



# The Straight Shooter

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## Club News Briefs

- The May Board of Directors meeting will be held on 06/01/10 @ 7 pm in the shotgun building due to the Memorial Weekend.
- Thank You Apple Valley Cement and Ron Fila for helping us out with the 100 yd range eco blocks. If you need cement or rock for your next project, consider Apple Valley Cement 667-7000
- The State Junior Shooting Match will be held on May 8th and 9th. Brian Malone could use some extra help. 745-8381
- The Wenatchee Valley Super Oval is in operation. Check the calendar for range closures.
- FFL Sales Tax will now be collected on all firearm internet sales. Until the details can be worked out, the gun club will suspend club members use of the FFL until further notice. Past sales to members might be libel for past purchases.

## N.C.W. Gun Club Board of Directors Approve New Roof To The Tune of 35K to 36K

*By Steve Freeman*

The N.C.W. Gun Club, reeling from hard economic times (cash flow) and slower membership renewals the past couple of years decided to take 45% of the clubs viable assets and/or to take out another loan on top of the \$14,000 plus still owed on the club tractor bought in 2008, by the “best available means” by a vote of 9-2.

### “It needed to be done”

Ron Skaggs said after his proposal to re-roof the Big Building was passed by the board of directors.

Mr. Skaggs of American Roofing Company, one of the more active board members had a busy night. He first floored a proposal to change the name of the big building to the Pioneer building in honor of the founding fathers of the club. It was passed unanimously. He then preceded with a proposal to re-roof the “Pioneer” building at an approximate cost of \$35,000 to \$36,000 with a proposed starting date of

June 1, 2010, which was amended with a 30 day extension. Three bids or more will be handed out to other roofing contractors. Once the best bid is determined by the board at a later meeting, the winner will start construction on or after July 1, 2010.

Used mostly as a storage facility for Hi Power targets, archery targets, and clay birds for the past 15 years, leaks have started to erode the floor, beams and interior.

Dave Quick was quick, to point out that protecting this capital asset was a priority and would cost the club more and more each year if we waited. He also reminded the board that previous boards have put it off for a number of years, and it was time to do it now.

Ron stated that no funding was available through grants or other means and that the club had enough assets available by his calculations.

One of the dissenting votes, Steve Freeman, looking to the future pointed out that assets would be needed in the next couple of years for business operations and possible acquisitions.

Last year’s board and this year’s board are well aware of the contract renewal coming due with the Wenatchee Valley Super Oval and Garret Evans in 2012. The contract and lease committee are in negotiations.

By taking such a large chunk of assets out and/or taking out another loan, it could leave the club in a precarious or marginal financial position when and if the time comes, (enough for only one project: lease or roof) if those assets cannot be replaced and therefore limiting the contract and lease committees position.

Being a savvy businessman, Ron was asked: “what is the return on investment going to be”, he stated:

“A Plan Is Coming Soon.”



The NRA Foundation's Friends of NRA program announced it has raised more than \$41 million during the 2009 banquet season, producing more than \$18 million in net proceeds for local and national grant purposes. Both of these accomplishments are records for Friends of NRA.

On Nov. 13, the Colorado State Friends of NRA banquet raised approximately \$105,000 in net income, which helped push the program over the \$18 million mark. Eight other banquets this year had a net income of more than \$100,000, with the leader being Pennsylvania's First Friends of NRA committee, which raised \$170,000.

"Our success is directly attributed to the hard work and support of our volunteers, attendees, and national and local supporters," said Managing Director of NRA Field Operations Kyle Weaver. "Their drive and hard work is producing these funds and ensuring the future of the shooting sports."

Friends of NRA is a grassroots fund-raising program that fosters community involvement, raises money, and gives 100 percent of the net proceeds to qualified local, state and national programs. Working with the NRA's field staff, thousands of volunteers nationwide participate in the program by organizing committees and planning events in their communities.

"I think it says a lot about not only our NRA members and folks that come out to the Friends of NRA events, but those of us who are hunters or competitive shooters, or those that are proud to be gun owners," said John DaSilva, National Manager of Events and Marketing. "We all have something to support, and this program does just that with the money that it raises."

All net proceeds from Friends of NRA events benefit The NRA Foundation, with half allocated to fund projects within the state where the money was raised. The NRA Foundation uses the other half to fund similar projects with a national scope. Organizations that receive funding promote the shooting sports dedicated to youth and women's programs, law enforcement, and range development, among others.

This year's success may be partly attributed to Friends of NRA making technological leaps. "In 2009, we made a concerted effort to focus on new marketing techniques, including e-mail blasts and online tickets sales," said Event Services Manager Jeremy Greene. "These new tools enabled us to reach a wider audience and push Friends of NRA over the \$18 million mark for the first time."

