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DSSA ENTERS PUBLIC HOUSING CIVIL RIGHTS FIGHT AS "FRIEND OF THE COURT" BRIDGEVILLE RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB JOINS DSSA AS CO-AMICUS CURIAE

The Delaware Supreme Court recently certified two questions of Delaware Constitutional Law from the U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals in a case with wide-ranging importance to Delaware's gun owners, hunters, sportsmen and other law-abiding citizens who depend on Delaware's constitutional protections for their right to keep and bear arms for lawful purposes. The case in question is *Doe v. Wilmington Housing Authority*, which is currently pending on appeal in the U.S. Third Circuit.

As you will remember, several years ago "Jane Doe" and Charles Boone, both law-abiding citizens of Delaware living in public housing controlled by Wilmington Housing Authority (WHA), sued WHA in an attempt to have their right to keep and bear arms restored to them, asking that WHA's ban on the private ownership of firearms stricken from the books. While their case was pending in Delaware's U.S. District Court, the U.S. Supreme Court handed down its decision in the *McDonald* case, applying the *Heller* decision to the states.

As a result of *Heller* and *McDonald*, WHA removed their total ban on the lawful ownership of firearms within their homes, but replaced that ban with other draconian rules that effectively made Doe and Boone second-class citizens. Those new rules effectively made it impossible for them and other law-abiding WHA residents to fully enjoy full citizenship, including the right to keep and bear arms as most other law-abiding Delawareans understand and exercise those rights.

The matter went to trial with U.S. District Court Judge Stark ultimately ruling that, despite the fact that the Delaware Supreme Court had never ruled on the full meaning, breadth, depth and scope of our Article I Section 20, Delaware's constitution would not protect Doe and Boone from being treated as second class citizens by the Wilmington Housing Authority. Judge Stark's decision was then appealed to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals which has now asked Delaware's Supreme Court to examine the issues and render an advisory opinion.

Because this case will have long-lasting effects upon how Delaware courts will ultimately interpret Article I Section 20, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to hire counsel to file a "friend of the court" brief in the Delaware Supreme Court, explaining our position as it relates to interpreting the plain words of Article I Section 20, which reads as follows: "A person

has the right to keep and bear arms for the defense of self, family, home and State, and for hunting and recreation."

While there are many aspects of Judge Stark's opinion with which we take issue, and many provisions of the new rules promulgated by WHA with which we disagree, our brief will focus primarily on WHA's ban on "bearing arms" outside of the residents' apartments. At risk is Delaware's tradition and precedent with regard to "open carry" which we feel must be defended if *Heller* is to have meaning in Delaware, and if the words of Delaware's Article I Sec. 20 are to actually mean what they say.

DSSA has been joined on the brief by the Bridgeville Rifle and Pistol Club, whose Board of Directors also authorized participation as co-amicus curiae, in protection of our rights and the rights of every Delawarean, now and in the future.

The DSSA Board wishes to thank the Directors and the over 1,000 members of Bridgeville Rifle and Pistol Club for their assistance and support in this very important matter.

Under the Supreme Court's Rules, we must petition the Court for permission to participate, which we have done. Shortly after filing the motion, the Delaware Supreme Court not only granted our motion to participate, but also granted the motion to have the entire court hear the case (en banc).

DSSA Represents Hunters and Trappers at DNREC Coyote Regulations Meeting

The Delaware State Sportsmen's Association advocates on behalf of Delaware's community of hunters and trappers and represented their interests in a Delaware's Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) meeting held on September 4.

One of the main topics discussed at the September 4 meeting was DNREC's proposal to allow coyote hunting from November through February and coyote trapping from December 1 through March 10. DSSA applauds the proactive efforts of DNREC to monitor and control Delaware's coyote population, especially their recognition that trapping and hunting are effective ways to control the coyote population.

While DNREC's proposed coyote hunting and trapping seasons provide solid discussion points regarding Delaware coyote hunting and trapping, the DSSA board of directors believes that coyote hunting and trapping seasons should be more liberal (as they are in the surrounding states of New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland). As such, after seeking feedback from Delaware hunters and trappers and after listening to

feedback presented during the September 4 DNREC meeting, the DSSA board of directors has submitted a resolution to DNREC regarding coyote hunting and trapping.

