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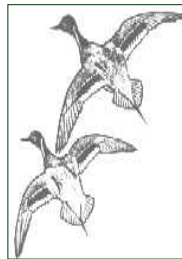
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President's Message

By Stan Pate



It is a New Year

and with this New Year comes new challenges and new opportunities for our shooting sports as well as for places to shoot.

During the Midterm elections we made some gains no matter your political bend that will I hope better ensure the protection of our 2nd Amendment rights for at least time the time being. In some cases a gain is measured in simply managing to hold the status at where we are now and not losing ground.

One of the major concerns now is that with all of the gains we have made we will become complacent and revert back to our more normal "silent majority" status neither accomplishing or protecting what is ours to either keep or to give up. In this increasingly polarized America that we live in it has never been more important for each and every one of us to make ourselves heard from with "OUR" politicians, they work for us and all too often they vote for their own interests and not for the interests of those who elected them.

With the sunset of the grossly misnamed "assault weapon" bill and after the frenzied purchas-

ing of all types of firearms, ammunition, reloading components, and everything else that one could imagine and in quantities unheard of since the election of Barrack Hussein Obama, one would expect that the U.S. Government as well as local governments would get the message to leave firearms alone. Sadly this very large and "transparent" move by the use of American wallets in a very public way is still not being taken into account when it comes to proposing bills and passing laws.

To see this trend still in action you have to look no further than Portland where the Illustrious Mayor who can't seem to drive his truck without problems is offering ridiculous ways of reducing "gun violence" by passing additional laws that would only affect honest law abiding citizens and have no effect on those who thumb their noses at those same laws, there are

reasons those folks are called criminals.

The perception that guns are evil or only capable of being used for ill intentions is daily perpetuated in the main stream media who seems to be more than willing to print such drivel than report the real facts. Such as this can be seen in the reporting that the majority of firearms being used by the drug cartels in Mexico come from American gun shows or from people paid to purchase them from gun shops for transport to Mexico. It is amazing when you view such things that are being

touted as the truth when what you see on television are firearms that cannot easily be purchased here in the United States without a special license and background check.

As a member of one of the U.S. Teams I've been to some of the countries that have a much more restrictive policy of gun control, I've seen where we might end up if we are not diligent in demanding that our rights be protected. I've heard first hand from the people living there that while violence involving guns may be down the violent crime rate is now much higher than it was before because honest people cannot defend themselves. I tell the story often of England where after firearms were practically banned, shortly afterwards you couldn't own a hunting knife period, currently a lock-blade knife of any size can land you in jail. There was a bill in front of their parliament that would've required all kitchen knives to have rounded points, I'm told that it didn't pass.

The point is here that getting rid of firearms won't stop crime, it will have the effect of making it worse and you as a law bidding citizen will ultimately be increasingly unable to defend yourself and those you care about.

The question might be, how does all of this have to do with Shooting Sports? The answer is really quite simple, the more restrictive controls on firearms the more difficult it will be to introduce the next generations to the sports and traditions that we love to do. America will become increasingly less free, and government will become even more controlling stretching even

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"One of the major concerns now is that with all of the gains we have made we will become complacent..."

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further outside of the Constitutional boundaries than they already have. It is a simple matter for you when you are asked to write a letter, or make a phone call to do so if it will help keep us all a little freer, and of course the most important thing is to make your voice heard at the voting box come election time.

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Stan Pate, President, OSSA



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Portland City Council Passes New Gun-Control Laws

By Mike Gilbert

Portland's City Council approved five new local gun control measures crafted by the mayor Sam Adams in a misguided effort to try to reduce gun violence in the city.

Portland Mayor Sam Adams said "Will this end

not.

Critics have voiced concerns about their constitutionality, and potential for unfairly targeting young blacks.

Three ordinances would hold adults responsible if their gun gets into a child's hands, penalize gun owners who don't report the theft or loss of a firearm, and designate shooting hot spots and allow the city to exclude certain gun offenders from them.



Portland Mayor Sam Adams

up in court? Most certainly so. Will we fight it? Absolutely. What's at stake? The safety of our youth,"

The Portland City Council follows a few other cities around the country with higher concentrations of gun phobics, led by misinformed mayors who have pushed to pass gun control measures that their state lawmakers would

While the theft reporting and child protection laws have been passed in other major cities, criminal justice experts say the exclusion zones that would restrict gun offenders from areas designated as high in gun violence would be unique to Portland.

