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WE'VE GOT GEAR!
DSSA Launches New Online Store
By: Carll Human, DSSA BoD Member



For years, folks have been asking if we had any DSSA items for sale and there have been a few occasions when some were made available. But, with our new logo, we thought it was the right time to launch our very own line of merchandise for sale.

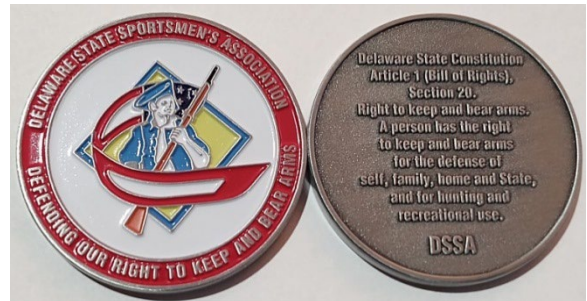
Now you can proudly wear, and share, your support for the DSSA and help us get our "Brand" out there in the public eye. Our initial offerings are deliberately somewhat limited in order to keep our costs down and see what the true demand will be.

We have 2 styles of polo shirts, with one being a cotton/poly blend and the other being more of a light weight sports fabric. We also have crew neck and hooded sweatshirts along with "dad caps", a popular cap style. For now, each item is offered in 2 colors that really make the new logo stand out. By the time you read this, we will have added the lady's version of the sports polo, with others to follow. A small quantity of each item and color, in a variety of sizes, will be available for purchase at DSSA functions, such as dinners and matches, etc. But, if you'd prefer to order online and have the items shipped directly to you, we have also kicked off our new online store. You can access the store right from our website by clicking on the "Store" button <https://dssa.us/> or from the link posted on our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/DEsportsmansAssociation/>

All of the items are embroidered right here in Delaware and if you'd like to skip the shipping costs, you can even select

"in store pickup" at the intersection of Kirkwood Highway (Rt2) and Limestone Road (Rt7), near Pike Creek.

Another cool new item that we have for sale is our very own Challenge Coin...



As you can see, it includes the new logo on the front and Article 1, Section 20 of the Delaware State Constitution on the back. We chose this as a reminder that we have our very own, and arguably stronger, version of the 2nd Amendment to the US Constitution. In fact, we've noticed that many of the people that we meet and talk to have no idea it even exists. These are no lightweight plastic coins, either. They're 1.75" in diameter and 1/8" thick metal with a durable enamel color finish on the front and a cool shadow process on the back. Ideal for collecting, trading, or giving to friends and family... again, to share your support for the DSSA and help us expand our reach throughout Delaware and the robust gun community in general. For now, the coins are only available at in-person DSSA events and a few local gun shops in New Castle County as a trial run. Obviously, we'll be looking to expand into other areas, once we have a better feel for the demand.

We're already thinking of other things to potentially add in the future. So, let us know what you think of the items we do have and things you'd like to see as we grow.

As you might imagine, all proceeds from the sale of the apparel and challenge coins stay right here in Delaware to help fund our community, legislative, and legal efforts to protect and defend our right to keep and bear arms as well as many other outdoor sporting activities. After all, we're the Delaware State Sportsmen's Association!

HESTON'S WARNINGS OF A CULTURE WAR

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Delaware State Sportsmen's Association's 2022 Second Amendment Freedom Banquet was a great success. Over 400 loyal Second Amendment Patriots gathered in Dover in support of DSSA's efforts to protect and defend the rights of Delaware's hunters, sportsmen and gun owners at Legislative Hall, at the ballot box and in the courts.

During that event, NRA and DSSA Past President John Sigler addressed the body, delivering a speech which DSSA News believes should be shared with the general membership. We asked John for a copy of his speech, and he has been kind enough to provide a copy for your consideration.

Please note that the following is written in speech format and not in the format of a newsletter article. We hope that you will enjoy John's speech in written form as much as our members enjoyed it in spoken form. We thank John for sharing his notes with us for this article.

2022 DSSA SECOND AMENDMENT FREEDOM BANQUET SPEECH – FEB. 18, 2022

Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen – and welcome to the 2022 DSSA Firearms Freedom Banquet. My name is John Sigler – Past President of the National Rifle Association of America, Past President of DSSA, and a current member of the NRA Board of Directors

Let me begin by asking – Is there a patriot in the House?

Of course there is – that's why you're here – You're here because you are patriots – you love America – her history, her culture, her heritage, and her freedoms –

America's story is her own story - a unique story – our story– an imperfect yet wonderful story of freedom which must be told and re-told every day.

America's story is a story Freedom's enemies feel they must belittle, besmirch, malign, and suppress before they can write their own version of America's final, transformative chapter.

You're here because you are rugged individualists who love Freedom and are willing to fight for that freedom, and because you understand that the freedom you hold so dear is under attack, every day, and in every way.

And you're here because this is an election year – perhaps the most important election year of your life – and Freedom is on the ballot.

That's why we're here – to raise money for the fight we know is coming – at the ballot box, in the courts and in Legislative Hall.

My good friend Chuck Heston used to tell us that there is a culture war being fought right here in America. Because Heston was our NRA president at the time, I thought he was simply talking about the war being waged against the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, and he was. But he was also warning of much more.

It took me a while and many conversations with him, listening to his speeches and reading his books, but eventually, I began to understand that Mr. Heston was warning us of something much larger and uniquely sinister and dangerous. We're seeing evidence of that fact all around us today.

Mr. Heston wasn't just warning us about a war on guns and our so-called "gun culture". He was warning us about a war being waged on American culture, American freedom and the American dream – a war meant to destroy America as we know it.

Mr. Heston's real message was this: The enemy isn't dumb – no, far from it. The enemy understands that gun owners such as yourselves epitomize American culture as a whole.

You're the core of American culture and American society – you epitomize the entire concept of American freedom – you are strong, responsible, rugged, independent-minded individualists who live your lives based on a set of principles that stand in the way of those who would change America - change it from the land of the free and the home of the brave to the land of the censored and compliant, and the home of the subdued, suppressed, and subservient.

Heston understood what is really happening to America – and the dangers America is facing. He saw it every day. Remember where he worked and where he lived – Hollywood.

Heston experienced cancel-culture before there was a "cancel culture" – he lived and worked in the belly of the beast, and he knew what was in store for America if we didn't fight back -- he knew – and he told us.

He told us what the other side already knew – that America's gun owners and the lovers of the Second Amendment must be conquered first if the other side is to prevail.

He told us that was true because everything you stand for stands in the way of those who would destroy the America we know in favor of an America foreign to us all.

Heston warned us of complacency and challenged us to organize, speak out, and to vote – and to always "Vote Freedom First" - always remembering that it is the Second Amendment that protects the First, the Fourth and the rest.

