

Montana Rifle & Pistol Association

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Message from the President By Jamey Williams

The majority of the MRPA competitive disciplines are winding down their summer seasons and many members are out in the field hunting. I encourage everyone to be safe with their firearms and with the choices they make while in pursuit of their wild game.

Many of the winter indoor shooting sports will soon be gearing up and the Winter schedule will begin soon. Be sure to check the match schedules on the MTRPA.org website for more info. If you are a match director and would like a match listed contact either the discipline chairmen for your sport (listed elsewhere in this newsletter) or contact the MRPA web master at swehrman@yahoo.com. Info about the matches should include the following info and format: Date, discipline, city, range name, type of match, if it is NRA approved/registered/fun match/etc., and contact person for the match.

Lastly, if you want to lend a hand, have suggestions/comments/concerns or have gear to donate, be sure to contact the MRPA Discipline Chairmen listed elsewhere in this newsletter. They are your contacts to help specific disciplines.

Secretary's Notes By Zona Mowrer

Memberships: My email address is silverbow3@gmail.com for anyone needing to change an address or contact me for some reason. Memberships renew Dec. 31, 2015. There is a renewal form on the last page of the newsletter or on the mtrpa.org website. It's handy if you have them done anytime after Oct. 1st and they still expire Dec. 31st, 2016.

Addresses: Please get your address changes to me. We can't keep your information current if you move and don't tell us.

Match Fees for Juniors: MRPA will pay match fees for any junior member of MRPA going to a National Championship Match. You will need prior approval from the Executive Committee before attending any match that you want reimbursement of entry fees for National Matches. Matches included are any National Matches in Air Rifle, 3 Position Smallbore Rifle, Pistol Matches, High Power, Black Powder, NRA National Matches and CMP National Matches, USA Shooting Junior Olympics, etc. Get your information to Jamey Williams to get approval.

Junior Raffle: The tickets were mailed out to junior members by July 1st. We only printed 1,500 tickets. The general membership got theirs around mid July. If you are a member and did not get any tickets to sell please contact me. Let's see if we can sell them all this year. We have never done that before. If you need additional tickets, please contact: Bob Scott (Raffle Coordinator); 1785 MacTavish Lane; Belgrade, MT 59714.

Match Results: If you have any match results you want shared, please get them to me at silverbow3@gmail.com. You may do this through email or snail mail. I can't put the results of your matches in the Newsletter if I do not have the results from your matches.

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NRA Supports Senator Cornyn's Bill to Halt Obama NICS Abuses NRA-ILA

On August 5th, U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) introduced S. 2002, a bill to protect the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens from continued bureaucratic abuse by the Obama Administration. As we reported on July 18th, Obama's latest gun grabbing ploy was to forward all individuals receiving Social Security Administration (SSA) benefits through a representative payee to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) as "prohibited persons" under federal firearms law. This is estimated to impact over 4 million Americans.

Read the entire article here:

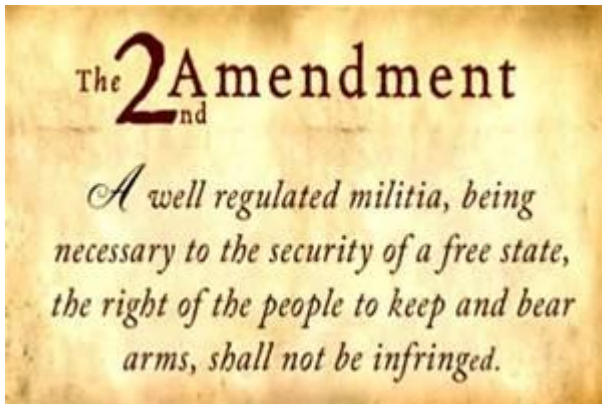
www.nra.org/articles/20150807/nra-supports-senator-cornyn-s-bill-to-halt-obama-nics-abuses

Gun Control. Back on the Agenda. And Here to Stay in Montana By Matt Egloff

In the recent Democratic Presidential Debate on CNN, ALL of the Democratic candidates for President in 2016 tried to outdo themselves as proponents of gun control. They are proud of their D- and F- grades on gun rights. The NRA is their enemy. We who own guns are their enemy, whether we belong to the NRA or not. Hillary Clinton compared us to Iran and vowed to create new laws by dictating executive orders.

Oh but this will never happen here in Montana.

