

WYOMING STATE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

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President's Column

I know that what I am about to say will come as no real surprise to most WSSA members: The Constitution is now officially in exile.

Justice Andrew Napolitano expertly documents the process that led to this lamentable state of affairs in his new book The Constitution in Exile. The Constitution was brought down by elements of all three branches of government. With the exception of rare individuals, the Constitution has been held in contempt and increasingly ignored by the Executive, the Legislative, and the Judicial branches alike.

This book will make you very angry. Justice Napolitano is arguably the nation's top expert on constitutional law. He knows whereof he speaks. His most damning quote is "The Constitution has been sent into exile and we now live under a thuggish form of government which recognizes no limits upon its power".

After reading this book you will know that, yes, you are right, most all Federal gun laws are unconstitutional. Also; yes you are right, most Federal agencies, especially the alphabet soup variety, and the BATFE in particular, are unconstitutional. Finally; yes you are right, most everything the Federal government does is unconstitutional. Since the Constitution is now in exile, none of the above is going to change, unless and until the Constitution has been restored to its former esteemed position as the "supreme law of the land".

Actually Justice Napolitano was not the first person to come to the conclusion he did. That great American economics professor Walter Williams stated over a decade ago "We have an illegal congress and an illegal supreme court. There is no longer any legal, ethical, or moral reason to obey most Federal laws, rules or regulations. The only reasons to do so are fear of imprisonment and fear of death".

For us in the 21st century to wave our copy of the Constitution and to be expect to be accorded our rights, protections and guarantees, will prove to be as futile as it was for those American Indians who waved their copies of their treaties in the 1800's and expected their rights, protections and guarantees to be respected.

Frustrated and angry, realizing that no legal avenues remained open to them, many of the tribes took up arms to force compliance with their trashed treaties. As we all know, they failed

to achieve their objectives. The Indians, however, labored under several important disadvantages. Their culture, language, appearance and thought processes were all very much different than those they went to war with. Should we ever be forced to go to war, we will not be so handicapped.

The Constitution will never be exiled from the hearts and minds of real Americans. Many of us took an oath "To protect and defend the Constitution of the United States from all enemies foreign and domestic". Whether that oath was taken today or decades ago in no way lessens the solemnity. Let the exilers take heed: Rights cannot be taken away, they can only be given up. History books contain many bloody pages detailing what happens when people of resolve refuse to give up their rights to those who try to take them away.

Mark Spungin, President

WYOMING HUNTING & FISHING HERITAGE EXPO SEPT 8-9-10 At CASPER EVENTS CENTER

The WSSA air gun shooting range will again be part of the EXPO. Your help is needed to staff the range. Please reply ASAP to Dick Smith or Roger Sebesta. Their addresses are listed in the Officers Box.

WSSA fall meeting

Sept 8th, by the pool in the Holiday Inn
ASAP after closing the EXPO [5:30PM ish]
Casper, WY All members welcome.

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Hunting and Conservation

I kinda thought I'd get some negative feedback from my last newsletter column. I didn't. I actually thought I'd be hearing loudly from those on whose toes I stepped, Lord knows I tried hard enough! Usually I'm quite good at upsetting people with my comments, I must be losing my touch. It's either that, or your silence is golden, I doubt it, personally I think its apathy or worse.

Sorry I missed putting something in the last newsletter, but I was more concerned with business, personal priorities and other issues. Anyway, I thought ya needed a rest from my tirades and me.

Wonder of wonders, it happened! I finally drew a moose license. Now if the wolves don't eat em all gone before I get there...& the Forest (Circus) Service doesn't close off all the public's access roads...Possibly, just possibly, I might get a crack at one.

I was given the honor of delivering the M1 Garand rifle to its winner. It was my great honor and privilege to present it to Mrs. Sal Estrada of Douglas, WY. Mrs. Estrada's husband, Sal, is a WSSA life member. He and I have known each other quite a few years and we served together as officers of the Ft Fetterman Sportsman's Association back in the good ole days.

A few days ago I read a very interesting column written by Dave Henderson in Ithaca New York's Ithaca Journal June 26, 2006 issue. See www.ithacajournal.com

Mr. Henderson wrote that animal rightist were handily winning the battle against hunting, if indeed there was a battle. Mr. Henderson's point being animal rights/activist/anti hunters were fighting us very hard and hunters weren't even doing a poor job of holding the line, let alone fighting them. How true! How absolutely and horribly true! What's wrong with America's hunters? Why is it they cry, bitch and complain to each other and then do little or nothing except to continue to cry, bitch and complain. Just like kids about homework or truckers at a truck stop, pathetic I'd say!

He goes on saying anti's are well-funded dedicated professionals and that "Anti's" aren't the sportsmen's worst enemy, "Sportsmen are". This gentlemen is exactly what I've been saying for years! Mr. Henderson also inferred sportsmen were a bit short with their dollars and with their volunteer time. Sadly, I must emphatically and completely agree. We're going to hades in a hand basket, a hand basket of our own making.

By the way, Are you still using products from Sara Lee, AOL, AT&T, PepsiCola. Leatherman tools, Levi Strauss and other companies that contribute to the Anti-gun, anti- hunting movement? Just thought I'd ask, eh?

