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Social Engineering and the Fight To Destroy The Second Amendment – Part I

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There is clearly no doubt that we are in an increasingly serious battle to save not just the Second Amendment, but indeed, all of our civil liberties. This is because the progressive, liberal elite understand that the road to their goal of complete and total control over almost every aspect of the lives of each and every one of us has to go through the ultimate check on their ambitions – the Constitutionally-protected right of the people to keep and bear arms. They know that the true intent of our Founders in including those words in our Constitution's Bill of Rights was to thwart exactly what they are trying to do, but to openly acknowledge that would expose their true intentions. So instead, they use a myriad of strategies and ploys that fall under the general category of social engineering to continually and steadily chip away at our gun rights.

Broadly defined, "social engineering" is "the use of centralized planning in an attempt to manage social change and regulate the future development and behavior of a society." In the case of the Second Amendment, the attack is being led and coordinated by globalist billionaires like Michael Bloomberg, George Soros and others. They attempt to hide the centralized nature of their leadership by making their attack appear to come from an increasingly growing number of "grassroots" organizations, like "Everytown for Gun Safety," "Moms Demand" and others. They are aided and abetted by the Media, much of which is controlled by like-minded elites, such as Jeff Bezos. The power-hungry members of the political establishment, including Democrats, Republicans and others, who want to perpetuate and enhance their status as the "ruling class," are only too happy to collaborate in their own enlightened, self-interest, all to our detriment. To "regulate the future development and behavior of our society," they seek to eradicate civilian ownership of firearms.

This is not something new. The enemies of freedom have been at it for quite some time and they are in it for the long-haul. What is different right now is the increasing tempo and tenor of their attack strategies. They believe that we are potentially only one critical incident, such as another mass shooting at a school or public event, away from turning the tide forever in

their favor. In the meantime, they will continue to aggressively chip away, using their full range of tactics, including:

- Manipulating the common language by inventing and mainstreaming socially-engineered terms like "assault weapon" and others, in deliberate attempts to stoke fear and conflate military firearms and civilian firearms in the minds of the general public.
- Using the mass media to vilify gun owners, demonize the National Rifle Association, and bias the general population to make firearms ownership and use a "societal taboo," while purposefully and consistently ignoring the positive uses of firearms, particularly those in which "a good guy with a gun stops a bad guy with a gun."
- Trying to restrict legal access to firearms and ammunition by calling for zoning restrictions on gun stores, imposing special, higher taxes on guns and ammunition, encouraging financial institutions to deny lines of credit to firearms manufacturers and retailers, imposing restrictions on the use of credit cards to make firearms-related purchases, and requiring gun owners to purchase special liability insurance as a condition of gun ownership.
- Intimidating businesses from doing business with the NRA and its members.
- Restricting our rights to assembly and free speech by imposing restrictions on where gun shows may be held.
- Virtue-shaming and preventing our children from wearing clothing with pro-freedom messages, images or logos in schools.
- Trying to restrict the legal use of firearms by preventing development of new shooting range facilities and imposing unreasonable zoning or environmental requirements on existing shooting facilities.
- Calling for the appointment of activist judges to the Federal bench to prevent accurate interpretation of the Constitution according to the precepts of strict scrutiny, plain meaning and established precedent, as called for in cases involving our fundamental rights.
- "Letting no crisis go to waste," using each and every mass shooting to whip up hysteria with one-sided, wall-to-wall coverage, focused only on "the gun" and

blaming the crime on the NRA, law-abiding gun owners, and anything and everything but the perpetrator, in a blatant effort to further bias public perceptions.

- And, of most significance, pouring enormous sums of money into political races, at all levels, to elect bought-and-paid-for legislators who will support their agenda, starting with bans on so-called “assault rifles” and “high capacity” magazines and ending with registration and confiscation of all civilian-held firearms that could be used with any degree of efficacy to protect the security of a Free State.

None of this is news to those of you who belong to organizations like the National Rifle Association and the Delaware State Sportsmen’s Association, but in aggregate, it shows very clearly the scale of what we are up against. Knowing the enemy and understanding their strategy and tactics, however, is a necessary first step to effectively countering and defeating their ambitions. Next issue, we will look at what can be done about it, in Part II of Social Engineering and the Fight To Destroy The Second Amendment.