Two other code changes would set a 7 p.m. curfew for juveniles who have been convicted of a gun offense such as possessing or illegally using a firearm, and would enact a mandatory minimum sentence of 30 days in jail for a gun offender found carrying a loaded gun in a public place, including a vehicle or on

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transit.

No one can explain how potential offenders would even be aware of these restrictions and even if they were aware, why they would comply, since they are "offenders" already.

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Adams noted that 4 out of 10 homicides in the city are committed with guns. Adams did not explain why the City was not taking action on the causes of 6 out of 10 homicides that are NOT committed with guns.

"While the state's preemption laws prevent us from doing all that we can to promote responsible gun ownership, we're doing what we can," Adams said.

Here are some insights into the twisted logic of the Commissioner's decision making:

- Commissioner Nick Fish, a Northeast Portland resident, said he was fed up with reading about shootings and homicides in Northeast Portland and elsewhere in the city. "If our actions result in one life being saved, then it's a worthwhile endeavor," Fish said. "This is not a perfect solution, and it doesn't solve the problem, but it's a first step."
- Commissioners Amanda Fritz and Randy Leonard: "It's been a very respectful and reasoned discussion," Fritz said. (Of course a group of gun haters in a meeting to-

gether can be respectful toward each other.)

"Obviously we have problems in our community, so we need to try some new things."

- Commissioner Dan Saltzman said he had some concerns about state restrictions on the type of gun laws the city could draft, but

was swayed by the need to

Portland City Commissioner Nick Fish: "It doesn't solve the problem, but it's a first step"

reduce violence in the city. He also stressed the need to invest in the city's youth.

- Adams said he shares concerns raised that some of these measures may contribute to racial profiling. But he urged the community to consider today's reality.
- "There's is a unique racial aspect to this issue. Young African American males are killed by guns at a higher rate than any other segment of our community. We want to make safer our youth. We want to make our African American youth safer."

The Portland City Council isn't informed enough or intelligent enough to really solve the city's problems, so they have resorted to the knee-jerk reaction seen

over and over that has historically proven ineffective.

A look at Portland City Council's Gun Control Laws:

- 1. Penalizes the victim of a gun theft by making it a "City crime" for not reporting lost or stolen guns to police.**
- 2. Increases penalties for carrying a loaded gun in a public place. (Punitive, not preventative.)**
- 3. "Special curfew" for any juvenile found by a court of law to have violated gun laws. (What happened to the "special curfew behind bars?)**
- 4. City criminal penalties for any adult who fails to "control access" to a firearm by a child. This may be the most frightening of the new city laws as the scope could be contrued to make it a crime to have a firearm accessible at all, rendering it useless to the person who needs it when they need it to defend themselves.**
- 5. Exclude people who have been convicted of violating "firearms use or possession laws" from certain areas within Portland. (It will be interesting to see how this city law plays out in court in the first lawsuit.)**

These measures, like other gun controls, take away the rights of responsible people while doing nothing to reduce crime. These are the kinds of perverse decisions you can expect when you concentrate the small percentage of gun haters into an area like Portland.



Superstars

By **Tim Pitzer**
Vice-President
OSSA

Over the years it has been my distinct honor and privilege to meet, what I believe is the greatest segment of society on this planet. This particular group thinks they are nothing special, but they are. They believe their achievements are not newsworthy, but they are.

They do not think of themselves as "Role Models", but they are. They believe their life, their beliefs, their values and morals are like everyone else. But sadly they are not. They are a segment of society that is rapidly declining.

If you haven't guessed who this stellar group of individuals is, I'll tell you. It is the Youth who are involved in the shooting sports in Oregon. Actually, I have met segments of them (splinter groups) in many States, but here, I'll confine my focus to Oregon.

They have names for some of their groups: YHEC – Youth Hunter Education Challenge, Timber Beast, Colonel Allison, Boy Scouts, ROTC, American Legion and many others. And some operate as individuals. Mentor Hunters, Competitors, and kids who enjoy quality family time.

