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### **Doomsday – California Style**

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Two can play this game. Many pro-gun advocates are calling for an Article V Constitutional Convention of the States for the purpose of strengthening the Second Amendment. Sounds good, doesn't it? Be careful what you ask for.

Now California's Governor, Gavin Newsome, is also calling for a Convention of the States for the purpose of adopting a 28th Amendment that would totally gut the Second Amendment. No, they would not repeal the Second Amendment, simply gut it – take out all of the protections so recently identified and explained by the Supreme Court in the Heller, McDonald and Bruen cases, and make the Second Amendment absolutely meaningless. (The legal term is "repeal by implication").

According to press reports, what Newsome is proposing is an amendment to the United States Constitution that would take all of California's crazy anti-gun laws that are about to be declared unconstitutional and make them the law-of-the-land via the Constitution. He says, according to the news reports, that the Second Amendment would remain in place, but his proposed 28th Amendment would provide "common sense" protections.

Hummm, "common sense" – where have I heard that term before?

In other words, if Newsome were to be totally candid – in other words, honest – his proposed 28th Amendment would make the Second Amendment totally meaningless, just as it was for so many years before Heller, McDonald and Bruen.

So, what is his plan, you ask? How would it work? Well, here is how he plans to do it – so, please pay attention.

It looks very hard, but it is possible. And how many times have we told ourselves that "It can't happen here in Delaware" and it has? Look at electric cars and all of the other "crazy

ideas" coming from California – must be something in the wind out there – "smoke'em if ya got'em" – oh, we're doing that here now too aren't we? Sorry, I digress....

Article V of the United States Constitution deals directly with the issue of how the Constitution may be amended. One of the ways it can be amended is through something called a Convention of the States. Here is how it would work – it is a multi-step process.

Step #1. Two-thirds (2/3) of the States – meaning thirty-four (34) states - would have to call for a Convention of the States, proposing Governor Newsome's 28th Amendment. That means thirty-three state (33) state legislatures must agree with California, because there is no doubt, whatsoever, California will pass such a stupid and very dangerous measure (It is California after all); then -

Step #2. Each of the fifty (50) states would select delegates to the Convention to consider the proposals sent to the Convention by those same 34 states (California plus 33 others). Given the current composition of the Delaware General Assembly you can count on every wacko, anti-gun nutcase currently serving in either the House or the Senate wanting to represent Delaware – and you can forget anyone from our side from Delaware even getting close to the Convention floor; then -

Step #3. The Convention would then vote "Yea" or "Nay" on the proposal, or come up with a proposal of its own which it could do, theoretically, if it were on the same subject – a very dangerous concept, indeed.

Remember, the last time we had a so-called "convention of the States" was when the 13 original States sent delegates to Philadelphia to "fix" the Articles of Confederation – and what did they do? They locked the doors so no one could see what they were doing, scrapped the whole thing, and came up with their own idea – an idea we now call our United States Constitution.

And remember, you begin with the 34 states that started the whole thing already in favor of the proposed amendment (Ummm – makes one wonder, doesn't it?)

Article V does not say how many states must approve the measure in the convention itself– that is yet to be determined, so if it is a simple majority it is a “done deal” before it begins; then-

Step #4. The Legislatures from a total of three-fourths (3/4) of the states – that’s thirty-eight (38) states - must ratify whatever it is that the Convention of the States adopts and sends back to the states for ratification. (It can also be ratified by “conventions” within the states, but that route is highly unlikely – or Congress can, in its infinite wisdom, come up with another plan – yeah, right!).

CAVEAT: Article V of the Constitution provides no time limit in which those thirty-eight (38) states must ratify the new amendment. Theoretically, once the first state votes to ratify, that proposal is out there on the books forever – let me say that again – FOREVER – until they have the required number of votes.

The same is true of the way this thing begins – once the first state passes a measure calling for a Convention of the States, the process starts and stays alive – yep, you guessed it – FOREVER.