Young Shooters & Academics

by Bill Walsh
Member, DRPC

The following may sound like a proud grandfather bragging about his granddaughter’s shooting successes. I confess that is true. But, the real reason I share this is to emphasize an often overlooked benefit of getting young people involved in competitive shooting. I think it is a real selling point we might want to emphasize for our youth outreach programs!

First a little background: My granddaughter, Erin Walsh, at a very early age, shot a rifle at the Delaware Rifle & Pistol Club (DRPC) the first time in her life when I pinned a balloon over the traditional target, gave her the basic safety instructions, had her shoulder a kid-size 22 caliber rifle and said, “See if you can break that balloon.” She did, and she has been breaking records ever since. She is now a freshman at the University of Mississippi, and a member of the ‘Ole Miss’ Varsity Rifle Team. I can now brag about having an NCAA athlete in the family.

But, what I want to share with those of you who are involved with youth programs in the shooting sports is a recent Univ. of Mississippi Face Book posting about their rifle team; and the reply from Erin’s father, Mike Walsh. His reply was based on his experiences coaching the Delaware Military Academy’s Air Rifle team, and as a Range Officer and Instructor at both DRPC and the Queen Anne’s County 4H shooting programs.

Here is a summary of last December’s Face Book posting by the University of Mississippi: **“The average Grade Point Average (GPA) for the Ole Miss Varsity Rifle Team was 3.38. The entire team earned a (GPA) of 3.0 or higher. The entire team earned at least 13 degree applicable credit hours, and 91% of grades were A’s & B’s.”**

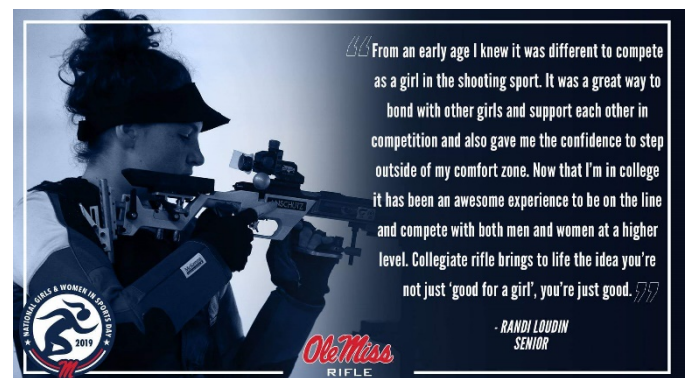
Finally, here is what I really want to share. Mike replied on Face Book: “I have always found it impressive how kids involved in the shooting sports take the mental skills from the range and apply them in the classroom. **Focus, discipline, concentration, and respect.** Some of my most gratifying experiences working with the kids at Delaware Military and Queen Anne’s 4H have been seeing their academic and personal success off the range. It is great to see Erin Walsh keeping such good company at Ole Miss.”

Delaware Rifle and Pistol Club goes 100% DSSA Membership



In January of 2019 the General Membership of the Delaware Rifle and Pistol Club (DRPC) voted to require 100% membership in the Delaware State Sportsmen’s Association. DRPC joins Bridgeville Rifle and Pistol Club to be the second 100% DSSA membership club in our State. DRPC will bring approximately 350 new members to support DSSA’s efforts to fight for our gun rights in Delaware. This required a by-laws change for the Club. It was a long and deliberative process where the DRPC membership realized the value of supporting DSSA.

DSSA welcomes DRPC membership and appreciates the support of such a prestigious and innovative organization.



A bragging foot note for our women shooters: The members of the Ole Miss Rifle team are not just academic nerds. The (all women) Ole Miss Team recently beat both Ohio State and the University of Alaska Fairbanks in Air rifle and Small Bore competition. And, unlike Olympic Rifle competition or collegiate football, basketball, volleyball, etc., both sexes compete together in NCAA rifle competition!

(Credited to Ole Miss Athletics)

Bridgeville's F-Class Shooters Open Competitive Season in Arizona.



By Jeff Hague

The Bridgeville Long Range F-Class Rifle Team opened their 2019 competitive shooting season this February at the Ben Avery Range in Phoenix, Arizona during the 2019 Berger Southwest Nationals. Five of Bridgeville's F-Class shooters made the trip in the hopes of escaping Delaware's winter weather for the warm and friendly weather of Arizona. Only trouble was that it was generally warmer here in Delaware than it was in Arizona.

