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### THE CASE TO ALLOW THE USE OF SUPPRESSORS IN DELAWARE

The loud BANG of a gunshot is a product of physics. In part, you have a small explosion of a gunpowder charged cartridge that sends a bullet forward, and also you have the bullet itself breaking the sound barrier and creating a small sonic boom. That small sonic boom is actually the loudest part of the report of a gun, and that is one of the reasons why smaller caliber firearms make less noise than larger caliber firearms. And it is the worst kind of sound — a concussive sound that does permanent damage to the ear drum.

There are those who will argue that a suppression device on a firearm makes it in some way deadlier, more covert, or simply more evil. They have enjoyed a firearms education via the Late Late Show. In those movies, villains and gangsters snarl wickedly as they attach the device to their gun, and the audience is horrified that the sound of the bullet striking a feather pillow is louder than the shot itself. Such flights of fancy make for fun entertainment, but do not accurately describe reality.

And yes, the better term for the device is 'suppressor' rather than 'silencer' simply because the device suppresses the sound - it by no means eliminates it. Silence implies the absence of sound. The sound of a gunshot through a suppressor can still be plainly heard – just without the pain to those nearby. There are currently 42 states that have laws permitting the private ownership and use of suppressors, with Illinois poised to become the 43<sup>rd</sup>. Many of these states also permit the suppressors to be used while hunting. With almost 85% of the United States currently permitting their use, there should be numerous cases of them being used in crime and for evil purposes, if that concern was valid – but it is a statistical zero. Hearing damage, on the other hand is a very real and tangible problem. Worse, hearing damage is cumulative and irreparable. A high price indeed to pay so that someone with a misunderstanding of reality can "feel safer". The misguided warn that criminals and terrorists might now have access to suppressors, making their attacks deadlier. But considering that virtually every action the attacker has taken, and every weapon the attacker has used are illegal, it is doubtful that they draw the line at silencers for reasons of morality or fear

of punishment. In fact, the opposite is true – the noise and the panic is an important element of their attack. These same people might suggest then, that the Berlin terrorist attacker in December would have killed and injured fewer people had his truck not had a muffler. Such extreme arguments are meant only to strum emotional strings.

For the millions of Americans that spend their weekends at the shooting range, and certainly for those who live nearby, reducing the noise level to non-dangerous volumes would indeed be a wonderful thing. The number of hikers accidentally killed or injured by hunters is so small that one must do in-depth research just to find examples. Implying that this would somehow change is a transparent fear mongering tactic. What will change, however – on day one – is the saved hearing and reduced stress of hunting dogs and other nearby companions. The grandson being taught to shoot who momentarily forgets to put on his hearing protection may not be permanently punished, and in turn will be able to hear his grandchildren. Domestic dogs and other pets that are frightened by fireworks and hunting season might also find some comfort - yes, the practical and obvious benefits are plenty.

As opposition voices emerge to predict carnage and blood in the streets if a law or regulation that restores freedom and choices to gun owners becomes reality, remember that such claims have never become reality. The NRA and the DSSA support the Hearing Protection Act, because it will do exactly what its name suggests, and nothing more.

**David Crout** 

## CONGRATULATIONS! JOHN SIGLER NAMED TO U.S. F-OPEN TEAM

The Officers and Board of Directors of the Delaware State Sportsmen's Association are proud to announce that DSSA Past President John C. Sigler was recently selected to become a member of the 2017 United States F-Open Rifle Team that will represent the United States at the 2017 World F-Class Rifle Championships to be held this August in Ottawa, Canada.

This will not be the first time that Mr. Sigler has represented the United States on the international competitive shooting stage. In 2015 John competed as a member of the U.S. F-Class Rifle Team in Ireland where the United States successfully defended the legendary and highly coveted Creedmoor Cup.

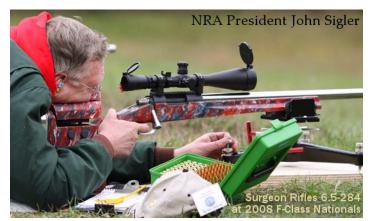


Photo of John competing in the NRA's 2008 F-Class Nationals in Lodi, WI.

