



President's Report

Nils Bittner, President

Now that the holidays are over it is time for everyone to come out to the range and try out their new rifles, shotguns, pistols, and bows and arrows. Even if you are without a new addition to your gun safe, dust off your old faithful guns and bring them out.

Our Christmas party was a huge success with 180 people in attendance. As usual the food was great with many thanks to Ron Lucas, who has been the chef for the past few years, and his crew for all the hard work that they did in preparing the food for the Christmas party. A special thanks to my wife Lisa, who put in many hours this year helping me. I could not have accomplished everything I did without her help. Also many thanks to the vendors who donated gifts to the Christmas Party for without them, there would not be all the great gifts to give away. The winner of our raffle and the Henry .22 Golden boy was Charlie McAlister. The Raffle raised more than \$500.00 for the Junior program.

The Indoor Range ventilation and, sound insulation, and lighting projects have been completed on time and we are in the final stages of putting together the paper work and inspections to send to the ODFW for final payment. This was a very large project with special credit to Larry Warren for putting together the process for the ODFW Grant for

without him none of this would have taken place. I especially need to thank the major players: Ron Carey, John Weil, Michael Jones, and his Tuesday work crews, along with many other people who volunteered their time. Without these people this project would have never been finished on time.

I encourage everyone who has not attended a monthly general meeting to try to attend within the coming months, who knows, you might even win one of the door prizes that we will be having at some of our meetings. Enjoy the New Year. SAFE SHOOTING!

Classes Coming Up

On Saturday, January 7 there will be an NRA FIRST Steps Pistol class followed by a Concealed Carry class at the Clubhouse and Indoor Range. The Pistol class will run from 8am to noon. The CHL class will run from 1pm-4pm. The cost of the Pistol class is \$50 and participants do not have to stay for the CHL class. Those wanting the CHL class MUST take the FSP class. The CHL class costs \$10. Pre-registration and payment is required. Contact Michael Jones 503-654-7452 or jonesc@teleport.com.

Avian Flu

from the ODFW website

What Hunters should know about Avian Flu

What is "Bird Flu" and what is "HPAI H5N1"?

- "Bird Flu" is a nonscientific term that was coined to describe the HPAI H5N1 viruses that have been present in Asia since 1997. This term has caused a great deal of confusion because it is often used as a synonym for avian influenza.
- HPAI H5N1 is a highly pathogenic H5N1 virus that has persisted in Asia at least since 1997. It is established in domestic poultry populations in Asia (primarily chickens and domestic ducks).

Is HPAI H5N1 present in wild

birds?

- Wild bird mortality in Hong Kong in 2002-2003 was attributed to infection with the HPAI H5N1 virus. Wild bird mortality associated with HPAI H5N1 has continued through 2005, and the current distribution suggests movement of this virus is occurring via migratory birds.

Is HPAI H5N1 present in birds along the Pacific flyway?

- There is no evidence of the HPAI H5N1 virus in North America.

How could H5N1 arrive in North America?

- Migratory birds, particularly waterfowl and shorebirds, cross the Bering Sea between Alaska and Asia during their seasonal cycles of breeding, molting and wintering. While in Asia, migratory birds could come into contact with infected domestic or wild birds. However, if H5N1 arrives in North America, the virus is more likely to be transported by people who are infected, or through virus-contaminated articles or illegally imported birds or bird products.

Is this virus easy to contract from wild birds?

- There are no known cases of human infection from wild birds. These viruses do not move easily to humans. Most H5N1 infections in humans have resulted from close contact with infected poultry or contaminated surfaces.

Are other animals susceptible to this virus?

- Information on infection and impacts to other animal groups is not complete. Recent literature suggests H5N1 can infect pigs and cats, both wild and domestic.

Should I take any extra precautions when handling wild birds?

- There are no known cases where H5N1 has been transmitted from wild birds to humans. However, even apparently healthy wild birds can be infected with other microorganisms and parasites that

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can move between wildlife and people. Therefore, it is always a wise and safe practice to wear some basic protection, and keep tools and work surfaces clean when preparing game animals. Clean and sanitary handling of animals and meat prevents common infections that can become serious.

Viruses like H5N1 are shed from birds in fluid discharges and fecal material, so it is good practice to avoid contact with these materials while plucking and cleaning birds. Most viruses do not persist very long after they have left their host and can be neutralized with heat, drying and disinfectants.

Hunters are advised to practice the following guidelines for handling wild birds:

- Do not handle or butcher birds that are obviously sick or are found dead.
- Do not eat, drink or smoke while cleaning animals.
- Wear rubber gloves and washable clothing when cleaning game.
- Wash your hands with soap and water or alcohol wipes immediately after handling game.
- Wash tools and working surfaces with soap and water, then disinfect with a 10 percent solution of chlorine bleach.
- Cook game meat thoroughly. Poultry should reach an internal temperature of 155-165°F.

