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## REMEMBERING A PATRIOT



Sgt. Jay W. Unterkofler (Dover PD, Ret.)

On February 20, 2015, the Delaware State Sportsmen's Association lost a member of its Board of Directors when Jay W. Unterkofler finally succumbed to the cancer that he had fought so valiantly for the past four years. Jay served as the Chairman of DSSA's Law Enforcement Assistance Committee and as a member of the DSSA's Military and Veteran's Affairs Committee and of the Newsletter Committee.

Jay was one of those quiet, unassuming Second Amendment Patriots who fought every day for freedom in small but importantly significant ways. Jay loved his family and his brother officers. Jay also loved, his country, loved the state of Delaware and loved his adopted hometown of Dover.

Jay Unterkofler dedicated his life to the cause of American freedom and justice. Jay believed in personal freedom and individual responsibility – he loved our Constitution and he was an outspoken defender and advocate for the right to keep and bear arms. Jay was one of the many police officers who signed on as a "Friend of the Court" in one of the Amicus Curie briefs filed in support of the individual's fundamental right to keep and bear arms in the Delaware Supreme Court case now known as Doe v. Wilmington Housing Authority.

Jay served on active duty with the United States Air Force as a Security Policeman from January 1974 until the time when he joined the Dover City Police Department in 1981. After leaving active duty, Jay remained in the Active Reserve of the United States Air Force until his retirement from the United States Air Force Reserve in 1995.

Jay served with the City of Dover Police Department in many capacities during his twenty-five year tenure as a City police officer. Jay was best known, however, for his service as a member and later commander of Dover PD's Motorcycle Unit.

Jay Unterkofler was a leader, a mentor and a friend. His service on DSSA's Board of Directors was invaluable to the organization.

Jay Unterkofler was one of those unsung heroes of our movement who made a difference for freedom every day of his life, a true patriot and a true gentleman whose smiling face, sardonic smile, friendly voice and cool temperament will be missed by all.

God Bless the memory of our friend, Jay W. Unterkofler.

## The Delaware Rifle and Pistol Club, Inc.



The Delaware Rifle and Pistol Club, Inc. is a private club founded in 1946 and is located in B&O Industrial Park, Elsmere, Delaware. The Club is a 100% NRA membership club with 280 members. The Club's objectives are:

- Protecting and promoting the right of individuals to keep and bear arms
- Encouraging organized rifle and pistol shooting by United States citizens and legal residents.
- Increasing knowledge of the lawful and SAFE handling, proper care of firearms and proper use of firearms in marksmanship, hunting, and self-defense.

Facilities include a 50ft., 8-position, indoor rifle and pistol range that is well lighted, well ventilated, and heated, with an adjoining club room & training facility.

Activities include Metallic Silhouette Matches, Action and Moving Target Shoots, Falling Plate Shoots, Precision Rifle Matches and other fun events, many of which are open to the public.

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## IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL DSSA MEMBERS

The life blood of any organization is its' Membership. The Membership sustains a common voice representing the views and values of the organization. The power of any organization is its Membership.

When a Representative of DSSA meets with a member of the legislature or any other organization, he/she is your voice and expresses our mutual concerns backed by the strength of numbers. Each Member has influence with his/her family, co-workers and neighbors there by expanding the power of that Member by ten times.

It is important to communicate with our Membership; to let our Members know what is happening and to hear from our Members with their ideas and concerns. DSSA maintains a web site (<http://dssa.us/>) where members can keep up with the latest news with our online newsletter, Action Alerts, Membership renewals / application and reference links.

Please keep your ADDRESS current. If you move, change email or phone number, PLEASE let us know.

To change or update your information, please email us at [dabll@comcast.net](mailto:dabll@comcast.net), write us at DSSA P.O. BOX 94 LINCOLN, DE 19960 or call (302) 245-4822. Thank You for your support.

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### HACKED – AND HACKED AGAIN!

By now many of our members have come to realize that the DSSA web site – [www.dssa.us](http://www.dssa.us) – experienced problems during the month of February.

Some of you may have seen that the site was showing things such as advertisements for pharmaceuticals and other things that simply did not belong. No, you weren't imagining things: We were hacked.