In 2016, John traveled to Canada as a member of the U.S. F-Open Development Team where the U.S. fielded a total of five six-person teams in the Canadian National Championships, finishing #1 through #5, respectively. John was a member of U.S. Open Red, which brought home a Silver Medal behind U.S. Open Blue which brought home "The Gold".

Mr. Sigler's "team rifle", shown below, was built by Paul Williams of Paul's Gunsmith Service around one of Kelby's .284 Panda actions with a 30" Kreiger barrel (1 - 9, 5R twist) chambered for .284 WIN., on a Precision Rifle & Tool "Low Boy" stock with a Jewell Trigger, topped with a NightForce Competition 15-55x52, 0.125 MOA scope with ZeroStop.

#### SUPPORT THE SPORT! (ALL OF IT)

#### Dear Members;

While representing DSSA at an Outdoor show recently, I talked to several people who said that they didn't need to support the NRA or DSSA, as no one was coming to take their shotgun, and that they didn't see the need for anyone to own an 'automatic rifle'. When I asked how his Remington 1100 was different than an AR-15, and how that was different than an M1 Garand, and how that was different than a Glock, it stumped him. After talking with him a while, I think I got through to him that firearms, when owned by responsible persons, are all good. His initial attitude though is unfortunately all too common in the world of shooting, and I would like to take a minute of your time to talk about the reasons why I think it is important for us as shooters to support our sport —<u>ALL</u> of it.

Firstly, it is probably useful to examine what types of shooting are represented by DSSA. For organized shooting, thanks to the efforts of our State Club match directors and many others, a wide variety of **Competitive** matches exist; on the rifle side we have Benchrest matches, High-Power rifle, Smallbore rifle, Silhouette matches and a host of other organized matches. On

the pistol side, we have IDPA, Glock matches, Bullseye pistol, and pistol silhouette shoots. On the shotgun side, Trap, Skeet, and Sporting Clays are certainly popular. We even have matches that cross all three major disciplines like Cowboy Action and Three-Gun shooting.

If we look at **'FUN'** events, things like plate shoots, moving target shoots, bowling pin shoots, turkey shoots, and I am sure a host of other events put on by local clubs are out there and popular. These fun shoots are **GREAT** events that regularly bring in folks to have some fun shooting in a fairly stress-free environment. We haven't even talked about hunting yet, and that is a big focus of the DSSA.

Considering 'Educational' shooting, there are the Women on Target Shoots and lots of NRA instructional classes, from introductory classes to refreshers, and including rifle, pistol, shotgun, and reloading classes.

To hear some folks, talk though, other than their own personal 'slice of the pie', you would never imagine that there were other types and levels of shooting out there at all!

I believe that it is a mistake to denigrate or ignore those other aspects of the shooting sports. In an age when many folks out there would love to shut down **ALL** of the shooting sports and gun ownership in general, we need to stick together and support each other regardless of our own personal interest in the individual shooting discipline. How can we best do that? My own opinion is that we can best do that by being open minded about ALL aspects of the shooting sports, being supportive of those disciplines outside of our own area of interest, and letting folks know what is available to them, even if it isn't a focus at your own club or range.

The point is, you may have an interest in checking out one or more of these facets of the shooting sports, but don't know where to start to even find out about them. Maybe you are a new shooter, or new to the area, and don't know who to ask about what is available in the area. Maybe you are a budding competitive shooter, and want to learn more about NRA or CMP sanctioned, approved, or registered competitions. The point is, as long as the firearms in question are used safely and responsibly, we should support that use wholeheartedly! I will bet you that we have members who are involved in every one of these types of shooting activities, at all levels from novice to international champion. Where did those Champions start? Perhaps they got their start at one of our State clubs! Without letting people know what is out there, where will the next generation of Champions come from? That, my friends is why those other aspects of the sport are important – the **NEXT** generation of shooters, competitors, and VOTERS.

I hope that many of you are already aware of the wise words of Benjamin Franklin, one of this country's Founding Fathers who said at the signing of the Declaration of Independence "We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately." He wasn't talking about the shooting sports, but I think his words are very applicable to the gentleman that I mentioned at the start of this article

I would urge you all to not be 'that guy'. We can both promote and support **ALL** of the shooting sports, or we can sit in our own little universe and watch the shooting sports shrink around us, until there is nothing left.

Respectfully Submitted, Frank Nedza

# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL BANS LOCAL CLUBS TO HAVE ANY RELATIONSHIP WITH GUNS AND GUN BUSINESSES.

