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RIDGE RECAPTURES STATE NRA & PRPA 3 POSITION AIR RIFLE TITLE

By Bill Earnest, Air Rifle & Junior Olympic Rifle Director



In a surprising comeback from a relatively unsuccessful season, Kenny Ridge of the Langhorne-Zerbe Clubs shot a very respectable 593 out of a possible 600 to regain his status as the Pennsylvania State NRA 3-Position Air Rifle Champion. Ken won the Championship at its inception 2 years ago at the Zerbe Township Rod & Gun Club range, but lost the title in 2005 to Tommy Santelli of the Frazier-Simplex Rifle Club.

After the match was over and the scores were checked (and rechecked at Ken's insistence), he said that he had put forth a special effort for his coach and his club for his last match as a junior. Ken leaves for West Point Military Academy after his high school graduation. A shining example of what shooting can do for a junior if he shoots well, works hard, and also keeps his grades up. Ken is an advanced placement student in high school in addition to being an Eagle Scout. I can't help but say how proud I am for having had the good fortune of being Ken's coach and good friend for the past 10 years.

A number of other notable performances in the precision event were turned in. Tommy Santelli of Frazier – Simplex Rifle Club took second place overall. Justin Pentz (DuBois Club) took 3rd place overall. Both of these juniors shot the same score in all three positions, with the tie breaker going to Santelli. It is also notable that both of these juniors made this year's National Junior Development Team. **Congratulations guys, nobody shoots like Pennsylvania!** In the junior category, first place went to Kyle Smith (DuBois), second place to Brad Stepp (Palmyra), and third to Jennifer Hawk (Zerbe). Intermediate Junior Winners: First place--Michael Kulbacki (DuBois), Second--Aaron Holsopple (DuBois), Third place--Allison Paulson (Palmyra). In the Sub-Junior category, Emily Holsopple of DuBois led the field, with Brent Books of Oil City Second, and Elizabeth Embeck of Capital Area Rifle Team placing Third. DuBois Storm won the State Champion Precision Team with the Palmyra Team winning the Intermediate Junior and placing second overall in team.

In the Sporter Air Rifle Championship, Lauren Strebel blazed a 552 to become the 2006 Pennsylvania State NRA Three-Position Sporter Air Rifle Champion. Second overall went to Abby Wert; both these girls shoot for the Palmyra Club. Third overall went to Alyssa Harris of the Blair County Club. First and second place Intermediate Juniors were Cody Enders and Lara Gingrich (both of Capital), with Garrett Harris of Blair County in third place. Sub-Junior honors went to Alyssa Gestl of Palmyra (first place), Amanda Stockton (second), and Chris Fischer of Blair County (third). The Palmyra Intermediate Junior team is the 2006 Pennsylvania State Champion Sporter Team. Blair County won the Intermediate Junior Team Category.

2006 PENNSYLVANIA STATE INDOOR PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIP

by Bill Sipple

A total of 54 competitors attended our two state indoor pistol championships on April 1 & 2. The Western section was held by Somerset Sportsmens Rifle & Pistol Association and the Eastern section by Guthsville Pistol Club. Our sincere thanks to these clubs for hosting the matches.

Ronald Steinbrecher of Wyndmoor, PA captured the 2006 PA State Indoor Pistol Championship with a score of 2625-121X. Ron is also the reigning champion of both the 2005 State Indoor and State Outdoor Championships.

Other class winners in 2006 were High Master Brian Keyser with a score of 2615-107X and Master Class Raymond Wallander with a score of 2615-108X. Dennis Kriek was the high Expert with a score of 2585-87X. Paul Knight won the Sharpshooter class with 2268-32X.

Congratulations to Ron and all class winners; and again, our sincere thanks to host clubs Somerset and Guthsville.

**PENNSYLVANIA RIFLE
&
PISTOL ASSOCIATION**

*Constitution of the
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania*

Article I, Section 21, The right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the State shall not be questioned.

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CHANGING OF THE GUARD

by Jack Lee

Several weeks ago I was contacted by my old friend, Bill Sipple, Jr., concerning his position as Chairman of the Pistol Committee. I originally became acquainted with Bill through his dad, Bill, Sr. Bill, Sr. was very active with high power rifle shooting with the Altoona Rifle and Pistol Assn. and we enjoyed many rifle matches together back when I was a young fellow in the 1960's.

Bill is a fine gentleman and a credit to the shooting fraternity. Bill has served in numerous positions with Pennsylvania Rifle and Pistol Assn., not only as Chairman of the Pistol Committee but also as President of the organization. He has always done a great job in any task he has willingly accepted.

With regret, I have accepted Bill's request that he be replaced as Pistol Committee Chairman due to personal reasons. Quoting Bill, "Due to some continuing health problems and spending more time out of state during the winter months, I need to step down as Pistol Chairman". Bill will stay involved in PRPA activities. He has already suggested a replacement for his position and arranged a meeting to complete an effective transition.

Bill has recommended that Jeff Lloyd be named as Pistol Committee Chairman and I have approved this recommendation. Jeff has accepted this position and has already become involved in his duties as Chairman. Jeff will be contacting other pistol shooters to serve on his committee and assist him in his tasks. Thanks loads Jeff.

And thanks to you Bill, not only for your many years of service and dedication to PRPA and the shooting fraternity, but also for your continued friendship over these many years. Godspeed. May the sun warm you during the day and the moon guide your way at night. Shoot only x's and keep us in your thoughts. We look forward to our future times together.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE SHORT RANGE HIGH POWER CHAMPIONSHIP

The Millvale Sportsmen's Club is sponsoring the NRA registered Pennsylvania State Short Range High Power Championship to be held at the club grounds near Wexford, PA on August 27, 2006. This match will be fired at 200 yards. For details, contact Joe Hendricks, 10263 Perry Highway, Rear, Wexford, PA 15090. Phone: 724-940-3454, e-mail: hendricks4@comcast.net

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MILITARY RIFLE

PITTSBURGH, PA – Ben Seaman – 412-271-2144

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Summer is here and competitive shooting events are being held throughout Pennsylvania. Many of these matches are being used by shooters to prepare for the National Matches at Camp Perry and to select team members to compete at those annual events. Others, such as the Pennsylvania Service Rifle Championship and the Pennsylvania High Power Championship, determine state champions for 2006 in addition to helping prepare shooters for the National Matches,

It was my pleasure to serve as Range Officer at the First Regional High Power Rifle competition held at Reade Range (Clearfield County, PA) on June 3, 2006. As far as can be determined, this match was the first NRA sanctioned Regional High Power Rifle match ever held in Pennsylvania. (If anyone knows otherwise, please send me details.) Reade Range began operation in 1962 on property owned by fellow competitor, Bill Wagner, using target carriers dating from WWII and obtained from the Altoona Rifle and Pistol Assn. Reade Range has expanded to 25 targets with firing lines at 200, 300, 500, 600, 800, 900 and 1000 yards. With six relays of shooters, this range can accommodate up to 150 shooters per day at each scheduled competition. Look at WWW.READERANGE.ORG for more details.