We thank those of you who brought the issues to our attention. Because of your due diligence, we addressed the issues and brought the site live again after a short interruption. Unfortunately, the site was hacked again shortly thereafter, probably by the same cyber-criminals. We then engaged the technical assistance of our web hosting team and deployed anti-malware tools that seem to have eradicated the malicious hacks. While we believe the site has been fixed, we know we must remain vigilant in monitoring for additional hacking attempts.

Please be aware that [www.DSSA.us](http://www.DSSA.us) is used for communications purposes. No personal information or credit card information is stored anywhere on our web site's server, so the hacking attempts were just geared toward "hijacking" our pages so the perpetrators could spread their devious links and ads. DSSA accepts payments on [www.DSSA.us](http://www.DSSA.us), but the payment checkout technology is securely hosted by PayPal. Therefore, payment information is entered and stored directly with PayPal.

Thank you for your patience. Thank you for letting us know the site was experiencing issues. And thank you for continuing to visit [www.DSSA.us](http://www.DSSA.us) to obtain the latest information affecting gun owners in and around Delaware.

## French Police: Gun Control Isn't Working for Us

I was cruising the internet shortly after the Charlie Hebdo massacre. The above headline in Breitbart News caught my attention. They reported that the initial French Police responders were unarmed. Per Breitbart News:

"The Associated Press reports French police unions met with Interior Ministry officials on January 19, seeking to take the advantage away from terrorists and other attackers. The unions demanded "more" guns and "heavier" guns, as well as "protective gear, better training for first-responders, and more legal tools to guard against terrorists."

The violence and death French police endured over a two-day period because of gun control is a perfect microcosm of the violence and death gun control has caused on larger scale in other European countries, like England. On September 24 Breitbart News reported that gun control had made England "the most violent country in Europe.

In 2009, twelve years after the Firearms Act of 1997 was passed, Daily Mail Online reported that Britain was "the most violent country in Europe." They also reported that Britain's home figures showed "the UK [had] a worse rate for all types of violence than the U.S. and South Africa." \*

Reflect on these data: Why is the overall violent crime in the US well below the UK and the rest of Europe? What is different about the cultures? Why don't we hear this news from the main stream US press?

This story is not what I expected before I looked at the data.

### The League of Shame \*\*

	Country	Number of Violent Crimes	Rate per 100,000 Residents
1	UK	1,158,957	2,034
2	Austria	133,546	1,677
3	South Africa	732,121	1,609
4	Sweden	108,004	1,123
5	Belgium	107,885	1,123
6	Canada	306,559	935
7	Finland	41,644	738
8	Netherlands	111,888	676
9	Luxembourg	3,233	565
10	France	324,765	504
11	USA (Per <a href="#">FBI Stats</a> for yr. 2009) ***	1,325,896	432

When we communicate to friends, colleagues, and our representatives, it is important to share the facts. Let's let people see the results of misguided policies.

Sources: \* Breitbart News 1/19/2015

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**MISSION ACCOMPLISHED**  
**FOSTER W. RENNIE MEMORIAL CUP NOW IN NATIONAL**  
**COMPETITION**



**Capt. James Rennie (USN Ret.) & Tim Rennie with their father's memorial trophy at NRA Board Meeting in Birmingham, Alabama – January 10, 2015.**

On January 10, 2015 the Board of Directors met in Birmingham, Alabama for the NRA's traditional Winter Board Meeting. During that meeting the Foster W. Rennie Memorial Cup was formally accepted by the NRA Board of Directors and placed into national competition. The Foster W. Rennie memorial Cup, donated by the Rennie Family and the Delaware State Sportsmen's Association, will be presented annually to the High Collegiate Competitor in the Smallbore, 3-Position Metallic Sight National Championships.

The Rennie Family was represented by two of Foster's sons, Jim Rennie and Tim Rennie, both of whom were NRA/NCAA All-Americans in Smallbore Rifle and products of the coaching team of Foster Rennie and George Alves.

The Foster W. Rennie Memorial Cup will now take its place beside the George Alves Memorial Trophy – Foster and George are once again re-united, on the range, in NRA national competition.