During the last legislative session, Billionaire anti-gun activist and former NYC mayor Bloomberg SPENT FIVE TIMES AS MUCH LOBBYING THE LEGISLATURE IN HELENA AS PRO-GUN GROUPS DID. And it worked. He and his people who are now based here blocked almost every pro-gun bill with the help of almost all Democrats and several Republicans. Want to know which ones? The grades are up: <http://progunleaders.org/>.



If Mayor Bloomberg has his way with his money in the upcoming election, Montana will be the next Colorado with magazine bans and other gun control. We will be Washington state where technically, passing your rifle to your hunting partner while crossing a fence as taught for a century in hunter safety, will be a crime, an illegal transfer of a gun.

That'll never happen here? Missoula City Council Member Bryan von Lossberg has proposed that the Missoula City Council adopt an ordinance to require a federal background check to be done for every private sale of a firearm within the boundaries of the

City of Missoula. Never mind that this violates Montana state law prohibiting such local anti-gun ordinances. Never mind that it is illegal for an FFL to perform a background check unless the seller transfers the gun to them. And since this is work for them, they can refuse, or maybe charge you \$100. Oh, and if the system goes down, the seller can't get the gun back until it comes back up and clears him. The Missoula, Butte, and Bozeman papers all ran online polls to encourage their cities to adopt similar anti-gun ordinances. Also never mind that you could skirt Missoula's proposed ordinance by driving outside of city limits to sell your gun. The symbolism of sticking it to gun owners is what is important. This will be decided by the city council of Missoula on Monday Oct 19th. If it passes, look for it to spread. The lawsuits may take years and usually require someone to break the law to challenge it.

Oh but everyone supports background checks, even "responsible" gun owners. The NICS list of people prohibited from owning guns has about 140,000 veterans on it. They haven't been "adjudicated" dangerously insane. The VA just has

someone handling their finances. Without any due process or review, the government just dumped their names on the prohibited list. Thank you for serving, now this grateful nation will strip you of your civil rights because you can't balance your checkbook. The Obama administration also recently added over FOUR MILLION social security recipients who similarly have someone taking care of their benefit checks. At this rate we will soon have more honorably discharged veterans and sane, law abiding, retired people banned from owning guns than felons and actual adjudicated dangerously crazy people. Psychologists fear that this stigmatizing and sanctioning of people who seek help will cause those who do need help to shun treatment. What's next, marriage counselor, grief counselor? California recently passed a law allowing almost anyone to just accuse another of being nuts and have the state confiscate their guns. One woman there had her guns taken because a Nurse checked a box on a form when she went to the hospital because she was ill. And never mind that "crazy people" have been shown to be no more or less likely to kill than "sane" ones.

The NRA will fund my lawsuit? The NRA doesn't have enough money. Nor do the other gun groups. Recently a Michigan man had his rights restored but it probably cost him tens of thousands of dollars. A lawsuit of this kind usually costs as much as a house or two. Don't believe me? Ask a good lawyer. In his case, about 35yrs ago his wife left him and absconded with all his money. Despondent, as any normal person so betrayed and devastated would be, he checked himself in for counseling and put his life back together. Decades later and feeling fine, his name was nonetheless moved onto the NICS list.

Furthermore, EVERY ONE OF THESE RECENT MASS SHOOTINGS WAS DONE BY SOMEONE WHO PASSED A BACKGROUND CHECK OR AVOIDED ONE BY STEALING A GUN OR HAVING SOMEONE GET THEM ONE. One of the anti-gunners was asked about this on TV and after much stammering he admitted that once again, no, his proposed anti-gun law agenda wouldn't have stopped ANY of these shootings, but we should pass his anti-gun laws anyway.

Gun owners in Montana have had it soft. Nothing seriously anti-gun has moved here until now. I spoke with friends who live in Colorado who thought it would never happen there either, but it did. The activist billionaires and anti-gunners moved in from their earlier conquests, took over, and now that state is a basket case. MONTANA IS NEXT IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

Many competitors whine that NRA isn't subsidizing shooting sports, CMP isn't giving out free ammo and selling cheap guns, etc. – that it's all going to lobbying. Boo Hoo. Man up and get off the shooting sports welfare handouts. We've shown that we can run a match at a profit for years. NRA, Montana Shooting Sports Association, and the other pro-gun groups need you to help them to protect your rights. Instead of sending a few bucks from each match to fund competitors, send it to NRA ILA or better yet Montana Shooting Sports Association.