Because of the ability for coyotes to adapt and thrive in varied habitats (including urban and suburban settings); their ability to produce litters of an average of six to eight pups per year; their opportunistic and predatory nature that can be detrimental to Delaware livestock, deer, birds, pets, and other animals; and their secretive and elusive nature that leads them to frequently hunt and move about at dawn, dusk, and during nighttime hours, DSSA proposed the following hunting and trapping guidelines to DNREC:

- year-round hunting of Delaware coyotes by licensed Delaware hunters on private land 24 hours a day, seven days a week, including the use of bait and electronic calling devices
- opportunistic hunting (the legal ability for any hunter to kill a coyote while legally pursuing deer with a bow, crossbow, shotgun, muzzleloader, or handgun) of Delaware coyotes by licensed Delaware hunters on Delaware State lands where other types of hunting are permitted, from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset
- coyote-specific nighttime hunting of Delaware coyotes by licensed Delaware hunters on Delaware State lands where other types of hunting are permitted, from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise, 7 days a week, from September 1 through March 15, including the use of bait and electronic calling devices
- the ability for licensed hunters to possess the hides of the harvested coyotes;
- trapping and snaring of Delaware coyotes by licensed Delaware trappers during Delaware's established furbearer trapping seasons and the ability for licensed trappers to possess and sell the hides of the harvested coyotes.

Keeping the wishes of Delaware hunters, trappers, farmers, and other landowners in mind, DSSA will continue to provide support on hunting- and trapping-related issues. If you wish to provide feedback regarding Delaware's coyote hunting and trapping regulations, please contact DSSA Director Steven Kendus at steve.kendus@dssa.net.

NRA DOUBLES DOWN IN SUPPORT OF COMPETITIVE SHOOTING

In a move designed to tell the world that NRA is definitely "in the business" of competitive shooting, the NRA Board of Directors unanimously passed a Resolution at its 2013 Fall Board Meeting re-affirming its dedication and commitment to Competitive Shooting. The text of that Resolution is set forth below for you to read.

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**RESOLUTION
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the
NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
September 14, 2013**

WHEREAS, the National Rifle Association of America (NRA) was originally founded in 1871 for the purpose of serving as America's national organization dedicated to the patriotic endeavor of training civilians in the use of military arms so as to enable patriotic citizens to be fully prepared to come to the defense of their country in times of war and national crisis; and **WHEREAS**, the founders of this great Association recognized early on that the best method for encouraging marksmanship practice among patriotic Americans was to harness the American competitive spirit, thus giving birth to the NRA's competitive shooting programs and the National Matches; and

WHEREAS, Article II of the Bylaws of the National Rifle Association sets forth the Corporate Purpose of our Association, Section 4 of which reads as follows: "To foster and promote the shooting sports, including the advancement of amateur competitions in marksmanship at the state, local, national and international levels"; and

WHEREAS, since our founding, competitive shooting has been and remains a fundamental business of the National Rifle Association of America as a core service to our members, serving not only as the basis for all safety and marksmanship training, but further serving to provide Americans with an opportunity to responsibly and safely exercise their Second Amendment Right to Keep and Bear Arms, and giving to individuals, clubs and teams an incentive to protect and defend those rights and to encourage others to do likewise; and

WHEREAS, during the years immediately following the end of World War II and the Korean Conflict, the NRA enjoyed a tremendous growth in the formation of NRA affiliated clubs as the result of those returning veterans seeking an opportunity to enjoy and exercise the shooting skills they had learned while in service to our country in a recreational and social environment founded upon a competitive shooting format; and

WHEREAS, much of this Association's political success in protecting and defending the rights of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms for lawful purposes is directly attributable to the efforts of the clubs and associations that make up the NRA's network of clubs and associations, many of which began as and to this day remain "competitive shooting clubs"; and