Unfortunately, far too many failed to heed his warning. Far too many believed, and still believe that America will always be America – we are learning they are wrong.

Look around you – The people who want to emasculate America's Second Amendment and your right to keep and bear arms are the same people who are teaching our children to hate each other and to hate America with critical race theory and the 1619 project, to kneel for the national anthem and to remove God from the pledge of allegiance, defund the cops and empty our prisons, making criminals into victims and victims into criminals.

They are the same people who strive to erase our history and to tear down the statues of history's leaders because they represent flawed human beings –

Of course they were flawed – they were human beings – and human beings are, by definition, flawed. No one is perfect - not Washington, not Jefferson, not Adams, not Lincoln, not

Caesar Rodney, not John Dickenson, not you, and certainly, not me –

There is no such thing as perfection – not in men or women, not in government, and not even in our founding documents – even they were flawed, but they are also the best mankind ever created – and they are what make America so special.

America is about love, not hate. True Americans work together, help one another, understand one another, respect one another, and love one another.

America isn't just a place on a globe – no America is much more. America is about a unique set of ideas and ideal, all centered around the concept of individual, God-given freedoms.

Heston was right – It is up to the American gun owner – the NRA members, the DSSA members to lead the fight for freedom.

Yes, we are under attack – in Washington, and here in Dover – but we are holding our own.

Remember, sometimes winning is not losing... politics is the art of the possible... and with the help of everyone in this room we can – and we will – win this war – this war on our culture, our history, our heritage, and our freedom.

If we stand both united and committed – if we stand strong and proud - if we stand together, we can – and we will - win this war on individual rights and individual freedom.

Each of us has a role to play – an important role. Whether you are a member of the NRA or DSSA or DGR or the Women's Defense Coalition, I call on you to unite in the cause of freedom – Rally around the flag, but more importantly, rally around each other – support each other, find a way to fight this war of ideas and ideals. Learn a way to fight united, as one, under one banner, for one cause – the cause of freedom.

When I was NRA President I would frequently tell folks that “if the hand that rocks the cradle doesn't hold a firearm, the occupant of that cradle probably never will either”. That's more true today than ever before.

Ladies --- you are the key to our freedom today. You must lead the way. You must step up, speak out, get involved, and lead the fight. Politicians expect men to stand for the Second Amendment, but it's the women who they fear most.

I don't have to tell you that women are the ones among us who are most likely to be the victims, and women are also most likely to be that first-time gun buyer – You have the most to lose, and your children have the most to win.

Ladies, the future is in your hands – you raise and educate our children, you set the standards at home for right and wrong, and this year it will be you who decide at the ballot box whether firearm freedom and all other kinds of traditional American freedom will prevail here in Delaware – and for that matter, in America as a whole.

Gentlemen --- it's up to us to invite the ladies into our camps and onto our ranges. It is up to us to support the ladies as they take their rightful roles in this fight for freedom. It is up to us to teach them what we know --- and then allow them to teach us how to win.

Ladies and gentlemen... It was over 25 years ago that 10 of us met with Mr. Heston for dinner in historic Old Town Alexandria where he first spoke to us about the war on our culture, our history and our heritage. He warned us then that if we did not stand together, strong and united, the America we love and hold so dear would be destroyed from within- by forces inspired and funded by other, even more sinister forces from without.

And make no mistake - we are seeing that today, right here in Delaware.

Tonight, we are gathered here in friendship and fellowship in the cause of freedom – I ask, yes, I pray, that you will heed Mr. Heston's words and his warnings – that you recognize the dangers we face and the importance of what we are doing here this evening.

Let tonight be the beginning – Let tonight be the beginning of the great coming-together – Let tonight be the night when we unite in the cause of freedom – not just firearm freedom, but American freedom. United we win – together we prevail.

Yes, tonight is about raising money for the fight here in Delaware, and about winning in Delaware – But please, let's also make tonight be about recognizing what's really at stake in this 2022 Election and in this year's Session of the 151st Delaware General Assembly.

Let's make tonight about winning – the fight for freedom is a battle which must be fought every day, in every way, and everywhere – but winning begins here at home.

I implore you – I challenge you – Come join the fight – the fight for freedom and the future of the Great State of Delaware and the future of the United States of America –

Make tonight a night you freely give of your treasure – this is after all a fund-raising event – but also give of yourselves – give your time, your experience, your expertise and your vote to the cause of freedom in this, the most important election year of your life.

Make no mistake - the stakes are high – This year we must all do our part and be fully focused on the task at hand – the task of saving American Freedom from those who would destroy it. This is the year you must Vote Freedom First!

Later this year, DSSA and NRA will publish their respective grades for candidates – please put those grades and those endorsements to good use – Vote Freedom First

You must never give up – never give in – always stand strong - and always stand together.

Tonight we do stand together, re-dedicating ourselves and our lives to the cause of Freedom.

Tonight we become one - tonight we are united -and because we are united – the future is bright – America is strong - and because of you, freedom shall prevail!

Thank you for all that you do - and thank you for all that you will do...

God Bless you all – God Bless the NRA - and may God Bless America!

Thank You.

EDITOR'S FINAL NOTE: Upon conclusion of Mr. Sigler's remarks, the crowd rose as one and greeted him with a standing ovation – I think they liked it.

Delaware Rifle and Pistol Club, Inc. Celebrates 75th Anniversary

By: Jim Bowman

On September 23, 1946, four men met and signed a draft charter for the Delaware Rifle and Pistol Club. About one month later, on October 15th, the charter was officially signed before a notary and the Club became a reality.

As stated in the certificate:

"The nature of the business, or objects or purposes proposed to be transacted, promoted or carried on are: To promote the sport of rifle and pistol shooting, to promote and to hold tournaments, to encourage organized rifle and pistol shooting among citizens of the United States with a view towards a better knowledge on the part of such citizens of the safe handling and proper care of firearms, as well as improved marksmanship."

Four founder's names appear on the certificate. Unfortunately, the Club has no written history about them; but some information was found by searching genealogy sources. Roger P. Elderkin was born in New York on Feb. 4, 1891. Census records from 1940 indicate that he completed the sixth grade, lived on Newport Gap Pike, was serving as a State Police Lieutenant, and was married with one son. Military draft records show a draft date of 1942. Mr. Elderkin died on September 23, 1973.

Lawrence R. Messick was born in Delaware in 1891. Census records from 1940 show he completed eighth grade, was married with three children and lived on North Connell Street in Wilmington. His occupation is listed as "sorter". Military muster records have a Muster date of Oct. 12, 1944 and a ship designation of AF-22. Mr. Messick died in September 1971.