Nevertheless, almost 400 shooters from throughout the United States and ten foreign countries met for five days of top-level Mid-Range and Long Range rifle competition on the best rifle range in the country for what is generally recognized as the best rifle tournament held in the US every year – the 2019 Southwest Nationals sponsored by Berger Bullets. Competition began on Wednesday, February 13th with a three-match 600-point aggregate fired at 600 yards.

Shooting in the F-Class Open Rifle category for Bridgeville were Team Captain David Kokoszka, George Van Why, Brian Glandon and John Sigler. Ramsey Ibird represented Bridgeville in the F-T/R Rifle category. Although Team Member Steve Singleton did not compete, he did travel with Bridgeville's team to Ben Avery with the team to give lend a hand with the many tasks that go into competing as a team so far from home. This first day of competition saw John Sigler score big at 600 yards, posting an 8th place finish in Match #3 in the High Master Class with a score of 200-15x and a score of 600-38x in the three-match aggregate for a win as the High Grand Senior finishing 7th Overall and 7th in High Master.

With the Mid-Range competition out of the way, competition moved on to the Long Range competition, the real reason everyone goes to the Southwest Nationals. Bridgeville's

Long Range F-Open Rifle Team finished in Second Place in the Master Class Team Grand Aggregate with a score of 2339-90x. Despite four days of truly challenging winds that were constantly switching and gusting and which at times could move a 180 grain 7 mm bullet as much as 120 inches to the left and then switch back and move that same bullet back to center and then 90-100 inches to the right - all at a thousand yards, Bridgeville's Individual performances in the Individual Long Range competition at 800, 900 and 1,000 yards were very respectable, indeed.

David Kokoszka led the team's Master Class shooters with a 10th place finish in the Master Class in the overall aggregate with a score of 1224-45x while winning 5th Master in Long Range Match #2 with a score of 197-8x. George Van Why placed 13th in the Master Class with an aggregate score of 1219 – 46x while taking 5th Place in the Saturday Aggregate. John Sigler finished in 15th Place in the Master Class with an aggregate score of 1218-36x. The team's only High Master, Bryan Glandon, finished 51st out of 79 shooters in the High Master Category with a score of 1223-53x. Given the world class shooters against whom Bryan was competing in the High Master category, he is to be commended for his performance. This was Bryan's first year competing as a High Master. He is to be congratulated for his performance.

The Bridgeville Team's only F-T/R shooter was Ramsey Ibird who was competing in the Expert Class. His performance will undoubtedly see him elevated by NRA into the Long Range Master Class very soon. Ramsey finished in 5th Place in the Expert Class with an aggregate score of 1207-38x. In doing so, Mr. Ibird posted a 1st Place win in the Expert Class in the Palma Individual Match with a score of 447-17x; a 4th Place finish in the Expert Class in Long Range Match #1 with a score of 197-11x; and a 5th Place win in the Saturday aggregate with a score of 380-15x. Please welcome Ramsey Ibird to the Long Range Master Class.



Although the photo above shows the team basking in the sun wearing long sleeved team shirts, you may rest assured that as soon as the last photo was taken everyone donned their heavy Bridgeville Team jackets because it was warmer

here in Delaware than it was in Arizona. But, cold winds gusting to 35 and 40 miles per hour (and above – then who’s counting?) and less-than-pleasing temperatures notwithstanding, Bridgeville’s Long Range F-Class Rifle Team is already planning on returning to the Ben Avery Range in Phoenix, Arizona for the 2020 Berger Southwest Nationals. They are also hoping for much warmer weather and more favorable wind conditions.

Bridgeville’s “sling shooters” declined to make the trip to Arizona this year, opting instead to save their money and their time for a trip to Port Malibar, Florida for the Orange Blossom Classic later in March. More on the results of that trip in the next edition of the DSSA News.

Delaware Rifle and Pistol Club Junior Shooting Program

**By Joe Leary
DRPC/DSSA Board Member**

DRPC Junior Shooting program first event occurred on 24 February 2019 at 1200 hours. The first shooting event was a Juniors only introduction to NRA Silhouettes. The Junior’s program is for shooters under the age of 18, at any skill level. The club was filled with juniors of all ages (7-16) from Delaware, Pennsylvania and New York. Everyone was excited to get started including the Volunteers who showed up several hours earlier and help get the range ready for the event.



Parents and children at safety briefing.