WHEREAS, when modern Americans think in terms of competitive shooting disciplines and events they immediately and automatically think of the NRA; and

WHEREAS, NRA's competitive shooting programs and events are well respected and well received throughout modern American culture, providing goodwill and positive publicity for the NRA throughout America, as well as internationally; and

WHEREAS, the National Rifle Association of America is fully recognized and respected throughout the free world as America's official representative to the International Shooting Community;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the National Rifle Association of America (NRA) does hereby re-state, re-acknowledge and re-affirm its support for and commitment to NRA Competitive Shooting, America's competitive shooting community, and to NRA's competitive shooting members; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contents of this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and that a copy be published electronically in Shooting Sport USA and in such other electronic publications of this Associations as the Executive Vice President may deem to be appropriate; posted on NRA's Competitions Division web page; transmitted electronically to each NRA State Association and NRA competitive shooting club; and sent via email to each registered competitor and volunteer participating in each of NRA's National Championship events conducted during the 2013 competitive shooting season.

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NRA PAST PRESIDENT JOHN C. SIGLER
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DSSA BUS TRIP TO NRA MUSEUM

On September 14, 2013, the Delaware State Sportsmens Association sponsored a bus trip to NRA Headquarters and Museum in Fairfax, VA. Leaving at 8:00 A.M., there were forty-two attendees who arrived shortly after 10:00 A.M. and began our day at the Museum and Range.

While some folks toured the Museum, others went directly to the Range to shoot. Later, we had a great lunch at the Museum Cafeteria and then those who toured the Museum but also wanted to try out the Range got to do so. It was a very exciting and informative day.

The Robert Peterson Exhibit is fascinating and a must see for anyone interested in firearm history and craftsmanship. In all, there are fifteen exhibits on display at the present time, including Old Guns In A New World, Road to American Liberty, Seeds of Greatness, The American West, The William Ruger Gallery, Freedom's Doorway and many more exhibits that must be seen to appreciate.

The bus departed Fairfax around 3:00 P.M. and arrived back in Dover shortly after 5:00 P.M. Everyone had a wonderful time and many have asked for us to do another trip so more family and friends can attend.

DSSA would like to thank those who attended. You were a great group!! Also we would like to thank NRA Headquarters for scheduling time for us and making it a great event. And finally, a note of thanks to Dawson Bus Service who upgraded our bus for the comfort of the group. And thanks to Scott, our driver, who did a great job. If you are interested in a trip to the NRA Headquarters, please let us know and perhaps we can plan another trip in the future.



F-Class Comes to Camp Perry

For the first time in the long and storied history of Camp Perry and NRA's National Matches, 2013 saw F-Class shooters competing shoulder-to-shoulder with "sling shooters" in the very first F-Class Rifle Mid-Range Nationals fired concurrently with the NRA's new Mid-Range Rifle National Championships. So what is "Mid-Range" and what is "F-Class"?

Well, as the name implies, "mid-range" consists of strings of fire at 300 yards, 500 yards and 600 yards, fired slow-fire, prone. "F-Class" consists of two classes of rifles and some rather unusual equipment. Because of the equipment used in F-Open, some have referred to F-Class as "belly-bench-rest".

"F-Class Open" shooters may use a mechanical front rest, a rear bag and any rifle weighing less than 22 lbs. in any caliber .35, or less.

F- Target Rifle (F/TR) shooters are limited to using a bipod and a rear bag and rifles chambered in .223/5.56 or .308/7.62 calibers, total weight not to exceed 18.18 lbs. (scope & bipod included).

While other rifle shooters generally fire on "minute of angle targets", F-Class shooters fire on "1/2 minute of angle" targets. (That means a 3-inch X-Ring at 600 yards).

Participation in this year's inaugural "Mid-Range Nationals" was relatively low with only 70 shooters of all disciplines participating. But next year, 2014, will see a much greater level of participation.

