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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

November 8<sup>th</sup>. A day that just might go down in infamy. All of us should be anxious about the outcome of the elections here in Delaware. We have seen the state grow more and more blue and progressive in the last couple of election cycles. Is more of that in store? We shall find out come late evening on the 8th.

One of the scary things about this election cycle, and there are by no means just one, is the impact and influence that the Delaware Democratic Socialist Party is having here in Delaware, assisted by the Working Family Party. It appears that there is no more "traditional" Democratic Party. We saw at least 3 radical Democratic Socialists beat incumbents that are more center of the road Democrats in the primaries this past September. We also saw 2 incumbent radical Democratic Socialist barely hold off more traditional Democrats. In 3 other primaries the incumbent "traditional" Democrats barely held their own.

While running as Democrats, these Socialist Communist are anything but.

Why is that scary? All you have to do is take a look at the platform for the Delaware Democratic Socialists. It includes such things as:

- Demilitarize the police and end colonial policing of our cities and neighborhoods
- Disarm law enforcement officers, including the police and private security
- Defund the police by rejecting any expansion to police budgets or scope of enforcement while cutting budgets annually towards zero.
- Invest in community self-governance and care, not cops
- Develop and implement community systems of Restorative Justice.
- Remove police from hospitals, care facilities, and schools, and prohibit their access to records.
- End all fines and fees associated with the criminal legal process.

- End mandatory arrest and failure to protect laws that lead to the criminalization of survivors of gendered violence; grant clemency to criminalized survivors.
- Freedom for all incarcerated people
- End pre-trial detention, civil commitment, and imprisonment for parole violations.

That sounds like a Communist Manifesto to me. What's even more frightening is that there are already at least 4 of these communists in the General Assembly. If the Democratic Socialist are successful in getting all their candidates either re-elected or newly elected, there will be a total of 7 in the House.

I don't have to tell you what that means for us. Not only is our Right to Keep and Bear Arms in mortal danger, but so are many other of the beliefs and rights that we all believe in.

What can we do? The answer is easy. **VOTE!!!** This election is probably the most important election in the last 25 years. We have to stop these progressive communist socialists.

Even though we are fighting the unconstitutional laws that were passed this past June, more are coming. As we know, the legislators that support these types of bills do not care if they are unconstitutional on their face. They pass them anyway.

The **Bruen** decision this past June 23<sup>rd</sup> was a landmark case supporting our right to keep and bear arms. But that will not stop progressive socialist legislators from passing more bills.

The way we change that is to make sure you **VOTE**, your family **VOTES**, your friends **VOTE**, and your neighbors **VOTE**.

A table of the candidates that DSSA endorses is at the end of this newsletter, along with their phone numbers. Give your candidate a call, even at the last minute, and see if they could use a hand, whether it be knocking on doors, helping get people to the polls, or even working the polls.

If we don't stand up for our rights by participating in this process, we will get what we deserve.

On another note, DSSA has filed our second court case over the bills that were passed and signed this past June. The

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latest filing was over HB 451, which banned those under 21 from owning, purchasing or possessing most firearms.

The case was filed in Delaware Chancery Court on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. As we get more information you will be the first to know.

The cases about the semi-auto ban and magazine capacity are starting to move. The District Court gave the state a one day extension, until Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> to file their initial answer to our complaints. Stay tuned.

Jeff Hague  
President

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## **Fighters & Quitters (Winners & Losers)**

**By: John C. Sigler NRA Past President DSSA Past President**

Are you a fighter, or are you a quitter? Are you a winner, or are you a loser?

These are interesting questions for interesting times, especially here in Delaware as we prepare for Election Day 2022, just ahead.

Me? I'm a fighter, and because I'm a fighter, I'm a winner. No, I don't win all the time, and there are years when it seems like I don't even win some of the time.

But I am a winner, because I am a fighter – because unless you are a fighter you are automatically a loser – and I refuse to be a loser, or a quitter. But that's just me.

Recently I was told by a friend that "the Anti-Gun Socialist Democrats own this State – there's no way to stop them".

