

WYOMING STATE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENTS COLUMN

History tends to repeat itself and so here in 2013 we again face some of the things we successfully faced in 2005.

As most of you know, the evil Secretary of State John Kerry signed off on the latest iteration of the UN Global Gun Ban Treaty. So, with a few relevant changes, I resubmit the President's column of Jan-Mar 2005.

Personally, I believe the likelihood of the US Senate ratifying any such treaty is virtually unthinkable. The great wisdom and foresight of our Founding Fathers gave us our Federal system with its numerous checks and balances. Sparsely populated red states such as Wyoming have the same two senators as the populous blue state of California. Getting the necessary number of senatorial votes to ratify such an extreme treaty could not possibly happen until after the election of 2014. It would take a really unpleasant set of circumstances for such an electoral disaster to take place. But, for the sake of argument, let us assume that in 2015 a UN Global Gun Ban Treaty is ratified and becomes the "law of the land". Now what?

The treaty would be widely perceived as having been imposed from without via treachery on the part of senators who voted for it. It would be considered UN law rather than US. Support for the UN in America can be found mainly in the blue counties of the blue states. (It is thus fitting, though probably coincidental, that troops operating under UN auspices wear blue helmets.) Most Americans who think about the UN at all hold it in contempt.

The UN has been the absolute zenith of corruption and inefficiency. All of its operations are so poorly planned and executed that they serve as textbook examples of how not only to fail but to make matters worse. The UN is bankrupt morally, ethically, and financially. It exists only because the US has been stupid enough to fund it all these years. Just as all of the UN's previous endeavors have failed, so would enforcement of the Global Gun Ban Treaty in the US, only this time on a truly monumental scale.

So the treaty becomes "law", now just who is supposed to enforce it? At the state and local levels, especially in the red areas, enthusiasm would range from lukewarm to down right opposed. In a country of our vast size and population, for any nationally imposed program to work there must be a certain level of local support. The less the "bottom up" implementation, the greater the likelihood of failure.

In most Wyoming we would pretty much be left alone by local authorities. I cannot imagine vigorous local enforcement elsewhere in the rural mountain west or in the former states of the confederacy. I also cannot imagine a scenario wherein the treaty is totally ignored on the local level either. Attempts at enforcement would be made here in Wyoming as well as elsewhere. Now it gets really interesting.

NOT MANY LEFT

The 2014 rifle drawing will be a National Match M1. Tickets will be included in the Jan newsletter mailing. However if you wish some for stocking stuffers, they are available at \$1 each or a booklet of 6 for \$5.

Send funds and if possible some stick on address labels to the Sec/Trea and I'll get you entered.

Anyone attending a gun show that wishes to help sell tickets that wishes some—likewise give me a note. Thank you Roger

Enforcement efforts would most likely be planned, co-ordinated, and carried out by embedded federal elements assisted by local lackeys. If past performance is any indicator, these operations will be poorly planned and incompetently executed. With certain exceptions, the best and the brightest will not be found on the Treaty Enforcement teams. Their tactics will be crude, based mainly on brute force and intimidation. Leadership will be pathetic and motivation based upon primal bullying instincts. These buffoons will sally forth attired in their ridiculous colored as black as the hearts of their evil ring-leaders. Many of them will be wearing ski-masks. These are intended to anonymize and intimidate, but serve only to de-humanize the wearers and make targeting them easier. While dangerous, the Treaty Enforcement Teams will find themselves to be as popular as CIA operatives in Bengazi and will generally fare about as well.

In addition to the teams' self-contained shortcomings, another important factor will work against them. They will find themselves almost totally on their own, especially in the more rural areas. The vast bulk of the population, probably in excess of 90% is made up of sheep-like individuals whose main focus of existence is to tend to their own simple personal needs. So long as their lives are not especially disrupted and they do not feel personally threatened they will have no desire to get involved. For the most part they do not even have any real interest in the struggle at all. Tyrants have always made the mistake of confusing acquiescence with support. When the situation becomes very much to their disadvantage, the Treaty Enforcement Teams' will call out for help that just will not materialize. Their final urgent pleas will be drowned out as the volume knobs are turned up so as to better hear the play by play doings of favorite sports teams.

When the final smoke clears, at the rural levels at least, left standing will be that small remnant, those who have always made successful societies work and who will continue to do so.