Getting ready to shoot



These kids shot incredible scores

The event had a total of 15 Junior shooters who have never shot at silhouettes in the past. Six of the Juniors shooter had never fired a firearm in the past. It was a great event. I could tell you that success could be measured by the average score of the juniors 35.5 out of a possible 40. However, the smiles on every Junior Shooter’s face during the event and the endless amount of thank you’s from the Junior Shooters and their Parents made it all worthwhile. When the event was over the parents began asking when the next event is going to take place.

The Delaware Rifle and Pistol Club made changes to the club’s bylaws approximately a year ago, starting a Junior membership program. The program allows shooters as young as 10 years old to join the Club but must be accompanied by a full member, usually a parent.

This event was our introduction to the Juniors program to initiate interest in the shooting sports and becoming junior member of the Club. Everyone with kids knows that we want to be part of our child’s development and be part of the things that make them happy. So, if this brings some parents into the fold of shooting sports, that’s even better. NRA Silhouettes would be the event that we would start with. What kid/adult does not like shooting at a target and watching it fall. It is an easy event to make safe for everyone attending. The event would be shot from a seated benched position with rifle and a shooting instructor at each of the four stations and two range officers.

The event started in the classroom with a short power point reviewing the gun safety rules, instruction on rifle and cartridge nomenclature and a review of the NRA rule for the course of fire for silhouettes. We than conducted a demonstration to the group of what we would expected to see, with each DRPC Junior member demonstrating each movement as they came on to the range.

Next each Junior shooter was brought onto the range and fired five shots into a paper target. This gave the instructors an opportunity to work with each shooter and ensure that each shooter was familiar with the firearm that he or she was going to use that day safely. Some shooters got to shoot a few extra times until the instructor was happy that we found a good-fitting rifle for everyone. The most important thing was to provide a positive, safe shooting experience.

Once the shooting event began a shooting instructor would stay with the Junior shooter during the entire course of fire to provide instruction and make sure that safety came first on the range. Each shooter came into the range, took the rifle that they would be using for the course of fire, and safely transported it to the first station in a safe manner under the guidance of an instructor. Allowing each shooter to learn that handling a firearm is not dangerous when doing so safely. It reinforced the three rules for Gun Safe handling. The rifle was placed on the bench and each person on the range was checked to ensure that the proper safe equipment was in place. The Range officer then began to give commands. Each shooter would move to the ready line, loaded their firearm and prepared for their course of fire. After completing each station, the Junior Shooter made the firearm safe by removing the magazine, ensuring the chamber is clear and inserting a safety chamber flag. Once the line was ready to move, the Range Officer gave the command to move to the next position. Each shooter would rack a safe weapon at the end of the four courses of fire.



The event took about 4 ½ hours with the aid of seven instructors and many parents. Probably the best testament to the event was at least three families are joining DRPC so that their child can progress in the shooting sports.

Editor's Note: *I had the opportunity to be the range officer during this event and I have to tell you it was very rewarding to see these kids really enjoy shooting. It was one of the best events ever at our Club. One parent told me three times that his son said "this was the best day of his life". He is only around 12 years old so I am sure he has a lot of great days ahead of him. Hopefully many in the shooting sports.*

United States F-Class Rifle Team Successfully Defends Creedmoor Cup

By John C. Sigler*
NRA Past President



It all began in 1873 when the Irish Rifle Team under Major Arthur B. Leach won the famed English Wimbledon Match over teams from England and Scotland by a score never before registered by any team at any match held at 800, 900 and 1,000 yards. As reported by our American NRA's first Secretary, General George W. Wingate, "Fired by their success Major Leach published in the New York Herald a challenge, on behalf of the Irish Rifle Association, to the riflemen of America to shoot a match in the autumn of 1874". This match was to be held on American soil at the newly constructed Creedmoor Range on Long Island, New York. According to General Wingate, the American team was to be comprised of riflemen born in the United States using rifles of American manufacture while the Irish Team was to perform using rifles made by Rigby of Dublin.

As you will recall, the National Rifle Association of America was newly formed in 1871 and within the American NRA was the Amateur Rifle Club. The Irish challenge was accepted by the Amateur Rifle Club despite the fact that Americans had never competed at ranges in excess of 500 yards and America had no rifles that could compare or compete with Ireland's famed Rigby rifles.

As a result of that Irish Challenge, America's Long Range Rifle Competitive Shooting Community was born and America produced its first long range competition rifle, a breach loading .45 caliber rifle manufactured by the Sharps Rifle Company, known as the Creedmoor Pattern Rifle.