A number of the shooters at this Regional event are veteran competitors who have fired matches at most of the top ranges east of the Mississippi River. They rate Reade Range as among the best five ranges in the East. I give tremendous credit to those who have spent so many hours planning, assembling, building and performing the work necessary to bring this range to what it is today. I enjoy working with all of them. Its fun to compete there! Why don't you visit and compete? You will find a great bunch of guys and gals who are more than willing to help train and direct new shooters to safely compete in high power rifle matches.

Jack Lee, President



WHAT HAPPENED AT THE PENNSYLVANIA PRIMARY?

By Jack Lee

Most Pennsylvania citizens were rightly concerned when the legislature passed the "middle-of-the-night pay raise" last year. You made your feelings known and last November the pay raise was rescinded. However, because of the upheaval that occurred, we saw the rise of Pennsylvania Clean Sweep. They picked up on the pay raise issue by promoting the idea that all legislators be voted out of office. This narrow view of politics and the way it works has created a serious problem for those of us who have worked long and hard to maintain our constitutional rights. As my wife noted on the evening prior to primary Election Day, "voters need to be careful that they don't throw the baby away with the bath water." But that's what happened. Their "we'll show them" attitude led to the removal of 13 pro-gun legislators but gave no real answers nor recognized the problems that exist within the Pennsylvania House. Blind following of the direction advocated by Clean Sweep created the "Unintended Consequences" that normally arise after a group responds to emotion rather than facts and reality.

Due to retirements and losses in the Primary Election, at least 45 members of the House will be replaced. Of these, 13 were pro-gun incumbents who lost in the primary, while 23 were pro-gun retirees. What influence will Clean Sweep have in the General Election in November? How will the voters respond? How will you respond? Further, how will the primary vote affect the political leaders who twisted arms, bullied and otherwise forced legislators to support the pay raise issue? Only two of those leaders were removed while it is most likely that those who remain in powerful leadership positions will still be there after the General Election. Will the remaining leadership force their positions on freshmen legislators? And equally important, 54 pro-gun House members are involved in contested races in the general election. How many of these House members will also get replaced due to Clean Sweep emotion? What are the consequences? It's up to you; become active, evaluate your candidates, understand the political process, fight for your freedoms and vote. But Clean Sweep is not the way!

ADVERTISING RATES

Our newsletter is mailed to 2500+ businesses, organizations, clubs and individuals; is published in January, March, May, July, September, and November. Advertisements and payment must reach the office by the first of the month preceding the month of publication. Example: The completed July advertisement must reach the office by June 1. Faxed material cannot be accepted. No ad will be run without payment.

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Thanks!



Match Director Ernie Harpster congratulates Match Winner Alyssa Harris

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

submitted by Ernie Harpster

Centre County's Tussey Mountain Junior 4-H Rifle Club has sponsored the CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA 4-H SPORTER POSTAL LEAGUE for the past three years. The 2006 league included clubs from Blair, Bedford, Clearfield, Centre, and Cumberland counties

Scores were submitted monthly from January through April in three classes: novice (ages 8-11), intermediate (ages 12-14), and senior (ages 15-19).

Cumulative point standings (based on the number of clubs submitting monthly scores in each class) were totaled at the conclusion of shooting with the following results: Team awards: novice team winner – Mechanicsburg 4-H Shooting Sports; Blair County Sharpshooters in second place. Intermediate team winner – Mechanicsburg 4-H Shooting Sports; Blair County Sharpshooters and Tussey Mountain tied for second. Senior team winner – Blair County Sharpshooters; Raven Run OACS (Bedford County) earning second.

On a monthly basis, there was an average participation of 17 individuals from four clubs in the novice class, 19 individuals from five clubs in the intermediate class, and 11 individuals from four clubs in the senior class.

An end of the year shoulder-to-shoulder match was held at Harrisburg on May 6th in conjunction with the Pennsylvania American Legion State Championship Match with the following results: 4-H match winner – Alyssa Harris (Blair County Sharpshooters), 1st novice – Emily Harris (Blair County Sharpshooters), 2nd novice – Thomas Shughart (Mechanicsburg), 3rd novice – Brian Stockton (Mechanicsburg), 1st intermediate – Elizabeth Embeck (Mechanicsburg), 2nd intermediate – Cody Enders (Mechanicsburg), 3rd intermediate – Amanda Stockton (Mechanicsburg), 1st senior – Jared Taylor (Mechanicsburg), 2nd senior – Lara Gingrich (Mechanicsburg).

The league is open to any 4-H club from PA; we welcome additional clubs to join in the 2007 competition. If we have three or more clubs interested in adding the precision class, we will entertain this possibility. E-mail Ernie Harpster at emh4@psu.edu for additional information.

RIDGWAY RIFLE CLUB

2006 BLACK POWDER CARTRIDGE RIFLE SILHOUETTE CHAMPIONSHIP

Eastern Regional: September 23-24, 2006

Contact Brian Scott Chilson, 570-827-2519, or

John O'Donnell, 585-948-5908

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PA STATE PISTOL CHAMPIONSHIP WESTERN SECTION

Moraine Conservation &
Sportsmen's Association

August 11, 2006 -- 1:00 pm

August 12, 2006 -- 8:00 am

August 12, 2006 -- 1:00 pm

August 13, 2006 -- 10:00 am

LEG Match --8/12 after each 2700

Distinguished Revolver Match--after the
second relay on 8/12 and
after the 8/13 relay

Contact: Dennis Krick
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Highpower Silhouette Schedule

July 22, August 26, 2006

State Championship—9/23-24

Consolidated Sportsmen of Lycoming
County

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July 14, 15, 16, 2006

State High Power Long Range 1000 Yard

Championship—September 23, 2006

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Lever Action Rifle Silhouette

No July Match, August 26, 2006

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2006 Pennsylvania State

Highpower Rifle/
HP Hunting Rifle

Silhouette Championships

Sept 23-Standard Rifle

Sept 24-Hunting Rifle

Consolidated Sportsmen of Lycoming
County

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BODINES PRONE RIFLE LEAGUE held at
Bodines, PA at the Original Pa 1000 Yd
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2006 rain date make-up match. Contact
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TIADAGHTON SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Smallbore Standard and Smallbore Hunting Rifle
Shoots

Monday : July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, August 7, 14,
21, 28. Practice: 5:00 pm. Start: 6:00 pm.