By Roger Boyce

As a, past Club President of the Christiana Rotary Club in District 7630, I was very disappointed to see that Rotary International passed a rule which prohibits all local clubs from participating with gun owners and related businesses.

As reported from the Daily Caller 4-4-2017, "The new policy bans any Rotary entity – including clubs and districts – from selling, raffling, or transferring firearms. It also bans the Clubs from participating in activities where any sort of firearm raffle or other transfer occurs, whether Rotary is the owner of the items.

Rotary entities are also prohibited from sponsoring or conducting gun shows or other exhibitions involving guns. The policy caught the eye of NRA and many of our local gun club members in Delaware. Obviously Rotary International is being very politically PC. It appears that there are only 3 US representatives on the RI Board and they were not able to influence the policy to be consistent with the US Constitution. It's my opinion that if US Rotary Clubs abide by this policy, it is an affront to our US Constitution and our 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights. This policy violates several tenants of Rotary which are: "Is it fair to all concern" and "Will it build good will and friend ship"

If the US Rotary organizations cannot correct this policy, then this is one Rotary member that will look for other ways to provide "service above self" to my community.

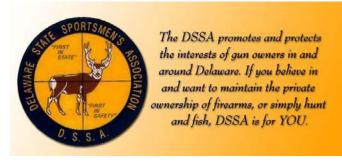
#### **GIVE THE GIFT OF FREEDOM THIS YEAR**

#### by Justin Opinion

I recently offered a few suggestions for stocking stuffer gifts this Christmas. I'd like to add one more, at the top of that list – Freedom.

I try to limit myself to gun reviews and shooting activities and articles, rather than editorializing about the state of affairs in

our never-ending battle for our civil right to own and use firearms, because frankly I know myself and I go from zero-to-rant in less than 2 seconds. That might make me passionate and possibly even entertaining, but not very informative or persuasive. So – I leave that very good work to the people who do it better, like *S.H. Blannelberry* right here on GunsAmerica.



### State level groups, like the DSSA in Delaware, are more important now than ever before. Support them!

But let me tell you who else is doing that good work – day after day - even when we're not thinking about it. Local organizations at the state level who give voice to our rights in the state legislature. In Delaware, where I live it is the Delaware State Sportsmen's Association (DSSA) that labors tirelessly to keep the wolf from the door. Nearly every state has a similar organization – many of whom are affiliates of the NRA (as DSSA is). Most of these groups are far smaller than they should be, and we need to fix that. Memberships are usually inexpensive (mine is just \$25 per year), and there is no excuse not to join and renew every year. Our state organization hosts events several times per year, including affordable fundraiser dinners that include motivating nationally known speakers. Our past two were LTC Oliver North and Chris Cox. These events also foster and strengthen our sense of community and purpose as 2nd Amendment Advocates.

### RESTRICTED BEACH ACCESS DENIED BY STATE PARKS

The article title speaks for itself. I want to thank all of you for sending in emails, the phone calls, letters, and those who sent up smoke signals to let the folks at the state know your support to say no to restricted beach access. Within forty-eight hours the governor and parks officials have received a great deal of support for the decision made today. The parks said no to restricting drive on access in front of these housing communities. Return email from Director of Parks, Raymond E. Bivens ... "Rich, Good afternoon, I wanted to update you on the Beach Access Coalition proposal to create no truck zones at Delaware Seashore and Fenwick Island State Parks. After consideration of the request and meeting with the Delaware Mobile Surf Fisherman and local Legislators, today we notified the Beach Access Coalition that we are denying their request.

We are also making changes to how these pedestrian crossings are being managed. New in 2017 we will be adding signage to all pedestrian community crossovers informing visitors/renters that they are entering a state park beach and that each visitor should give respect to other park users. We are also requesting that all communities that rent property adjoining a state park reflect in their advertising that access to the beach is to a state park beach with multiple users. Thank you for your support of Delaware State Parks"

I couldn't be more proud of you all and this network, than I am right now. Thank you all! I'm feeling a little misty right now. I think I will go fishing. I saw a juvenile harp seal on the beach today, he was enjoying the sun and sand. Just like we all wish we were doing. I had to visit the point before it was closed tomorrow for the season.

