$30 and no sales tax. While in the process of making change the supervisor advised that the knife I selected normally came with a sheath but there were none at the show. He offered to send one to my home. Please note this information and offer came after he made the sale. I was going to buy the knife without the sheath. A few weeks went by and I gave little thought to the sheath until it arrived a few days ago. It is well made of heavy duty leather and fit the knife perfectly.

When a company keeps its word and honors its promise recognition should be given.

Thank you, Patrick Gottsch and Columbia River Knife and Tool. Crkt.com

John J. Thompson

DSSA PROPERTY OFFICER

The Property Officer is responsible for the proper use and security of issued rifles, which can be loaned out to any DSSA Member 18 years old or older or to DSSA Member Clubs who shall be held responsible for compliance with this policy during such loans.

Loans shall be made only for the purpose of training state teams, for training Juniors in such use of service rifles and competition and for participation in CMP Excellence - in - Competition (LEG) matches.

The DSSA Member to whom a loan is made or an officer of a DSSA Member Club to which a loan is made shall sign a receipt stating the conditions of the loan, which receipt shall be part of this policy.

The recipients of loaned rifles shall be responsible for supplying ammunition and cleaning equipment, except so far as the DSSA may have these available. If available, these items will be distributed at no cost in manner which recognizes both proficiency and frequency of competition.

In all matter of choice, preference will be given to Juniors as defined in the National Rifle Association Rulebooks.

We have 4 Bushmaster AR 15 Rifles and 2 Armalite M15 A2 Rifles. The 4 AR 15 Rifles can be changed to 22 LR or .223 receivers. The 2 M15 A2 Rifles are 5.56mm/.223 calibers.

For loan of the Rifles contact Jim Thompson at 302-697-6769. Leave a clear message if no one answers and I will get back with you as soon as possible.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS, JULY - AUGUST 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. - 3:30p.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. - 3:00 p.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, 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, MD 410-928-3311

BLACK POWDER

July	2	Black Powder - Cartridge Shoot - Black Powder Cartridge Firearms, Nanticoke Sportsmen's Club, Bob Tyson 302-539-2666
	9	Novelty Shoot - Brandywine Muzzle Loading Long Rifles - 10 am, Southern Chester County Sportsmen's Club, Rt 926, London Grove, PA - Fred Long 302-731-0473
	16	Black Powder Muzzleloader Shoots - Percussion, Flint, Revolver, Single Shot Pistol, Nanticoke Sportsmen's Club, Seaford, DE Ray Stevens 302-875-5428
August	6	Black Powder - Cartridge Shoot - Black Powder Cartridge Firearms, Nanticoke Sportsmen's Club, Bob Tyson 302-539-2666
	13	Spring Shoot - 10 a.m., Brandywine Muzzle Loading Long Rifles - Southern Chester County Sportsmen's Club, Rt. 926, London Grove, PA, Fred Long 302-731-0473
	20	Black Powder Muzzleloader Shoots - Percussion, Flint, Revolver, Single Shot Pistol, Nanticoke Sportsmen's Club, Seaford, DE Ray Stevens 302-875-5428

COWBOY

July	3	Cowboy Match, Topton Fish & Game, Topton, PA, Ranger Smith 610-797-7844
	6, 13, 20, 27	Indoor Practice for Outside - 7:30 p.m., Delaware Rifle & Pistol, Elsmere, Jack Conomon, 302-654-7580
	7	Eas'dern Shore Renegades - Delmarva Sportsman's Assoc., Sudlersville, MD, Teton Tracy 302-378-7854
August	17	SASS - Paden's Posse - 9:00 a.m. Nanticoke Sportsmen's Club, Seaford, DE, Dave Bell 302-245-4822
	3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Indoor Practice for Outside; 7:30 p.m., Delaware Rifle & Pistol, Elsmere, De. Jack Conomon 302-378-654-7580
	6	Eas'dern Shore Renegades, Delmarva Sportsman's Assoc., Suddlersville, MD, Teton Tracy 302-378-7854
	7	Cowboy Match, Topton Fish & Game, Topton, PA, Ranger Smith 610-797-7844
	21	SASS - Paden's Posse - 9:00 a.m. - Nanticoke Sportsmen's Club, Seaford, DE, Dave Bell 302-245-4822

INDOOR AND OUTDOOR PISTOL

July	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Silhouette Pistol & Rifle, Indoor 5:00 p.m., 25yd., Open to Public, \$2.00 Buys 40 Knock Down Targets, Delaware State Pistol Club, New Castle, 3 .22 Rifles & 3 .22 Handguns Available Free. Dan Lindbergh 302-475-4228
	2	Regional w/Leg + Distinguished Revolver, Marriotsville, MD, Neil Kravitz 410-883-2110
	4, 11, 18, 25	Silhouette Pistol Indoor, 7:00 p.m., 50 ft., Delaware Rifle & Pistol, Elsmere, DE, Jim Bowman 302-368-8626
	5, 12, 19, 26	Indoor Pistol, Bullseye Practice, 22-38-45, 50 ft; Delaware Rifle & Pistol, Paul Connor 302-995-5657
	9, 10	2700 Outdoor, Regional, Wilkes Barre, PA, Chris Peterson 570-655-0956
	17	Pistol Combat, 9:00 a.m., Open to the Public, DLEMA Delaware Law Enforcement Marksmanship Assoc., Suddlersville, MD., Mario Dobrich 302-629-4125
	23, 24	Outdoor 2700, Central Jersey, NJ, Mary Badiak 908-788-5503
	24	IPSC Pistol; Topton Fish & Game, Topton, PA, Dean DeTurk
	30, 31	PA State Pistol Championship, Eastern Area, w/Leg + Distinguished Revolver, Keith Davis 610-369-0608
	August	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
2, 9, 16, 23, 30		Indoor Pistol, Bullseye Practice, 22-38-45, 50 ft., Delaware Rifle & Pistol, Paul Connor 302-995-5657
5, 12, 19, 26		Silhouette Pistol & Rifle, Indoor 5:00 p.m., 25 yd., Open to Public, \$2.00 Buys 40 Knock Down Targets, Delaware State Pistol Club, New Castle, 3- .22 Rifles & 3 .22 Handguns Available Free. Dan Lindbergh 302-475-4228
6		Outdoor 2700, Citizens, NJ, Keith Stern 609-462-9428
13		Pistol Combat, 9:00 a.m., Open to the Public, DLEMA Delaware Law Enforcement Marksmanship Assoc., Nanticoke Sportsmen's Club, Seaford, DE, Mario Dobrich 302-629-4125
13, 14		Outdoor 2700, Central Jersey, NJ, Mary Badiak 908-788-5503
14	Outdoor 2700, 12th Precinct, Md., Garrison Johns 443-994-2102	