Saturday: July 1, August 12. Club Champion-
ship is September 9.

Cowboy Smallbore and Pistol Cartridge Lever
Actions

Thursday: July 6, 13, 20, 27, August 3, 10, 17,
24, 31. Championship—Saturday, September 2

Smallbore Lever Action Silhouette, Cowboy
Pistol Lever Action, Centerfire Shoots

July 8, August 5. Championship—Saturday,
September 2

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CHILSON WINS BIG AT McDONALD

Submitted by Andrew Knez, Jr.

On May 6, 2006, Brian Chilson, shooting two guns, won both the iron-sight and scope aggregates at McDonald Sportsmen's Club. Chilson currently holds the National Championship title in both those categories in Black Powder Cartridge Rifle Silhouette. The day was dark and chilly and a strong headwind blew into the faces of the forty-three competitors all day. Chilson shot his Shiloh Sharps 45-90 with 71 grains of Swiss 3F powder behind a Paul Jones 558 grain RN bullet to turn in the winning iron-sight score of 30/40. On alternating relays, he shot his scoped Shiloh Sharps 40-65 with 65 grains of Swiss 3F powder pushing a 425 grain Brooks bullet to turn in a score of 26/40 to win the



SCOPE & IRON SIGHT MATCH WINNER BRIAN CHILSON 5-6-06
McDONALD SPORTSMEN'S CLUB BPCR SILHOUETTE

scope category. Bob Bloyer and Roy Robinson each turned in excellent scores of 29/40. A shoot-off gave Bloyer the 2nd open place and Robinson the 3rd open place. Aaron Chaffin won the master class and John Whitcomb took 2nd master over Roger Tremba. A 3-way tie in AAA class also had to be broken by a shoot-off, giving Rick Colandangelo 1st AAA, Ken White 2nd AAA and John Powers 3rd AAA. Karl Hovatter won AA class in a shoot-off with Dave Schwartz who finished 2nd AA. Mike Shamonsky took 3rd AA. Ray Dashofy won A class. Frank Cochran won B class and Chuck Edwards took 2nd B. The relatively small scope class was divided into two parts. Brian Chilson won the master and AAA part one and Richard McDonald won the AA, A

and B part two.



MATCH & CLASS WINNERS 5-6-06

McDONALD SPORTSMEN'S CLUB BPCR SILHOUETTE

FRONT ROW L TO R: Bob Bloyer - 2nd Open, Brian Chilson (scope & iron sight) Open Winner, Roy Robinson - 3rd Open.

BACK ROW L TO R: Chuck Edwards-2nd B, Mike Shamonsky-3rd AA, Ken White - 2nd AAA, Frank Cochran - 1st B, Karl Hovatter - 1st AA, John Whitcomb - 2nd master, Aaron Chaffin - 1st master, Richard McDonald - part 2 scope, Rick Colandangelo - 1st AAA, Dave Schwartz - 2nd AA, John Powers - 3rd AAA, Ray Dashofy - 1st A.

FIRST PENNSYLVANIA REGIONAL HIGH POWER MATCH

By Jack Lee

The Western PA 30 Caliber League sponsored the first Pennsylvania Regional High Power Rifle Match at Reade Range, Alleman, PA on June 3, 2006. Twenty-five shooters participated on a day that presented a wide range of weather, wind and light conditions. Match winner was Joe Hendricks who won the gold by firing a great score of 790 – 30X; dropping 5 points standing and 4 points rapid fire sitting at 200 yards and 1 point at 600 yards. Nice shooting, Joe! Second place was Mike Harpster who won the silver by firing a 783 – 24X. The third place winner was Tom Rider with 779 – 22X.

The first Master was Leonard Lapato with 766 – 16X. Second Master was Jessica Bester who posted a 763 – 11X. Tom Ferraro was first Expert firing a score of 743 – 13X.

On the following day, June 4, 2006, the Western PA 30Caliber League sponsored a CMP Leg Match for points to qualify for Distinguished Rifleman. Twenty competitors participated. The match winner was Tom Rider who fired a sizzling score of 495 – 17X, only dropping 3 points at 200 yards standing and 2 points at 600 yards.

In all, a fun and safe weekend was had by all. The Western PA 30 Caliber League invites shooters and watchers to attend their future matches. The schedule is listed at WWW.READERANGE.ORG.

2006 BPCR Match Schedule
July 1, August 5, September 2,
October 7, November 4, 2006

Match Director: John Powers 724-847-4797

Co-match Director: Mike Shamonsky
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I.U.P. JUNIOR SMALLBORE AND AIR RIFLE CAMP

Submitted by David Cramer, PRPA Smallbore Director

During the period 13-18 June 2006, the Pennsylvania Rifle & Pistol Association and the National Rifle Association combined to sponsor a Junior Smallbore and Air Rifle Camp at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP). This intermediate level competition camp was attended by 30 junior shooters from around the state. Seven girls and 23 boys participated, with ages ranging from 11 to 18 years.

The NRA Foundation, utilizing funds raised at Friends of NRA dinners, provided a grant to help support the camp. The Pennsylvania Rifle & Pistol Association also contributed financial support. With these organizations helping, and numerous Indiana County businesses assisting, junior shooters were able to attend shooting camp for a minimal registration fee of \$150. I.U.P provided college dormitory rooms and dining facilities, a number of local businesses provided lunches, and numerous sporting goods items were donated to make-up an impressive match awards package and door prize giveaway.

Most important however was the quality of smallbore rifle and air rifle instruction that the camp participants received. Sixteen different coaches were involved in conduct of range training and classroom instruction. Camp Director David



Cramer of Aliquippa, PA organized the camp and kept the over-all operation on schedule. Local members of Clymer Rifle Club, Joe Benamati of Homer City and Bob King of Ford City, did much of the range preparation activity to conduct the camp. Dale Emerick, North Huntingdon, was instrumental in making the smallbore rifle portion of the camp run smoothly. Terry Lightner, Huntingdon, kept the air rifle operation moving forward. The volunteer coaches from Pennsylvania's Junior shooting programs brought a lot of knowledge and expertise to the juniors.