Fish On!
Rich King
Posted Delaware Surf Fishing 2-28-17

#### DECADES AFTER FIREARM CONFISCATION, AUSTRALIA ANNOUNCES NEW AMNESTY PROGRAM



In a tacit admission that criminals and scofflaws have had little trouble circumventing Australia's National Firearms Agreement (NFA) and the government's confiscation effort, Australian officials have set a date for another firearms amnesty program. The program is set to begin in July and last for three months. Despite offering no compensation for surrendered firearms, government officials hope that the plan will net 260,000 of an estimated 600,000 illegally possessed guns.

In 1996, following a high-profile shooting in Port Arthur, Tasmania, Australia's states and territories adopted the federal NFA. The agreement set up stringent licensing requirements to possess firearms, requiring license applicants provide a "genuine reason" for owning a firearm; the agreement made clear that personal protection was not a genuine reason. The measure also targeted several types of commonly-owned firearms, and included a near total ban on civilian ownership of semi-automatic rifles and semi-automatic and pump-action shotguns.

To coincide with the new restrictions, the government provided a firearms amnesty and compensation program. Through a massive public education campaign, gun owners were warned that they were required to turn their newly-prohibited firearms over to the government for a set price. Incorrectly called a "buy-back" by some U.S. politicians, as the NFA did not grandfather the possession of firearms owned prior to the new restrictions, the ban and amnesty amounted to gun confiscation.

In announcing the new federal amnesty program, Justice Minister Michael Keenan told the Sunday Mail, "This is the first Australia wide gun amnesty since 1996, when the Howard government took action following the devastation of the Port Arthur Massacre," but acknowledged, "there have been state-based amnesties over that time."

In fact, according to research conducted by University of Sydney Professor Philip Alpers, from 1987 to 2015, there were 41 (38 state and 3 federal) firearm amnesties of various durations in Australia. Alpers calculated the total number of firearms turned in to various authorities over this period at roughly 1.1 million.

Implementation of yet another amnesty is a broad acknowledgement of the futility of Australia's gun control regime and amnesty programs. Further, more sophisticated analyses have also revealed the ineffectiveness of the country's previous turn-in efforts.

In 2013, the U.S. Department of Justice's National Institute of Justice reviewed the available research on Australia's NFA firearm confiscation program and issued a memorandum that concluded that the effort had no effect on crime generally. In coming to this determination, the memorandum cited work from University of Maryland Professor Peter Reuter and Jenny Mouzos, aptly titled, "Australia: A Massive Buyback of Low-Risk Guns." The NIJ memo made clear that the researchers "found no effect on crime."

Given that turn-in programs do not reduce crime, some might wonder why Australia would once again embark on such a pointless endeavor. However, Keenan was kind enough to provide the Sunday Mail with the government's rationale, explaining, "This is as much about giving a family a chance to get rid of an old heirloom as it is about getting rid of guns off our streets."

With refreshing candor, the Australian government has admitted that its intent with the new amnesty is to disarm the otherwise law-abiding who are not in total compliance with Australia's onerous gun control regime. This pursuit of unregistered heirlooms and family keepsakes will no doubt have an effect on violent crime similar to that of previous amnesties; none.

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#### GUN CONTROL GROUP VOWS \$25M TO FIGHT 'CONCEALED CARRY'

Preparing for life with Donald Trump as president and Republican majorities in Congress, Michael Bloomberg's gun control group is threatening to spend more than \$25 million in 2018 races.

Everytown for Gun Safety, founded and funded by the billionaire former New York City mayor, is hiring several new top staffers and turning much of its attention to state legislatures, while moving to a defensive posture in Washington as it tries to stop what's known as "concealed carry reciprocity" from becoming law. That will include starting to score congressional votes, like the National Rifle Association does, to guide spending decisions more directly. Story Continued Below

That measure would effectively loosen gun laws significantly by holding gun owners to the laws of their own state when carrying their weapons in other states, no matter how different the laws are in, for example, Texas versus New York. A bill to legalize concealed carry reciprocity was introduced last month with the strong support of the NRA, and Trump said during his campaign that he supported it.

Everytown is brandishing its significant spending in the 2016 New Hampshire Senate race that former Republican Sen. Kelly Ayotte lost narrowly — the group targeted her for voting against background checks in 2013 — as a warning to other senators up in 2018 and possibly 2020 as well.

