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## LAWSON LEADS THE WAY

By  
NRA Past President John Sigler

On Wednesday, June 13, 2012, Senator Dave Lawson (R-Marydel) once again came to the rescue of Delaware's taxpayers and law-abiding gun owners by leading the way in the bipartisan fight against Senator Robert Marshall's (D-Wilmington) cynically anti-gun Senate Bill 204. Under Senator Marshall's bill, Delaware would have once again wasted thousands of dollars of taxpayer money on so-called "gun buy-back" programs, primarily in the City of Wilmington.

Last year, the State of Delaware spent far too many of your hard-earned tax dollars buying over 2,000 firearms on a "no-questions-asked basis", largely from gun owners like you and me who were simply cleaning out the old gun safe buy selling to the state those junk guns we have inherited from family members and friends who also didn't want them. Despite being told by law enforcement officials that such programs had no positive impact on crime and might actually encourage thefts of firearms, Senator Marshall and seven other members of the Senate insisted on attempting to saddle Delaware taxpayers with another cynically wasteful program designed to do nothing more than make them look like they are attempting to address the drug-related gang violence plaguing Wilmington, Dover and other places in Delaware.

Thanks to Senator Lawson's leadership, a coalition of six Republicans and seven Democrats handed Senator Marshall and his allies a resounding defeat. A total of 13 Senators voted against Senate Bill 204 while 8 voted in favor of Senator Marshall's cynically wasteful plan.

Those 13 senators obviously understood that no self-respecting "gangbanger" was going to stand in line to sell his pistol which he purchased for \$400 on the black market to the State for a mere \$100 credit voucher, leaving him to return to the mean streets of Wilmington to ply his criminal trade unarmed and without his "NINE". Last year's program obviously didn't work in Wilmington and these 13 senators from both political parties obviously understood that no reasonable person could possibly believe that an identical program would work any better this year.

Those 13 senators also understood that which NRA and DSSA have been saying for years - if you want to stop gang violence, lock up the "gangbangers"; and if you want to throw money at the issue, give it to law enforcement for more cops, better equipment and better training.

As for the 8 senators, including Marshall, who voted for SB 208, I guess some people are willing to believe anything, especially when it fits so nicely with their anti-gun bias.

Please thank Senator Lawson for leading the way on this very important issue.

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## New Toy

For those of us who load large quantities of rifle ammunition for long range target shooting the millennium is here. Aside from case trimming, which is perhaps the most onerous chore, weighing each charge of stick powder is about as time consuming and unpleasant. Those lucky folks who are happy with the accuracy they are getting from ball powder loads need read no further. Your powder measure will suffice. The rest of us can rejoice that RCBS, Hornady and Lyman are all making a gizmo that will throw and weigh accurate charges of stick powder. I am only familiar with the RCBS offering - the Chargemaster 1500.

The Chargemaster is the most expensive of the three I know about. I bought it due to its large capacity powder hopper and its more favorable reviews on an Internet forum. The device combines a giant electrical powder trickler with an electronic digital scale. I have been using it to throw both Varget and H4831SC. My old technique was to use my powder measure to throw a short charge and then bring it up to spec with a small trickler. I was willing to accept a .1 grain plus or minus range. Hence my charges had a range of .2 grains. This is a very tedious process and takes much time when loading a 100 or more rounds at a time. The RCBS device throws to exactly what you ask for. Since the scale reads to .1 grain I assume that is the maximum range of any charge. It takes about 20 to 30 seconds depending on the powder and charge size. By using the charging time to seat a bullet over the previous charge little time is really lost. When the tool arrived I used it to throw a bunch of charges and then weighed them on my Acculab scale which has .02 grains precision. All charges were within .05 grains of what I asked for. That really built my confidence in the green miracle. Another thing I like about it is that it is easy to empty when finished. There is a quick dump valve on the side that works without spillage.

In short, I am delighted with this modern marvel. It seems like the nicest thing to happen to serious rifle reloaders since the powder measure appeared.



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### Firearms Curiosa

Remington is a famed maker of rifles and shotguns. The model 700 bolt action rifle is a classic, the model 870 in 12 gauge rides in many police cruisers, and the model 1100 may be the most popular semi-automatic shotgun of recent times. Overlooked by some modern users is Remington's history as a handgun manufacturer. Remington revolvers were second only to Colts in the old West and some argue it was a better design. The Remington two-shot "derringer" remains recognizable today as a favorite of riverboat gamblers and ladies of the day (and of the evening). Remington even made 1911 pistols for the government during WWI (the Remington 1911s of WWII were made by the Remington typewriter company).