## The Hunt For Reason — By Lacey Biles, NRA-ILA Hunting Policy Liaison

Gone are the days when hunters could simply throw a few shells in their pockets and head to the woods. Before they walk out of their doors, today's hunters must navigate a web of rules and regulations that would entangle a team of shrewd lawyers. Simple has become complicated. Logical has become illogical. Too often, reason no longer prevails in the rules that govern hunting. As a result, on any given day, even the most conscientious of hunters could unintentionally violate any host of bizarre regulations.



Maybe they have only four permits and two stamps instead of five permits and three stamps. Maybe they exceeded the 25-shot shell limit by having two additional shells in another pocket—remnants of a previous hunt. Maybe they threw their uncased bow in the back of their truck while caught up in the excitement of taking the buck of a lifetime. Maybe the mandatory "Be Safe" stickers, which must be attached to the receiver of a Missouri hunter's turkey gun and in their line of sight while aiming, came unstuck. (If the "Be Safe" sticker held any bit of logic, then maybe we should have a large "Be Safe" sticker on every steering wheel because driving is vastly more dangerous than hunting.)

Such overbearing regulations are discouraging many hunters from participating at a time when promoting America's great heritage is paramount. That leads me to ask two questions: Has common sense been eradicated? Or, have the anti-hunting activists influenced legislators and regulators to enact complex laws and regulations that are nothing more than a back-door attempt to end hunting?

## May 2010—CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 0900-1300 FAW State Smallbore Match
9 State Smallbore Match	10 0800 WVSO Track	11	12  1900 Archery	13 1300 DOC Pistol Bay 1800 Shotgun 1800 Smallbore	14 0700 LET Range 0800 WVSO 1800 WVSO	15 0900-1300 FAW 0900 Cowboy/SASS 1200 WVSO Race
16 High Power District Shoot	17 0800 WVSO Track	18 0700 LET/LE Range	19 0700 LET/LE Range  1900 Archery	20 0700 LET/LE Range 1800 Shotgun 1800 Smallbore	21 0800 WVSO	22 0900-1300 FAW 1200 WVSO Race
23	24 0800 WVSO Track	25	26  1900 Archery	27 1300 LET/ DOC Pistol Bay 1800 Shotgun 1800 Smallbore	28 0800 WVSO	29 1200 WVSO Race
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## June 2010—CALENDAR OF EVENTS

		1 0800 WVSO Track 1900 NCWGC BOD MTG.	2 1600 WVSO Practice 1900 Archery	3 0700 LET / LE Range 1800 Shotgun 1800 Smallbore	4 0800 WVSO	5 1200 WVSO Race
6 1300 High Power Practice 600 YDS	7 0800 WVSO Track	8 0700 LET-DOC / PB 0800 ICE	9 0700 LET-DOC / PB  1900 Archery	10 0700 LET-DOC / PB 1800 Shotgun 1800 Smallbore	11 0700 LET-DOC / PB  0800 WVSO	12 0900-1300 FAW 1200 WVSO Race
13	14 0800 WVSO Track	15 1300 LET CCRJ Pistol Bays	16  1900 Archery	17 1300 LET CCRJ Pistol Bays 1800 Shotgun 1800 Smallbore	18 0800 WVSO 1600 WVSO Practice	19 0900 Cowboy / SASS 0900-1300 FAW 1200 WVSO Race
20	21 0800 WVSO Track 1600 LET EWPD LE range	22	23  1900 Archery	24 1300 LET Training 1800 Shotgun 1800 Smallbore	25 0800 WVSO	26 1200 WVSO Race
27 0900-1300 FAW Hi Power Match Prone F-Class	28 0800 WVSO Track 1700 NCWGC BOD MTG.	29	30  1900 Archery	1 1800 Shotgun 1900 Smallbore	2 0800 WVSO 1600 WVSO Practice	3 1200 WVSO Race

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Fellow Members;

Many of you are not NRA members, and when the subject comes up you have a variety of reasons why not. I've heard a lot of them, ranging from "I don't have the money" to, "I don't agree with something they did", and "I'm just not a joiner."

Well, let's see. Membership is what, \$25 a year now? You spent that on fast food or lattes last month. Disagree with something they did? Name any organization you agree with 100%. Not a joiner? Well, you joined our gun club, didn't you?

The National Rifle Association is the biggest booster of our Second Amendment. In the past, they have supported legal research that let to the US Supreme Court's declaration that the Second Amendment applies to individuals, not states or

state militias. The NRA has helped hundreds or thousands of pro-gun politicians win office, helped to pass "shall-issue" concealed carry laws, and has repeatedly fought groups such as Handgun Control Inc, the Violence Policy Center, and countless others.

Closer to home, your Gun Club just received a grant for over \$3,000 for our Youth. Small-bore program. Did you know one of our young shooters went to the Olympics recently? It was Justin Malone, and as N.C.W. Gun Club members you helped, and as NRA members some of you helped more.

So tell me again why you are not a member of the most politically active pro-gun outfit in the country? Call 1-800-672-3888 today to join. It's our future you're protecting.

Mike Sprague—President, NCWGC