"This is a line in the sand on this issue, there's no question about it. The NRA wants to normalize carrying guns in public. It's not where the American public is," said Everytown President John Feinblatt. "We're putting people on notice today that we're watching ... and that we expect to hold people accountable."

Between Everytown and other avenues that Bloomberg and gun control advocates used, Ayotte had roughly \$8 million spent against her. Bloomberg spent north of \$25 million counting money he put into Senate races and into four state ballot measures on gun control, three of which passed.

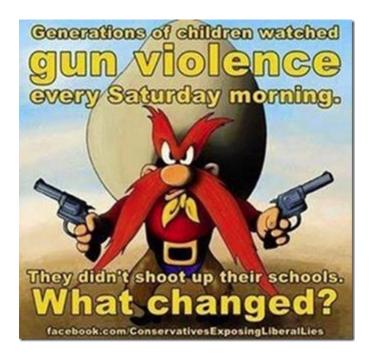
Brynne Craig, most recently Hillary Clinton's deputy director of state campaigns, is joining as Everytown's managing director of external affairs and civic engagement. Kirk Fordham, a former GOP congressional staffer and executive director of the LGBT advocacy group Gill Action Fund, will be the new managing director of partnerships and strategic planning. Matt McTighe, the former executive director of another LGBT group, Freedom for All Americans, will be the new chief operating officer.

And Eric Schultz will advise Everytown's communications and political strategy while continuing his role as a senior adviser to former President Barack Obama.

In addition to direct donations, Everytown is planning to activate its various networks to hound members at town halls on concealed carry reciprocity.

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#### **DSSA Editorial Comment:**



#### A MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN.

The DSSA appreciates each and every member and your dedication and support. It is important for DSSA to communicate information to each member in a timely manner and this can only be done with proper up to date information. PLEASE ... check the spelling of your name. Is the address correct? Is the phone number correct? Is the email current and correct? Let us know when this vitally important information changes.

Members move and change phone numbers and email addresses... we can't contact you if we don't have the correct information.

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### DOES CDC DATA SUPPORT ANOTHER BACKHAND SLAP AT FIREARMS?

Gun prohibitionists have once again lumped suicide and homicide data together to create a misleading figure about so-called "gun violence."

In Tuesday's <u>U.S.</u> News and <u>World Report</u>, an opinion piece promoting more gun laws and fewer firearms alleges that "the daily toll of gun violence is no less horrific, taking the lives of approximately 92 people every single day, most of them slain with handguns."

It's a dramatic assertion, based on data from the <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</u> (CDC) that is worded in such a way that the casual reader might conclude that all of these fatalities are the result of some criminal act. "Slain with handguns" creates the impression that these people were murdered.

The authors are connected to a group called "Guns Down," which is "dedicated to creating a movement for dramatically fewer guns in America." Translation: They're a gun prohibition lobbying organization.

Instead of casually reading the opinion piece, a careful look at the CDC report cited reveals the following:

- Of the 15 leading causes of death in 2013, firearms don't specifically make the list. There are two categories in which firearms would have a role: Accidents and Intentional self-harm (suicide).
- Firearms accounted for 33,636 deaths that year, according to the CDC data, of which 21,175 were suicides and 11,208 were homicides, or roughly a 2-to-1 ratio.

However, the <u>FBI Uniform Crime Report</u> for 2013 shows 12,253 total homicides, of which 8,454 were committed with firearms. Of those, 5,782 involved handguns, 285 involved rifles, 308 were committed with shotguns and 2,079 were done with guns that could not be identified.

Whether one uses the CDC data or the FBI figure, they are both a far cry from 33,000-plus deaths.

Once again, gun control proponents have lumped suicides and homicides together and called it "gun violence." Second Amendment advocates contend that this tactic is deliberately misleading; creating the public impression that America is in the midst of a murder epidemic. While that may be true in places like Chicago, Baltimore and Washington, D.C., it doesn't pass the smell test over much of the country.