Sounds complicated, but it is not. It is actually very simple. You start with 34 states – you go to the Convention, all you need is 4 more states and you have yourself a whole new constitutional amendment – or maybe even a whole new constitution.

And it all starts with one crazy (like a fox) governor (Newsome), and one demonstrably idiotic legislature (California) and it goes downhill from there.

And how long will we have a “land of the free” when there is no right to keep and bear arms?

Once We, The People have been disarmed, who will defend us, our homes, our families, our businesses, schools and churches from all the violent criminals released by idiotic Soros-funded prosecutors– the California-style defunded cops? Not likely.

And, once We, The People have been disarmed who will defend us and our freedom from the depredations of power-hungry folks like Gavin Newsome who will be free to do whatever it is they want to do – sounds very much like despotism, tyranny, dictatorship and Soviet-style communism, doesn’t it?

Years ago, Nikita Khrushchev predicted that the Soviets would bury us from within – meaning they would use our own laws to defeat us.

Be careful what you ask for.

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## The Sussex County Shootout!

The 17th annual Cowboy Action Shooting, Delaware State Championship was held on May19th -May 20th at the Bridgeville Rifle and Pistol Club, hosted by Paden’s Posse. This year we had 64 shooters competing in the “Reel to Real Westerns” Sussex County Shootout.

All the stages were based on movie scenes with an actual line from a movie used to start the bullets flying. The highlight stage was a mine shaft, named the Slower Lower Delaware mine.



The 'Slower Lower Mine'

It was complete with water cascading down in the shaft that each shooter shot their rifles through. To start the stage off, the shooter pushed down on a “Dynamite” plunger setting off a black powder shot gun blank to blow up the mine, yelling “Fire in the Hole”.



We even had a “Peg leg” pirate shooting with us who was also our “Spirit of the Game” recipient, Cholula Mike.

There was a Friday night dinner after the side matches, hosted by the “Sherriff” and his lovely bride, Lori who also started the Saturday morning meeting off by singing the National Anthem. The banquet on Saturday evening was attended by many and enjoyed by all.



**The Black powder shooters help with mosquito control with all their fire and smoke.**

As part of the festivities surrounding the match, we had a costume contest, side match awards and dancing. Have you ever seen ladies in formal 19th century ballroom dresses doing the Electric Slide? Well, we had it, complete with one Wrangler in chaps joining in on the fun! We finished off Sunday with a team shoot, ice cream social and the awards with lots of smiling faces. At the end of the day (trail), this year's state winners are Hazel Pepper, a.k.a. Karen Bell and Cobb Creek, a.k.a. Matt Jenkins.



**Delaware State Champions: Cobb Creek and Hazel Pepper**

Clean match winners were also recognized and given a "Clean Match" badge for bragging rights.



**Top Cowboy and Cowgirl; Jack Sazerac & Dueling Des**

On behalf of Paden's Posse and the Bridgeville Rifle and Pistol Club, I want to thank everyone for coming out again this year and enjoying our shoot. We hope you will join us again next year. Shoot straight, shoot clean and most of importantly, have fun.

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### **2023 NSSF Family Day at the Range**

**By: Bruce Smith**

Save the Date! The Bridgeville Rifle and Pistol Club would like to invite you to attend the NSSF National Shooting Sports Month event, our Family Day at the Range, which will be held on Saturday, September 9th, 2023.

Previous years have seen attendance of 650 people or more, with State Senators, State Representatives and other local dignitaries being present. This year we hope to increase that attendance level, and are hoping to host between 700-1000 attendees.

This year's event has been expanded to include the Family Day at the Range, a Gun Show, Manufacturer Range Day and a First Responders and Wounded Warrior's Shoot which will take place on Saturday, September 9th, 2023 from 9am - 5pm (rain date, Sun Sept. 10th).

In addition to the above mentioned activities, there will be several demonstrations taking place including shooting demonstration by our IDPA (International Defensive Pistol Association), and our local SASS (Single Action Shooting Society, AKA, Cowboy Action) shooting group. There will also be several regularly scheduled club events taking place concurrently, including a meeting of the Armed Women of America and a 200 yard Rimfire Fun Match.