Pete

A successful diet is the triumph of the mind over platter.

A shotgun wedding is a case of wife or death.

I used to have a handle on life..it broke off!

Everyone has a photogrpahic memory-some lack film.

If money is the root of all evil, whyn do churches beg for it?

The shortest sentence is "I am", the longest is "I do".

FNRA EVENTS

Did you realize WY Friends of NRA in 2005 granted nearly \$150,000 for instate programs? The lions share went to programs that encourage or introduce youth and women to the shooting sports or for range improvements. Here are some functions that need your support. Treat yourself to an enjoyable meal and fun filled evening that supports the NRA Foundation. By regulation the moneys raised can not be used for political support. Check out charitynavigator.org to read that FNRA has received a 68.96 point rating out of a possible 70 due to the fact they are running a cost efficient operation.

Aug 5 Dubois @ The Headwaters contact Gary Epp 455-2426

Aug 17 Laramie @ Country Club contact Cheryl Chesebro 760-7987

Aug 19 Rock Springs @ Santa Fe Trail restaurant, contact Mike Davidson 382-8323

Aug 26 Fort Bridger @ Fort Bridger contact Troy Lyman 786-4300

Oct 5 Jackson @ Virginian Lodge contact Keith Gingery 734-5624

Oct 28 Sundance @ Aro Café, contact Ken Byrne 290-0911

PLEASE CHECK THE MAILING LABEL FOR YOU RENEWAL DATE. THANK YOU

EVENTS all phone numbers are 307 prefix

Cody Complex Smallbore silhouette Aug 6th. Contact Hal Ramich 587-4544 or Gerald Stroh 587-4407

Cheyenne Rifle & Pistol Club NRA NMC 80 shot on Sept 23 and Oct 14, Garand Match on Aug 26-
contact Paul Ward 432-0522. pard@worldnet.att.net

Heart Mountain Rod & Gun Club NRA Approved BPCR Silhouette matches 1st Sunday of each month
starting January 1, 2006 Annual Long Range Gong Match - Sunday, August 20
Contact: Bob Smith 307-754-9492 bobnsuesmith@bresnan.net

Lander Valley Sportsmen Cowboy Action dates are 2nd Sunday each month-contact John Oliver 332-
9203; Black Powder cartridge silhouette on 4th Sat thru Sept, followed by a Sunday long range smallbore
silhouette match-contact Terry Stewart 332-5035;

Thermopolis Gun Club shotgun events weekends and week nights Questions phone Claude 864-9478

2006 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

HIGH POWER RIFLE SILHOUETTE Aug 19 & 20 @ Lander, contact Roger Sebesta 307-335-9323 or
wssa@wyoming.com

SERVICE RIFLE Aug 19 & 20 @ Laramie, contact Mark Spungin 307-836-2188
marks@champmail.com

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Carolyn L Herbertson El Dorado Hills ,CA on May 20th NRA-ILA for WY
John P Popelka Casper, WY on May 20th
William L Schmidt Keeline, WY on May 27th

Welcome and thank you for the support

DEATH CLAIMS MEMBERS

WSSA sends condolences to the families of long time members:

Harold Davis, life # 130 from Wapiti, WY
Arthur J LaCroix, life # 238 from Cheyenne, WY

HELP in finding lost life member #180 Tom Couch, last address 411 S Linden St. Sheridan WY 82801
also Earl H Day, life member #2781 last address Green River, WY

25-06 REM 700 ADL SYNTHETIC

The Lander Valley Sportsmen are selling tickets on the above rifle at \$1 each or a book of 6 tickets for \$5. The
drawing will be at the Sept 15th, 2006 sight in day and you do not need to be present to win. Contact LVSA
POBox 1113, Lander 82520. Or wssa@wyoming.com, wrfc@wyoming.com, patmccoagency@hotmail.com

NRA MEMBERSHIPS

When you renew your NRA membership via the internet you will be also supporting WSSA. By using
<http://membership.nrahq.org/default.asp?CampaignID=XPO17730> , a portion of your dues will return to WSSA.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Oct 27, 2006

WYOMING SMALLBORE SILHOUETTE RIFLE
CHAMPIONSHIPS

July 1 & 2, 2006 Lander WY

Hosted by Lander Valley Sportsmen's Association

14 competitors Roger Sebesta reporter

Smallbore silhouette shooters from 4 states did their best to set records and have an enjoyable time doing so. The 3x40 program was all standard rifles on Saturday and then all hunting rifles on Sunday. Saturday a quick moving squall disrupted 1 relay with gusts and splats of rain on scope lens and glasses.

Tyler Kamp, Daniel, WY posted a 98 to earn the match win and his second consecutive WY championship title. He uses a 1712 Anschutz with a Lilja barrel, 24X Leupold and Wolf ammo.