What do these groups believe in? In one word, Freedom. Their parents have had the audacity to tell them that they have the freedom and the ability to achieve anything they want, if they are willing to work

for it. Can you imagine that? No "silver spoon" here. And yet they prevail! What is their purpose? They are not selling anything. They are not vainly trying to "Look Cool" or be something they are not. Their purpose is only to exercise one of the "God Given Rights". That is, the right to pursue Life, Liberty, and Happiness - after the chores are done.

They must have some political agenda! Yes they do. Their political agenda consist of protecting those "God Given Rights" so that they can earn their way through life. They have learned that "Life Taste Better when you have Earned It".

Their GPA's are high. If they are not, they don't play. Attitudes are that of loving, caring individuals who will help you in any way they can. In competition, honesty and sportsmanship are more important than taking home a trophy. They don't want it if they have not earned it.

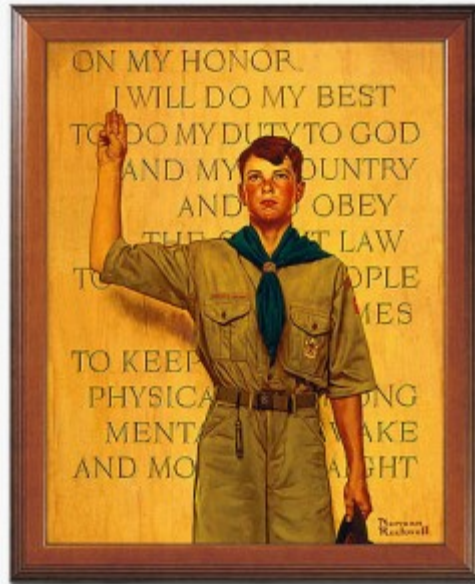
The foundation for this group is

yet another very special segment of society in itself, the parents of these special youths. They care enough about their kids to make them work for their rewards. If they are owed anything in life, it is the right to work for it. Nothing more. Nothing less. I have watched these kids.

They have learned that helping others achieve success is every bit as rewarding as achieving it themselves. And when you help others, good things will come your way.

This very special segment of

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society is one we must preserve at all cost. And the best thing is that the cost is one everyone can well afford, because it is not monetary.

My message here is that these kids are the Superstars. They are the "Role Models" that society should be focusing on. Take a good look at whom "modern" kids are "looking up to" now. What can they teach our youth? I am not going to go there. You know what they are teaching the kids, and it's not a good thing. Now, take a look at the Superstars in our own backyard. Our kids are achieving tremendous success, not only in competition, but in life. The Modern" youth could learn a lot from OUR role models.

If you would like to share some of the successes of your Superstar, we would like to help.

If they are involved in the shooting sports, tell us how they are doing. If they bag some game, send us some pictures and a note. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to BRAG about your Superstars.

Allow other kids to see their special achievements and inspire them to do as well.

Let's GROW this very special segment of society before it is too late. They are our future. It is their future.

We owe it to them.

Tim Pitzer
Vice-president
Oregon State Shooting association

Winter 2010 Junior / Smallbore

By Nelson Shew
Junior/Smallbore Director
OSSA

Smallbore

We held **State Championships in both indoor conventional (NRA) and International competitions.** Outdoor prone matches were a part of the State Games of Oregon. Two indoor leagues for adults are being held in the Mid Valley and the Columbia areas.

Junior smallbore teams are involved mostly in International shooting in several local clubs. Schedules for about 20 matches have been provided to local clubs through next July. Madras has not scheduled any matches this year.

Junior

The largest number of junior shooters seem to be in the High Schools through the ROTC program. Nine schools in Oregon currently have teams and all are only shooting air rifles.

Oregon City and Madras both qualified teams for the ROTC Championships at Camp Perry February 17-19. In addition individual shooters from Lebanon and Henley HS also qualified.

At this time Oregon City has accepted and is planning on attending. Club teams shooting both air rifle and smallbore are also active in Albany, Roseburg, Grants Pass, Medford, Sherwood, Salem, Bend, Madras, Estacada and Portland.

Two junior shooters traveled to Camp Perry in Jul/Aug both for the second time. Jerika Wallace finished 21st and Adam Swint 30th out of 204 junior shooters. They were 13th in the Freedom's Choice team match. There is just a little activity in 4H and Boy Scouts shooting.

Barbara and I attended the **CMP Junior Director's meeting** at the CMP HQ in Anniston Alabama the first weekend of October. We got a tour of their facilities there and



participated in a program where other junior directors shared info and ideas from the programs in their states.