Without going into all of the details described by General Wingate, suffice it to say that the Americans, who had adopted what was then a highly unorthodox "team doctrine" wherein the American shooters relied upon each other to "dope the wind" as opposed to the "single shooter doctrine" then widely used by the Irish and other European teams, won their first international competition on the last shot fired.

The next year, 1875, the rivalry continued with the American Team traveling to Ireland, again accepting an Irish Challenge for a rematch. This rematch was held on a range situated on a beach at a place called Dollymount, near Dublin.

Again, the Americans won, defeating the Irish who, despite their loss, remained gracious and generous hosts.

Upon the conclusion of this match, and after giving “Three Cheers for the Irish”, the Americans presented the Irish with a very large and elegant silver trophy, crafted by Tiffany’s of New York, which became known as The Creedmoor Cup.

Subsequently, rematches between the Irish and the Americans took place on a regular basis with The Creedmoor Cup being the prize for which they competed. Unfortunately, the politics of the time eventually evolved into things about which we will not write. The matches ended around 1916 and the Creedmoor Cup disappeared along with the ability of the Irish people to keep and bear arms (and ammunition) for competitive shooting (or any other) purposes.

Now “fast forward” to 2009. I was President of the National Rifle Association of America at the time and was in Lodi, WI. visiting the Winnequah Gun Club for the 2009 F-Class Rifle National Championships (today we would call them the F-Class Long Range Nationals, but there were no “Mid-Range Nationals” at the time).

After a long day on the range, I was headed into the club house to participate in the camaraderie and to lick my wounds from having shot poorly (surprising no one) when I was greeted by an American shooting friend who introduced me to Noel Kelly, the Captain of the Irish Team and then-Chairman of the National Rifle Association of Ireland – a very new national organization that had only been in existence since 2000. Mr. Kelly was accompanied by other members of the Irish Team, most of whom spoke a brand of English that was very different from my own “down-home” Sussex County, Delaware version, and all of whom were somewhat difficult to comprehend.

Essentially these fine gentlemen attempted to explain to me that they wanted me, as an American F-Class rifleman and as the president of America’s National Rifle Association to issue a challenge to the Irish to invite the American F-Class Team to come to Ireland to compete for the long-missing Creedmoor Cup. At the time I understood that such a challenge was very important to them and I had a very vague understanding that by issuing such a challenge it would in some way assist them with building their team, building a range and being allowed to participate in international competition – and perhaps even help to recover the long-missing Creedmoor Cup.

I did, in fact, write a letter on behalf of the American F-Class riflemen challenging the Irish to invite us over for a modern version of the Creedmoor Cup Match. The Irish took up the challenge, built a range just west of Tullamore and invited the Americans, South Africans, Australians, Canadians and English to renew old traditions and old competitive rivalries. The Americans accepted the kind invitation. The first modern version of the Emerald Matches and the Creedmoor Cup were held in 2011, and a new tradition was begun through the renewal of an old and venerable tradition being observed. Four years later I was privileged to travel to Ireland participate in those matches as a firing member of the United States F-Class Open Rifle Team.



U.S & Irish Teams – In Ireland, 2015

That old Irish wind blew, and it changed, and it switched; it fishtailed and then switched back again, and it did everything it could to confound and confuse the American Team Coaches. But try as it may, that old Irish wind could not keep the American 16 man Creedmoor Cup Team from defeating the Irish, once again – and once again proving that America has some of the best F-Class wind coaches in the world (Thank you coaches!).



U.S F-Class Rifle Team – Ireland, 2015

By then the Irish were our friends and shooting companions so at the very end, during the award of the “modern” Creedmoor Cup, the American Team gave a loud and resounding “Three Cheers for the Irish!” and thanked them for their friendship, their gracious hospitality, a good match, a wonderful shooting venue, and for the opportunity to continue a great American/Irish tradition.

Which brings us to February of 2019 when, for the first time in over 100 years, the Creedmoor Cup was fired on a range here in America, this time on the Ben Avery Range in Phoenix, Arizona. Old friendships were renewed, new friendships established and the spirit of international rifle competition refreshed and extended, proving once again that the ocean that separates us physically is easily spanned by tradition, friendship and our mutual competitive spirit.

Nineteen of Ireland’s best shooters came to America in hopes of regaining the modern version of the Creedmoor Cup. But it seems that they brought a bit of the famous Irish

weather with them – and the Americans wondered whether this might be their secret weapon.