This event will feature activities of interest for the entire family, and can be a full day of fun, excitement and learning experiences for all. To help make it family friendly and prevent an attack of the hungries, there will be food vendors present on site.

This is a FREE event, OPEN to the public, the shooting industry and anyone that would like to participate.

The Bridgeville Rifle and Pistol club is a membership club with over 1700 members who come to shoot for competition, fun, and general practice and participate in the many different disciplines that are hosted by the club.

We hope to see you there!

## 2022 F-Class Points Series V2 Finale

By: Jack Neith

The F-Class Points Series V2 Finale is an invitation only, double elimination rifle match focused on Long-Range (1000 yard) F-Class Shooting, both F-Open and F-T/R. Series points are accumulated by finishing well at matches with aggregate scores of 850 possible points or more (85 record shots). There are a whole host of criteria that help sort out the most 'worthy' candidates who will be invited to the Championship Event (Finale).

Beginning on June 9<sup>th</sup> of this year, the Bridgeville Rifle and Pistol Club was well represented by eight club members who had been invited to participate in this year's F-Class Point Series V2 Finale which was again held at the Dead Zero shooting park in Spencer Tennessee.

The event is limited to the top 32 shooters from both sub-disciplines of F-Class shooting; F-T/R and F-Open. Shooters from across the United States, Canada, and Australia who had accumulated points by winning or placing in matches throughout the year were invited to attend the V2 Finale.

This is a pair fired match, with the shooter scoring the best 2 out of 3 advancing. The format consists of two shooters per target, alternating shots with a 45 second time limit per shot. Each stage includes two convertible sighting shots with a total of 15 shots for record. Three stages of fire must be completed in 90 minutes. The ICFRA 5V Target was used at a distance of 1000 yards. Scoring was accomplished via Shot Marker electronic targets.



The Bridgeville Rifle and Pistol Club F-T/R shooters roster included Todd Strasavich, Dave Kokoszka, Chris Fairbanks, Josh

Driessen and Brian Glanden. George VanWhy, Henry Ferris and Jack Neith represented BRPC in the F-Open category of this match. It is a 'bracket' match, not unlike "March Madness".



Our Bridgeville shooters all did well. Just being invited puts them in elite company and rarified air.

At the end of the day, Todd Strasavich (F-T/R) made it to the elite eight, while Dave Kokoszka made it as far as "Bracket Champion". Unfortunately, he was unable to hold out in the final 5 shot shoot-off, coming in 2nd place for the Finale.



Congratulations to all our Bridgeville F-Class shooters! Great shooting was done by all and a special Congratulations to Dave for a great match. Well DONE!

You can learn more about the V2 Points Series here:

<https://fclasspointsseries.com/>

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**Editor's note:** For those looking to try F-Class shooting, it seems to me that you could perhaps learn a thing or two from these Bridgeville guys...

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## EDITORIAL

### “The Un-Fair State Fair”

#### THE DELAWARE STATE FAIR GOES ANTI-GUN

That’s right! The Delaware State Fair is now officially anti-gun. On June 9, 2023, the Delaware State Fair website announced that only on-duty and off-duty Delaware police officers (and certain federal LEOs) will be allowed admission to the Delaware State Fair carrying concealed firearms.

According to the Delaware State Fair Admissions and Entry Policy and Screening Procedures, if you are a retired police officer with a “218 Permit”, or if you are one of the almost 30,000 Delawareans with a Delaware Concealed Carry permit, or if you hold a concealed carry permit from a state with which Delaware has concealed carry reciprocity, or you are an out-of-state LEO, you must now choose between going unarmed or not attending the Delaware State Fair.

The Delaware State Fair has now banned not only “Open Carry” but also licensed Concealed Carry – that’s right, the Delaware State Fair now says that your Delaware Concealed Carry Permit or your 218 Permit are NO GOOD at the Delaware State Fair. They do not care that you are a licensed, law-abiding concealed carry permit holder – you are not welcome at the Delaware State Fair.