We thank the Rennie Family for their support and we thank every DSSA member and DSSA constituent club who contributed to this project.

Mission accomplished!

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**2015 Second Amendment Freedom Banquet a Huge Success**

The Delaware State Sportsmen's Association hosted our Second Amendment Freedom Banquet on Friday, February 27, 2015. The theme of this year's dinner was "Liberty and Justice for All". With approximately four hundred guests in the room and Christopher W. Cox, Executive Director, NRA's Institute for Legislative Action as our guest speaker - it certainly was a night to remember.

Doors opened at 5:30 P.M., but some people could not wait that long and showed up earlier. The DJ was playing John Philip Sousa military march music softly in the background. There was plenty of time for meandering around and checking out all the silent auction items and placing bids. At 6:45 P.M., President John Sigler asked everyone to take a seat and the program and dinner was under way.

First was the Presentation of Colors followed by an opening prayer and a moment of silence for our dear friend and DSSA Board member Jay Unterkofler who just last week passed away after a long battle with cancer. The National Anthem was played and the Pledge of Allegiance followed. The Posting of the Colors and a unique and superb presentation was made by the Caesar Rodney ROTC Honor Guard. Then everyone sat down to a wonderful roast beef and dumplings dinner, with mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw and much more. No one should have walked away hungry from all that fabulous food.

After dinner, the silent auction was closed. All current office holders were introduced. DSSA Board Members were then introduced and a very special bouquet of flowers was presented to Carolyn Thompson in appreciation for all of her hard work as the chief organizer of this very successful event.

Mr. Christopher Cox was then introduced and spoke on the issue of "Liberty and Justice for All and the Second Amendment. At the end of his comments, Mr. Cox was presented with an Honorary Life Membership in the Delaware State Sportsmen's Association. This was only the second such Honorary Membership ever awarded, the first went to Lt. Col. Oliver North.



(DSSA Board Members, Dan Watson, Jim Thompson with Chris in the center)

Mr. Cox arrived early, stayed late and made a very commendable effort to interact with anyone and everyone who wanted to "bend his ear" about freedom and justice in America today. We thank Chris for his tireless efforts on behalf of all gun owners and for his efforts in support of DSSA and the law-abiding hunters, sportsmen and gun owners of Delaware – Thanks Chris!

In keeping with the theme "Liberty & Justice for All", a presentation was also made to Mrs. Josephine Byrd (Mrs. Doe) in the Doe vs Wilmington Housing Authority case. A video was shown explaining Mrs. Byrd's position and her bravery to stand



up against those who would deny law abiding citizens their Second Amendment rights. The John J. Thompson Memorial Delaware Defender of Freedom Award was presented to Mrs. Josephine Byrd with the assistance of Mrs. Peggy Thompson and her son Matt and Mr. Christopher Cox.

Next came the presentation of The Chief Justice William Killen Award for Distinguished Second Amendment Appellate Advocacy. If you are a Delaware history buff, you probably recognize Chief Justice William Killen and Delaware's first Chief Justice and Delaware's first Chancellor. This prestigious award went to Mr. Francis G.X. Pileggi, Esq. for his role as Mrs. Doe's attorney and the lead counsel in Doe v. Wilmington Housing Authority. This award was presented to Mr. Pileggi by Mr. Thomas Shellenberger, Esq. and Mr. Anthony Delcollo, Esq., of the DSSA Legal Affairs Committee. Mr. Cox assisted.



The DSSA Civil Rights Defense Fund then presented a check in the amount of \$500.00 in the form of a grant to the Delaware Association of Second Amendment Lawyers for their new Law Student Writing Competition Scholarship Fund. The purpose of the grant is to stimulate law student interest in Second Amendment Scholarship focused on Delaware law and the Delaware Constitution.

With all of the presentations now out of the way, the much-awaited live auction could begin. There were only seven live auction items and the auction went quickly. Representative Dave Wilson was the auctioneer and, as usual, did an outstanding job.