This year's participation was impacted by the timing of the F-Class Long Range Nationals and F-Class Long Range World Championships which were scheduled for Raton, NM immediately following the Long Range Phase of Camp Perry's National Matches, making it physically impossible for the vast majority of F-Class shooters to shoot everything everywhere. And unfortunately, the turnout among "sling shooters" was also depressed as the result of a computer glitch that made it very difficult to register on-line for "Mid-Range", and partly because this was the first year for "Mid-Range" and many shooters did not know what to expect.

Next year will be different.

The computer issues have already been addressed and the shooters who actually shot "mid-range" were very supportive of NRA's effort to expand the program. Everyone indicated a willingness to "talk it up" back home and a desire to return to Camp Perry in 2014 for a much bigger and better "Mid-Range National Championships."

Although this year saw the "sling shooters" outnumbering the F-Class shooters, NRA's dedication to growing and expanding F-Class participation will undoubtedly result in F-Open and F/TR shooters flocking to Camp Perry for the 2014 F-Class Mid-Range National Championships. Most of those shooters will probably stay on to shoot F-Class Long Range in preparation for the NRA's F-Class Nationals to be held in October at the Ben Avery Range in Phoenix. Those same F-Class Long Range shooters will also want to learn about Camp Perry's legendary winds and weather before the F-Class Nationals finally come to Camp Perry in 2016. NRA Rules governing F-Class Rifle Competition can be found in Chapter 22 of NRA's High Power Rifle Rule Book.

For Rules and information about F-Class competition, visit <http://competitions.NRA.org/>

F-Class shooters looking for a place to shoot in Delaware should go to <http://bville-rifle-pistol.org> and click on either Mid-Range or Long Rang Match schedules.

Camp Perry National Pistol Matches July 2013

The Delaware State Pistol Club was represented by Ed Hoey, Dave Bolner & Hank Maier at the National Pistol Matches / Camp Perry. Ed distinguished himself by placing 64th of 500 shooters with a score of 350 - 4x in the President's 100; and 74th of 476

shooters with a score of 264 - 7x in the National Individual Trophy. Way to go Ed.

The notable Camp Perry feature this year's was wading in the three plus inches of mud due to heavy rain just before the matches. We "cheerfully" endured the mud for 4 days.

Changes are coming to Camp Perry and the National Matches. Plans call for replacing 100 WW II POW huts with stone/brick, air conditioned huts of the same footprint. The huts will be raised above the flood plain. Concrete walk ways and improved range drainage round out the welcomed facilities improvements. Perhaps we've seen the last of wading in the mud. The NRA is proposing a move to electronic scoring, similar to ones on the air pistol range and used in Europe. This change is expected to speed up the matches while reducing scoring and posting errors

Hank Maier

GunBroker.com Partners with Springfield Armory and CrossBreed Holsters To Support the Fight Against Breast Cancer

The Tactical Wire, September 10, 2013

Kennesaw, GA - GunBroker.com, the world's largest online auction of firearms and accessories has partnered with two of the industry's most innovative companies, Springfield Armory, and CrossBreed Holsters to create three combination packages to be auctioned on GunBroker.com in support of Team GunBroker.com's participation in the Susan G. Komen 3-Day™ in Atlanta.

Each package includes the game changing Springfield Armory XD-STM 9mm outfitted with the CrossBreed Holsters' SuperTuck® Deluxe. Featured on the GunBroker.com Home Page in a special Breast Cancer Charity Auction section, the packages will be auctioned in three stages and will each run as 14 days auctions:

- Auction #1: Started Sunday, Sept. 1 at 9PM Eastern
- Auction #2: Starts Sunday, Sept. 15 at 9PM Eastern
- Auction #3: Starts Sunday, Sept. 29 at 9PM Eastern

The company will donate 100% of the monies from the special Charity Auctions to the Susan G. Komen 3-Day, 60 mile walk, in Atlanta on October 18-20, 2013. In addition, GunBroker.com will auction CrossBreed Holsters' T-shirts. GunBroker.com also supports Breast Cancer Awareness & Research by donating \$5 from the sale of each pink colored GunBroker.com t-shirt, tank top and cap year-round.