The camp was divided into 3-Position Air Rifle and 3-Position Smallbore, two days of each, with the shooters alternating days. The camp day began with breakfast at 7:00 a.m. and training sessions started daily by 8:30 a.m. Lunch breaks were at 12:00 noon, with lunch served at range locations, and then more training and shooting till 4:30 p.m. A dinner break back at I.U.P. and then each evening had a special shooting program. The first two evenings were fun matches. 3-P smallbore fun matches with a center shot competition that was held at the Clymer smallbore range, and a 50 ft. air rifle indoor silhouette match conducted at the R.O.T.C. rifle range of I.U.P. The last two evening matches were Olympic finals type competitions, one air rifle and one smallbore. The shooting day ended at about 8:30 p.m. Sunday morning was a camp review and critique by coaches and staff, and a camp awards program. Everyone was a winner of some of the door prizes provided, and the camp shooters who excelled in the individual matches were awarded appropriate match prizes.

Some of the outstanding shooting accomplishments during camp are as follows:

Full Course 3-Position Air Rifle Match: Winner: Brett Books, Seneca, PA, but tied by Ryan Stein, Washington, PA--both firing a 1146.

Half Course 3-Position Smallbore Rifle Match: Winner: Scott Fritz, Berlin, PA with a score of 552.

Half Course 3-Position Air Rifle Match: Winner: Brett Books, with 580

Honorable mention to David Sloan, Huntingdon, PA and Andy Ryznor, Titusville, PA, who were tied at 574.

Full Course 3-Position Smallbore Rifle Match: Winner: Brett Books, with 1083, and honorable mention to Billy Harvey with 1075.

Most Improved Smallbore Shooter: Diane Lowery, Friedens, PA, with an increase of 138 points.

Most Improved Air Rifle Shooter: Clint Motosicky, Tarentum, PA, with a 93 point increase.

Precision Air Rifle Match (Standing): Winner: Nicole Harpster, Spring Mills, PA with a 375 score.

Air Rifle Silhouette Match: Winner: Nicole Harpster, Group B Winner, 34 hits & 23 centers.

Winner: Ed Ryznor, Titusville, PA Group A Winner, 32 hits & 20 centers.

Closest to Center, Bottle Cap 3-Pos SB Match: Winner: Brett Books, Group A, .311 out of center.

Winner: George Peters, Group B, .298 out of center.

Quarter Course + Olympic Final Air Rifle: Winner: Nicole Harpster, 378 + 94 final.

Full Course + Olympic Final Smallbore Rifle: Winner, Brett Books, Group A, 1083 + 87.2 final.

Winner, Billy Harvey, Group B, 1075 + 78.4 final.

Thanks to all the junior shooters who participated and their parents for supporting their shooting. A special thanks to all the volunteer coaches and staff that helped make this NRA/PRPA Junior Shooting Camp a success. The next camp is planned for the third week of June, 2007. Juniors, make plans to be there!

**PA State Service Rifle Championship
Reade Range - Allemans PA
July 8, 2006 - 0800
Range Capacity - 100 Competitors**

**Civilian Marksmanship Program
Excellence-In-Competition (EIC) 'LEG' Match
Reade Range - Allemans PA
July 9, 2006 0800
Range Capacity - 100 Competitors**

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THE UNITED NATIONS 4TH OF JULY PARTY

By Thomas Santelli

This July 4th, while honest law-abiding citizens are celebrating the 230th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, a different party will be going on at the UN Building in New York City—a party to destroy those 230 years of freedom. On America's birthday, the UN will convene the 2nd United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons, comprised of over 500 anti-gun groups all over the world and over 100 countries who would destroy our freedom. Among the nations sponsoring the treaty are over 50 dictatorships and 6 terrorist supporting countries.

Now you may ask yourself...How does this ban apply to the United States? If this treaty is ratified, we are bound by Article 6 of the Constitution to abide by it. That is why we as Americans must stand up against this powerful group of freedom's enemies. They would have every citizen in the U.S. give up their given right to bear arms. The anti-gun groups want complete confiscation of all privately owned firearms.

More than half of those arms are here in America. They belong to you, and they belong to me. We own them as an inherent right of all men. That right is clear, and it is totally unequivocal. It is the right to be free.

How can we allow the foreign clique to take away the rights our fathers and forefathers fought and died for? Our fathers shed their blood for the cause of freedom, and now these men want to take away our freedoms? This is a blatant attack on our Second Amendment rights!

It is time for every law abiding gun owner to speak up or our rights will be taken away. If you are not a member of the NRA already, please join. Express your concern about this treaty to your legislators; urge them to stop this horrific measure from being imposed on the United States. For more information, go to www.stopungunban.org.

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7/23, 8/27, 9/24, 10/22
High Power Rifle
7/9, 8/6, 9/3, 10/1
Conventional Pistol
8/12-13, 9/10
Smallbore Prone Regional
7/15-16
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8/19-20
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YOUTH EXCEL IN 2006 AMERICAN LEGION STATE AIR RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP!



The American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Program was developed as a gun safety, education, and marksmanship program that provides the elements of safety, education, enjoyment, and competition.

On Saturday, May 6 and Sunday, May 7, 2006, all of this came together at the Third Annual Department of Pennsylvania Junior Air Rifle State Championship. Hosted by Harrisburg Hunters' & Anglers' Association, well over 100 people took part in the event, including young competitors (ages 9 to 17), coaches, parents, and spectators.

When the final shot had been fired, 16-year old Lauren Strebel had totaled a record aggregate score of 551 of a possible 600 points to capture the Sporter Air Rifle Championship. Lauren is a member of the Palmyra Junior Rifle Team sponsored by Palmyra Post 72. She is one of the seven Pennsylvania youth who were invited to compete in the American Legion National Championship in Colorado on August 1-6, 2006.

In the Precision Air Rifle category, 17-year old Tom Santelli gathered the Precision Air Rifle Championship by firing a remarkable 590 score. Santelli is a member of Frazier-Simplex Rifle Club sponsored by Washington's Edwin Scott Linton Post 175. He has represented Pennsylvania previously at the American Legion Nationals and has been invited back for 2006.



State Sporter Air Rifle Champion Lauren Strebel with Erin Gestl, Palmyra Coach

Shooting Sporter Rifle in Age Group 3 (under age 15), 13-year old Elizabeth Embeck won first place in her

class for the second year in a row. Elizabeth is a member of the Capital Area Rifle Team, sponsored jointly by North Harrisburg Post 1001 and Mechanicsburg Post 109. In the same age category, 13-year old Brent Books of Seneca, PA, won the Precision Air Rifle class. Brent is a member of the Oil City Izaak Walton team.