If you can make the time and spend the money to drive to one, several, or many matches each year, then you can make the time and find the money to go up to Helena once in a while to testify in favor of pro-gun bills and against anti-gun ones. You can make the time to help out finding and electing pro-gun politicians. You can at least email or call on bills. And you can vote pro-gun. And you can keep up on your NRA and other pro-gun groups memberships. And you can go to your gun club meetings and be involved. And you can talk to your fellow gun owners and make sure that they pull their own weight.

Another trick of the anti-gun groups is inventing fake "sportsman" groups who endorse anti-gun candidates and lie about them as well as about pro-gun candidates. They often get names with "sportsman" in them and have the letters closely match REAL gun groups. If it's not the NRA, Gun Owners of America, Second Amendment Foundation, CCRKBA, Montana Shooting Sports Association, your state association, Montana Weapons Collectors, or your local gun club, it may be a fake trying to fool you. Do they have a meeting? When and where? Do their candidate ratings match NRA's or are they almost opposite? There are also some self-proclaimed gun groups who aren't really anti-gun, but do take money from suckers for themselves. They're just as bad as the fake anti-gun ones.

If NRA says they are an “F” they are an “F.” Period. Friends don’t let friends support “F’s” on gun rights. And if you don’t want this state or this country to end up like California, Colorado, New Jersey, etc., then quit being a grasshopper out playing in the sun as our winter approaches, and start being the ant, preparing and acting for the hard times that are coming. And they are coming.

Friends of NRA Dinners

Be sure to check out the Friends of NRA website for locations of upcoming banquets in your area. As we have noted in the past, these dinners are incredible fund raisers for supporting shooting sport programs in the state of Montana. 50% of the money raised at the events stays right in Montana and the remainder is used for shooting sports nationwide. Also the deadline for those applying for grants in Montana is quickly approaching – 11/1/2015.

2016 MRPA Annual Meeting By Jamey Williams

After much discussion about the timing of the annual meeting, we will be moving the event to a central location in the spring (likely March or April time frame). This will allow more time to be devoted to business of the association. We would still like to see it associated with a “fun” shoot at a local range. More info will be forthcoming in the next newsletter.

Northern Rockies Tournament By Jamey Williams

The MRPA recently hosted what is probably its largest tournament ever with the Northern Rockies Long Range and F-Class Tournament in Missoula. This tournament functions as both an NRA regional and the Montana State Championship. The tournament had 89 competitors from all over the USA, Canada and one British shooter in attendance. For a complete report and links to pictures and results go to: <http://forum accurateshooter.com/index.php?topic=3883940.0>

Smallbore Rifle State Championship News!

The Montana State Indoor Smallbore Rifle championship is fired in two locations and has traditionally been held in both Missoula and Big Timber. Mariann and Bruce Duncan have been running the smallbore matches in Big Timber for 20-30 years and they have decided it is time to let another group hold the Championship. The Duncans have shown tremendous commitment to shooting sports over the years and we as an organization and community of shooters have greatly benefited from their efforts. The MRPA extends a big thank you to them.

David Hassler and the Central Montana Rifle Club have stepped forward and will be holding the State Championship in conjunction with the Hellgate Civilian Shooters in Missoula. Expect the Lewistown part of the State Championship to be in late March or April. Contact Dick Hassler at 406-538-8648 or see the Central Montana Rifle Club website: www.cmtsc.com Mr. Hassler also expressed interest in seeing some volunteers take the opportunity to run a state smallbore postal league. For additional info on this contact Mr. Hassler.

Printed Newsletter Expense

Members should be mindful to receive the newsletter electronically, and not request a printed version be mailed to them. As a small organization, it is important to control costs by encouraging members to not request printed versions of the newsletter. Previous to going electronic with our newsletter, the cost of the newsletter was depleting our treasury at an alarming rate. Junior members especially should be receiving the electronic version as the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter to them quickly out paces the cost of their membership. So, if you truly need to receive the newsletter by USPS as a hard copy, do so, but if you can utilize the electronic version, even better. The newsletter is emailed out to many members and is always available at the www.mtrpa.org website.

New Logo for the MRPA By Jamey Williams

The MRPA has benefited from the graphic arts capability of a fellow shooter who has designed a logo the MRPA can use. It can be modified to include the text of a specific discipline such as "Highpower", "Smallbore", "BPCR", etc. along the bottom border of the logo. This logo presents the MRPA with the option of using in multiple formats such as letterhead, website, embroidery, silkscreening, hats, shirts, etc. It is "scalable" as looks appropriate no matter the size of the logo.