The big auction item of the night was Delaware Registration Plate # NRA 6 which went for the astounding amount of \$5,000.00. In the interest of privacy we will refrain from identifying this very generous benefactor – but when you see Delaware registration # NRA 6 out on our highways and byways, please honk your horn and say THANK YOU! Please show this very proud supporter of the NRA and DSSA that you appreciate his efforts to keep the Right to Keep and Bear Arms alive, well, and fully protected here in Delaware.

After the live auction, it was time to draw the winning name for the door prize, which happened to be a Smith & Wesson 380 Bodyguard. And the winner was John Bartsch. John, thank you for your support!

We closed the evening with everyone joining in to sing God Bless America.

To everyone who attended and everyone who in any way contributed to this great event, thank you one and all.

[The following articles are reprinted from the very first issue of the American Rifleman magazine, dated June 1, 1923. Jim and Carolyn Thompson were able to purchase this magazine when it came up for sale, thanks to notice from a friend. In the article, **A Law For the Outlaw**, two things become very clear, some things never change and the battle goes on. Read and Enjoy!]

## The American Rifleman

Published semi-monthly on the first and fifteenth days  
By; THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

### A CHANGE OF NAME

WITH the issue of June 1, 1923, ARMS AND THE MAN becomes THE AMERICAN RIFLEMAN.

Through thirty-eight years of uninterrupted existence this publication has served the shooting fraternity and has fostered the art of marksmanship. Starting its career as THE RIFLE under the able direction of the late Arthur C. Gould, its name was changed in 1888 to SHOOTING AND FISHING, under which title it was published until 1906, when under the editorship of General James A. Drain, the magazine became ARMS AND THE MAN.

Each of these changes were apparently dictated by a desire to keep the title closely related to the fields which the publication covered during these different periods. And again the time has come, in the belief of the present management, to give the magazine a name which will bear a more pertinent relationship and carry a deeper significance to the shooting fraternity. Hence THE AMERICAN RIFLEMAN is presented to the shooters of the country.

The new name was chosen not only because it is representative of all for which the magazine stands—the shooter and his sport, whether on the range or afield, but also because it links the publication in the minds of the rifle clan with its very honorable ancestor, THE RIFLE.

More and more during the two years past, the editors have been striving to emphasize in current numbers those features which established THE RIFLE as an authority in the field of firearms and the sport of marksmanship, which may briefly be epitomized as authoritative contributions by qualified writers.

That in some measure success has attended these efforts is evidenced by the great increase in the magazine's circulation, and the fact that added pages have been justified even in the face of a much greater financial outlay.

With the change in name, THE AMERICAN RIFLEMAN will be placed on the newsstands. Friends of the magazine can render a very important service in this connection by seeing that local news dealers carry it and by calling the attention of interested shooters to it, to the end that they become acquainted with it and ultimately subscribe.

Under its new title the rifleman's magazine will be bigger and better and will be equipped to serve the shooters and conserve their interests better than ever in its entire history.

The new name should be permanent.

### A LAW FOR THE OUTLAW

By Allyn H. Tedmon

Time: 1925.

Place: A Sporting Goods Store.

THE customer, a young man about to take up pistol shooting, is examining a popular medium-priced hand-gun of .22 caliber.

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Customer-" Well, I believe this pistol will be just what I want. It is low in price and shoots cheap ammunition. Same, in fact, as I have been buying from you for 35 cents per box."

Dealer-"Yes, I am quite sure you will be pleased with that little gun. Yes, it takes the same cartridge as your Winchester .52."

Customer-" Well, let's get to business; what now is the price of the handy little thing; eight dollars was it, you said "

Dealer "No; I said it was eight dollars, but it is now worth \$108, and the cartridges for it will cost you \$50.35 per box."

Customer, staggering back at the unexpected answer; "Why, what's the big idea? No fooling now. At eight dollars and the regular price for the cartridges, 35 cents per box, I will take the gun and ten boxes of cartridges."

Dealer-" I am not fooling, really; that is the price of the gun and the cartridges. Gun \$108, and cartridges \$50.35 per box. It is controlled by law, you know. The anti-pistol law recently passed through Congress, which imposes a tax of \$100 on each revolver or pistol and \$1 for each cartridge to be used in such arms. It is rather high I'll admit, but it can't be helped now."