Some states have over 10,000 juniors shooting mostly in 4H or ROTC. It looks like we have a ways to go. The only junior pistol program I know about is at Tri- County.

If there are any programs I have missed please let me know so I can get the information in our annual reports.



This next year, both Groundhog Day and the State of the Union address occur on the same day. As Air America Radio pointed out, "It is an ironic juxtaposition of events; one involves a meaningless ritual in which we look to a creature of little intelligence for prognostication while the other involves a groundhog."



The 10th Amendment codifies in law that We the People of the several states created the federal government to be our agent for certain enumerated, or listed, powers – and nothing more.

The essential question of our day, though, is this – when the federal government violates these limits, what do we do about it? Remember the words of Thomas Jefferson who reminds us that the States are, *"the most competent administrations for our domestic concerns and the surest bulwarks against anti republican tendencies."*

So what do we do about it? Jefferson again gave us the answer. In 1798 he wrote that "whensoever" the federal government "assumes undelegated powers," that a "nullification of the act is the rightful remedy."

Notice that Jefferson didn't tell us that a nullification of the act is a "good idea" – or that we should first try federal lawsuits

or wait for the next election cycle.

He said, in fact, that every time Congress exercises powers not delegated to it – every time – it must be resisted on a state level. Thus, when states pass laws to reject unconstitutional federal "laws" – this is not rebellion – it's duty.

-Tim Pitzer
Vice-President, OSSA



ATF to Require Multiple Sales Reports for Long Guns

December 17, 2010 By Larry Keane National Shooting Sports Foundation

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) is moving to require federally licensed firearms retailers to report multiple sales of modern sporting rifles beginning January 5, 2011.

Specifically, the ATF requirement calls for firearms retailers to report multiple sales, or other dispositions, of two or more .22 caliber or larger semi-automatic rifles that are capable of accepting a detachable magazine and are purchased by the same individual within five consecutive business days.

Today's Washington Post suggests that the reporting mandate would be limited to retailers along the Southwest border;

however, the Federal Register Notice does not limit the geographic scope of the reporting requirement.

This ATF "emergency" mandate was originally pushed by the anti-gun Mayors Against Illegal Guns (MAIG) coalition, headed by New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, more than a year and a half ago. And the Post reports that the Department of Justice has "languished" over this plan for several months. Given this timetable, it's hard to see exactly where the "emergency" is.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation opposes this reporting requirement because it further burdens America's law-abiding firearms retailers with yet another onerous regulation that will do nothing to curb crime. Multiple sales reporting of long guns will actually make it more difficult for licensed retailers to help law enforcement as traffickers modify their illegal schemes to circumvent the reporting requirement, thereby driving traffickers further underground. This is not unlike how criminals maneuvered around one-gun-a-month laws in states like Virginia – which is still considered an "exporting source state" by anti-gun organizations like the MAIG despite its restrictions on the number of firearms law-abiding residents may purchase.

Multiple sales reporting for long guns is an ill-considered mandate and one that ATF does not have the legal authority to unilaterally impose. In fact, ATF has not specified under what legal authority it presumes to act. The decision as to whether ATF can move forward with this agenda-driven mandate will be

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left to Cass Sunstein who heads the White House Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA). This is the same Cass Sunstein who in a 2007

speech at Harvard University said, "We ought to ban hunting, if there isn't a purpose other than sport and fun. That should be against the law. It's time now."

NSSF will be submitting comments in opposition to this registration scheme and is encouraging all firearms retailers, sportsmen and enthusiasts to do the same.

Please voice your concern by doing the following:

1. Call the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulation Affairs, Department of Justice, Desk Officer at (202) 395-6466.

2. E-mail Barbara A. Terrell, ATF, Firearms Industry Programs Branch at Barbara.Terrell@atf.gov

3. Call your Senators and Representative: United States Capitol Switchboard: 202-224-3121

Points to make:

1. Multiple sales reporting of long guns will actually make it more difficult for licensed retailers to help law enforcement as traffickers modify their illegal schemes to circumvent the reporting requirement. Traffickers will go further underground, hir-

According to ATF, the average age of a firearm recovered in the United States is 11 years old. In Mexico it's more than 14 years old. This demonstrates that criminals are not using new guns bought from retailers in the states.

ing more people to buy their firearms. This will make it much harder for retailers to identify and report suspicious behavior to law enforcement.