Samuel L. McAllister was born Nov. 9, 1902, in Delaware. Census records from 1940 show he completed high school, was married with two children, and was living with his parents in Marshallton. His occupation is listed as a bookkeeper for the Wilmington Trust Co. He was registered for the draft in February 1942. Mr. McAllister died in 1986.

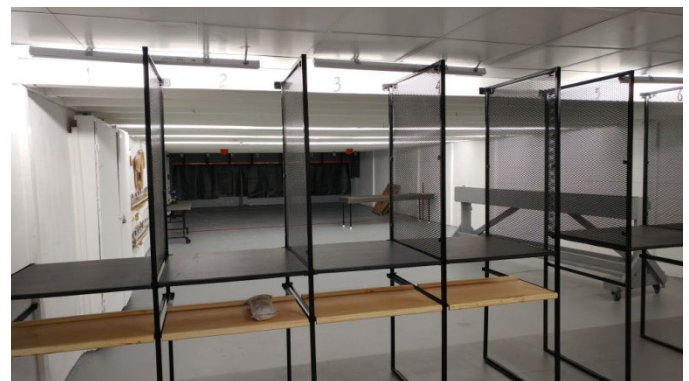
Samuel Hawkins, III, was born on May 6, 1916, in Delaware. He is listed in the Certificate of Incorporation as the Resident Agent. Census records from 1940 show he completed two years of college and was employed as a salesman for the E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. He lived with his parents at 1306 New Road, Wilmington, Delaware (which is listed as the principal office for the corporation). Military records list Samuel as a U.S. Marine private stationed in California in 1944. Mr. Hawkins died on Aug. 18, 1956.

How these four men came together to found the Delaware Rifle and Pistol Club (DRPC), we do not know. From the limited information above we might conclude that they were "ordinary" Americans at the time, who, having lived through World War I, the Great Depression, and World War II, became part of what has come to be known as the "Greatest Generation". They had an idea to start a rifle and pistol club and brought it to fruition.

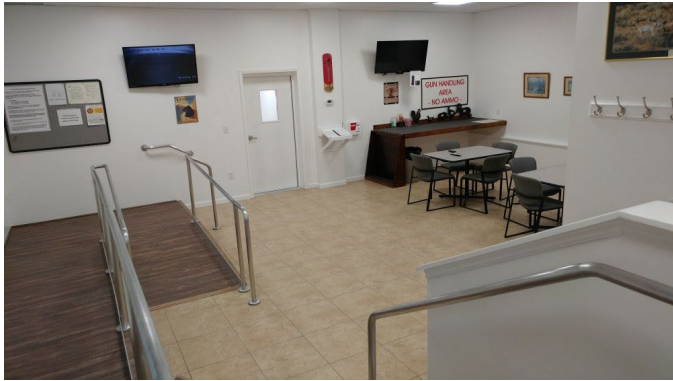
While written historical records for the Club are scarce, we believe the Club began primarily as a rifle club with early shooting activities located in a building on the Du Pont Company's Hagley Property according to oral history. New Castle County tax records indicate the purchase of the current site in 1950, consisting of eight single family building lots in what was originally scheduled to be a residential subdivision of Elmhurst and is now the B&O Industrial Park. The records show a concrete block building on site in 1952, which was built entirely with member volunteer labor. The first shots were fired in this building in 1952. The original building had a dirt floor with a backstop built of railroad ties with an earth backup. Over time, a steel plate backstop with a sand-based bullet trap and concrete floors were added in the range area. Records of meeting minutes dating from 1979 show that the Club also used an outdoor range on Route 9 for some shooting activities.

In 2005, the original sand-based bullet trap (38,000 pounds of sand and lead were removed and sent to a reclaimer in Missouri.) was replaced by a water trap. Range ventilation was upgraded and improvements were made to the club room. In 2011 plans were developed for a separate building to serve as a meeting and training facility. The building was completed in 2015.

In 2016, plans were developed to connect the range building to the meeting room/training building and renovate the range. Construction began in December 2016. Club members managed the project and contributed countless hours of labor and significant materials to the project. Construction was done in two phases, with the connecting structure completed first, followed by the range renovation. The entire project was completed by June 4, 2017, ahead of schedule and under budget, when the range reopened.



Renovated DRPC Range



New Ready Room / Connector Area

Since 2017, membership has increased to over 490, and is still growing. While the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions beginning in March 2020 required a reduction in group activities, the range remained open for shooting by following recommended government procedures for social distancing, masking, and sanitization. Using those procedures, new applicant training was continued with reduced attendance.



DRPC Classroom

The Club has routinely and safely removed lead from the water trap. The lead and recovered .22LR brass are sold to a licensed recycler with the proceeds going to the Club treasury. In May 2020, 8119 pounds of lead and 342 pounds of brass, accumulated over two years, were recycled. Using estimated average bullet weights and the measured weight of a .22LR brass case, it is possible that 239,000 rounds of .22LR and 473,000 rounds of center fire ammunition were fired in the range over a two year period, which works out to about 1000 rounds per day! Using the two-year "guesstimate" and picking an average number of 500 rounds per day, It is possible that at least 12,000,000 rounds have been fired in the 69 years the range has been in use! The great news is that this has been done in complete safety for our members, guests, and the public!

The Delaware Rifle and Pistol Club continues its dedication to safe shooting and support of our right to keep and bear arms. Thanks to all DRPC members, past and present, who have made our success as an organization possible.

44 Auto Mag – The Return of the King

By: Justin Opinion

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There are many iconic handguns in the collective consciousness of gun enthusiasts. There are fewer, but still several iconic handguns in global culture. These latter icons tend to be associated with a larger-than-life appearance on the silver screen. But even amongst the most iconic and awe-inspiring handguns ever to make viewers eyes widen and chins drop - there is one that sits at the very top. The .44 Auto Mag.



The Dirty Harry movies from the 1970's and early 1980's are required annual viewing for anyone who calls himself a handgun enthusiast. The title character, immortalized by Clint Eastwood is famous for the icon status of the S&W Model 29, .44 Magnum revolver. In fact, that gun is quite possibly deserving of equal top-billing in the film credits. But in 1983's "Sudden Impact" a new character was introduced that instantly became the "it" gun that everyone had to have. Introduced early in the film as having been a gift to Detective Callahan (Eastwood), it is called upon at the film's climax shootout scene after Harry's beloved six-shooter takes a dip in the Pacific. In 1983, guns didn't look like this. It was ultra-modern and high tech, yet a big-bore powerhouse that could, according to Dirty Harry - "remove the fingerprints" of the perpetrator shot with it. Like every red-blooded male in every theatre seat everywhere in 1983 - I was mesmerized by the gun. Problem was... there were none to be had. The 44 Auto Mag had made its introduction to the market over a decade before the film was made, and after selling roughly 3,000

pistols the company went under and production stopped. In addition to that - those guns that did exist did not have the long 8 1/2" barrel seen on the big screen - that was a custom piece made for the movie. The resale market for the original Auto Mags skyrocketed. If you could find someone willing to sell one, you were going to pay up for it.