Customer, still dazed and scratching his head-"But, I don't understand; it is outrageous to ask me \$108 for this gun and here I just yesterday bought 500 of these same cartridges from you at 35 cents per box. You now ask me \$50.35 per box simply because I have intimated that they will be used in this pistol. Say, who in hell was the boob that ever thought up such a law as that, anyway? Some damned reformer, I'll bet, or some other anti-everything."

Dealer-"Well, it is the law just the same, my boy, and we are now in for it, and if you think it is hard on you, just cast an eye over here and see the stock of Colts and Smith and Wesson guns I have on hand and which I am absolutely unable to sell because of this law. Unless some way shows itself this outlay is very liable to put me out of business. No, the law was not written nor started by any boob reformer nor anti-vivisectionist ; however, on the other hand it was, written and first offered by Chief Magistrate McAdoo, of New York City. The place you may recall where the Sullivan law has been in force so long and where It has stood out as a glaring failure from the first."

Customer-"What! You don't mean to tell me that a man in his position offered such a Bolshevik law as this do you! Why, man alive, laws like that Sullivan law and this one, which is new to me, are nothing else than Laws for the Outlaws. You are sure that a Chief Magistrate of the World's greatest city wrote and promoted it?"

Dealer-"Yes; and what's more it was unanimously endorsed at the meeting of the Third International Police Conference held at that time. The Chiefs of Police from all the larger cities were there and they, along with others of the same mind forced the bill through, and it has become a law. As you have so truly said, a Law for the Outlaw."

Customer-"But, for heaven's sake why didn't somebody do something and keep the damnable thing off the statute books. Why, who is there in Congress who is fool enough to pass such a law. Why, I am surprised that something wasn't done to stop it. Why, it makes me sore to think of it. I'd like to get hold of the mutt who voted for it. My gosh! Who ever heard of such a thing; you would think this was Russia the way things go, wouldn't you?"

Dealer-" Young man, the reason why this bill became a law was because the anti-pistol people were organized and the citizens were not. When it came to a showdown on the floors of Congress, the anti-pistol people had the lobby filled with men and women demanding that this bill become a law. The opposition was represented by two or three manufacturers who made revolvers and pistols, and a few other men who had seen the danger and who had yelled themselves hoarse and written themselves out trying to wake the shooters up. But when the show-down came they were alone, and the anti-pistol radicals

were there in droves, and today we are in our first steps to complete disarmament. You may hold your head up today and snort around, too late to be sure, but unless you and all others like you wake up, you will be going around with lash marks across your back and with the awl marks of a slave in your ears. The people will be without arms, you will be one of them, and an unarmed people are a conquered people."

Customer, showing much spirit and very red ill the face as he begins to realize just what has happened-" Yes, what you say may be true, but the Constitution gives us the right to bear arms. It says we may and we always have. Who's going to stop us"! Why don't the Government do something? Now you speak of these things I do remember of reading some articles some time ago in the Outdoor Magazine about some sort of a proposed law or something, but I didn't pay much attention to it. In fact, didn't read much of it. I didn't suppose anyone living in this country would seriously think of such a thing. I thought it was a joke."

Dealer-"Well, it is a joke. It is a damned serious joke and the joke isn't only on you, but on all honest, law-abiding citizens. You are right that the Constitution gives us the right to bear arms. That is true, but the men who pushed and backed this law have little or no regard for the Constitution. The main backing of such a measure has been, and will be in the future, the radical Reds, the disciples of Soviet Russia. The men and women who drink toasts to the day when the United States, as such, will be no more. These people would burn the Constitution, would sack the Capitol, have murdered our Presidents, have bombed the people, and today are chuckling over the way they have partially, at least, disarmed the people. You may well get excited, young fellow. It is high time that you did. It is not too late, but unless you and all others like you do wake up and make yourselves felt you may mark my word that you will live to see the day when you won't be able to even own an air gun. "

Customer-" And to think that the police, the men who we expect and look to to maintain order, helped put such a law across. My gosh! it looks to me as though they had thrown up the sponge and admit that they can't enforce the law. A pretty mess, I'll say, and today, in the paper, I noticed an item that said that holdups and murders had about doubled in the past few months. Say, what's the world coming to anyway? But this law gets my goat, it makes me mad. Why, the poor nuts, who do they think we are, anyway."