Sorry ladies and gentlemen, that is nothing more than pure, unmitigated "horse hockey", as Colonel Potter used to say on the "M.A.S.H" television program.

But it becomes the truth if you are a quitter – if you let them win by default.

That same friend asked me, "Why should I vote? I live in a 70% Democrat district and my Representative is a far-left gun-hating looney – so crazy that even the other Democrats think she's nuts?"

My answer was this:

"If you don't vote, that makes you a quitter and an automatic loser. But if you do vote and that far-left gun-hating looney wins, that makes you a fighter, and only fighters can win – maybe not this time, or even the next time, but sometime in the not too distant future. Because, if you don't fight, you can't win --- and if you don't fight that makes you a quitter, and if you are a quitter that makes you an automatic loser."

Think about it – Americans are winners because we are fighters, and not quitters. Don't believe me? Let's look at some history:

On September 23, 1779, America's first true naval hero, John Paul Jones was the Captain of a ship called the U.S.S. Bonhomme Richard fighting the British man of war, HMS

Serapis in the North Sea. Jones' ship was sinking, his men were dying and the English Captain called for him to strike his "Colors".

John Paul Jones was a fighter, he was no quitter. His response to the English Captain is now famous, "I have not yet begun to fight." John Paul Jones lost the Bonhomme Richard but captured the Serapis – he was no quitter and, against all odds, he was the winner.

What about the Texas rebels during the Texas Revolution? They lost every battle but one – the last one. Out-gunned and outmanned, Sam Houston found a way to win – he wasn't a quitter, he was a fighter as were the men at the Alamo, and Goliad, and Gonzales. Because they were not quitters, because they were fighters, that rag-tag army of Texas farmers, ranchers, and ne'er-do-wells won the only battle that really counted; the battle of San Jacinto.

On December 7, 1941 the Japanese Navy decimated the American Navy at Pearl Harbor, but America was a nation of fighters, not a nation of quitters – and we eventually won that war.

Christmastime, 1944, Hitler's final blitzkrieg found the 101st Airborne surrounded, outmanned and outgunned at Bastogne. The Americans were freezing to death, starving and nearly out of ammunition. The Germans called for the Americans to surrender. Harry W. O. Kinnard, then a 29 year-old Lt. Colonel, replied "Nuts".... He was no quitter, and eventually won the battle of Bastogne, helping to seal the fate of the German Army and Hitler's final blitzkrieg. (Kinnard later retired as an Army three-star, Lieutenant General.)

We could go on and on... but you get the picture.

You can't win if you don't fight – it's that simple. Quitters, by definition are losers – you can't win if you quit.

The only way to win is to fight – and to keep on fighting until you win.

Never give up – never give in – never back down – always fight for what you believe in, no matter what it costs.

Freedom is not free, there's a price to be paid. Sometimes that price is fighting even though you know you are going to lose - this time.

The sacrifice you make this time may be what it takes to lay the groundwork for next time, or the time after that – play the long game, not the short game the other side wants you to play.

Fight – and make them pay the price – don't give in to them. Again, never give up and never, ever give in.

VOTE! Vote this time and every time. And every time you vote – vote Freedom first.

So, what did I tell my friend? I said, "Nuts! I have not yet begun to fight!"

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## Adaptive Shooter Program in Delaware

By: Roger Boyce

The Delaware Rifle and Pistol Club in Elsmere, Delaware has recently created an Adaptive Shooter Program. The program was started to help a stroke victim and a young man that was a quadriplegic. With the assistance and adaptations needed, they both were able to go through the DRPC Qualification Program and become active members of DRPC. As a shooter and instructor, it was very rewarding to watch them enjoy the sport.



Stroke Affected Shooting Participant



Paralysis Affected Shooting Participant

Since that first effort, DRPC has been and is in the process of working with several other shooters that have special needs. We have several instructors that have experience working with special needs people.

### Special needs can include the following conditions:

- Stroke-related limitations
- Eyesight and visual limitations
- All forms of physical disability to include missing limbs
- Age-related limitations
- Sound sensitivity limitations

- Body, limb, and hand tremors
- Arthritic restrictions
- Brain injuries
- Sighted, deaf and hearing disabilities
- Many more

The purpose of this announcement is to make you aware of this service. If you have a friend, family member or other person of interest that has a disability, and they would like to learn to shoot, let us know. In almost all cases we will find a way to help them enjoy the sport that we all love.