An American icon, The .44 Auto Mag is now new again.

The Auto Mag company, much like a cat, lived many lives and the guns were manufactured in a number of variations and several calibers with roll marks and serial prefixes changing each time. But those original 3,000 Pasadena pistols will forever be the "real" Auto Mag, and sit at the top of the collector's wish list. I am proud to own two of those guns.



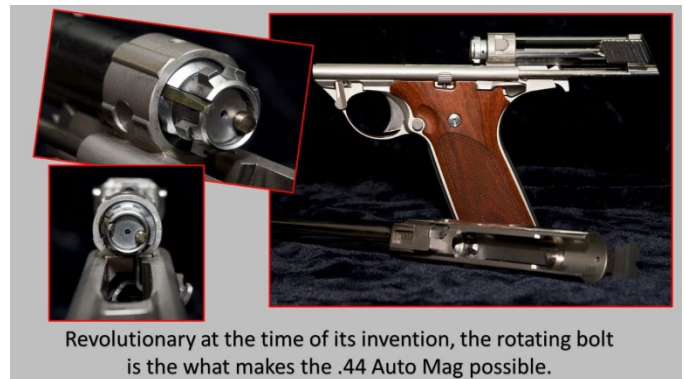
Auto Mag, Ltd. has done a balancing act between faithfulness to original design, and improvements for the new generation of customers.
Original Auto Mag (left) vs. New Auto Mag (right)

Fast forward to the modern era, just a few years ago - when the rumors began to vibrate around the industry that the Auto Mag was going to be re-made. Being an Auto Mag enthusiast, I began a crusade to learn more. This put me in touch with Patrick Henry, who purchased the name, trademark, rights, and all existing assets of the Auto Mag Company, and who was on a mission to resurrect this legendary gun and restore it to its original glory - while using modern manufacturing capabilities to improve both the process and the gun. The objective was to remain completely loyal to the original pistol and make true Auto Mags, not replicas - while allowing the technology now available to make them better wherever possible.



Just as ready for the range as it is for the display case.

Looking through the lens of today, the specifications of the .44 Auto Mag Pistol (AMP) cartridge might not raise many eyebrows – but circa 1970 this was virtually an unheard-of challenge. Semi-autos had not yet reached the mainstream lexicon of handguns, and most of those were either of a Browning design or a derivative thereof, and none approached the fire power of the .44 magnum. This was a new beast altogether – with locking bolt like the AR-15, but no gas system – and two recoil springs and guide rods to control the timing save the gun and shooter from undue wear and tear. As often happens in innovation and business, the first to market is not always the successful product, or even the best designed – but in its short-lived glory the Auto Mag inspired not only an industry, but a generation of enthusiasts. The silhouette of the Auto Mag is incredibly distinctive, and to this beholder's eye, it remains as alluring today as it was 50 years ago.



Revolutionary at the time of its invention, the rotating bolt is the what makes the .44 Auto Mag possible.

It is not lost on this writer, nor should it be on the reader, just how big and undertaking Auto Mag Ltd., led by Patrick Henry has been. "If I'd known five years ago how long it would take, and how many millions it would cost, I probably wouldn't have done it.", was the sentiment that Patrick expressed during one of our conversations, "but", he continued, "once you get half-pregnant, you just have to go with it". Fortunately for us, Patrick is a gun-maker and not an obstetrician. But, if you sit down and talk with Mr. Henry, you will soon realize that he is a passionate enthusiast of the .44 Auto Mag, whose dream is to not just re-make this iconic pistol, but to make it what it always should have been. That dream is shared by many lovers of the Auto Mag, because pre-orders for pistols that were still just a glimmer in Patrick's eye started rolling in from day one.

44 AUTO MAG



- Chambering: 44 AMP
- Barrel: 8.5"
- OA Length: 14.125"
- Weight: 64 oz.
- Height: 6"
- Grips: Hogue checkered wood
- Sights: Kensight adjustable
- Action: Single Action
- Trigger pull: 5 lbs. (measured)
- Finish: Polished stainless steel
- Capacity: 7
- MSRP: \$4,295.00 as shown



The optional presentation case is the perfect place for this iconic handgun to rest.

The new Auto Mag can be ordered in several configurations, starting with the Founder's Edition, which was a limited run offered to early pre-order customers. The Classic Edition is the version that was sent to me for testing and review, with the optional 8 1/2" barrel. The high polished finish is also an option – and is a very labor-intensive process which makes the stainless-steel shine like drag pipes on a new Harley. There are options to choose from when it comes to the grips also – my preference being the beautiful wood stocks, but there are also very nice G10 grips available – both options are made by Hogue. And wonderful news for owners of original Auto Mags – grips, magazines, and other critical internal parts can all be purchased from Auto Mag, Ltd. And because this is “the real thing” and not a tribute gun or reproduction, the parts are nearly all compatible.



The opportunity to once again see a brand-new Auto Mag is one that many enthusiasts never thought would come.

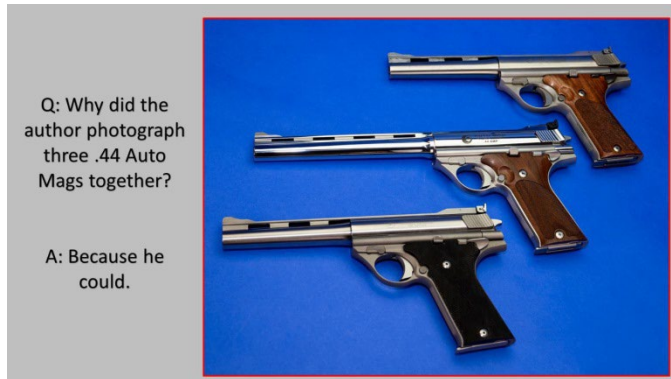
So, who exactly is the .44 Auto Mag for? There can be no doubt that the Auto Mag has always been, and continues to be, a boutique gun. Arguably one of the most elite boutique guns ever made, and certainly coveted by collectors. I think the market for this gun is diverse and eclectic, ranging from the man who is regretting he never bought that one he saw 30 years ago... to the young enthusiast who has a keen eye and appreciation for the extraordinary... to the trophy collector who simply wants one because he wants one. And don't leave out the recoil-junkie – that guy that loves big bore thundersticks and always draws a crowd at the range. In a recent conversation with my friends on Handgun Radio, we were discussing the Auto Mag in contrast to similarly priced high-end 1911s with which we are all familiar. I asked, “but tell me... which of those guns is a .44 Auto Mag?”. And there, I believe, is the answer. The Auto Mag is for the person who wants an Auto Mag. The 44 Auto Mag is the DeLorean of handguns.