Dealer-" Well, my boy, those poor nuts you mention just have taken you for the poor boob that you are. Maybe this will wake you up, but if you had taken in earnest what you read six months ago about this very anti-pistol bill, and had gotten busy, it is not impossible to think that it would now not be a law. Blame no one but yourself. I did all I could, but as I said before, the anti-pistol bunch had lots of money and were organized. They wanted a law for the Outlaw, and thanks to fellows like you who wouldn't wake up, they have it. The price of this \$8 pistol is now \$108, and cartridges to use in it will cost you \$50.35 per box. I must go and make out my daily report, so unless you want the gun I will bid you good-day."

Customer, very much subdued-"No, I can't buy any gun at such a price. It is an outrage. By the way, tell me, who do you have to make out a report to? I thought you owned this store."

Dealer-" Oh, I do; but you see under another law I am compelled to report the name of every man who calls in here and who owns guns of any description. You see, my boy, it is not a joke, it is a very serious matter. As a patriotic citizen it is something for you to think over,"

Customer, turning for the door-" I'll say it's serious. I wish now that I had read that stuff, but I didn't. Goodbye, and say, when you write my name on your list, underscore it and tell them that I don't only own guns, but know how to use them."

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Dealer, as he turns and walks slowly to back of store-"Brave boy, and with his heart in the right place, but he is just like a 'lot more of them who never pay any attention to anything but having a good time and making money. His nerve and heart will not be worth much to him should all his guns be taken from him, and could the Radicals have their way it would be done. I hope to heavens for the sake of the country, that others like him will wake up and not alone check such" moves, but throw the leaders out of the country."

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## DELAWARE LEGISLATURE RETURNS TO DOVER

The 148th Delaware General Assembly is scheduled to return to Dover to resume its work for this first session on March 17th, 2015. Although there were very few bills of interest filed during the initial three weeks of this session in January, we expect a number of issues to arise in the coming weeks – issues with which we will need your help – that’s right - your help!

I know that we ask you to call your legislators from time to time and that we sometimes ask you to do so more than once in any given week, but we don’t ask you to help all that often and we never ask you to do so unless we really need for you to do so.

We try not to call on our members too often but when we do – we really need you, and we really need for you to respond to the Action Alerts so that the Legislators can know that their constituents (you & you family) are watching what they are doing and that you really are engaged in the process.

We already know that several groups, many of which are fully funded by “Bloomberg Dollars,” openly and aggressively operating here in Delaware, spreading their cynical anti-gun message to anyone who will listen – including your legislators.

We already know that the “Bloomberg groups” are rabidly anti-gun and that they are doing all that they can to circumvent the law, weaken our constitution and do whatever they can to infringe upon your God-given, fundamental Right to Keep and Bear Arms.

We know that these Bloomberg funded and/or inspired groups are already contacting legislators with their cynical plans to strip you and your children, grandchildren and all Delawarean’s of your history and your heritage. We’ve seen their postings, we’ve seen their work and we’ve heard their attempts to influence our elected officials – they are cynical, well-funded, dishonest and diabolical – but they can be effective – but only if we don’t counter each and every one of their efforts with honest and forthright efforts of our own.

### BLUEPRINT TO SUCCESS

If you truly care about your Right to Keep & Bear Arms here in Delaware, here’s what you need to do:

1. Learn who your State Representative is. Meet him/her, get to know them – let them get to know you.
2. Learn who your State Senator is. Meet him/her, get to know them – let them get to know you.
3. Get the home phone number and the home address for your State Senator and your State Representative – and get their email addresses as well.
4. Go on their web sites and get on their mailing lists –

5. When your Senator or your Representative has a town hall meeting, constituent coffee or constituent event, go to those events. Use those events to establish a real and meaningful relationship with your Senator and your Representative so that when you call, when you write or when you send an email to them they know who you are and they know that you are a registered voter in their district – that’s important!