"Too many of us have seen the devastating impact of breast cancer on the women we love whether it be in our homes, our families, our friends or those we work with," said Don Hall, COO of GunBroker.com. "This is our 6th year in this fight and we truly appreciate such innovative companies as Springfield Armory and CrossBreed Holsters who have truly advanced our industry also help advance the awareness and research for Breast Cancer through this fundraising effort."

"Women are an important and growing segment of the Springfield Armory family of firearms owners," said Chad Dyer of Springfield Armory. "We are pleased to join GunBroker in being a powerful voice against breast cancer for them and for all those who face it."

"CrossBreed Holsters is proud to support GunBroker in their long-standing efforts to raise awareness and ultimately prevention of breast cancer," said Trent Cooper, General Manager of CrossBreed Holsters.

The latest addition to the Springfield Armory line of XD pistols, the XD-STM 9mm debuted at SHOT Show 2013 to rave reviews, one year after the introduction of the XD-STM .45 ACP. With a slim, single stack frame at only 1-in. wide, the XD-STM delivers all the high powered performance with superior control and comfort, without sacrificing important safety features. The design offers a single-position Picatinny rail, making this one of the only pistols of its size that can be accessorized with lights and lasers.

CrossBreed Holsters' industry changing SuperTuck® Deluxe is recognized as the most comfortable and secure IWB holster on the market today. The company offers both IWB & OWB holsters for the XD-STM 9mm and XD-STM .45. The SuperTuck Deluxe is available for right or left hand and comes in Cowhide Black or Horsehide Natural colors with an optional Combat Cut.

About Springfield Armory

The first name in American firearms, Springfield Armory® began when George Washington ordered its creation in 1777 to store revolutionary ammunition and gun carriages. In 1794 the armory began the manufacture of muskets for a young country. For the next 150 years, Springfield Armory® functioned as a supplier for every major American conflict as well as a "think tank" for new firearm concepts. After a brief closure from 1968 to 1974, a passionate family by the name of Reese rescued not only the name "Springfield Armory®," but the philosophy that drove it for centuries. With reverence for the legacy of the Armory, the Reese family resurrected the most historically significant designs produced by The Armory- M1 Garand, 1911-A1, M1A™ -and fueled by the same obsession for improved manufacturing techniques and cutting edge design that inspired the likes of John C. Garand, and John Browning. Today Springfield Armory continues to develop products that are loyal to its heritage while ensuring The Armory's future with such innovations as the category leading XD®, XD(M)® and the game changing XD-S™ polymer pistols. For more information about Springfield Armory visit www.springfield-armory.com.

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See more at: <http://www.thetacticalwire.com/story/298285#sthash.lcQ2hPTk.vgg0yl4u.dpuf>

National Rifle Association Launches NRA Tactical

The Tactical Wire, September 12, 2013

FAIRFAX, Va. - The National Rifle Association is proud to announce the launch of NRA Tactical™, an exciting new brand for shooting enthusiasts living the NRA lifestyle. NRA Tactical will feature a full line of products in an extension of the NRAstore™, NRA's official merchandise source.

Featuring a freshly designed 24-page print catalog and website, www.NRATactical.com, the new brand will showcase exciting gun cases, bags and packs, tactical apparel, knives, flashlights, shooting accessories, and more for shooting enthusiasts that seek the best gear out there. Each one of these exciting new products has been extensively tested to meet or exceed NRA's quality standards.

"As the tactical market has grown, we've recognized the opportunity to extend our reach to those NRA members who seek smart, innovative, and practical gear," said Jeffery Poole, Managing Director of NRA Shows & Exhibits. "Because 100% of NRAstore profits go directly to support vital NRA programs and community services, shopping at www.NRATactical.com is a great way to contribute to the NRA's mission of protecting the Second Amendment - while enhancing your ability to protect yourself and your family."

The NRAstore is a central source for branded NRA gear and fraternal items. Originally developed as a source for members to purchase pins, patches, and decals, it has grown to include the e-commerce site www.NRAstore.com, and now offers thousands of products for loyal NRA supporters.

For information about NRA Tactical or to request a free catalog, visit www.NRATactical.com, call 1-888-607-6007, or email products@nrahq.org.