If you have someone of interest in mind, talk to them and determine if they are interested. If they are, then call or email:

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If there is a way to help them, we will find it.  
I look forward to hearing from you.

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## HighPower Update

By: Frank Nedza

### September 10<sup>th</sup>, 300 Meter International Match

What a fun day, and what a challenging target and match!

For those not familiar with 300 Meter shooting, it is a fairly tightly restricted form of High Power rifle competition. Firearms, clothing, sights, calibers, and other equipment choices are all highly regulated. The official rule making organization is the ISSF (International Shooting Sport Federation), and the last rulebook I have in my possession is an astounding 573 pages!

The objective of this match was to expose local shooters to the fun and challenge of this type of shooting, without investing the time and money in obtaining match-legal gear, giving us a 'taste' of international-style shooting without the hassle, and perhaps ginning up some interest in pursuing this type of shooting in more depth.

This match was shot from the prone position, at 300 yards on a C-3 target which is a 300 meter target reduced in size for 300 yard use. The 'X' ring is 1.8 inches in diameter, which correlates to 0.6 minutes of angle (for a sling-supported rifle). The 'Ten' ring is a whopping 1.2 minutes of angle –again, pretty small for sling supported iron-sight shooting.

An additional challenge is the match format. Shooters have a 15 minute sighting-in period, then a break, then they have 60 minutes (now reduced to 50 minutes, officially), to fire 60 record shots. That 60 minutes can feel like an eternity when you are laying there in the sun, and working on shot 43, thinking 'please make it stop' ☺.

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At any rate, we had a total of 17 participants (counting some re-entries), who came out to shoot with us.

Perennial top-level shooter Jon Howell, who once again showed us that shooting well is shooting well, led the pack, firing a nice 587-23X. Not too shabby for a Grand Senior, I think! Roman Podshivalov was right on his heels, firing a 587-20X. Nicely done Gents!

The general consensus was that this was a fun match to shoot, and folks would love to do it again sometime –but perhaps not in the middle of July or August, out in the sun on the 300 yard line. I know I had fun, and I think we accomplished our objective.

### **September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Long Range Match**

September showed its mild side this weekend with super-nice temperatures, low humidity and reasonable winds, making it a great day for a match (but then, any day is a great day to be out shooting with friend, isn't it...).

At any rate, we had a nice crowd of 39 total shooters come out to share the firing line.

In F-T/R, Master-Class shooter Todd Norfleet took the win, shooting a nice 1173-27X. Todd is certainly shooting well, and I suspect that High Master is just around the corner for him. Todd Strasavich (T2) was hot on his (T1's) heels, firing a nice 1171-34X.

In F-Open, George VanWhy took the win, shooting a nice 1180-40X, followed by Master-Class shooter Jack Neith who fired a nice 1174-39X (which is really close to a High Master score), so I think that Jack is also on the verge of 'movin on up' too.

On the sling side of things, one of our Connecticut Friends, John Kiley, took the win firing a nice 1186-60X. Holy Cow! Half of John's shots were X's –at 1000 yards! Joe Fogg was hot on his heels with a score of 1178-42X.

Once again, we had a great couple of days on the range with friends.

### **October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, FullBore Prone Match**

I love Fall weather. Nice temperatures, low humidity, and time on the range just seem to go together. And not a hint of 'pumpkin spice' anything anywhere ☺.

Turnout was a bit low, but some of our F-Class pals were getting ready to head to Phoenix for the F-Class National Matches, so that was to be expected. Even so, we had 8 shooters present for both days of the match.

Fullbore is another type of shooting that is somewhat more restricted than our 'normal' high power prone matches. On the sling side, calibers are limited to .223 Remington or .308 Winchester, with metallic (Iron Sights) being required. The match is typically fired at 300, 500, 600, and 900 or 1000 yards. The short range shooting is 'pair fired', meaning two shooters take turns firing on the same target in a single relay. You also have only 45 seconds to fire each shot, so you don't get to wait on favorable wind conditions (and therefore need to be paying attention to what the wind is doing at any given point during the match).