Department Junior Shooting Sports Chairman Ron Keslar made the award presentations and commended the youth for their accomplishments. He noted that this is a sport which brings American Legion Posts, parents and children together in a wholesome activity. Competition shooting requires youth to develop self-discipline as well as respect for others and for authority. Keslar closed the program by encouraging the parents and coaches to continue supporting their children's marksmanship efforts. "This is a program where boys and girls can compete equally and earn the opportunity to represent their community and state in national competitions".

State Precision Air Rifle Champion, Tom Santelli, with JSSP Chair Keslar

Department Trophy Winners

Sporter: Match Winner—Lauren Strebel, 2nd Place—Alyssa Harris Precision: Match Winner—Tom Santelli, 2nd Place—Kyle Smith

The Department Sporter Championship Team award went to Capital Area Gold Rifle Team (Elizabeth Embeck, Cody Enders, Amanda Stockton and Jared Taylor), coached by Linda Tucker. Tucker also coached the winning Sub Junior Sporter Team of Mike Shannon, Tom Shughart, Brian Stockton, and Ellen Gingrich.

Please contact the Association Directors with your questions about their disciplines.

AIR RIFLE & JUNIOR OLYMPIC RIFLE: Bill Earnest, 345 E. Coal Street, Trevorton, PA 17881, 570-797-4872

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WEB SITE: Joe Paradisi, 1136 East 29 Street, Erie, PA 16504, jjgun@jjgun.com

PA SHOOTING SPOTS N' DATES

ALEXANDRIA SPORTSMEN ASSN. - Adult Winter Indoor Rifle league, 4-H Junior Rifle Program, Trap Shooting, Outdoor Range up to 300yds. Range located 30 miles east of Hollidaysburg, 9 miles west of Huntingdon. Membership-\$15, w/key-\$20. For info, contact: Chuck Metz - 814-669-9063, Terry Lightner - 814-643-1851, tlight@pennswoods.net.

ATGLEN SPORTSMEN'S CLUB - Monthly Hipower Rifle & Hunting Rifle Silhouette Matches - Sep 20. Lower rifle range- 100, 50, 25 yd, 10 pt covered firing line, Pistol range-25 yd-80' covered firing line plus 2 bowling pin table, Muzzleloading/Shotgun range-100,75,50,25 yd, 8pt covered firing line, Walk thru woods Archery, Practice Archery-15-50 yd(5yd incs.) 80 yd, 3-D Archery, Upper Range-Smallbore rifle Silhouette to 100m-First Sunday of month, Apr-Oct, Bigbore rifle Silhouette to 500m, Target Backers & Swingers, Indoor-Air Rifle/Pistol, Smallbore Rifle/Pistol, Archery, SCCYSL-Youth Shooting League Sporting Clays - Every Wed 6-9pm & every 1st 3rd & 5th Sunday 10am. For info: P.O. Box 35, Parkesburg, PA, 19365. Clubhouse phone: 610-593-6096. <http://www.atglensportsmensclub.org>

BELFAST-EDELMANS SPORTSMAN ASSOCIATION . Located in Belfast, PA on Sportsman's Club Road. www.besa.info 100 yard range with targets at 50 and 25 yards. Pond stocked with trout 4 times a year. Clubhouse available for rentals-lots of parking. Memberships: \$17 for adults and \$3 for kids under 15. Phone: 610-863-9474.

BLAIR COUNTY GAME, FISH & FORESTRY ASSN - Indoor range, black powder shoots, sporting clays, 4H Air Rifle Program for ages 8 - 18 every Monday 6:30-8:30pm.(for info, call Don Blazier at 814-742-8208 or Tim Merritts at 814-946-9315). Club is open to public. Call 814-942-8522.

CLARION RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB - Range located north of Clarion on Rt. 66 behind J&L Sporting Goods. President Don Fulmer 814-226-9199. For more information contact Richard Stempeck, PO Box 211, Knox, PA, 16232, (814)797-1603, Club email: www.clairtonsc.org.

CONSOLIDATED SPORTSMEN OF LYCOMING COUNTY - Monthly highpower rifle silhouette, monthly hunter and smallbore pistol silhouette, monthly pistol cartridge & smallbore Cowboy silhouette, monthly and weekly smallbore rifle silhouette, IHMSA pistol silhouette, trap leagues, skeet ranges, 5-stand sporting clays, CMP matches, service rifle matches, indoor pistol. All silhouette ranges have covered firing points. Located 6mi. north of Montoursville,Pa. on PA Rt 87. Monthly NRA Smallbore & Hunting Rifle Silhouette Matches-Jan 28, Feb 25, Mar 25, Apr 22, May 27, Jun 24, Jul 22, Aug 26, 2006. State Highpower Rifle/Highpower Hunting Rifle Silhouette Championships—Sep 23/24, 2006. Lever Action: March 25, Apr 22, May 27, Jun 24, Aug 26. For information contact Al Foust at 570-435-0043, or e-mail alfoust@pa.net.

DELTA PEACH BOTTOM FISH & GAME ASSN. - Handgun Shoots - bowling pins, action, qualification, buddy shoots. For info contact Mark Maranto (410) 399-2181, Tom Burke (410)452-8873 or Jim Masters (717) 456-7637. Also outdoor shoots, unmarked ranges. For info call (410) 836-0559 or Debbie (410) 452-8213 - both Maryland numbers. Black powder shoots and knife and hawk throwing matches 2nd Sun. each month (sun, snow, sleet or rain). Sign up 10 am Matches for first timers, men, juniors, ladies in rifle, pistol and smallbore shoots every month. Also, novelty and cartridge gun shoots. For info, call Jim Masters (717)456-7637(PA) or Dave Mullen (410)836-36329(MD). For general info, call the Club- (717) 456-9018; 24-hr. Activity hot line (717) 456-7719. Club is on Pikes Peak Road off Rt. 74 in southern York County. All are welcome.

DUBOIS RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB - located just off I-80 exit 101 in DuBois. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM except July and August. New members welcomed. For membership contact Joanne Pentz 814-583-5530 mjpentz@pennswoods.net. We offer a 50' indoor range, 10 firing points and adjustable target carriers. Pistol league Tuesday at 7:00 pm starting in October. Contact John Pifer 814-427-2161. Smallbore league Friday evenings January through April. Junior Basic Rifle course offered. Contact Joel Dutra 814-236-0708. Active Junior Smallbore and Air Rifle program. Home of "The Storm" DuBois Junior Team.