2. Long guns are rarely used in crime (Bureau of Justice

Statistics).

3. Imposing multiple sales-reporting requirements for long guns would further add to the already extensive paperwork and record-keeping requirements burdening America's retailers – where a single mistake could cost them their license and even land them in jail.

Last year, ATF inspected 2,000 retailers in border states and only two licenses were revoked (0.1%). These revocations were for reasons unknown and could have had nothing to do with illicit trafficking of guns; furthermore, no dealers were charged with any criminal wrongdoing.

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Congress, when it enacted multiple sales reporting for handguns, could have required multiple sales of long guns – it specifically chose not to.

The Editor Invites

anyone with a message pertinent to Oregon Shooters and Hunters to submit text and photos to mikeg@gunzone.com.

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"My ardent desire is, and my aim has been ... to comply strictly with all our engagements foreign and domestic; but to keep the United States free from political connections with every other country. To see that they may be independent of all, and under the influence of none. In a word, I want an American character, that the powers of Europe may be convinced we act for ourselves and not for others; this, in my judgment, is the only way to be respected abroad and happy at home."

**George Washington
In a letter to Patrick
Henry, 1775**



Camp Perry Experiences

by Jerika Wallace

As you may know, I competed in the National High Power Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio this summer. I enjoyed myself immensely, met many new people, learned a lot, and shot very well in competition. Here is a summary of my experiences in and out of competition each day.

The evening of July 28th,

my Grandma drove me out to the Portland International Airport to meet up with my coach, Carl Hagglund, my shooting partner, Adam Swint, and another team member, Ralph Klein.

This would be the first time I had ever been on a plane so I was both excited and a little nervous. Our flight left at 11 PM, right on time. It was a 4 hour flight, but it felt much longer because I could not get to sleep. We arrived at the Detroit Airport at 6 in the morning. We got our rental car and as soon as I sat in the seat, I fell asleep and didn't wake up until we stopped for breakfast a few hours later.

When we arrived at Camp Perry

we couldn't get our rooms right away so we went shopping at Commercial Row. Within two hours, between the 4 of us, we had completely filled the trunk of the car.

Later in the afternoon we finally got our rooms and unloaded all of our gear from Chuck's trailer (Chuck Spiker was kind enough to drive the entire teams gear

and baggage to Ohio). Being the only girl on the Oregon Service Rifle Team, I had a room to myself, which meant the two giant team scopes got to have my extra bed.

The next day I got to sleep in until 8 o'clock and then went out to breakfast with Ralph, Carl and Adam. At one o'clock Adam and I both had to be at the Clubhouse for the classroom portion of the USMC Junior High Power Clinic.

The class consisted of mostly review stuff but I did learn some new things and brushed up on some things I had almost forgotten. Some of the topics were safety, the fundamentals of shooting, use of your data book, effects of weather, the positions, pit procedures, weapons maintenance, and mental management and health. The clinic ended at about 5 that evening, when it was over each student received a case of Hornady .223 ammunition.

July 31 was the first day of shooting,

the day consisted of live fire drills and the first 2 stages of the EIC match for the USMC clinic.

We had to be on the range a 6:45 in the morning. Just take a moment to imagine about 150 teenagers being told that they had to be on the range ready to shoot practically before the sun was even up. It was a productive, fun, and long day. We finally finished and were released from the range, absolutely exhausted, at 7 PM.

After such a long day everyone was relieved that the next day

was very short. Firing began at 7 in the morning, all we had to do was shoot the last stage of the EIC match and we would be finished. We got done at about 10:30 and were told to come back at 2:00 for pizza and the short awards ceremony. I arrived just before 2:00 but they were just starting and most of the pizza was gone. The Marines called each person up and handed us our certificates and we each got a t-shirt.

August 2nd held the first of the real matches.

The day began early and once on the range there was a lot to take in. Every morning the cannon would be set off and everyone would stand at attention for colors as the national anthem rang out across the base. The Presidents 100 was the first real match, this was the biggest and most overwhelming match I had ever been to. Both Viale (a 150 point range) and Rodriguez (a 100 point range) were filled with 6 relays on each. Firing began at 7:00 and it was a very good thing this was only a 30 shot match or else the match would have lasted forever. As it was, it finished at about 2:00 in the afternoon.