Less well-known is the Remington Model 51, a slim, elegant pocket pistol introduced in 1918. This clever pistol was designed by famed firearms designer John Pedersen, who also designed the "Pedersen device" to convert bolt-action 1903A1 Springfield rifles to semi-automatic operation. He also designed a rifle that competed, unsuccessfully, with the Garand design in the late 1930s.

The Model 51 pocket pistol was available in .32 acp (primarily for overseas sale) or .380 acp. It is a locked-breech design rather than the blowback action common to pocket pistols of the day. This enabled the Model 51 to be lighter than competing designs while also producing less felt recoil. Pedersen's design used no screws at all. Even the grips were held in place by tensioned studs rather than screws.

The model 51 distinguished itself from its competition in two ways. First, it was designed to be ergonomic. It is slim, elegant, and comfortable to grip. The grip angle was the result of careful study using hand molds. The pistol points naturally, which led Remington to advertise it as "self aiming".

The model 51 features a thumb safety, a grip safety, and a magazine safety. The Pedersen's clever design enabled the grip safety to serve many functions. With the internal hammer cocked in the firing position, the grip safety must be depressed for the pistol to fire. If the hammer is not cocked, the grip safety cannot be depressed, enabling the grip safety to serve as a

cocking indicator. If the slide is locked back and a new loaded magazine is inserted, squeezing the grip safety will cause the slide to spring into battery, readying the pistol for firing.

The second way that the model 51 differed from its competition was its high costs. Such elegance comes at a price and many pistol shoppers in the post-WWI era were simply unwilling to pay the additional costs for the model 51. Although the Navy became interested in a .45 acp version of the design, no government or military contracts were secured. The pistol simply became economically impractical and it was discontinued in 1927.

Among the many who appreciated the model 51 was General George Patton. While famous for his ivory-handled revolvers, he was given a model 51 in 1943. After having custom ivory grip panels crafted for it, Patton carried the model 51 frequently until his death after WWII.



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Credits: wikipedia.org;

The Remington Model 51 by Ed Buffaloe, available at <http://unblinkingeye.com/Guns/Rem51/rem51.html>.

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### I promise you .....

"I promise you that I will offer your widow what you said you paid for your guns when you die."

While at dinner recently, one of the members of our party stated the ole "I promise" quote that I'm sure most of us have heard before or even said ourselves.

The perceived 'problem' it seems is that as a collector, hunter, shooter, we don't always want our wives or family to know how much money we have spent to purchase a firearm and consequently tell them we paid way less than what we actually spent. "Well honey, my friend needed money and he sold me this \$800 rifle for just \$100". Embarrassed to tell her what you actually spent because she would have loved to have had the money for a new washing machine, we low-balled our purchase.



### IS THIS FIREARM WORTH \$300 OR \$3,000

Fast forward 20 years and the husband/collector has now passed away and the inexperienced love one now has custody of the rifle. She doesn't really want it because she won't shoot it or doesn't have a desire to have a firearm around the house. She decides to get rid of it by selling it in the paper or asking one of her loved one's friends if they want it or know of someone who would want it. Price is discussed and the sellers remember the purchase price as \$100 and say I guess \$100 will be okay if it seems right to you. The buyer tells his buddies that he got a great buy.... \$100 for an \$800+ rifle.

Occasionally I have received requests to check out a collection or group of firearms that are part of an estate and to assist the family in determining the value of what they were left. I remember helping two different widows with what was left by their husbands. One collection had been placed in six 50 gallon plastic drums sitting in the middle of the family room. It took the best part of a full day to check, identify, value, and catalog and photograph each piece. We used the "Blue Book" as our guide for evaluation. We also discovered thousands of rounds of ammunition and reloading equipment on the property. The widow had lived what may be called a sheltered life. She did not have a driver's license and had to depend on neighbors and family to get around. She had no clue as to what her husband collected or owned or how to deal with the task of disposing of all the items.