Standard rifle aggregate winners are as follows:

1st Master Bob Snyder Littleton CO 92
2nd Master Charles McAbery Ogden UT 89
1st AAA Ronald Kamp Daniel WY 81
2nd AAA Adam Hawks Bozeman MT 78 s/o
3rd AAA Roger Sebesta Lander WY 78
1st AA Anthony Fuller Wheatland WY 64

Sunday the weather again reached into the upper 80's. The shooters had mirage and twitching breezes to dope. **Bob Snyder**, Littleton, Co put his name onto the champion's trophy for the 3rd time shooting a 100 with an Anschutz 1712, Leupold 24X and Wolf and SK ammo.

Winning class awards with hunting rifles are:

1st Master Tyler Kamp Daniel WY 94
2nd Master Charles McAbery Ogden UT 93
1st AAA David Larned Smithfield UT 76
2nd AAA Adam Hawks Bozeman MT 74
1st AA Anthony Fuller Wheatland WY 74
1st B Phillip Miller Rawlins WY 30

The competitors enjoyed a fried chicken picnic Saturday and door prize drawings both days.

HIGH POWER RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIPS

June 10-11 hosted by Cheyenne Rifle and Pistol Club Paul Ward match director

Sam Chopping, Casper holds onto the Champion title for another year after posting a 763-15 to best the field of 17. The warm and windy weather lead up to an afternoon shower.

The high senior, Phillip Morgan, Laramie, scored 741-8. Bev Spungin, Guernsey fired 744-12 for high woman and top junior at 741-16 was Kellen Alstatt.

Sunday the 11th a EIC match was conducted and Chad Leasure of Hill AFB, UT should be awarded a 6 point leg along with the gold medal. Alstatt captured the silver and the bronze went to Tom Crist

May 20th **ANNUAL MEETING** highlights

Guest speaker Peter White, Atlanta, GA challenged gun owners to drag guns out of closets and become shooters. He reported on the 'Appleseed Project' that gives people the chance to take the 1st step back toward being a shooter. Carolyn Herbertson, ILA rep for WY gave a run down on the past legislative session and reminded that legislative proposals should start with WSSA and go to ILA. The WSSA Foundation was given money to get established as a tax exempt listing. The "X" serial number Garand is on consignment @ \$4950. **M1 Winner** is Alice Estrada, Douglas. The 2007 M1 tickets will be printed soon and sales start at the EXPO. Fall meeting to be after the EXPO Fri Sept 8th at poolside tables in the Casper Holiday Inn. WSSA helped a pistol team and 2 air rifle teams go to Nationals in Bowling Green, KY.

AFFILIATED WSSA CLUBS

American Custom Gunmakers Guild, 22 Vista Ln, Cody 82414
Cheyenne Rifle & Pistol Club, POBox 571, Cheyenne 82003
Cody Shooters Complex, POBox 1504, Cody 82414
Converse CO Shooting Sports, 133W. Center St., Douglas 82637
Heart Mountain Rod & Gun Club, POBox 1291, Powell 82435
Gillette Gun Club, POBox 1061, Gillette 82717
Jackson Hole Gun Club, POBox 1786, Jackson 83001
Lander Jr Rifle Club, 431 Main St., Lander 82520
Lander Rifle Club, 431 Main St., Lander 82520
Lander Valley Sportsmen's Assoc., POBox 1113, Lander 82520
Laramie Rifle Range, Inc., POBox 2135, Laramie 82073
Pine Bluffs Sportsman Club, POBox 471, Pine Bluffs 82082
Platte River Rod & Gun Club, POBox 1587, Mills 82644
Rawlins Family Rec Center, POBox 953, Rawlins 82301
Thermopolis Gun Club, POBox 731, Thermopolis 82443
Weston Co. Sportsmen's Club, POBox 861, Newcastle 82701
Worland Shooters Complex, POBox 713, Worland 82401
WYO NFA Shooters Club, POBox 101, Mills 82644

We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress-Will Rogers

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The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

CODY COMPLEX SMALLBORE RIFLE SILHOUETTE

May 7th 15 shooters, temps in the 60's, with a tricky wind picking up as matches progressed. 40 shot matches
Standard rifle match winner Loren Peter, Vancouver, WA 30/40
1st AAA Gerald Stroh, Cody 20
1st AA Tim Sapp, Powell 17
1st A Helen Stroh, Cody 12
1st B John Brouillett, Cody 17
Hunting rifle match winner Loren Peter 27
1st AAA Hal Ramich, Cody 20
1st AA Herb Stoick. Laurel, MT 9
1st A Helen Stroh 7
1st B Phillip Lamoureux, Cooke City, MT 11
June 4th 10 shooters good weather, temps in the 60's
Standard match winner Gerald Stroh 24
1st AAA Hal Ramich 17
1st AA Tim Sapp 14
1st A Herb Stoick 19
Hunting rifle match winner Tim Sapp 17
1st AAA Hal Ramich 13
1st AA Herb Stoick 15
1st A Helen Stroh 10
July 2nd 10 shooters, temps into the 70's, good weather
Standard rifle Gerald Stroh 25
1st AAA Hal Ramich 19
1st AA Tim Sapp 16
1st A Herb Stoick 16
1st Unc Bob Perkins 8
Hunting rifle match winner Tim Sapp 21
1st AAA Hal Ramich 20
1st AA Herb Stoick 13
1st Unc Bob Perkins 8 Reports by Hal Ramich