2019 Creedmoor Cup Winners' Medal

It was both cold and bitter and the Sonora Desert has its own winds, just as pernicious and unforgiving as that old Irish wind. Morning temperatures hovered around the freezing mark, eventually warming to around 50 degrees with a wind chill that took the breath from you and brought the perceived temperatures back down to near the freezing mark.

Sixteen American shooters, 8 F-Open Shooters and 8 F-T/R shooters, faced equal numbers of Irish shooters for two days, with each shooter firing 15 shots for record at the 800 yard line and the 900 yard line each day, plus another 20 shots for record at 1,000 yards on both days.

This year was very special for me. I spent both days interacting with the Irish Team scoring for them all day for two days – a very rewarding experience, indeed.

The Americans took an early lead on the first day that the Irish were unable to overcome despite shooting very well on the second day. Like both of the first two challenge matches fired in America and Ireland the 1870's, and the first two of the modern Creedmoor Cup matches fired in Ireland in 2011 and 2015, respectively, the United States ended the 2019 Creedmoor Cup Matches with a winning score on its home range and our traditional "Three Cheers for the Irish".



"Modern Creedmoor Cup" with the three U.S. Team Captains, left to right Dan Bramley, U.S. F-Open Captain; Phil Kelley, U.S. F-T/R Captain; Rick Jensen, US U/25 Captain

Both the Irish and the Americans ended the 2019 Creedmoor Cup Challenge matches with a mutual promise to each other– "See you in four years" for the next Creedmoor Cup challenge.

**Mr. Sigler is an active member of the United States F-Open Rifle Team and has represented the United States in international completion in Ireland in 2015, Canada in 2016 and at the World Championships in Canada in 2017. He is currently competing for a slot on the combined United States F-Class Rifle Team that will travel to South Africa to represent the United States in the 2021 F-Class World Championships.*

ALERT! Anti-Gunners Don't Speak for NRA Members

**February 18, 2019, USF & NRA Members and Friends
Marion P. Hammer, USF Executive Director, NRA Past President**

In a 2/14/19 article by Julia Manchester posted on **The Hill**, the reporter says that, *"The Giffords Law Center, a gun control advocacy group, found in a poll one month after the Parkland shooting last year that 69 percent of National Rifle Association members expressed support"* for gun control.

That is FALSE. That statement and any claims by the Gifford gun control advocacy organization about polling of NRA members is patently untrue. Let me say that another way: in all probability, it is an intentional and calculated lie designed to deceive honest people.

For years, gun control advocates have been talking about bogus surveys that claim NRA members support gun control. The fact is that none of those surveys had access to the NRA's membership list - EVER. They are intentionally misrepresenting NRA members' views.

NRA's membership list is protected and ONLY NRA can survey NRA members.

In the past, to expose these false claims by gun banners, NRA has commissioned national scientific surveys - - 1,000 randomly selected NRA members across the country - - and found that NRA members are united on Second Amendment issues.

Here are the REAL views of NRA members:
over 92% oppose background checks on sales between private citizens.

- 89% oppose banning so-called "assault weapons".
- 93% oppose gun registration.
- 91% SUPPORT laws to keep guns out of the hands of people with mental illnesses.

REMEMBER, the only legitimate surveys of NRA members in existence are surveys conducted by the National Rifle Association. PERIOD.

Anytime the gun banners or anti-gun media reporters start talking about surveys that show what NRA members believe, want, support, or think, you should immediately know it's BOGUS – NOT TRUE.

When it comes to gun rights, remember, it's more than guns it's Freedom – and The Giffords Law Center is a gun control advocacy group formed for the purpose of creating, advocating for and passing restrictive anti-gun, anti-Second Amendment legislation.

Delaware Rifle and Pistol Develops an Adaptive Shooters Program

By Roger Boyce
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DRPC

Part I – Getting Started

A dentist of one of our Club instructors, (we will call him Don), recently had a stroke two days after retiring from his practice. Timing sucked. You can image what a life changing event this was for Don. Prior to the stroke Don expressed an interest in learning to shoot. After three months in hospitals and rehabilitation centers, Don's interest in learning to shoot is being realized. Along with Don, Josh, a quadriplegic, also expressed an interest and is learning to shoot along with Don. As a result of Don's and Josh's interest to shoot, DRPC is developing an Adaptive Shooters Program for disabled shooters* to accommodate not only Don and Josh, but other disable persons that may have a similar interest.