The second widow knew about firearms and occasionally shot with her husband. She had knowledge of his collecting of firearms but just wasn't interested during her husband's life to appreciate what was being amassed. After his passing, the collection had to be cataloged to administer the will. The process took two days of just finding all of the collection. The husband had been a Federal Firearms Licensed Dealer at one time and we all felt this was going to be easy.... but were we mistaken.

After he shut down his business, he had pretty much quit cataloging his firearms and according to his 'list' more than half of his collection was missing. What he had actually done was

to buy and trade many pieces and failed to keep an accurate record. We found firearms in the bathroom linen closet, gun safes were overflowing, firearms under beds, couches, attic, closets and garage. Most of these pieces were high quality firearms and many engraved or embellished. My understanding is the family actually found a 'panel' in a bedroom wall six months later. He had placed several firearms there that not even the widow knew about.

These two incidents are actual events that cost the families much trouble in establishing the actual value of the estate(s).

#### Solution:

- Be up front with your family (wife/children) as to what the value of the items really is.
- Get a will and put in it what you want done with your collection.
- INVENTORY....make one and keep it up to date.

It is easy... pen and paper, write down what the firearm is, when you purchased it, what you paid for it and take a photo. OR, use a soft ware program (they are for sale) that lists the above categories in an easy format... OR just simply use a spread sheet like EXCEL. With today's SMARTPHONES and digital cameras, it is easy to add photos to the inventory. Make copies and place at least one in a safe place where if the home is destroyed by fire or a hurricane, you will still have the info available. Computers are easy... with the advent of memory sticks/thumb drives all of the info can be stored and transported safely.

Get your wife and family involved in your collecting or shooting sports I know that is easier said than done in some cases, but find friends with spouses who do appreciate the firearms you use or collect and make social contacts and let the ladies find common ground and encouragement. Let them know it is managing assets.

Again, update info as needed. This advice also goes for any other valuable you may have; coins, knives, books, glassware etc. One last example. As recently as last month I was called to examine a group of knives that had been owned by a sportsman and having been amassed over a life time. One particular knife in the collection the family had deemed as just junk, but was in fact a super rare collectible hunting knife that may bring several thousand dollars at auction. Protect your investment and insure that the loved ones you hope to leave your valuables, indeed get what you want them to have. No relatives?... make the will so the valuables will be sold and the money given to the NRA.

[http://www.nragive.com/#/ringoffreedom/coverflow/ways\\_of\\_giving](http://www.nragive.com/#/ringoffreedom/coverflow/ways_of_giving)

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*Shooting Advice: Police Officers carry guns to protect themselves, not to protect you.*

*Never let someone or thing that threatens you get inside arm's length and never say "I've got a gun". If you feel you need to use deadly force for heavens sake let the first sound they hear be the safety clicking off, and they shouldn't have time to hear anything after that if you are doing your job.*

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## Delaware's Top Second Amendment Advocate

"It all started more than 35 years ago when I met a fella named Dan Lindbergh, he asked if I wanted to go goose hunting the following day". I fell in love with the sport - John Thompson

During the June Delaware State Pistol Club Board meeting, the members paid a tribute to John's long service to the sports of hunting & shooting in Delaware and as a member of the NRA lobbyist team.

John Seigler, former NRA President and DSPC Club member spoke of John's many accomplishments. In 1985 he was the prime mover in revising the Delaware concealed carry law so that ordinary citizens could obtain a permit, without years of waiting. Considering he had to beat the "Delaware Way" this was no small accomplishment.

John also formed the Brandywine Rod & Gun club, led the way to obtain money to buy their range in Port Penn Delaware and was President of the club for many years. John also explained to the lawmakers that it was OK to hunt with a Pistol, so again the rules were changed. While continuing on with his many visits to support the 2nd Amendment, he became a familiar face in Legislative Hall. I recall one rally where the rear area was full of Delaware citizens. The folks inside took notice. John also formed the Delaware State Sportsman's Assoc. serving as its President for many years, then continuing to assist when needed.

John Dutton, DSPC Treasurer and Todd Morgan, Club President presented John with the plaque naming the indoor range in his honor and thanking him for his many years of service.