The National Trophy Individual Match, the National EIC Match, was the next day. This was also a huge, 6- relay, match and it was a full 50 shot match so it took all day.

The CMP Junior Team Match- the Freedom's Fire Trophy Match was on August 4th. Adam and I were the Oregon State Shooting Association Team, with Carl coaching us.

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We placed 13th out of 88 teams (13 must be becoming mine and Adam's shooting number, we came in 13th in both junior team matches last year). Our team score was 933-18x (out of 1000 points possible), and my personal score was 473-11x which I was quite happy with.

August 5th was the National Trophy Rifle Team Match;

the Oregon State Shooting Association Team consisted of me, Carl Haggland, Trent Hering, Adam Swint, Abe Kamerman, and Ralph Klein.

"Load and be ready!" this command is to shooters as Gentlemen, start your engines!" is to NASCAR fans, and I love it. It marks the beginning of Rattle Battle, the National Trophy Infantry Team Match.

This match is the most exciting shooting ever gets, from the perspective of a spectator. I did not fire in this match; the team was Carl Haggland, Trent Hering, Abe Kamerman, Ralph Klein, Adam Swint, and Eric Sundholm, with Chuck Spiker as the team captain and Sean Bell as the team coach. Instead of shooting I helped the team get ready to shoot, collected brass and took pictures, as much as I

love to shoot it was kind of nice to have the day off. The Oregon State Shooting Association came in 17th out of 42 teams.

On August 7th I was not signed up for any matches

so I happily slept in until 8:00 instead of getting up at 5:20 like I had for the past 7 days. Trent, Eric, Carl, Ralph, Adam, Abe and I all went out to breakfast that morning and afterwards most of us went to the Laundromat to wash our clothes. When we finished with laundry we went back to the base and went off to do our own stuff. I hung out with some people I met and walked through Commercial Row. The CMP Awards Ceremony was that evening, the trophy display on the stage was well put together. Everyone who had earned the last of their

leg points and had become Distinguished since last year was called onto the stage to receive their Distinguished Rifleman's badge. My thoughts while watching that were that "I can't wait until my name is called for my Distinguished Rifleman's badge."

The NRA Whistler Boy Junior Team Match was held on August 8th. I was excited and ready to shoot the moment I woke up; this was the match that both Adam and I had been waiting for all year. We had both been talking about it for months; we wanted to do really well. At the end of the day our team score was 942-26x (1000 points possible), my personal score was a 477-17x. We came in 12th place out of 26 teams, this was not as well as we had hoped to do but it was one place higher than last year.

August 9th was the Rumbold Team Match. Since the rest of the team had been supporting Adam and I in the Junior Matches (scoring, pulling targets and coaching), neither of us shot in this match, instead we pulled targets for them, all day and by the end of it we were both exhausted. The members of the Oregon State Shooting Association Team were Carl Haggland, Ralph Klein, Abraham Kamerman and Chuck Spiker.

The end score was 1889-49x (2000 possible) which gave them 2nd place in the High Master class. Tuesday, August 10th was the first of the NRA Individual Matches, over the next 3 days we shot 12 20 shot matches (adding up to 3 normal 80 shot matches). In the end I came away with 1 bronze medal, 2 silver medals and 6 gold medals (1st, 2nd, 3rd place, high lady and high junior awards in the Expert class). The final aggregate was of 2400 points possible (all 12 matches added together). With a 2312-62x, I placed 141st out of 430 competitors and 1st Expert overall.

During the NRA awards ceremony

the same people kept getting called to the stage to receive awards for the matches they won. Through the whole thing I kept thinking about how glorious it would be to get called up and stand on the stage. I found out quite by surprise that there was a new award being given, one that had never existed in previous years. Springfield Armory had donated 2 Springfield XD .45 caliber pistols, one for the High Civilian with a Service Rifle below a Master classi-

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Hi-Speed Video of bullet impacts. Fascinating!

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fication (the other was for High Civilian with a Match Rifle below a Master). Sitting in the Auditorium I was stunned, thrilled and more than a little surprised when I heard them announce my name and call me onto the stage;

I had won the pistol and the title of High Civilian Service Rifle below a Master, in the Nation.

Oh yeah, did I mention that I also moved up from expert to master rating. Many thanks to DRRC for your financial and moral support. I could not have done this without you.



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