Josh first time shooting.



Pretty dam good shot.

Developing the program required some minor facilities changes and several procedural changes as to how we process new applicants for membership. Our traditional requirements for membership require an 8 hour NRA Basic Pistol/DRPC blended course. In addition, the applicant has to shoot 16 out of 20 rounds in a 15" circle at 50' with a center fired hand gun while demonstrating compliance with all of the Club's safety rules. It was clear that the Club's qualification requirements needed adaptation to accommodate an adaptive shooter.



Don shooting Ruger 10/22 and Scorpion CZ



Process

Since this was a new experience for the Club and the adaptive shooters, we had to do a lot of experimentation. Both Don and Josh have agreed to let our Club use their learning experience as a developmental tool for DRPC's Adaptive Shooters Program. This required two separate efforts that are running concurrently as follows:

Phase 1. Working with Don and Josh on the range to learn what it will take to develop safe shooting skills and requirements for disabled shooters.

Phase 2. Developing procedural and instructional resources within the Club's instructional and administrative staff to accommodate the Adaptive Shooters Program.

Phase 1 Don has had several range sessions shooting a .22 cal. rifles and pistol caliber carbines. Shooting included standard paper targets, target transition and shooting plates. Josh has had one session consisting of .22 cal. rifle on paper targets. Each shooting session gave the instructors valuable insight as to the unique needs of an adaptive shooter. Some first lessons were:

- Each disabled shooter is unique and will require unique instructional techniques.
- Many of the disabled shooters will require a trained support person to help load, handle malfunctions and ensure a safe shooting experience.
- The reward of seeing a disabled shooter hit the intended target is priceless to both the shooter and the support personnel.
- The range exercises are continuing through the application process to develop specific qualification and safety requirements.

Phase 2 Because DRPC is a private club with specific qualification requirements, the Club needed to modify some

procedural requirements to accommodate the adaptive shooter. The process started by getting the DRPC Board of Directors to grant the authority to the Director of Education and Safety to develop an Adaptive Shooter Program, which they enthusiastically did.

As a result, an Adaptive Shooter Committee (ASC) was established that consisted of several interested Club instructors and Club members with unique construction and equipment adaptive skills. Included in the discussions are all of the classroom instructional staff who will also interact with the disabled shooter.

Initially, the committee established the following:

Committee Responsibilities:

- a. Evaluate adaptive shooters for special needs.
- b. Determine Club qualification criteria for each individual.
- c. Train and develop adaptive shooters (and support person(s) if required) for DRPC membership.
- d. Approve adaptive shooters for membership in DRPC.

So far, the above process has produced the following guidelines:

- Upon application to DRPC, an adaptive shooter shall be evaluated by two or more members of the ASC Committee. The evaluation must be documented in writing.
- The Committee members (through range experience with the adaptive shooter) shall develop criteria that will allow the adaptive shooter to safely handle firearms at DRPC. Some examples may be:
 - 1. Requirement of a qualified support person to assist the adaptive shooter while on the shooting range.
 - 2. Require special equipment or shooting aids to assist the adaptive shooter while handling guns at DRPC.
 - 3. Develop special requirements or constraints as a condition of the adaptive shooters participation on the range, i.e. limit adaptive shooter to rifle only, .22 cal. pistol, etc.
- The adaptive shooter shall attend the DRPC Basic Pistol Course and Qualification classroom requirements.
- The Committee members shall determine a qualification criteria unique to each adaptive shooter that meets the safety requirements of DRPC.
- Two or more committee members shall have the adaptive shooter (and support person if required) perform a qualification range performance (same as a qualification round to traditional DRPC members) to verify the adaptive shooter’s ability to comply to DRPC safety rules and any additional needs for the adaptive shooter.

The goal is to develop a training and administrative process that facilitates disabled shooters becoming a member of DRPC and enjoying the shooting sports as we all do.

At this point Don and Josh are going through the applicant process along with the ASC. Both Don and Josh have family members that are joining the Club and will be their designated support person. The designated support person must meet two requirements:

- 1. They have to be a regular member meeting all of the application requirements for handgun including qualification with a handgun.
- 2. They must be specifically trained as a support person for the adaptive shooter. As a team, the adaptive shooter and their support person will have to “qualify” as a team to demonstrate safe gun handling in accordance with the requirements of the ASC and Club rules.