Delaware State Sportsmen's Association, Inc. Membership Application

Send to: Membership Secretary

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P.O. Box 94 Lincoln, DE 19960

Individual Membership (check one)

A. Life \$400 \_\_\_ B. Annual \$ 25 \_\_\_ C. Family \$ 40 \_\_\_ D. Junior \$ 10 \_\_\_ E. Email \$20 \_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ NRA Member? \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ New DSSA member? \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ DSSA Renewal? \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Family Memberships (Must be part of life or annual member's household.)

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I certify that I am not now and never have been a member of any organization which has as any part of its program the attempt to overthrow the government of the United States by force or violence; that I have never been convicted of a crime of violence; that if admitted to membership in the Delaware State Sportsmen's Association, I will fulfill the obligations of good sportsmanship and uphold the Right to Keep and Bear Arms found in the Constitution of my State of Residence and of the United States of America.

**DELAWARE STATE SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION**  
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS, JUNE 2012 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. - 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**

**June 16** Black Powder Muzzleloader Shoots - Percussion, Flint, Revolver, Single Shot Pistol, Nanticoke Sportsmen's Club, Seaford, DE. Ray Stevens 302-875-5428

**COWBOY**

**June 16, 23, 30** Indoor Practice for Outside - 7:30 p.m., Delaware Rifle & Pistol, Elsmere, Jack Conomon, 302-654-7580  
**17, 24, 31** Geezer Guns - 8 a.m. until approximately 12:00 noon. Delmarva Sportsman's Assoc., Sudleresville, MD. Teton Tracy 302-378-7854, Festivities followed by go to lunch.  
**17** SASS - Paden's Posse - 9:00 a.m. Bridgeville R & P Club, Bridgeville, DE, Dave Bell 302-245-4822

**INDOOR & OUTDOOR PISTOL**

**June 15, 22** 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  
**18** Silhouette Pistol Indoor, 7:00 p.m., 50 ft., Delaware Rifle & Pistol, Elsmere, DE, Jim Bowman 302-368-8626  
**18** Indoor Pistol, Bullseye Practice, 22-38-45, 50 ft., Delaware Rifle & Pistol, Paul Connor 302-995-5657  
**14, 15** Indoor Regional 2700 - Wilkes Barre, PA, Keith Stern - 609-462-9428  
**16, 17** Outdoor 2700 - Central Jersey - Mary Badiak - 908-788-5503  
**28** Outdoor 2700 Registered - Square Circle, NJ, John Gunn Jr - 609-288-0778  
**23** Service Pistol and Distinguished Revolver - Central Jersey - Mary Badiak - 908-788-5503

**SMALL BORE & HIGH POWER RIFLE**

**June 14, 21, 28** Jr. Small Bore Rifle; Teach Your Children The Basics Of Safe Gun Handling And Marksmanship, 8:30 a.m. Year Round Class, Public Invited, All Equipment Supplied, Delaware State Pistol Club, New Castle, DE Dave Heckler - 302-733-0838  
**16 & 17** Benchrest - 100 and 200 yds Delaware State Championship - 10:00 a.m., Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol-Bridgeville, DE Richard Timmons 410-543-2804

**SPORTING CLAYS**

**June 13, 20, 27** 5 Stand - 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Atglen Sportsmen's Club - Tim McClure 610-721-0114  
**17** Fun Shoot-50 Targets-9am to 2pm-Last Sign Up 12:30-Atglen Sportsmen's Club - Tim McClure - 610-721-0114  
**16** Havre De Grace Decoy Shoot - 75 Birds 0- Pintail Point - 410 - 827 - 7065  
**16** Catholic Sportsman - 50 Birds - Prince George's Trap & Skeet - 301 - 577 - 7175  
**22** Great American Prelim - NSCA - Hopkin's Game Farm & Clays - 410 - 346 - 5287  
**23-24** Great American - NSCA 200 - Hopkin's Game Farm & Clays - 410 - 346 - 5287  
**24** Delmarva Hog Blast- 50 Birds - Owens Station sporting Clays - 302 - 349 - 4334  
**30** NSCA Firecracker Prelim - Registered - Pintail Point - 410 - 827 - 7065

on Rt. 40 - Bill Trone 302-534-9320 (100 Handicap - Non Registered)

**29** Hodgdon Powder Company Shoot (100 Singles and 100 Handicap) - Wilmington Trap Assoc. One Mile West of Glasgow, DE on Rt. 40 - Bill Trone 302-534-9320

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