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INDOOR AND OUTDOOR PISTOL

- August 20, 21** Outdoor 2700, Short Course 25 yd, Delaware State Outdoor Pistol Championship, National Guard Encampment, 3rd Gate, Route 9, Greg Barton 302-893-1146
- 20, 21** GSSF Match, Glock Shooting Sports Foundation, Topton Fish & Game Topton, PA 610-682-6902
- 27** Outdoor 2700, Cherry Ridge, NJ, Mary Badiak 908-788-5503
- 27-28** Outdoor 2700 w/leg, Palmyra, PA, Jeff Lutz 717-534-5506 Day, 717-307-2238 Eve

SMALL BORE & HIGH POWER RIFLE

- July 2** Rim Fire Rifle; Silhouette Match, Quinton Sportsman's Club, Gary Ireland 856-296-4982
- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** 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 Dave Heckler 302-733-0838
- 2** High Power Rifle; 4-Man Team Match, Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol Club, Jeff Hague 302-422-0233
- 9** High Power Rifle; 800 Aggregate, Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol Club, Jeff Hague 302-422-0233
- 10** High Power Rifle; 3-600 yd. Matches, F-Class Included, Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol Club, Jeff Hague 302-422-0233
- 23** High Power Rifle; 800 Aggregate, Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol Club, Jeff Hague 302-422-0233
- August 6** Rim Fire Rifle; Silhouette Match, Quinton Sportsman's Club, Gary Ireland 856-296-4982
- 6, 13, 20, 27** 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 Dave Heckler 302-733-0838

SPORTING CLAYS

- July 2** Firecracker Prelim: NSCA, Pintail Point 410-827-7065
- 3** Firecracker, NSCA 100, Pintail Point 410-827-7065
- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31** Fun Shoot, 50 Targets, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Last Sign Up 12:30, Atglen Sportsmen's Club, Tim McClure 610-721-0114
- 6, 13, 20, 27** 5 Stand, 5pm to 8:30 p.m., Atglen Sportsmen's Club, Tim McClure, 610-721-0114
- 9** Queen Anne County Ducks Unlimited, 75 Birds, Schrader's Sporting Clays, 410-756-1824
- 10** NWTF Shoot; NSCA 100. Pintail Point 410-8277
- 17** Schrader's Open, NSCA 100, Schrader's Sporting Clays 410-756-1824
- 24** Delaware State Shoot; NSCA 100, Owens Station Sporting Clays 302-349-4334
- 30** 11th Annual Suddlersville Ruritan, 50 Birds, Schrader's Sporting Clays 410-756-1824
- August 10** Lame Duck Ducks Unlimited Shoot; 50 Birds, Owens Station Sporting Clays 302-349-4334
- 14** Bay Hundred Ducks Unlimited; 75 Birds, Pintail Point 410-827-7065
- 14** Bob Walls for Charity Shoot; 50 Birds, Owens Station Sporting Clays 302-349-4334
- 27** Maryland State Prelims; Registered, Schrader's Sporting Clays 410-756-1824
- 28** Maryland State Tournament; NSCA 100, Schrader's Sporting Clays 410-756-1824
- 7, 14, 21, 28** Fun Shoot, 50 Targets, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Last Sign Up 12:30, Atglen Sportsmen's Club, Tim McClure 610-721-0114
- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31** 5 Stand, 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Atglen Sportsmen's Club, Tim McClure 610-721-0114
- 28** 3rd Annual Endeavor Lodge; 50 Birds, Owens Station Sporting Clays 302-349-4334

TRAP

- July 10** Eastern Zone Warm Up; Wilmington Trap Assoc. One Mile West of Glasgow, DE on Rt. 40, Bill Trone 302-534-9320
- 31** Grand Warm Up; Wilmington Trap Assoc. One Mile West of Glasgow, DE on Rt. 40, Bill Trone 302-534-9320
- August 28** End of Summer Shoot -Wilmington Trap Assoc. one Mile West of Glasgow, DE on Rt. 40, Bill Trone 302-534-9320

NATIONAL MATCHES CAMP PERRY OHIO

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| July 10-11 | Pistol Small Arms Firing School | August 1 - 6 | National Trophy Rifle Matches |
| 12-16 | NRA Pistol Matches | 7 | Whistler Boy High Power Rifle Match Match |
| 17 | National Trophy Pistol Matches | 7 | NRA /Springfield Match |
| 20-23 | Small Bore Rifle 3-Position Matches | 8-12 | NRA National High Power Rifle Matches |
| 24-28 | Small Bore Rifle Prone Matches | 13-17 | NRA Long Range Matches |
| 30-31 | High Power Rifle SAFS | | |

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