About the National Rifle Association

Established in 1871, the National Rifle Association is America's oldest civil rights and sportsmen's group. Five million members strong, NRA continues its mission to uphold Second Amendment rights and is the leader in firearm education and training for law-abiding gun owners, law enforcement and the military.

See more at: <http://www.thetacticalwire.com/story/298668#sthash.WvNU5ssm.9X4ziU9i.dpuf>

Colorado voters to Bloomberg: Liberty not for sale

Examiner.com, September 11, 2013

To follow a popular gun prohibition meme after yesterday's recall of two anti-gun lawmakers in Colorado, it was "easy access to votes" that made it possible for gun owners, including many angry gun owning Democrats, to oust Democrats John Morse and Angela Giron, signalling that Michael Bloomberg's big money influence can't trump Rocky Mountain independence.

The recall had been variously demonized as a waste of taxpayer's money, an abuse of the democratic process and, this morning courtesy of the anti-gun Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, a flexing of the "gun lobby's" muscle.

In actuality, it appears voters in districts represented by Senators Morse and Giron had simply had enough. Both had, as Colorado-based attorney and author David Kopel notes in his analysis of yesterday's vote, essentially trampled the right of voters to be heard earlier this year when the state's extremist gun bills were being debated.

Some pundits are scoffing this morning that since Democrats still control the Colorado legislature, nothing much of importance happened. Not so, says Kopel, explaining that the political winds have shifted, putting moderate – and in some cases pro-gun – Democrats in charge rather than their far left colleagues. Kopel's analysis, written for the Volokh Conspiracy, appears to be brutally spot-on. But it follows a pattern of logic among losers that the loss was insignificant and ultimately they will prevail.

The election sends two messages. First, anti-gun politicians are not beyond the reach of angry voters. That much should be remembered from the political slaughter of November 1994, when more than 50 anti-gun Democrats, including Washington State's Tom Foley – then Speaker of the House – were booted from Congress over their votes for the Brady Law and the Clinton semi-auto ban.

The other message is that anti-gun New York Mayor Bloomberg's billions can buy a lot of air time and advertisements, but not liberty. That's not for sale, at least not in Colorado. It might not even be for sale here in Washington, where supporters of Initiative 594, the 15-page gun control measure, have spent half-again and perhaps twice as much as backers of Initiative 591, a simple background check uniformity mandate, yet it appears their signature gathering effort has slowed.

The anti-gun Denver Post editorial page this morning is urging its readers to "move on." Would they be so circumspect of the election outcome has Morse and Giron prevailed? Their own editorial suggests not: "We hope the outcome of Tuesday's recall elections closes an ugly chapter in Colorado's political history, an instance when recalls were used against elected officials not for malfeasance or corruption in office but for simply voting their consciences."

The newspaper is being disingenuous at best. One might easily suggest the way voters, and especially Colorado sheriffs, were not allowed to testify earlier this year was a corruption of the democratic (with a small "d") process. Politicians' votes are supposed to reflect the wishes of their constituents, not

necessarily their personal consciences, especially where legislation is an affront to a constitutionally-protected, fundamental civil right.

Moms Demand Action's bitter statement is reflective of that organization's delusional mindset: "The gun lobby may have won this local battle, but they will not win the national war. The National Rifle Association purposely called this recall election in Colorado – just a year before the regular election cycle – to ensure voting obstacles and low voter turnout. This reckless desire to remove legislators from office in an off-election year cost Coloradans more than \$500,000 – an egregious waste of taxpayer dollars.

"From the outset, this recall was designed as a tool of intimidation funded by the gun lobby. What a ridiculous temper tantrum by a bunch of bullies – moms know them when we see them."

That statement is a lie and they know it. The NRA didn't start the recall effort, but certainly jumped in with financial support and no doubt helped energize gun owners to vote. The Moms group doesn't say a word about the \$350,000 reportedly spent by Bloomberg to oppose the recall. By some estimates, anti-gunners out-spent recall proponents about 7 to 1.