We have traditionally used the standing bison image as our logo (at the end of the newsletter), but currently, we have no graphic image of it in a format usable across multiple formats and it is not scalable with a satisfactory result. Our current image of the standing buffalo amounts to a picture of a sticker containing the image. If any members out there have the standing buffalo image in a graphic arts rendering format, please contact me with that file. In the meantime, let me know what you think of the new logo we can use as an optional image for the MRPA. Contact me at jameydan@gmail.com.



Results of Shooting Events

Anaconda Rifle and Pistol Club Pistol Match May 16, 2015 Anaconda, MT

Winner in .45/.32 – Don Strom	766-10x (.45)	Jake Taverna	732-3x (.45)
John Strandberg	650-4x (.45)	Jamey Williams	446-3x (.32)
Gavin Corrigan	339-1x (.32)		
Winner in .22	Scott Wehrmann	865-30	shooting a .22
High Junior	Braxton McCormack	647-5x	shooting a .22

Anaconda Rifle and Pistol Club Pistol Match June 13, 2015 Anaconda, MT

Winner in .45/.32 – Don Strom	791-19x	shooting a .45
Jake Taverna	787-11x	shooting a .45
Winner in .22	Scott Wehrmann	858-24x shooting a .22
John Strandberg	822-19x	shooting a .22
David Jessen	703-4x	shooting a .22

Anaconda Rifle and Pistol Club Rifle Match June 13, 2015 Anaconda, MT

Match Winner - Scott Lindley	761-17x	1 st High Master - Don Strom	756-15x
1 st Master/Expert - John Strandberg	752-17x	2 nd Master/Expert – Randy Geiger	740-16x
1 st SS/Marksman – David Jessen	725-6x	2 nd SS/Marksman - Sam Lamping	685-3x
High Junior - Sam Lamping	685-3x		

2015 Skalkaho Smallbore Rifle Match July 11, 2015 Anaconda, MT

Match Winner -- Jon Bisch	1597-109x	1 st Master -- John Hawkins	1584-87x
1 st Expert -- Paul Thurmond	1591-103x		

Montana State Outdoor 3-P Smallbore Championships August 15, 2015 Missoula, MT

Match Winner – Dan Enger	1109-20c	1 st Master – Robert Scott	1089-27c
1 st Expert—Roger McRoberts	1062-20c	1 st Sharpshooter—Gary Swartz	1059-18c
1 st Marksman—Bob Scott	968-8c	High Junior -- Mary Maystrovich	1060-18c
<u>Montana State 3-P Champion -- Robert Scott</u>		<u>Montana State 3-P Junior Champion -- Alex Weisenburger</u>	
<u>Montana State 3-P Senior Champion -- Gary Swartz</u>		<u>Montana State 3-P Woman Champ – Tempe Regan</u>	



Montana State Outdoor Prone Championships

Match Winner – Kerry Spurgin 1597-128x
 2nd Master -- Robert Scott 1595-106x
 2nd Expert -- Paul Thurmond 1594-112x
 High Junior – Daniel Enger 1587-114x

Montana State Prone Champion – Robert Scott

Montana State Junior Prone Champion – Colin Scott

August 16, 2015

Missoula, MT

1st Master -- John Pitts 1595-128x
 1st Expert – Roger McRoberts 1597-116x
 1st Marksman -- Mike O'Conner 1556-57x

Montana State Prone Senior Champion – George Waldorf

Montana State Prone Womens Champion – Tempe Regan

National Matches

USA Shooting National Championships

July 2015

Ft. Benning, GA

Montana Juniors did very well at this year's Championships. Ivan Roe won 2nd in Junior 3 P Smallbore with a 2298 and 3rd in Junior Air Rifle with a score of 1235.8. Other Montana Junior Competitors were Alison Weisz and Maddison Korthas. If I missed anyone I am truly sorry. Nick Mowrer placed 2nd in Men's Air Pistol and 4th in Men's Free Pistol.

USA Shooting Junior Olympic National Championships

April 2015

Colorado Springs, CO

Montana Juniors did very well at this match also. Ivan Roe won 3rd in Mens Junior Air Rifle with a score of 1234.4. He also placed 5th in 3P Smallbore Rifle and 9th in 50m Prone Rifle. Alison Weisz placed 8th in Womens Air Rifle. Other Montana Juniors competing at this competition were Colin Scott, Jarhet Reed, Justin Thomas, Rachel Yager and Miranda Nelson. If I missed anyone I am truly sorry. The experience these Juniors get from going to these competitions is priceless.