EAST MONONGAHELA SPORTSMEN CLUB - NRA Highpower matches - 200yd. modified N.M.C. of fire 50 rds.& sighters. Entry fee \$10/\$5 Jrs. (14 yrs. min.) Contact Dave McGrath 738 Lewis Ave. Charleroi. 15022 (724-483-5063) or e-mail davear15@yahoo.com. Open Cast Bullet benchrest shoots - 100&200 yds.-1st Sun of each month - 25 yd. Pistol Pin shoots every Mon -6:30-10:30 p.m, 50 yd. Open Sights Pistol Plate shoots every Thur-6:30-10:30 p.m. Open to the public! Shooters of all skill levels welcome! Trap practice-Sun starting at 1 p.m. during winter thru Mar 1st - Thurs eve 6:30-10 p.m. after Mar 1st- Open to the public! 3-D Archery -40 Targets-6 Treestands Mar thru Sept-Registration: 8a.m.-2 p.m. For dir or info on scheduled events, Phone (412-384-4747)

FACTORYVILLE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB - Full range shooting sports Archery 3-D, ATA trap, CMP, NSCA Sporting Clays, Black Powder, IPSC Combat Pistol, NRA Pistol Silhouette, NRA Action Pistol. For a recorded message on club location and date of particular events call (717) 378- 2582.

FRAZIER-SIMPLEX RIFLE CLUB - Washington, Pa. Smallbore rifle club with active junior program. Junior program consists of Beginning shooters, Intermediate Shooters and Advanced Junior shooters. Senior program competes in Pittsburgh and Suburban Rifle League. Range and club house has 10 point indoor rifle range with adjustable target carriers. Lighting is sufficient for metallic or any sight shooting. For membership, directions to range, match schedule, contact club vice president: Mr. Jim Husk @ 724-222-3369 or e-mail jwhusk@angeltechcomputing.com

GEM CITY GUN CLUB, INC. Junior rifle team, hunter safety course, NRA and CMP sanctioned high power rifle league, USPSA sanctioned pistol matches, 3-D archery (indoor and outdoor), Steel Valley woods walks, rim fire golf, trap league, bullseye league. 200 yd rifle range, 50 yd pistol range, full auto range. I-90 to Rte 430 exit, east on 430 to Wales Road (sign) turn right. Follow to Donlin Rd take left 1/4 mile on both sides of road. For dates and times on above events, call Chris Kelly at (814)725-2345, or Joe Paradisi at (814) 456-8918, Check our web site www.gemcitygunclub.org or E-mail to jjgun@jjgun.com.

GROVE CITY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB - Meetings are the 3rd Monday of every month, members and guest are welcome. Our club features: a trap league, 22 shoots, an archery range, a 300 yard rifle range, and a fishing lake. Please contact Dick Dunn at 724-458-6416 for information or e-mail Lynn Lipko at lalipko@yahoo.com. Check out our web page at www.isrv.com/~lilipko/

HAMBURG RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB -PR&PA, CMP, NRA member. NRA sanctioned 2700 bullseye matches - 24 position line under roof. Match fees \$35.00. Sign up @ 8:00 AM. First relay @ 9:00 AM, rain or shine. NRA sanctioned high power & service rifle matches, 100 yd.modified National Match Course, 50 rd. + sighters. Sign up @ 8:30 AM. First relay @ 9:00AM, rain or shine, (80 rd. club championship). M1 Garand Clinic,. Match fees \$10.00, Located off I-78 at exit 23, Shartlesville,Pa. Call Rose Loose @ 610-562-0314 or e-mail h.r.p.c@earthlink.net for info.

HARRISBURG HUNTERS' & ANGLERS' ASSN.- 6611 Hunters Run Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111. Club located on 125 acres with 25, 50 & 100 yard rifle ranges, 60 point covered bullseye range. Black powder range with woods walk, PPC range, 18 point indoor pistol range and bow ranges. BB gun, air rifle, junior (smallbore) youth rifle programs. Handgun Safety Courses, High power matches, 22 silhouette matches, black powder matches, Action Pistol Steel Plate and bullseye pistol league-all open to public. Trap and skeet open to public during scheduled events. Trap 10am Wed & Sun, skeet at noon Wed and Sun. Info on club and events at our web site harrisburghunters.org. email webmaster with any questions or call clubhouse 3 to 5 daily 717-545-6834.

INDIANA BOW & GUN CLUB - Service Rifle matches, 100 yd. 50 rnd. Service or Match Rifle Info - (724) 726-1111. USPSA Pistol matches. Info - Bob Evans (724)479-0493. IDPA matches Info - Scott Smith (412) 885-0235. Cowboy Action Shoots Info - Frank Winsheimer (724) 479-8838 or Tom Ringler (724) 349-8847.

INTER-COUNTY RIFLE LEAGUE - an organization of smallbore rifle teams from Berks, Lebanon, Lancaster, York and Lehigh. Spring and Summer season, prone metallic and any sight 40 shot matches fired on Sunday morning at 50 and 100 yards. Friday night matches fired at 100 yards on illuminated targets. Fall and Winter, 3-position 60 shot any sight matches are fired Friday evening at 50 foot indoor ranges.

IRWIN SPORTSMEN'S ASSN. - Sixteen position covered silhouette range, action & bowling pin range, twelve position 200 yard covered rifle range. Covered 25 yard pistol range and indoor 50 foot .22LR range. POST 228 Junior Rifle Club offers NRA Smallbore Marksmanship & 4 position competition training to boys and girls ages 10 through 18. Contact Bob Cain (724) 834-8926, or email twocrows3@juno.com NRA approved Hunter's Pistol Silhouette and Smallbore Hunter's Pistol Silhouette, Cowboy Rifle Silhouette, and Smallbore Cowboy Rifle Silhouette first Saturday of the month April through October, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - unsquaded matches. Info, contact Bruce Lumsden 724-527-3954 or e-mail lumsdenb@attbi.com. Clubhouse phone - 724-863-2478.

LENI-LENAPE PISTOL CLUB - Information: Keith Davis, 61 Lindy Lane, Boyertown, PA 19512, (215)369-0608 or write the club at P.O. Box 55, Boyertown, PA 19512

LEBANON COUNTY POLICE COMBAT PISTOL CLUB - Police combat 600 & 1500 matches in Lebanon, PA. For questions, contact Bob Dziak, 582 Hazelbrook Road, Hazelton, PA 18201, 570-455-6718 after 5:00 p.m.