Possibly even more collectible than the author's pair of Pasadena Auto Mags, are the two original boxes of Auto Mag branded .44 AMP ammunition. The only known maker of new ammo is SBR (insert).



But what about shooting the Auto Mag? After all, this is a gun review – and in gun reviews we talk about shooting and performance. As a legacy .44 Auto Mag owner, I am familiar with firing this handgun and so I had expectations and questions as I headed to the range with the brand-spanking-new version. The first thing you'll likely notice is the size and weight of the gun. As tested, this pistol weighs 4 lbs. and is 14-1/8" in overall length. The grip portion of the frame is large and hand-filling, even for those with large hands. And yet, despite those dimensions it is remarkably ergonomic and comfortable to grip – this was my thought the first time I held an Auto Mag.

And as for the weight – you’ll be glad of it when you touch off that first round.

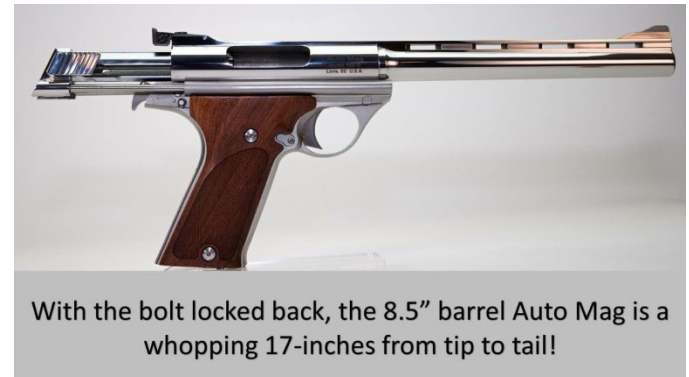


The sights on the Auto Mag were always of high quality. The front sight is a permanent machined fixture that ramps up from the vented rib that runs atop the barrel. It is serrated for reduced glare, but otherwise unadorned. Auto Mag Ltd. has not modernized this by adding any visibility enhancements – which this enthusiast appreciates. The blade of the new front sight looked a bit thinner to me in back-to-back shooting, so I measured them and found that the front blade is 0.010” thinner and the rear notch is also 0.015” wider on the new gun versus the old. That twenty-five-thousandths is enough to notice. The rear sight is of similar design to the original, but changes have been made to the mount to accommodate the modern Kensight. It is fully adjustable and is a flat black with anti-glare serrations. In an era before video games and sights that light up and flash and holler “he went that way”, these were top of the line – and suit this gun just fine. The front sight looks identical to the original Pasadena gun, but is in fact a more modern sight that could be replaced if needed. A look at the muzzle end of both guns also demonstrates one of the opportunities that Auto Mag Ltd. has taken to improve the gun in a subtle way. The old gun looks much like someone trimmed the end of the barrel with a band saw and knocked off the burrs before shipping it out. The new Auto Mag has a nicely rounded and crowned tip, offering the same head-on look but in a more refined way.



As far as accuracy goes, I have to admit that because I have owned original Auto Mags for years, I already had a hunch that

it would “put ‘em where you point it”, and indeed it does. Unfortunately, there is not a variety of .44 AMP ammo from which to select a sample for testing – and this writer is aware of only one company making commercial ammunition – SBR. So, I reversed the logic of the standard test and used one load from two different guns – the new Auto Mag, and a 50-year-old original. “Age before Beauty”, as they say – so the little old lady from Pasadena was up first and put five shots into a very respectable group from a rest at 20 yards. Up next, the shiny new gun made an even tighter group. Given the addition of more than 2” of barrel, I was not surprised. I found the sights on the new Auto Mag to be a bit nicer and I felt it was easier to hold finer aim with the new gun.



Recoil is what you might expect from the .44 Auto Mag, and if you’re not sure what that even means – let me put it this way – it kicks like a mule. Don’t watch “Sudden Impact” and get the idea that the recoil you see Clint Eastwood experience with movie blanks is how it will be for you. I was given some good advice years ago that the Auto Mag likes loads just hot enough to reliably cycle the action. This was in reference to the old guns of course, but I suspect the same advice might be prudent today. While I have no doubt that this new gun is built stronger and could handle the occasional hunting load – for the long-term well-being of gun and shooter, I would stick to a 240-grain bullet moving at about 1250 fps, and not much more. Even so, when fired with one hand the Auto Mag will unleash a sharp recoil energy that will soon have you back in a two-handed grip. That said, this 4 lb. mass of stainless steel does do a good job of smoothing out the otherwise hellish .44 magnum rimless cartridge.



The .44 Auto Mag Pistol (AMP) cartridge is identical in size and virtually the same in performance to the .44 REM MAG that inspired it.



Range work with the Auto Mag was not without some challenges, and a few malfunctions. Intermittent feeding stoppages became less random and seemed to have a common source. Once I examined and eliminated a magazine that seemed to be the culprit – it was smooth sailing for the remainder of the day. Loose tolerances of today's polymer-framed guns have greatly reduced the likelihood of this problem, but 1911 lovers will tell you that the first place you look to resolve many common errors is the magazine. The magazines for the Auto Mag are made of stainless steel with polymer followers. They are capable of holding 7 rounds. When loaded full, the spring is nearly at full compression – those last couple rounds go in tight. I found myself sticking to five most of the time, it made it easier on my thumbs, and helped me ration my ammo better. And while I'm giving advice, another very important discovery people make when they handle an Auto Mag for the first time is just how hard it is to pull that bolt back. And with the length of travel, largeness of the grip frame, and difficulty fighting the strong springs – working a thumb into place to push up the bolt-stop is a feat for orangutans. It can be done – but you don't want to be on candid camera when you try it. Solution – insert an empty magazine and seat it properly, then pull back on the cocking ears while pushing forward on the grip frame. You'll thank me.

Old vs. New

Auto Mags have always been accurate – but the group from the New gun (bottom) got the best against the 50-year old version... but not by much!