6. And when the DSSA Action Alert Network asks you to call or write to your representative – PLEASE DO SO – and please do so immediately – frequently, time will be of the essence – it is not unusual for a very important vote to happen very quickly

7. Don’t be afraid to write or call your Senator or your Representative – they work for you – and they should be eager to hear and read what you have to say

8. And, be polite – your grandmother told you that it is easier to attract flies with honey.... It’s true – be polite and make these people your friends – who knows, you may even get them to believe the way you believe – you won’t know unless you try.

Now I know that many of you live in very tough districts where either the Senator or the representative is less than supportive of the Right to keep and Bear Arms – but that doesn’t mean that you don’t talk to them, nor does it mean that we give up on them. It is important that every legislator hear from you on every issue – every time!

Questions:

1. What if I don’t know who my Senator or Representative is?

The Department of elections can help you identify which Representative District you live in and which Senatorial District you live in – just call them:

New Castle County Department of Elections: 302-577-3464

Kent County Department of Elections: 302-739-4515

Sussex County Department of Elections: 302-856-5082

2. How do I get the contact information for my Senator and my Representative?

a. Every Senator and every Representative has an official State web site – that will have some information.

b. Most legislators have campaign and/or personal web sites – that should give you more information

c. The DSSA web site has contact information for each and every Delaware legislator – we try to keep it up to date, but sometimes we can’t keep up with all of the changes – we try...

d. When in doubt go to the local telephone directory – these Senators and Representatives are a part of your community – their home numbers are usually listed – they expect your calls – don’t be afraid to call them at home.

Remember, only you can effectively defend your freedom and the freedom of your family and your community – you are responsible – do your part and, please, help us to do our part.

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## BRIDGEVILLE LONG RANGE RIFLE TEAM ESCAPES THE COLD IN SEARCH OF GOLD

While you were enduring temperatures well below freezing and approaching “0 degrees”, high winds, ice and snow here at home, members of the Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol Club’s Long Range Rifle Team were enjoying the Arizona sunshine, morning temperatures around 55 degrees and afternoon temperatures in the low 80’s. The only thing they “endured” was wind – and lots of it... but oh, what the heck, at least it was warm..... or at least warmer.....

The Ben Avery Shooting Complex just north of Phoenix, Arizona was the scene for the 2015 Berger Bullet Southwest

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Long Range Nationals. The Bridgeville Long Range Rifle Team were among approximately 346 shooters from throughout the United States, Canada, England and Ireland beginning February 10th through February 15th enjoying fun-in-the-sun shooting F-Class (Open & T/R), Palma & Match Rifles on what many would argue is America's finest 1,000 yard rifle range.

Bridgeville fielded two teams, one shooting "Sling" (Palma & Match Rifle) and one shooting F-Class (it was an Open team with one T/R shooter filling the fourth position on the team).

Bridgeville's "Sling Team" consisted of Jeff Hague (Team Captain) Rich Kussman, Don Phister and Gary Diefendorfer. Bridgeville's F-Open Team consisted of John Sigler (Team Captain), Keith Weil, Mark Holland and Holly Cooper (YES! – We had a woman on our team!). Ingrid Sigler traveled with the team, playing "Den Mother" for the F-Class contingent.

The First Day was an optional wind reading clinic which was attended by several members of the Bridgeville team. Day Two was the Mid-Range, three-match 600 yard aggregate – and boy did the wind blow! In fact, it blew hard enough ( 18-35 mph) where the start of the shooting day had to be delayed for more than two hours – keeping dust and grit out of actions, ammo boxes and shooting gear became the prime goal of every shooter's efforts during Day Two.

Although Bridgeville's "Sling Team" did not place "in the money", it did very well, indeed. This "sling team" is a very experienced team of High Masters competing at the very highest levels of the sport competing against the best teams in the world – Well done guys!

Bridgeville's F-Class Team, coached by Keith Weil, struggled during the Palma Format Team Event, but did much better during one of the Long Range (1000 yard) events, taking First Place money in the Master Class.