LOWER PROVIDENCE ROD & GUN CLUB □ NRA Certified Firearms Instruction in Basic Pistol and Personal Protection, Action Pistol league, Refuse To Be A Victim Crime Prevention and Personal Safety Seminars, Junior Rifle Programs, Hunter/Trapper Ed, (CMP), IPSC/PPSA shoots, Trap and Sporting Clays. Established in 1949, the club boasts approximately 47 acres of wooded land and these facilities: an outdoor 3□D archery course; a lighted archery practice field; a 50□foot indoor range for pistol, archery, and .22 rifle; a multi□purpose 50□yard outdoor range; 2 manual trap throwers; 4 lighted trap fields; a clubhouse with satellite TV, pool table, kitchen, soda machine and bathrooms; and an outdoor picnic area. For more information, visit www.lprgc.com, call 610□666□7460, or stop by 2857 Egypt Road, Audubon, PA.

MARS ROD & GUN CLUB – Affiliated NRA, PR&PA, PFSC. Meets first Thursday of month at 7:00. Pistol-25 and 50 yard. Rifle-75 and 100 yard. Trap every Tuesday at 6:00. 3-D shoots. Call (724) 538-9392 for more information.

MCDONALD SPORTSMAN'S CLUB -Indoor pistol, rifle & archery ranges: 100 yd. Pistol range, 600 yd. Rifle range, 3-D & outdoor archery range, trap and skeet, fishing pond. For information and directions to club call: Fred Blanchard at (724) 796-2131. Club located in N.W. Washington County, just off Noblestown Road between towns of McDonald and Midway. BLACK POWDER CARTRIDGE SILHOUETTE MATCHES: Approved BPCS: Registered BPCS Match Dates: Championship - . Contact Andy Knez, PO Box 1451, McMurray PA 15317, (724) 969-3200 Web site www.mcdonaldsportsmen.com, E-mail bb@access.hky.com

McKEAN COUNTY RIFLE CLUB - Club located on Rt. 770 between Rt. 219, Bradford and Rt. 59, Marshburg. Club hosts monthly "Cowboy Lever Action, P.C.-C.L.A. and Rimfire Cowboy Silhouette" shoots, hunter pistol and smallbore rifle silhouette. For more info contact Rob Drummond, 10 Drummond Hollow, Bradford, PA 16701, (814) 362-2281, drumrob@pennswoods.net or Alan Bean, 461 Bolivar Drive, Bradford, PA 16701, (814)368-3007(h), (814)368-4880(w) or e-mail - nyla-bean@pennswoods.net.

MECHANICSBURG SPORTSMEN'S ASSN. NRA/CMP affiliated, NRA-approved high power rifle matches (conventional & sporter), Highpower Clinic, NRA Instructor Classes, NRA Range Safety Officer and Basic classes, NRA Sporter Air Rifle Leagues year around, Indoor & outdoor archery, trap, stocked fishing pond, picnic area/pavilions, outdoor 25-, 50-, 100-yard ranges (covered firing points), indoor .22 range, indoor center fire pistol range, block shoots, 4-H Shooting Sports Club, Hunter-Trapper Education classes. For event information and contacts, visit our web site—www.msa-pa.org. For membership information, call Leonard Burg, (717) 796-9366.

MILLVALE SPORTSMEN'S CLUB-NRA High power matches-new shooters welcome!-DCM Shoots: 5/21, 6/25, 7/23, 8/27, 9/4, 10/29. Garand Match-7/15. Range located in Wexford, PA off Route 910 at 70 Sunnyhill Rd. WWW.MILLVALESPORTSMENS.ORG. Contact Clyde Hammack, 412-487-2329.

MIFFLIN COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S ASSN, INC. - 2 rifle ranges, one to 500 yds, one to 500 meters. 16 covered concrete benches. Smallbore silhouette range and pistol range. Walk thru archery and blackpowder ranges. Groundhog matches Reg 9am, Shoot 10am. Highpower 100, 300, 500yd. 22cal 25,50,100 yd. 3-D Archery - Trap shoots and muzzleloaders shoots. For info call: Pres. Abraham Henry 717-899-7529 Club Email- mcसान1@localnet.com.

MORAINES CONSERVATION AND SPORTSMEN'S ASSN - Welcomes all members and guests to monthly meetings the second Monday at 8:00 p.m. Club on Staff Road, Slippery Rock. For info, contact Rick Sinclair 724-753-0177.

NESSMUK ROD & GUN CLUB HIGH POWER RIFLE LEAGUE - 2005 NRG range on PA 287 between Morris and Wellsboro, PA. Fixed targets, 100 yards, 2 sighters & 80 shots for record. Contact Dave Wilcox, 619 Ritz Rd, Mansfield, PA 16933, 570-337-2905, nrgshr05@epix.net for more information.

NORTH BUFFALO SPORTSMAN'S CLUB. Located in Armstrong County on Sportsman's Road, approx. one mile north of the Cadogan-Slate Lick Road, very close to Exit 18 of the Route 28 Expressway North. Practical pistol and steel rifle matches the second Sunday of the month-year round, pistol matches indoors in the winter. Three Gun Practical matches twice a year. Outdoor "Woods Walk" for straight wall pistol, .22 pistol and rifle on the third Sunday of the month. All shooting times 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. Indoor 50-foot pistol range. 50-, 100-, and 190-yard outdoor ranges with covered firing points. Three-D archery course held the last weekend every month—course opens at 8:00 am. All courses open to the public. Contact: Joseph Bocchi (President), 724-360-0065.

PALMERTON ROD & GUN CLUB - NRA Smallbore Silhouette Matches Entry fee \$13, Second gun \$7 (120 rd matches). Sight-in at 8:30 AM, Sign-Ups 9 AM, Match starts 10:30. Range is on Rt 209 South of Stroudsburg. Contact David Reiner (610) 837-9046.

RIDGWAY RIFLE CLUB - National quality smallbore and high power silhouette ranges, sporting clays, indoor 50-foot, 10-position range. Meetings 1st Thursday at 8:00 p.m. High Power Rifle & Hunting Rifle Silhouette matches - State Champ., Sierra Classic, Hipower Nationals, Smallbore silhouette, Smallbore, Smallbore Nationals. Call Mark Holsopple (814) 929-5826 with questions. For directions to range, pre-registration, or detailed match schedule call club president, Jon Heatherdale at (814) 772-2244. Clubhouse phone (814) 772-6510. Email - ridgwayrifleclub.com. BPCR Silhouette Matches--July 23, August 27, October 22, 2006

SAG HIGH POWER RIFLE LEAGUE - Modified National Match (200, 300 yd. 88 rds.) Entry fee \$10/\$5 Jr. (14 Years age Min.). Matches are held at Sportsmen's Association of Greensburg, near Norvelt PA Contact David Demangone (724) 539-0698 or David Petrun (724)626-1389.