Had Morse and Giron survived, one can be assured the Denver Post and the Moms Demand Action would be using the outcome to belittle and verbally bludgeon gun owners as dinosaurs whose ideas and civil rights had long ago outlived their usefulness.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation summed it up: "When legislators fail to represent the beliefs of their constituents, it is up to the voters to fire them. And this is exactly what happened Tuesday...Sens. Morse and Giron chose to forget about their constituents."

Their constituents, however, did not forget, and yesterday they proved it.

Middletown Student wins air rifle competition in the Junior Olympics.

By Joe Backer
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Mark Matheny is a 17-year-old home school student, who's also taken a few classes at the Delaware Technical and Community College, Stanton Campus to prepare for his higher education. He's considering schools such as Murray State and West Point, but wouldn't mind staying in the mid-Atlantic region if he can find the right education and a school with a shooting team.

But Mark also has high interest in a rare sport in this area: he's been shooting an air rifle and a small-bore, 22-caliber rifle for about two years on Saturday mornings, through the Delaware State Pistol Club.

Matheny said each weapon weighs about 14 pounds, and takes tremendous concentration to shoot effectively. He recently came in first place in the Junior Olympics in the air rifle division.

Matheny said he wouldn't call himself a "Gun Nut", rather he considers himself a shooting enthusiast. He entered his first competition about a year ago and has been working on shooting ever since.

When asked about the weight of the firearms, he said, "the heavier the better, since lighter firearms tend to move on you when you are shooting." Matheny said in small bore competitions, you shoot from three positions, standing, kneeling and prone, or lying down, while in air rifle you just shoot from the standing position.

During the winter months practices take place at indoor venues, then practices are moved outdoors once springtime arrives. In small-bore, the targets are generally about 50 meters away, and in summer time, the targets are about 50 yards distant.

His advice to young shooters who may or may not wish to enter competitions is simple: "You may want to take some initial training, find a rifle or pistol that's comfortable, then just go out and shoot in a certified area," he said.

Matheny said shooters don't have to be great athletes, but rather they need to have lots of mental training and discipline. "And despite what some critics say, shooting is a safe, organized sport in which you can participate for many years," he said. Matheny plans to travel to Camp Perry in Ohio this July to further work on his shooting skills. His ultimate goal is to be a member of the U.S. Olympic team, when the Olympics take place in Brazil.



DSSA Law Enforcement Assistance Committee Supports Police Emergency Relief Efforts

Members of the Delaware State Sportsmen's Association's Law Enforcement Assistance Committee, assisted by numerous members of the DSSA Board of Directors, represented DSSA, the NRA and the right to keep and bear arms at the 2013 "Hogs & Hops" event recently held at the Delaware State Fairgrounds in Harrington, Delaware.

"Hogs & Hops" is an annual event sponsored by Dover Police FOP Lodge 15 to raise money to support the Dover FOP Emergency Relief Fund, a fund designed to assist the families of Dover Police Officers killed or injured in the line of duty or who have special family needs not otherwise covered by insurance.

DSSA's Law Enforcement Assistance Committee served as a "sponsor " for the event and manned a booth throughout the day where the many thousands of attendees could learn more about DSSA, the NRA and their Second Amendment rights to keep and bear arms. Many FOP members, their families and friends, as well as numerous members of the general public came by the booth to express their gratitude for DSSA's support, and to share their thoughts, beliefs and support for the Second Amendment and the God-given right to keep and bear arms for defense of self, family, home and State, and for hunting and recreation.

The DSSA Law Enforcement Assistance Committee is responsible for all policies and programs specifically directed toward the assistance of regularly constituted law enforcement agencies in the promotion of public safety, as well as assistance in firearms training, qualification and police marksmanship competitions programs, and for working with the NRA to assist in the delivery of programs established by the NRA's Law Enforcement Activities Division.

Delaware State Sportsmen's Association, Inc. Membership Application

Send to: Membership Secretary

Delaware State Sportsmen's Association

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: _____

Email: _____ (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

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

_____, _____
_____, _____

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.

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