In a blatant insult to law-abiding permit holders, they say their ban on licensed and lawful concealed carry is to keep fairgoers “safe”. Really? Since when did law-abiding, licensed concealed carry permit holders constitute a public safety threat to anyone but bad guys with guns?

According to the Admissions Policy and Screening Procedures webpage on the Delaware State Fair website

<https://www.delawarestatefair.com/admissions-screening>

anyone passing through the public gates will be required to pass through metal detectors to gain admission to the State Fair. The website further warns that Fair officials reserve the right to conduct “further screening”, as necessary – in other words, they intend to search you and your bags – and they as much as admit that they intend to do exactly that.

According to the website, if you relinquish an item at the screening site, that item will not be returned and will be forfeited.

The Delaware State Sportsmen’s Association stringently opposes this draconian new policy and the Delaware State Fair’s grossly inappropriate insult to the law-abiding Concealed Carry Permit holders and 218 Permit holders of the State of Delaware.

So-called “gun free zones” are a dangerous invitation to criminal violence by those who would prey upon the innocent

and unarmed in our society. History has shown that “Gun Free Zones” such as the one being created by the Delaware State Fair are inherently dangerous, indeed.

The best defense against a bad guy with a gun is a fully trained and licensed good guy with a gun, who is ready, willing and able to take responsibility for the safety of themselves and their families - and to protect their fellow citizens from the depredations of the violent and mentally deranged individuals now running free in our society.

If you are unwilling to be disarmed at the whim of the suddenly “woke” Board of Directors of the Delaware State Fair, you may wish to stay home, and not subject you or your family to the dangers of this dangerous, ill-advised, and draconian anti-freedom policy.

The choice is yours – give up your God-given right to self-defense and financially support the “woke” Delaware State Fair in the process – or, stand on your rights, stand your ground, and find something better to do with your time and your money.

We suggest that you vote with both your wallet and your feet. Let the Delaware State Fair Board of Directors know just how insulted you feel by being told that as either a licensed and law-abiding Concealed Carry Permit holder or as a Retired LEO with a 218 Permit, you somehow pose a danger to public safety and are unfit to be allowed into the Fair with your concealed carry piece.

Let your voice be heard - Letters may be addressed to Delaware State Fair Board of Directors, P.O. Box 28, Harrington, DE 19952 or emailed to [Rebekkah@TheStateFair.net](mailto:Rebekkah@TheStateFair.net). Tell them what you think!

#### SUGGESTION:

You may wish to save the money you would have otherwise spent at “The Un-Fair” and use that money to support DSSA in its fight to preserve, protect and defend your right to keep and bear arms for lawful purposes in Delaware.

<https://dssa.us/donate/>

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#### HighPower Report

By: Frank Nedza

**May 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>** turned out to be another great weekend to be on the range with friends!

Clear skies, (well, no rain anyway), and challenging conditions were the order of business for this weekend’s match. Fortunately, the bulk of the smoke from the Canadian wildfires was blown away from us, allowing decent visibility. I hope our neighbors to the north can stay safe and get a handle on those fires.

Even with good visibility, it was hard to understand just what was going on with the winds. 1000 yard shooting is always challenging, but hard to interpret winds just make it that much more... interesting (yeah, that's the word...).

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Anyway, on to the results; On the sling side of things, Rich Kussman took the win with a nice 1171-46X. Congratulations Rich! Right on his heels with one less point and one more X was Madonna Nedza, firing a nice 1170-47X, including her first clean (200-8X) at the 1000 yard line (one of only two fired this weekend). Well done Madonna!

In F-T/R, Master Class shooter Todd Norfleet took the win with a nice 1153-27X. Congrats Todd! Aaaaand right on his heels with one less point and one more X was Todd Strasavich, (also Master Class) posting a nice 1152-28X. (Do we notice a theme with one less point and one more X here...?)

Finally, in F-Open, Master Class shooter Art DeMarco took the win, posting a nice 1162-37X. Well Done, Art! Not too far behind was another Master Class shooter, Jack Neith, who posted a nice 1159-44X. Well done, Gents. Another theme that might be popping up is how well the Master Class shooters are doing. They must be like AVIS, and try harder.