SLIPPERY ROCK SPORTSMEN'S CLUB - Meets first Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m. Club located 2 miles east of Slippery Rock (N. Butler Co.) off Kiester Road. Rifle, pistol and trap ranges, fishing lake, 3-D archery when scheduled. New members welcome. Dues \$10 yearly. Contact Jim North, 244 Elm St., Slippery Rock, PA 16057 at (724)794-4333, e-mail - jrnorth@pathway.net

SOMERSET RIFLE & PISTOL ASSO.- located just south of Somerset, Exit 10 of the PA turnpike,. Meetings are held the second Thursday of the following months J,F,M,A,M,S,O,N,D at 8:00 pm. We offer an outdoor 100 and 200 yard range with 5 covered benches. We also have a 25 yard indoor range with electronically timed turning targets. A 50 foot light rifle standing league shoots on Sunday at 5 pm beginning Jan. 5, 03. An NRA conventional pistol league. A 25 yd 22 rimfire benchrest league shoots on Wednesday evening at 7 pm. We are also the home range for the Shanksville Stonycreek Smallbore rifle team. For more information, please contact Dave Zerfoss at 814-445-8474 or e-mail shooterdave@floodcity.net or Ron Pyle at 814-444-8361 or 814-754-8292 or e-mail rpyle@wwainc.com

SOUTH FORK RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB - Beaverdale, PA. 23 covered firing points with electronic timed turning targets. 10 sturdy rifle benches. Indoor 50ft. Range with timed turning targets. NRA 1800 Pistol matches.. NRA 2700 Pistol matches and the club hosts the NRA Regional 2700 Match. Club website-www.southforkrifleclub.homestead.com. Info-call Jeff Lloyd @ 814-886-4479 or Dave Czajkowski @ 814-467-6287. WESTERN PA GROUNDHOG SHOOTERS - Located at the South Fork Rifle Club, Beaverdale, PA This match consists of groundhog targets at 100,300, and 500 yards. Match dates and rules are on the website-www.southforkrifleclub.homestead.com or call Match Director John Kuntzman @ 814-344-8789. All welcome.

WESTERN PA. 30 CALIBER LEAGUE - Membership - adults \$25/yr , juniors \$15/yr (Apr-Mar). Match Fees - \$15 adults, \$10 juniors. Conventional High Power matches (88 rds, 200,300,600 yds): 4/23, 5/21, 6/17, 7/23, 8/27, 9/17 (R.K. Nelson), 10/22. State High Power Championship: June 24-25. State Service Rifle Champ / LEG Match: July 8 + 9. 1000 yd matches: 4/9, 5/7, 7/2, 8/26, 9/3, 10/8. Shot at Reade Township Range located north of Tyrone near town of Allemans. For info, call Tom Ferraro: 724□-352□0234, Jack Lee: 724□865□2597.

WHITE OAK ROD & GUN CLUB - Meets first Monday of the month at 7:30pm Trap and Skeet practiceevery Wed and Fri. 7-9pm, CMP matches second Sat and Sun. each month 9-11am, 3-D archery shoots, 100 target Sporting Clays shoots, Indoor Handgun, BlackPowder shoots, Smallbore Rifle team, Bowling Pin shoots, Hunter Trapper Ed Classes, Youth programs, (all events open to public) Club located, off Route 30, 4 miles west of PA turnpike exit 7, in Westmoreland county at 600 Skellytown Rd., North Huntingdon, PA 15642. New members welcome. For info visit www.worceclub.com or call the clubhouse, 724-863-9941.

WHITE OAK SHOOTING CLUB - Trap & skeet open to the public every Thurs., 6:00 p.m., Sun. 1:00 p.m. Indoor/outdoor pistol ranges, indoor smallbore rifle, ATA registered shoots (Doubles capable), 200 yd, High Power CMP matches. Club dues \$25 year. Club located N.W. Mercer County at 26 Amasa Road, 2 ½ miles North of Greenville on Rt. 18. For more information, contact Dwane Pears (724) 588-4503 or e-mail whiteoakclub@yahoo.com.

YORK RIFLE RANGE ASSOCIATION, INC.- Indoor and outdoor ranges and clubhouse. Indoor is 50' and 8 points, outdoor pistol has 4 points up to 25 yards, and rifle has 27 point smallbore 50yds & 100 yards, 12 point highpower—200 yards with pits, 8 bench points 50, 100, 200 yards, 2nd. Sat each month - Junior shooting (rifle, pistol, shotgun). 4th Sunday each month Apr - Sept - NRA Highpower matches. Call Beverly Throne for details at 717-244-8612.

ZERBE TWP. ROD & GUN CLUB - Affiliated NRA, PR&PA, USA Shooting. New shooters & juniors welcome. 12-point indoor 50-foot range, 10-M. air, also sporting clays trap, skeet, indoor/outdoor archery, 3D.s. Monthly meeting 2nd Wed., 7:30 p.m. For information write Zerbe R&G Club. P.O. Box 552, Trevorton, PA 17881 or call (570)797-3351 or (570)797-1618. Or call Bill Earnest at 570-797-4872

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NRA GRANT HELPS YOUTH LEARN FIREARM SAFETY

by Ron Keslar

For the past 36 years, the Pennsylvania State American Legion and the Pennsylvania State Police have partnered in conducting a week-long camp for 17- and 18-year old boys and girls who are looking to a career in law enforcement or the military. The youth come from all over the Commonwealth to attend the summer camp held on June 18-24, 2006 at Scotland School for Veterans' Children in Scotland, PA.

Pennsylvania has 823 American Legion Posts scattered across the state; 240,000 veterans belong to the Pennsylvania American Legion. The American Legion provides a wide range of community service and youth programs with American Legion-State Police Youth Week being unique to Pennsylvania.

The camp includes firearm safety training and a shooting clinic program developed by NRA-certified Legionnaires from North Harrisburg Post 1001. Post 1001

is affiliated with the National Rifle Association, the Civilian Marksmanship Program, USA Shooting, and the PRPA. The program utilizes an old warhorse familiar to many veterans, the .30 US Carbine. As in past years, Colonel Paul Cullinane (US Army, Retired) attended the training program and addressed the youth. Under COL Cullinane's leadership as the Director of Civilian Marksmanship, the carbines were acquired for youth marksmanship and safety training.

The NRA Foundation funded the NRA training materials necessary for the firearm safety training given to the 57 youth attending the 2006 SPYW. Without the FONRA grant, the training could not have taken place. SPYW is open to all Pennsylvania youth—see if you can encourage one to attend in 2007!

For more information about the American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Program, contact PRPA Director Ron Keslar at (717) 432-9039, ronald@keslar.net. Ron is the State Chairman for Pennsylvania's American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Program.