From 20 yards rested, the old gun shot 5 into a 1.46" group – the new Auto Mag put 5 into just 0.775"



JUST MY OPINION

It is important to evaluate the Auto Mag in the proper context, as a historically significant gun that had a very limited original production, achieved notoriety – even iconic status, and is now being manufactured anew with full respect to the original

design. To try and judge the gun by either the standards of a newly designed firearm or by the vintage classification of a relic, is to miss the point – in this writer's opinion. It would be a similar discussion if someone were to re-make the broom handle Mauser in strict accordance to the original design, with all of its inherent positive and negative qualities – but as a newly manufactured functioning handgun. And because I am a collector of the Auto Mag and know a bit about the gun and its history, I had expectations based on that philosophy.



First and foremost – high marks indeed for remaining faithful to the original design of the gun, and avoiding the temptation to modernize the look or even improve on the cast-frame cosmetics. The patina of the Auto Mag is perfectly true to the original gun. The polish on the upper is optional – and while I am not usually one for the BBQ gun bling, I have to say that having seen it like this – that's how I would want it. The only downside is that the cocking 'ears' also have the high polish which makes them very difficult to grasp. The Auto Mag is a son of a *** to cock under the best circumstances and that didn't help. But I would suffer the difficulty during the occasional range trip to have it look the way it does. Besides, it is really the rear sight that prevents one from getting a manly grip on the bolt cocking piece without ripping out hunks of flesh. A perfect example of a design that could have been better in 1970, but if it were changed now, it would change the gun.



The author has the original box and accessories that shipped with the first-gen guns. The new Auto Mag gives a nod to tradition with the included bottle of gun oil.

The new bottle (left) is identical to the original, except for the use of a label. Nailing the details!

The bottom line on the new .44 Auto Mag is that it is almost exactly what I had hoped it would be – the next best thing to a time machine and access to Dirty Harry's nightstand drawer.

THE SWN TRADITION CONTINUES

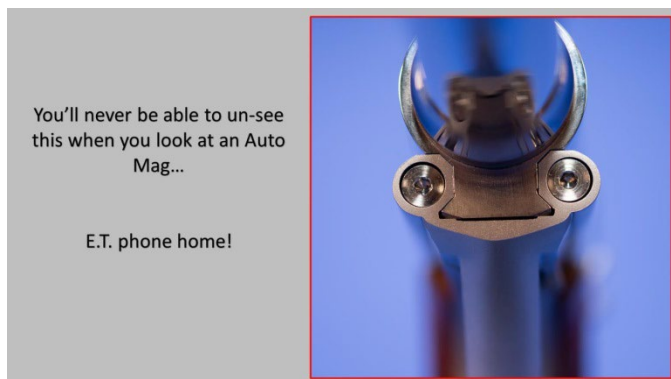
This gun is for people who want a .44 Auto Mag. The great news is that it truly is art you can shoot. It's a stronger gun than the original. It cycles better. Its accuracy and power make it an interesting option for the handgun hunter (I happen to know that several hogs have already been taken with it). More than fifty years since its introduction to the market – the Auto Mag is now ready for the range as well as the display case.



Again, I am not an expert on the Auto Mag, but I have been fortunate to have learned from many over the years whom I consider to be experts. I'd like to thank Patrick Henry, Jeffrey Kelley, Brian Maynard, and Bruce Stark for their contributions to my knowledge.

I will leave you with a quote that I really like about the original Auto Mag, from Bruce Stark's book, "Auto Mag, The Pasadena Days – The Years 1966-1972" – "The scope of the efforts and the accomplishments that took place in such a very short amount of time are staggering. For an inexperienced company to design and manufacture a completely new semi-automatic handgun, made of exotic metals to shoot non-existent ammo to be sold to a non-existent market seems ill-advised to say the least. The end result was the most beautiful handgun ever to be made. The Auto Mag is an American classic." Stark's book is a must-have for all Auto Mag enthusiasts, and is still available. In fact, you can even get a signed copy at a cost of just \$45. If interested, contact Stark at littlekitty16@roadrunner.com.

If you are interested in the history of the Auto Mag company and Harry Sanford, I highly recommend a video on the YouTube channel of Jeffrey Kelley – do a search for that.



The Southwest Nationals Long Range Rifle Championships is to the world of long-range shooting what the Daytona 500 is to NASCAR. First begun by the Berger Bullet Company in conjunction with the Desert Sharpshooters Rifle Club of Phoenix, Arizona, the Southwest Nationals has become a tradition among America's F-Class and "sling" shooters, including those of the Bridgeville Long Range Rifle Team.

Like the Daytona 500, the Southwest Nationals (SWN) traditionally serves as the premier beginning of each year's competitive shooting season. Traditionally held during the week immediately following the NFL's Superbowl Sunday and the week before the Daytona 500, the SWN draws shooters from throughout the United States and numerous foreign counties to the Ben Avery Range operated by the Arizona State Fish and Game Commission on Long Shot Road, just off West Black Canyon Blvd. on the extreme north side of Phoenix, just south of the town of Anthem.

The Ben Avery Range Complex is one of the world's largest and most comprehensive shooting facilities and its High Power Range is viewed by many as the best High Power Rifle range in America. Built by shooters for shooters, Ben Avery boasts 100 firing points with firing lines located at 100, 200, 300, 500, 600, 800, 900 and 1,000 yards.

The Southwest Nationals are traditionally a five-day event beginning with three 20-shot matches at 600 yards on Day #1. Day #2 is Palma Team Day where four-person teams shoot three stages of 15 shots each from 800, 900 and 1,000 yards. Day #3 is the Palma Individuals where individual shooters shoot the same format as fired by the teams the day before. Then come what everyone really traveled to Phoenix to do – two days of 1,000 yard individual and team competition.

The first day of 1,000-yard competition consists of two individual matches of 20 shots each followed by a team match where each member of the four-person team fires 20 shots for record. The second day of 1,000-yard competition is the fifth and final day of competition consisting of two 20 shot 1,000-yard individual matches.

As happened with many American traditions, the Southwest Nationals (SWN) fell victim to COVID and was cancelled in 2021, much to the disappointment of the shooters. But the SWN tradition was renewed with gusto in 2022. Registration for this match is "on-line", only, and this year sold out in less than 6 minutes, with a 100+ person waiting list. As in past years, the SWN was an international event with a total of six (6) countries being represented on the firing line. The bad news is that COVID restrictions in their home countries kept the Brits, the Irish, the South Africans and the Aussies at home – and they were sorely missed.

In past years, the Bridgeville Rifle and Pistol Club has sent both a traditional "sling" team and an F-Class Rifle team to the SWN. Unfortunately, only one sling shooter who did not travel as a part of the team attended, depriving Bridgeville of a "sling team". However, Bridgeville's F-Class riflemen picked up the slack sending one shooter, Ramsey Abid, to shoot in F-T/R and

seven shooters to represent Bridgeville and the State of Delaware in the F-Open Rifle division.