NO! Never Again

What happened in New Orleans must not ever happen again!

It must be made clear that local, state, and federal officials do not have the right or authority to prohibit firearms possession or to confiscate legally owned firearms.

Immediately after receiving reports of gun confiscations in New Orleans, the Firearms Coalition began working on an initiative to amend the emergency powers laws of all 50 states and at the federal level.

These amendments would clearly and explicitly state that citizens may not be disarmed and guns may not be confiscated during times of crisis. We are also working to ensure that the language adopted includes reassertion of the inalienable right of self-defense and the unbreakable connection between the right to self defense and the right to arms which provide the means to effectively exercise that self-defense right.

This weekend at the Gun Rights Policy Conference in Los Angeles, Wayne LaPierre announced a similar initiative being launched by NRA.

We at the Firearms Coalition strongly support NRA's involvement in this effort and are happy to allow the nation's largest and wealthiest gun-rights organization to take the lead in this important work.

We encourage GrassRoots groups to get closely involved in the process to make sure that language supporting self-defense and firearms ownership as basic rights is included and that no quid pro quo to the detriment of gun owners is attached.

We believe that the events in New Orleans have reminded the general public of the importance and value of personal firearms ownership and that it is critical that the gun-rights movement move quickly to maintain this public awareness and use it to our advantage.

Elitist politicians, celebrities, and the mainstream media have been very effective in creating a perception that the Second Amendment doesn't mean what it says and that the right to arms is outmoded. New Orleans shook that perception and we must use the opportunity to enact language which clearly spells out the limitations of government regarding civilian arms and the reasons why those limits are important, thus underpinning the Second Amendment and the constitutional protections of the states.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 NEW YEARS DAY	2	3 8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance	4	5 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600 yd only 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd only 7-9pm General Meeting (CH)	6	7 9am-4pm USPSA/IPSC - (Silh) 8am-4pm Pistol/CHL Class (CH/Ind)
8 9:30am-2pm Sporting Clays 9am-3pm BB & SB Pistol Silhouette (Silh)	9 7-9pm Board Meeting (CH)	10 8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance 6pm-9pm Hunter Ed (CH/Ind)	11	12 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd only 1pm-sunset 300-600 yd only 6pm-9pm Hunter Ed (CH/Ind)	13	14
15 9:30-2:30pm Trap 9am-4pm Action Pistol (Silh)	16 5:00pm-8pm Jr. Smallbore (Ind)	17 8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance 6pm-9pm Hunter Ed (CH/Ind)	18	19 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 300-600 yd only 1pm-sunset 800-1000 yd only 6pm-9pm Hunter Ed (CH/Ind)	20	21 9am-2pm Blackpowder (Silh)
22 9:30am-2pm Sporting Clays	23 5:00pm-8pm Jr. Smallbore (Ind)	24 8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance 6pm-9pm Hunter Ed (CH/Ind)	25	26 Long Range Day 9am-1pm 800-1000 yd only 1pm-sunset 300-600 yd only 6pm-9pm Hunter Ed (CH/Ind)	27	28 8am-1:30pm Hunter Ed (CH/Ind) 4pm-sunset 3-Gun set up (Silh)
29 9:30-2:30pm Trap 9am-sunset 3-Gun (Silh)	30 5:00pm-8pm Jr. Smallbore (Ind)	31 8am-noon Range Closed Maintenance				

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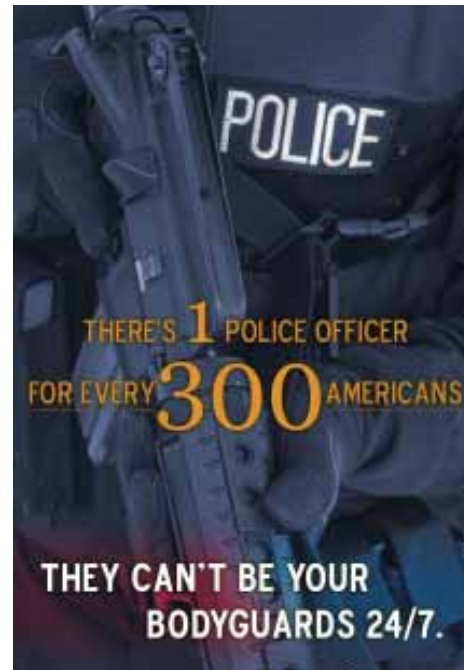
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