Also, a warm welcome to new (to us) shooter Mike Davie –I hope you had a good time, and hope to see you again soon.

**June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.** Well, another match is in the books – this one, the Delaware Mid-Range State Championship. I hope that everyone had a good time and enjoyed the camaraderie that IS match shooting. The weather certainly cooperated, with just enough of a breeze to keep things comfortable and interesting. The Tournament started out on Saturday with firing from the 300, 500, and 600 yard lines, and concluded with three matches all from the 600 yard line.

Anyway, on to the results; In F-T/R, Todd Norfleet (that guy sure gets around...) posted a nice 1184-60X for first place. He was followed by Jim Crofts at 1178-53X. Expert/Marksman-class (and pretty new shooter) John Sturgill turned in a nice 1168-44X. Great Shooting Guys!

In F-Open, Andy Amber was the overall F-Class winner, posting a really nice 1194-80X (personally, I think he needs to work on his X-Count... ☺). Herb Egberts took First, and High Resident, posting a nice 1191-57X. He was closely followed by Mike Drass at 1189-66X and Bill Holden at 1186-50X. Well done Gentlemen!

On the sling side, Joe Fogg took the overall Conventional win with a super-nice 1197-66X (with his trusty Palma rifle and, of course, Iron Sights). Dropping only three points over two days of shooting is pretty fine shooting! Jon Howell is once again our resident State Champion firing a nice 1195-71X with a **.223** Palma rifle ☺. He was followed by Tom Snodgrass, firing a nice 1180-55X with HIS Palma rifle.

In Any Rifle/Any Sight, Joe Wawrzaszek fired a really nice 1196-67X for the category win. He was closely followed by Jeff Browning, who fired a nice 1192-82X (he needs to work on HIS X-Count too...☺ Maybe you and Andy can shoot together...). Seriously, Andy's and Jeff's X-counts are truly amazing demonstrations. Well done, Guys, well done.

This was Jeff's last match with us for a while, as he will be embarking on a new adventure overseas –Best Wishes to you and your family!

Last, but certainly not least, thank you for your support of DSSA through this match. Thanks to your participation, we were able to raise \$570.00 to help fight for our 2nd Amendment Rights. These days, every little bit counts and we need your support more than ever if we are to be successful in Court.

<https://dssa.us/donate/>

As always, a **HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who helps with setup and teardown of the targets –we couldn't do it without your help.

And, another **HUGE THANK YOU** to George and Nikki for tractor wrangling and stats work –usually preliminary results are ready before the targets are put away!

Anyway, thank you all for joining us, and I hope to see you at our next match, a DSSA Fundraiser Mid-Range weekend with a two-man team match which will be held on July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

**You can always find Bridgeville Match Results here:**

<https://brpc-de.com/2023-highpower-rifle-match-results/>

**You can see our schedule here:**

<https://brpc-de.com/high-power-rifle/>

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### In Case You Missed It...

By: Vickie Prickett

Well THAT is a surprise...

<https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2023/06/20/hunter-biden-to-plead-guilty-2-tax-counts-1-gun-charge-deal/>

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/hunter-biden-arming-himself-second-amendment-defense-amid-doj-probe-illegal-gun-purchase-report>

<https://www.newsbreak.com/delaware-state/3026389926278-guns-moke-dept-of-justice-doubles-down-on-bid-to-keep-hunter-biden-s-illegal-gun-purchase-top-secret-court-documents-show>

Play Stupid Games, win stupid prizes...

<https://6abc.com/homeowner-shoots-suspects-home-invasion-shooting-delaware-glasgow/13155244/>

<https://6abc.com/philadelphia-police-shooting-female-suspect-man-injured/13295252/>

A little good news...