Shooting the F-Open Rifles for Bridgeville were High Master shooters Matt Basalla, Gwen Basalla, Team Captain Dave Kokoszka, George Van Why and John Sigler, Master class shooter Jack Neith, and Expert class shooter Geof Slichter.

This year, there were a total of 127 shooters participating in the F-Open Rifle category, dominated by a total of 88 shooters in the High Master Class. As you might imagine, competition was very keen, indeed. Because this was considered a “mandatory shoot” for both the U.S. F-Open Rifle Team and the U.S. F-T/R Team, most of America’s national F-Class team was in attendance.

In the team events, Bridgeville’s High Master Team competed against 19 other F-Open Rifle teams, placing 7th in the Palma Team event, 4th in the 1,000 yard team event just 4 points behind the winning team and 7th in the overall aggregate – a very respectable showing against the top teams in the country.

As the reader may be aware, the ultimate key to team competition is the “wind coach” who calls wind for the shooters pulling the triggers. In this case, Bridgeville’s wind coach was George Van Why. George’s performance was one of special note. His wind calls were superb and had it not been for a rifle that would not hold vertical, Bridgeville would most certainly have won the 1,000 yard team event – Good job George!

As is usually the case at Ben Avery Range, the wind played a significant role in the 2022 SWN, causing scores to be erratic and lower than might otherwise be the case. Eastern shooters very seldom get to experience the winds western shooters get to shoot in on a regular basis. It is those western winds that make the SWN such a challenging event that draws so many of the world’s top shooters to Phoenix in February – not to mention the much nicer temperatures.

In addition to a great performance in the team events, Bridgeville’s shooters also placed well in the individual matches. John Sigler led the way in the 600 yard matches, racking up an impressive 200-15x in that day’s Match #2 to place third overall and second in the High Master Class and as second Grand Senior.

Matt Basalla followed John’s performance the next day with a 448-28x to finish 4th High Master in the Palma

Individual match. Team Captain Dave Kokoszka was next, posting a 199-8x for 3rd High Master in the 1000 yard Match #3. John Sigler again returned to the leader board by posting a 200-9x in Match #5 at 1000 yards, good enough for money at 13th High Master and First Place in the Police category. Matt Basalla then came back with an impressive 200-8x in Match 6 which placed him 2nd overall and 1st in the High Master Class. Not to be outdone by the High Masters, Master class shooter Jack Neith took First Place in Master Class in Match #6 at 1000 yards with a 197-11x and 3rd in the Master Class for the Sunday 1000 yard aggregate.

Unfortunately, Bridgeville’s sole F-T/R shooter, Ramsey Abid, who was expected to do very well against the other 71 F-T/R shooters in attendance experienced a major rifle malfunction on the second day and was unable to complete the competition.

The Bridgeville Long Range Rifle Team is already planning for the 2023 Southwest Nationals and a trip back to Ben Avery for the NRA’s F-Class National Championships in October of this year.

DSSA wishes the very best to the members of the Bridgeville team and congratulates the team for a truly impressive performance.

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For info: on booking and costs: contact Bruce Smith, 443-366-6277 email: info@bkkfirearms.com



To Come Out and Shoot With Us!

By: Frank Nedza

If you are a regular reader of this newsletter, you might have possibly noticed an article or two about High Power Rifle competition. Well, the purpose of those articles isn't ONLY to tell you about the match results, it is also to try to gin up some interest among you, the readers, to come out and try it for yourself!

The High-Power community, like the IDPA community, the Cowboy Action community, the Benchrest community, and all the other shooting disciplines would LOVE for you to show up at a match or practice. Why? Because we love our sport and we want to share it with you! Because we have learned quite a lot about our own discipline and want to help out new shooters (and new-old shooters too 😊).

You will notice that I used the word 'community' above. I think that is pretty well correct, but maybe 'family' would be a better descriptor. I can tell you that around this time every year, I am really missing my shooting buddies, and look forward to seeing them again.

So, if I have done my job in this introduction, you might be thinking, well, maybe... So the rest of this article will be more focused on what you need to do to get started.

First-off –**Don't start buying stuff** until you get to a match and start talking with folks on the firing line. We can help you avoid the mistakes that a lot of us have made when WE were just getting started. Besides, you might already have most of what you need already. Plus, there are several disciplines within the area we call High Power that have very different equipment needs.

Secondly, if you have any interest at all, **don't 'wait until you shoot better' or are 'good enough'**. Even the most experienced among us, the most accomplished, are constantly trying to shoot better. By not taking the plunge, you are denying yourself a lot of really great shooting experiences, and the company of a lot a really terrific new friends and mentors. Remember too that every single one of the more 'experienced' competitors was once a first time shooter... So, come on out!

Generally there are two major subdivisions of High Power competition. These are Across the Course matches (abbreviated XTC), and Prone-only matches. In across the course, there are two major types of rifle used –Service Rifle and Match Rifle. In Service Rifle, the AR-15 rules the roost. These are usually scoped these days, with an up to 4.5X optic, and fire the .223 Remington/5.56 NATO cartridge. The other major category of rifle is Match Rifle. The Match Rifle category is much less restricted, and nearly anything goes caliber-wise, optic-wise, and rifle-wise, ranging from longer-barreled AR-platform rifles, to bolt-action rifles. These matches are shot in 4 stages; Offhand (standing on your two hind legs) 20 shots slow fire at 200 yards. Next is Seated Rapid Fire (your butt on the ground), firing 2 strings of ten rapid-fire shots also at 200 yards. Prone Rapid Fire comes next, shooting 2 strings of ten rapid-fire shots now at 300 yards from the prone position. The last stage of the match is Slow-Fire Prone, where you shoot 20 shots from the prone position at 600 yards. XTC matches are great fun, with a great bunch of folks. If you want to learn more, come to any match and talk with us –we can certainly point you in the right direction.

Now we come to prone-only matches. These are fired from, you guessed it, –the prone position. Within prone shooting there are actually four choices of shooting goodness available. I will detail what you need for each one in turn, but the categories are; Conventional Prone (sling supported), AR-Tactical Prone, F-T/R Prone, and F-Open Prone. Generally, the match format is three strings of 20 record shots for a total of 60 shots (plus sighting shots) per day. These matches are shot in single-fire fashion, loading one cartridge at a time. Midrange prone matches may be shot at 300, 500, and 600 yards (see the match bulletin for details). Long-range prone matches are shot at distances or 800, 900, and 1000 yards (again, see the match bulletin)

In Conventional prone, you need to shoot from a sling-supported prone position –no bipod, bags, or other non-human rest-type devices. You need a rifle, a sling, a sweatshirt or shooting coat, a shooting mat, and maybe a spotting scope. At Bridgeville, you also need a phone or tablet device as we use electronic scoring targets for our matches. An AR-platform rifle is a good way to get started here, as is that old Garand, or

maybe an M1A, but the sky can be the limit with pretty sophisticated bolt action rifles on the line. Scopes or iron sights are both OK, and both are widely used. If you are shooting an AR-15, heavy for caliber bullets are the norm, with 69 grain bullets being the minimum I would recommend.