Individual match results were also very respectable, indeed. This large and very prestigious event was the first competitive event for Bridgeville's only woman, Holly Cooper, who was shooting her Savage .308 F-T/R rifle and doing very well, indeed. Not only did she hold her own during the 1,000 yard team event, she proved to herself and her teammates that she will be a force to contend with as she gains confidence and experience in the months and years to come – Well done Holly!

Finishing "In the Money" during the various individual matches were Rich Kussman who took Second Overall "Sling" in the 900 yard stage of Match 2 (Individual Palma) and John Sigler who took Third Overall F-Open Rifle in Match #2 at 600 yards. John also took First Master in Match 2 at 600 yards and 5th Master (just barely in the money) in the three-match, 600 yard aggregate. Both Keith Weil and Mark Holland shot well within their respective classes and as a result it looks like Keith may be looking at an elevation into the High Master Class for Long Range (he's already a High Master at Mid-Range) and Mark may equal his Mid-Range classification by becoming a member of the Expert Class in Long Range – time will tell. Well done everyone!

Bridgeville's F-Class shooters are already planning a return trip to Phoenix in October for the NRA's F-Class National

Championships. Bridgeville's "sling shooters are also preparing for their NRA Nationals to be held at Camp Perry, Ohio in July and the Full-Bore World Championships which will follow in August.

In the meantime the Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol Club invites you to join them for a full season of Mid-Range, Long Range and Across-the-Course High Power Rifle competition. For the complete schedule of competitive rifle opportunities at the Bridgeville range go to <http://bville-rifle-pistol.org/wp-content/Highpower/2015/2015-Schedule-Information.pdf>.

Let the 2015 competitive shooting season begin!

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## **Friends of NRA Friday, April 17, 2015 DELAWARE –CHESAPEAKE FRIENDS OF NRA**

**Benefit Banquet and Auction is being held at the Dover  
Modern Maturity Center 1121 Forrest Avenue, Dover, DE  
19904**

**ROAST BEEF & DUMPLINGS, DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM-  
DINNER AT 7:15 PM TICKETS ARE \$50 EACH SPONSOR  
PACKAGES AVAILABLE\*  
LIVE AUCTION SILENT AUCTION - GAMES**

**JOIN HUNDREDS OF LIKE MINDED INDIVIDUALS IN AN  
EVENING OF FUN; ALL FOR A GOOD CAUSE 50% OF ALL  
FUNDS RAISED STAY IN THIS AREA FOR CONSERVATION,  
EDUCATION, SAFETY, AND RANGE DEVELOPMENT**

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## **DELAWARE LAW ENFORCEMENT MARKSMANSHIP ASSOCIATION SCHEDULE 2015:**

April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Seaford, DE	0900 hrs
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Seaford, DE	0900 hrs
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Seaford, DE	0900 hrs
July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Seaford, DE	0900 hrs
August 8 <sup>th</sup>	Seaford, DE	0900 hrs
September 12 <sup>th</sup>	Seaford, DE	0900 hrs
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Seaford, DE	0900 hrs

COURSE OF FIRE- 48 rounds

Membership Fee- \$20.00 Course Fee- \$15.00 first relay, \$10.00 all subsequent relays. Contact Mark Hester @mhester35905@hotmail.com or 302-270-0412

New shooter orientation begins at 0900 hrs prior to the first relay. New shooters will have an experienced DLEMA member accompany them as "one on one" during their relay to gain familiarization with positions and time management.

**MEMBERSHIP FEES AND DONATIONS,  
PLEASE TAKE NOTE:**

Our Organization exists and is sustained by the membership fees and donations we receive annually. Please note that we appreciate and need your support more than ever. Our membership has virtually doubled in the past few months and with this infusion of support DSSA can and plans to move forward in areas and ways we have not been able to do before. We ask that when making donations to DSSA or DFLA that you use a separate check for each organization. This will ensure that the monies will be used as you the member/donator would have us use it. To help in this area, DSSA has set out to allow online payments and registration for membership. As you read this, provisions are being made to facilitate credit card usage in a secure manner to make payments and to donate. THANK YOU

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