Once again, Jon Howell showed the way, firing a nice 891-45X (out of a possible 900 points). He was followed by Rich Kussman, who shot a nice 884-37X.

F-Open shooter Bill Holden fired a nice 883-45X, with F-T/R shooter Todd Norfleet firing an 881-45X with his trusty .308.

### **October 23<sup>rd</sup> Palma –Plus Match**

Palma –my favorite type of rifle match, was the order of the day for this overcast, but otherwise quite pleasant day of shooting.

Again, turnout was lower than I would like, but our F-Class pals are still in Phoenix, and iron sights aren't for everyone.

For those who are curious, Palma matches are shot at 800, 900, and 1000 yards, with 15 record shots at each yardline, for a combined possible score of 450 points. Competitors get unlimited sighting shots at 800 yards, but only two sighting shots at 900 and 1000 yards. For this match, the 'plus' was an additional 20 record shots from the 1000 yard line.

In F-Open, our DSSA President, Jeff Hague came out and fired a nice 443-20X in the Palma, and a total score of 634-21X.

On the sling side of things, Joe Fogg led the way, firing a nice 447-24X in the Palma, and a combined score of 645-34X out of a possible 650 points. Jon Howell was right on Joe's heels, firing a 446-26X in the Palma and a combined score of 644-33X. Nice shooting guys!

As usual, no matter the score, it was a great day with friends spent on the range.

As you might imagine, the High Power season is winding down here in Delaware. Our next matches include a Mid-Range practice on October 29<sup>th</sup>, and a 300/500/600 yard match on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Our final match of the year will be a two-day Long-Range Match held on November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting of course).

I hope to see you on the line at these last matches, and look forward to seeing some new faces when our season kicks off next year!

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### **Don't Give Up The Ship!**

This past year in Delaware has been tough to take if you are a supporter of the Second Amendment, (or, closer to home, Article 1 Section 20 of the Delaware Constitution). If all you listen to is mainstream news, you might even believe that the 'other side' has us on the ropes. Don't believe it. Not for one minute.

In the wake of the Bruen decision by the Supreme Court, things changed rapidly, and continue to change, and mostly for the better. Our neighbor state, Maryland dropped one of its most restrictive gun laws, that which required a 'good and

substantial reason' for concealed carry, but I bet you didn't hear about THAT without looking for it. The same is true of New Jersey's carry laws.

The implications of the Bruen decision have, and will continue to unfold as time goes by, but have already had significant impact in our favor as several cases have been remanded back to lower courts to be re-examined in light of this most recent guidance given by the Supreme Court.

Right now, the 'other side' is scared. We have known all along that they were WRONG and full of baloney on the Second Amendment, THEY knew they were wrong (but as is typical, went ahead anyway...), but now everyone knows they were wrong –as in UNCONSTITUTIONALLY WRONG. Hard Stop.

Of course, they won't stop trying –witness the doubling-down on stupid exhibited by New York Governor Kathy Hochul and her New York cronies, openly defying the intent of the Supreme Court decision. They are joined (of course) by the anti's in New Jersey in attempting to define essentially the entire State as a 'sensitive area'.

But they won't win. They CAN'T win. And they know it – but that won't stop them from going ahead anyway (as per usual).

So, back to the title of this note "Don't Give Up The Ship". Captain James Lawrence is said to have uttered those words in 1813 as he laid in the cabin of his frigate the U.S.S. Chesapeake, dying of a gunshot wound sustained during a battle with the British Frigate HMS Shannon.

His meaning was clear; an exhortation to keep trying, to not quit, to never surrender, to keep fighting, to keep working. Even if in the end you are unsuccessful, you will know, in your heart, that you tried.

His exhortation is now our exhortation –keep fighting. Fight with everything you have; reason, honor, dignity, time and money to organizations like this one that fight for you in Delaware and in D.C.

Your next opportunity to fight, and win, is coming up on November 8<sup>th</sup> –voting day. Show them that you are not afraid of a fight.