AR-Tactical Mid-Range Prone, is a fairly recent entry to the prone shooting world, and is designed to get the AR that nearly everyone already owns out to the range for some fun! AR-Tactical is restricted to AR platform rifles (go figure). There are two divisions within this area –those chambered in .223 Rem/5.56, and everything else, including AR-10 rifles in up to .308 Win. These rifles are to be fired off a Harris-type bipod, backpack or 'field expedient' bunched up jacket or the like. No 'eared' rear bag can be used, but a 'soup can' squeeze bag is OK. The barrel length is restricted to 20" or less, but if you show up with a longer barreled version, nobody is going to kick you out (until you start winning all the matches ☺). Scopes are limited to 15 power, but again, nobody will be upset if you have one that is over that, again until you start winning ☺. You also need a shooting mat or blanket to lay on, ammo, maybe a spotting scope or binoculars, and a phone or tablet for scoring. Again, if you are shooting the .223, I HIGHLY recommend heavy for caliber bullets. The factory offerings in 68/9 grain or 75/77 grain should be a good starting place. Can you shoot using 55 grain bullets? Yes, but I think you will get frustrated easily, and that will detract from your shooting experience. The heavy bullets mentioned above are available from multiple vendors these days. <https://ammoseek.com/>

Now we get into F-Class prone shooting, starting with **F-T/R Prone**. F-T/R is the more restricted of the F-Class experience, being caliber limited to .223 Remington, or .308 Winchester ONLY. Bullet weights are unrestricted, with some folks using the super-heavy 90 and 95 grain bullets in .223, and up to 230 grain bullets in .308. The weight of the rifle is restricted to 18.18 pounds, including anything that is normally attached to the rifle while firing. F-T/R is fired from a bipod (and they can get pretty high-tech), and a rear bag. Scopes are the general sighting system and are not restricted for power, as long as your total rifle weight is under the limit. So, to get started, you need a rifle chambered in .223 Rem or .308 Win, ammo, your bipod and rear bag, a shooting mat or blanket to lay on, ammo, maybe a spotting scope or binoculars, and a phone or tablet for scoring. Once again, if you are shooting the .223, I HIGHLY recommend heavy for caliber bullets. As in AR-Tactical, nobody is going to get hinky over what you bring to the line –just come out and shoot (until you start winning... ☺).

Lastly, we come to **F-Open Prone**. This segment is nearly unlimited in equipment. The caliber is completely up to you, with the only limit being 'less than .35 caliber'. Optics too, are unlimited. The only practical limit that I can see is WEIGHT. You are weight restricted to 22 pounds, including everything that is normally attached to the rifle while firing. You may fire from a bipod, though most use pretty sophisticated 'joystick' front rests. Rear bags are the norm here too. So, to get started you need your rifle, front rest or bipod and rear bag, ammo, a

shooting mat or blanket to lay on, maybe a spotting scope or binoculars, and a phone or tablet for scoring.

How about an example? OK, so, you might have a Ruger Precision Rifle in 6.5 Creedmoor with a 24 power scope on it, and a bipod. That rifle, if fired off the bipod, would fall under F-Open rules because of caliber. The same rifle, chambered in .308 Win could be F-T/R **OR** F-Open (I recommend T/R –no sense going up against the super-duper calibers with a .308...). Either of those rifles, if shot from a SLING SUPPORTED position, would fall under Conventional Prone rules.

How about another example? OK, you have a .338 Lapua. No problem –F-Open, or, if sling supported, Conventional Prone. **BUT –the muzzle brake (and I know you have one), has to come off.** Muzzle brakes are not allowed in NRA or CMP competition. This is mostly due to the fact that they are super-disruptive to the other shooters on the line. That said, maybe the .338 isn't such a good choice after all –my shoulder hurts just thinking about it...

Frank, you have me convinced, so, what else do I need to do? Well, mostly show up! Showing up and watching a match before you commit to shooting it can be helpful, as you can see how a match runs, meet some folks, and do some learning (but is almost as exciting as watching paint dry). So, show up, but bring your gear. If you don't have some piece of gear, don't worry, we will scrounge up something for you to use (high power shooters are like that). Let the match director know that this is your first match, and he will squad you with someone who is willing to help you out and offer advice (some of it might even be good!). Bring some sort of Zero for your rifle. Ideally, it will be for the yard line we are shooting that day, but if not, just let your squad-mate know, and they will get you on paper, or find someone who can. A solid windage zero is probably more important than elevation in some regards, so try to know that. Bring a notebook to write down your scope or sight dope too, so you will be better prepared for next time. Bring a positive attitude too –it helps to have fun doing ANYTHING for the first time.

My last piece of advice? Come on out and join our family! We guarantee a good time with great folks.

Bridgeville Rifle and Pistol Club High Power Match Dates can be found here: <https://brpc-de.com/2021-high-power-match-schedule-and-bulletins/>

For those that are interested in other aspects of the shooting sports -

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DSSA has lost a very strong "Right to Keep and Bear Arms" patriot. Board of Director member Jim Startzman passed away on January 25, 2022, after a short battle with cancer. Jim had been a Board member for the last several years and was always there to help. He was always ready to assist at fund raisers, the various shows DSSA attended and many other activities.

Jim will be sorely missed.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well the mischief makers are coming back in session. Tuesday, March 8th the General Assembly will reconvene after a 5 week break for Joint Finance Committee meetings. As you know those meetings are what shapes the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. This year there is surplus of around \$800 million, and that doesn't count the almost \$1.2 billion in COVID money the state will be receiving.

At this time there are not indications of either the Permit to Purchase or Magazine Capacity bills moving forward. The Permit to Purchase is in House Appropriations Committee and the Magazine Capacity bill was sent back to the Senate with a substantial amendment. Rest assured DSSA will stay on top of any developments.

I want to thank everyone that attended our 2022 Freedom Banquet at the Modern Maturity Center on Friday, February 18th. There were 400 patriots there. There were numerous silent and live auction items. The funds raised will be used to fund out normal activities and our involvement in the upcoming 2022 primaries and elections in September and November.

DSSA has scheduled another Freedom Banquet for Saturday, September 24, 2022, which is after the primary and a bit more than a month before the general election. Stay tuned.

Jeff Hague, President
DSSA