In the next few weeks this process will be complete and Don and Josh will become members with their support persons. In **Part II of this article** I will conclude and summarize their experience and the ACS’s experience.

If you have any interest in developing a similar program in your club or you know of a disabled person that may be interested in joining and learning to shoot, feel free to contact Roger Boyce at roger.boyce@dssa.us.

* NRA has an Adaptive Shooters Program. Dr. Joseph Logar, PT, DPT, is National Manager of the Adaptive Shooting Program with the NRA Education and Training Department. Dr. Logar has been very supportive of our efforts and can be reached at NRA HQ jlogar@nrahq.org.

Baltimore body count continues to climb despite gun control

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Fox News is reporting that the City of Baltimore, where restrictive gun laws seem to disarm law abiding citizens but do not deter violent criminals, just endured a 24-hour period in which 14 people had been shot, five of them fatally.



House anti-gunners are pushing at full speed to pass new gun control laws, but exiting ones haven't stopped the bodies from piling up in Baltimore or Washington, D.C. (Dave Workman)

Nearby Washington, D.C. earlier this year lamented at the number of homicides logged in 2018. According to the Washington Post, "Homicides in the District surged in 2018, driven by what police say are the more frequent use of guns in crimes and more fatal outcomes when a shooting occurs." Yet in the District, it is very difficult for average citizens to legally carry firearms or have them in their homes.

According to Fox News, in Baltimore, "Homicides have reportedly been up 10 percent year-over-year."

Like Chicago, which seems to surpass some entire states when it comes to annual murder data, Baltimore and the District of Columbia are perennial examples of restrictive gun control laws that simply don't work, critics say.

In a separate report, Fox News noted, "In 2011, there were 211 homicides in Baltimore; by last year, that number had risen to 307."

The common thread with big city violence is something that gun rights activists have been trying to explain for decades. Criminals do not obey gun laws. The push for so-called "universal background checks" now in progress on Capitol Hill may please the far left Democrat voting base, but it does not appear to be gaining traction anywhere outside of the Nancy Pelosi-led House of Representatives. Odds of stricter gun control legislation making it through the GOP-controlled Senate seem far less likely.

The Hill reported that the Democratic House Leadership has indicated that gun control measures aimed at "enhanced background checks" will be voted on next week. The bills include one for "universal background checks" and the other is aimed at closing what anti-gunners call "the Charleston loophole" that allowed a mass church shooter to obtain a gun in 2015.

The House Judiciary Committee passed both bills on Feb. 13 and they face a full floor vote before heading to the Senate. Most observers believe they will pass in the House on a fairly strict party line vote.

What may alarm right activists is a measure authored by Democrat Rep. James Clyburn of South Carolina, the House Majority whip. This bill would extend the time for a waiting period to ten days "and allow a buyer to request a review if the background check hasn't been done by then. The gun sale can go forward if another 10 days go by without a response from the background check system." That translates to a potential 20-day waiting period. Clyburn's legislation is dubbed the Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2019, H.R. 1112.

But, since criminals don't typically bother with background checks or any other bureaucratic red tape, rights activists argue that, like other gun control measures, this one will not accomplish anything.

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The Legislature is back in session and DSSA is being ever vigilant. We know several of the "bad" bills that we saw last year are coming back. Most notably the "Semi-auto ban". Rep. Sean Lynn, for the third time, has introduced his "**Safe-Storage of Firearm**" bill, House Bill 63. He is again attempting to criminalize the law-abiding citizens who may have their firearms stolen and misused. He maintains that the NRA and NSSF advocate for the safe storage of firearms and is just following their lead. The big difference is that he is making it a criminal act. There is already a law on the books covering this area. While it has never been utilized in a prosecution, it is still there if needed.

A follow-up to our court decision over DNREC and the Dept. of Agriculture and the possession of firearms in state parks and state forests. The final regulations as dictated by Judge Clark on October 11, 2018, were finally published in the March 1, 2019 issue of the Register of Regulations. DNREC and DOA missed three earlier opportunities to publish the regulations but instead continued to confuse the public about the issue.

The matter of the use of semi-automatic straight wall pistol caliber rifles for deer hunting is still unresolved. Secretary Garvin maintains that his opposition to their use is based on the intent of the law. He is just about the only one that does. Every attorney and legislator that I have spoken to agree that he does not have the power to prohibit their use. The law must be changed. However, to the best of my knowledge no one has been arrested for possession of one during hunting.

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