<https://www.newsbreak.com/news/3034736600190-prospects-grim-for-gun-bills-cleared-in-state-house>

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## Erosion Control

By: Frank Nedza

No, I am not talking about the conservation of farmland (or beaches). I AM talking about rights and freedoms that have been guaranteed through our Federal and State Constitutions. DSSA and groups like it are the contour plowing and breakwaters protecting those rights. Those fights are getting more and more difficult to wage and more expensive as well. Consider that not long ago; Delaware was an island of relative sanity in a sea composed of Maryland, New Jersey, New York, and other states with an apparent totalitarian bent. Now? Not so much.

Just considering our Article 1 Section 20 Rights, we now have;

1. An 'assault' weapons ban
2. Magazine capacity ban
3. Under 21 firearms purchase ban

And, in the offing;

1. A 'permit to purchase' bill
2. A 'Safe School and Recreation Zone' bill

It also is obvious when you read these ill-advised and unconstitutional gun bills that are either current law or proposed law, that someone larger is dictating the content of these bills from on high. Why do I say that? Because I have read many of these bills that have close cousins in other states, and lo and behold –they are NEAR IDENTICAL (including in many cases obvious typos in all the same places).

Moving away from Article 1 Section 20, the illustrious crew at DNREC plan to implement an Electric Vehicle **MANDATE**, despite resistance from the Delaware Citizenry on the order of 95% OPPOSED with only approximately 4-5% of 'citizens' supporting such a move.

Overall, and in many cases, it seems that many of our legislative 'betters' have forgotten that they work for US, and not the other way around. This is supposed to be a representative republic, and not a Duchy, Barony, or Kingdom! The bills and regulations noted above truly show their clear and apparent disregard for us, the Constitution, and the rule of law. They know that what they are doing is; A. Wrong, and B. Unconstitutional, but they just don't care.

So, what to do? Well, we need to show them that WE Care, and care deeply about preserving and protecting our rights and our Freedom. How do we go about that? Well, most obviously we need to get **INFORMED** about what is going on in our communities, our State, and our Nation. Get **ENGAGED** (or get steamrolled going forward). **VOTE** (it's not illegal YET). **DONATE** to those who support and fight for **MORE FREEDOM** and vigorously oppose those proponents of less freedom. If you can't be bothered to do at least some of these things, don't

be surprised when the next election cycle rolls around and things get worse instead of better.

Respectfully submitted

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The end of the 1<sup>st</sup> session of the 152<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly has officially come to a close, as of June 30, 2023. Both chambers adjourned to the call of the chair. Perhaps the most significant event was the change in House leadership that occurred on the last day, Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Early in the evening, Speaker of the House Pete Schwartzkopf stepped down. House Majority Leader Valerie Longhurst was then elected as the new Speaker. She then announced that Rep. Melissa Minor-Brown of the 17 district was appointed a Majority Leader and Rep. Kerri Evelyn Harris of the 32<sup>nd</sup> district was appointed Majority Whip.

It didn't take long, about 2 hours, for the newly elected Speaker to join Sen. Dave Sokola and Gov. John Carney in announcing that Senate Substitute 1 for Senate Bill 2, commonly known as the "Permit to Purchase" bill would be enacted in January. This was emphasized the next morning by Attorney General Kathy Jennings in a press release in which she looked forward to passing this much needed legislation.

We now know for certain that "Permit to Purchase" is coming. We have 6 months to prove to the law-abiding citizens of Delaware that this bill is not only unnecessary, but unconstitutional as well. Rest assured that DSSA will file a lawsuit as soon as the bill is signed by the Governor. **WE CANNOT LET THIS BLATANT ATTACK ON OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS TO STAND.**

There are already 2 lawsuits in the works challenging the unconstitutional bills that were passed last year, after the **Bruen** decision was issued by the U.S. Supreme Court and in total disregard for the decision.

It never ceases to amaze me how these elected officials can pass legislation that is totally in violation of our constitutional rights. When asked, most just say, "I don't care, sue us.". Well, we have.

I really appreciate all the support you have given DSSA and hope that you will continue to assist us in this fight. Check the website, [www.dssa.us](http://www.dssa.us) for updates and copies of all court filings.

Jeff Hague, President.

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