### VOTE FREEDOM FIRST!

Respectfully Submitted; Frank Nedza

**In Case You Missed It**  
By; Vickie Prickett

<https://thereload.com/dc-repeals-gun-carry-ammunition-limit-hands-heller-another-legal-win/>

<https://www.foxnews.com/us/supreme-court-vacates-controversial-massachusetts-gun-control-law>

<https://www.ammoland.com/2022/10/federal-judge-blocks-ny-states-place-of-worship-gun-ban>

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<https://www.foxnews.com/us/man-makes-21000-selling-3d-printed-guns-ny-ag-gun-buyback-program>

## CANDIDATE PREFERENCE TABLE

### DELAWARE STATE SENATE

<b>District 4</b>	
Ted Kittila	(302) 252-7498
<b>District 5</b>	
Daniel Schlick	
<b>District 6</b>	
Stephen Smyk	(302) 462-0463
<b>District 7</b>	
Sherm Porter	(844) 743-7643
<b>District 8</b>	
Victor Setting II	(302) 530-9832
<b>District 9</b>	
Brenda Mennella	(302) 521-3887
<b>District 12</b>	
Bill Alexander	(302) 276-8499
<b>District 14</b>	
*Mark Pugh	
<b>District 15</b>	
*Dave Lawson	(302) 270-1038
<b>District 16</b>	
Eric Buckson	(302) 943-2832
<b>District 18</b>	
*Dave Wilson	(302) 422-3454
<b>District 19</b>	
*Brian Pettyjohn	(302) 744-4117
<b>District 20</b>	
*Gerald Hocker	(302) 539-4140
<b>District 21</b>	
*Bryant Richardson	(302) 245-0109

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<b>District 4</b>	
Jeff Hilovsky	(302) 381-1283
<b>District 6</b>	
Michael Krawczuk	(302) 319-3958
<b>District 7</b>	
Shane Stoneman	(302) 319-3207
<b>District 8</b>	
David Thomas	
<b>District 9</b>	
*Kevin Hensley	(302) 218-0130
<b>District 10</b>	
Brant Burge	(303) 408-0530
<b>District 11</b>	
*Jeffrey Spiegelman	(302) 399-7728
<b>District 12</b>	
Ben Gregg	(302) 234-3157
<b>District 13</b>	
Carlucci Coelho	(302) 657-9491
<b>District 14</b>	
Carl Phelps	(302) 827-4212
<b>District 15</b>	
Michael Higgin	(302) 518-0992
<b>District 20</b>	
Dallas Wingate	(302) 547-1296
<b>District 21</b>	
*Michael Ramone	(302) 584-8601
<b>District 22</b>	
*Michael Smith	(302) 290-7726
<b>District 23</b>	
Brittany Ramone Gomez	(302) 584-8501
<b>District 25</b>	
Lynn Mey	(302) 753-3159
<b>District 26</b>	
Timothy Conrad	(302) 981-1462
<b>District 27</b>	
John Marino	(302) 540-5799
<b>District 28</b>	
*Bill Carson	(302) 222-3180
<b>District 29</b>	
*Bill Bush	(302) 670-2949

<b>District 30</b>	
*Shannon Morris	(302) 632-3197
<b>District 32</b>	
Cheryl Precourt	(302) 670-5360
<b>District 33</b>	
*Charles Postles Jr.	(302) 245-1817
<b>District 34</b>	
*Lyndon Yearick	(302) 387-2510
<b>District 35</b>	
*Jesse Vanderwende	(302) 381-2651
<b>District 36</b>	
*Bryan Shupe	(302) 542-9231
<b>District 37</b>	
*Ruth King	(302) 856-4987
<b>District 38</b>	
*Ronald Gray	(302) 436-7024
<b>District 39</b>	
*Daniel Short	(302) 628-5222
<b>District 40</b>	
*Timothy Dukes	(443) 235-9806
<b>District 41</b>	
*Rich Collins	(302) 381-1610

The above table lists those candidates that DSSA endorses in next weeks elections. We would ask that as members you do whatever you can to help them get elected. Give your state senate or house candidate a call and ask if there is anything you can do to help.