2015 Collegiate Pistol Championships

March 22-27, 2015

Ft. Benning, GA

Alana Townsend won 1st in Women's Air Pistol with a 575 and won the final with a 96.7.

Glen Kapitzke of Miles City, Montana, attended the NRA Cowboy Lever Action Silhouette Championship Matches at the Whittington Center, Raton, NM from June 29 to July 2, 2015.

Competitors fired 2-40 round matches with 3 rifles. A 40 round match is fired on each of the first 2 days with the big bore rifles. 2-40 round matches are fired on each of the 2 remaining days. On the first remaining day the Cowboy Lever Action (CLA) pistol cartridge matches are fired. On the last day CLA smallbore matches are fired.

Glen shot a 33 and a 34 on the first 2 days for an aggregate of 67 x 80. This placed him at 5th Master. On the 3rd day, Glen scored a 36 in the morning and a 34 after lunch for an agg. of 70 x 80. This placed him 1st master. On the last day he fired a 38 in the morning and was Match Winner. After lunch he fired a 34, for an agg. of 72x80. This score made him the CLA Smallbore Silhouette National Champion.

In the 3 gun agg., Glen tied for 2nd place with Eric Sundstron with a score of 209x240. The winner was Brian Wakefield with a 211x240. Glen teamed up with Tony Tello and Tim Pacheco. They placed 1st master in both CLA big bore and CLA pistol cartridge and won the Team Championship in CLA Smallbore. Glen’s 3 gun agg. score of 209 ties his best score which he also fired in 2009. That year he was CLA pistol cartridge National Champion and tied the National Record of 75x80. This information was submitted by Glen and it should also be noted that for the people that do not know Glen, that he suffered a spinal cord injury in an auto accident 30 years ago and is confined to a wheel chair. Our congratulations to you Glen for becoming a National Champion again. Glen is a life member of MRPA.

Classifieds

This listing is provided as a courtesy to MRPA members; MRPA assumes no responsibility for the listed items or your satisfaction with them. Items for sale can be submitted to the newsletter editor for possible submission in the next newsletter.

Contact Dennis Carroll at montanaelkhunting@gmail.com for additional info on the items listed below.

Dies

RCBS .223 small base die	\$18.00
RCBS .223 FL die set	\$20.00
Forster .223 Ultra micrometer seater die	\$50.00

Bullets

Berger .224 80 grain VLD	3-100 count boxes	\$28.00/hundred
Sierra .224 80 grain moly	141 loose	\$24.00
Sierra .224 69 grain moly	1,210 loose in 200 count bags	\$16/hundred
Sierra .224 55 grain FMJ Game King moly	928 loose in 200 count bags	\$11/hundred
Hornady .224 75 grain HPBT moly	380 loose in two bags	\$11/hundred
IMI .224 55 grain FMJ moly	1,250 loose in 200 count bags	\$8/hundred

Brass: Lapua .223 match, 40 once fired, 50 new with Wolf SRM primers \$35

Boxes: MTM .223 boxes (for 50 rounds), 14 @ \$1/each

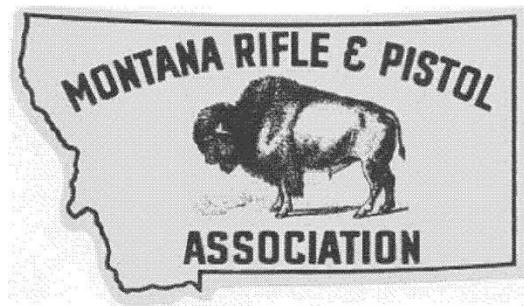
Rifle: M1903A3 Springfield, Smith-Corona, barrel dated 5-43; purchased from CMP in 2010 or 2011. Muzzle is 0, Throat is 2. When I purchased it, I expected to get a worn-out drill rifle, but the action is tight and the trigger isn’t worn (much). I’ve fired 16 round through it (two garand clips worth). \$925.00

Chas Bales has the following stuff for sale and he can be reached at: chasbales@rocketmail.com

Barrel – 6.5 Caliber, 1 in 8 twist Bartlein, 29” long. Stainless steel - \$325

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