Gun rights leaders recognize that suicide is a tragedy, and they are taking the lead in efforts to reduce suicide. Out in Washington State, Alan Gottlieb, founder of the Second

Amendment Foundation and chairman of the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, has joined with suicide prevention advocates, mental health specialists and a dedicated state representative to create a "safe homes/suicide prevention" project. The National Rifle Association is also involved in this effort, and representatives from SAF and NRA co-chair an important subcommittee whose goal is education and prevention.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation is also working hard on suicide prevention. NSSF's Bill Brassard told LPP Tuesday that the project had been in the works for about a year. NSSF joined forces with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention to create a project for launch this year following a pilot program in four states. Their goal is to have a nationwide program within two years.

While some gun control groups have climbed on board, they are still pushing their own agenda. Time will tell which efforts actually deliver the goods.

Printed from the Liberty Park Press Straight Shooting News 3/14/2017 Dave Workman

# BREAKING: NRA FIXES ONLINE 'BLENDED TRAINING' MISTAKE, OFFERS DETAILS ON THE NEW BASIC PISTOL COURSE

The NRA's controversial and mandatory online training program for its Basic Pistol course, which is known as "blended training," is no longer mandatory, according to John Howard, National Manager of NRA's Training Department.

Howard mentioned Thursday that the NRA is keeping the online "blended course," but students will now have the option of taking the entire Basic Pistol course from an actual, live instructor.

The online program just became optional.

If the student still wants to take the first portion of basic pistol online, they can, but they'll pay the instructor rather than NRA. The Instructor will give the student a password, which Howard called "control codes," so the student can access the site. This was planned, Howard said, so instructors, "will have control of the course from the beginning."

Howard said the new Basic Pistol packets for the instructor-led course will consist of handbooks and exams only — no certificates.

Instructors will now be able to print certificates right off of the NRA's instructor website.

"They'll have the ability to print the actual certificates," Howard said. "This will save them a lot of time and money, and it will be more convenient for the instructors. Before, if a student lost their certificate, the instructor would have to purchase a new one and reissue it. Now, they'll go into their account and reprint it. They won't even have to write in the student's name."

The new system will go live April 4 — the same day training packets become available.

NRA launched their controversial blended training program more than a year ago.

The format required beginner student to take the first portion of the Basic Pistol class online and then complete the course with an actual instructor at a range.

Trainers across the country told me the move killed their business. Demand for Basic Pistol classes dried up.

NRA began working on a fix after we published <u>a series of columns and stories</u> that chronicled the program's problems and the discontent it created among the instructor cadre.

NRA's Training Department has been working on the fix since December, Howard said.

"We've had three focus groups and we've brought in trainers from all over the country," he said.

By Lee Williams on March 9, 2017 News - National

DSSA Editor's note: Delaware instructors were very concern when NRA eliminated the traditional instructor led Basic Pistol Training Course and express our concern to NRA. We are glad to see the reversal and appreciate the opportunity to provide instructor led training again in Delaware.

#### **Call for Articles**

Would you like to be published in the DSSA News Letter? Publicize your Club's activities or special events. Found a great article that you want to share with Delaware Sportsmen?

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#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jeff Hague,

This is the first opportunity I have had to speak to the membership since my election back in January. The January-February newsletter was already out and the next issue, March-April, really didn't have the room. So here goes.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve the well over 1000 members of the Association and will do my best to keep the membership informed and protect our Constitutional Right to Keep and Bear Arms. I have been involved with the Association for well over 30 years in one form or another.

My primary responsibility is to represent you and the Association as a lobbyist at the General Assembly. Along with Rick Armitage, the contract lobbyist for the NRA, we do our best to protect your right to keep and bear arms.

In my spare time I participate in high power rifle competition, and if fact this begins my 38<sup>th</sup> season. Currently I do more long range, 1000 yard, competition than NRA across the course.

This year we find ourselves in pretty good shape. The new governor has yet to announce an agenda in our area of interest, so we really don't know where he stands. As of yet, no legislation that would infringe on our rights has been introduced. Quite the contrary. The Delaware Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus, which is bipartisan, with members from both the House and Senate, and Democrats and Republicans, is advancing a very ambitious agenda in the areas of hunting and conservation.

We will do our level best to support and advance their agenda, while also advancing our own. The legislative session is still fairly new, so there may be surprises down the road, but we will be on top of them.

The Association has a great bunch of Directors and Officers that are dedicated to making sure your rights are protected and promoting the shooting sports here in Delaware.

In closing I want to say thank you and if you have any questions please contact me at jeff.hague@dssa.us.

# 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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