If all the above happens often enough, in enough places, then it will be impractical to apply "Power Down" from the seat of government. Also, by 2015, the earliest such an evil treaty could possibly be ratified, the central authorities will have much more important things to do with the relatively small number of really competent security forces they have available. Decades of irresponsible fiscal policies and unwise foreign intervention will have brought about really severe internal social disruptions. These will be centered mainly in the larger population areas as militant millions aggressively demand their full "entitlements". These "entitlements" will have been drastically diminished or eliminated having become financially unsustainable. In such places of small populations and abundant resources like Wyoming, these disruptions will be minimal. The coal would still be mined and the tax revenue sent out and whether the treaty was enforced or not would just not seem to be too important.

As we are very much aware, the outlawing of a product, where sufficient demand exists, does not cause that product to go away. In many cases demand increases. Entrepreneurial individuals, acting very much in the spirit of free enterprise such as made this country formerly great, would continue to supply us with whatever it is we need to maintain our shooting sports. In some ways we would actually be better off than we are now. Machiavelli said in *The Prince* "while it is good to be loved, it is better to be feared". Those who raised their hands against us will no longer infest our local neighborhoods and, hopefully, others who may have been inclined to do so will have been disinclined.

Since I do not have a crystal ball, perhaps my vision of the future may be overly optimistic. A much more pessimistic future is guaranteed if we let our bodies, and our skills, and especially our minds grow flaccid and lazy.

Mark Spungin



HUNTING and CONSERVATION

Greetings, As you are probably aware the Game and Fish Department is having ongoing funding problems. There has been talk of a bill to increase costs to hunters by raising fees by 10%, programs being cut back or suspended. Some oil and gas people have raised concern that an undefended Game and Fish Department could slow down the permit time frame.

As reported in the Casper Star Tribune in a media conference on Oct 23rd, Governor Matt Mead said that there may be enough money that can be given to the Game & Fish to stop an increase in hunting and fishing license fees. The Governor also said he would like to use state money to prevent the Game & Fish from having to start and stop wildlife habitat and other programs— with the rising cost of almost everything, let's hope this works out.

For those of you who want to keep up to date on almost and Game & Fish subject, you can go to the Game & Fish website and click on the Stay Connected box. You will find many main information titles with subtitles on each one. You can have automatic emails sent to you on any subjects you are interesting in.

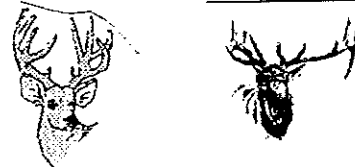
Our recent rains and heavy snows have left us with power outages and lots of tree damage. It has also, according to recent reports given us much needed moisture. Let's hope we get some runoff down the road to fill some ponds and reservoirs. It would certainly provide some relief for all of our wildlife.

I haven't had the chance to talk to many hunters yet. Those that I have talked to seem to be having good results.

In moving around some of my hunting gear the other day, I started thinking about what hunting was like in the 1960's in the Black Hills of South Dakota. It certainly was a much more simple process. Clothing was long johns, jeans, flannel shirt, wool coat, scotch cap, five buckle cowboy boot overshoes and a hunting vest. The equipment was sitting in the driveway all year long. It was a 1950 Chevy pickup with an open sight 32 Special rifle hanging in the back window. There was a box of shells and an old western knife in the glove compartment. In the bed of the old 2 wheel drive truck was a set of rusty chains with some baling wire to tie them up with and a scoop shovel for when you got stuck. Get a hunting license, pick up a couple of buddies (who could shovel snow) and go find one of those crafty whitetails. We almost always had some venison by the end of the season.

I know this is off the subject but if they are going to get this Affordable Care Act off the ground, with the website not working, the phone lines plugged up and the post office going broke, they only have one option left, they may have to reinstate the Pony Express to get their information collected.

May your hunting be successful and most of all BE SAFE. Dennis French



Camp Perry 2014

Makayla Douthit, Walden, Co placed second in the Small Arms Firing School match. She posted a 388-10X to earn her 1st 4 points toward the Distinguished Badge. That score was only 2 points behind the winner. She is a WSSA junior high power shooter. Congratulations. As a 15 year old will have several additional years to compete as a JR. Thanks to Sierra -The Bulletsmitths and WSSA for giving her support.

NATIONAL RECORD SET AT LANDER SILHOUETTE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Cathy Winstead-Severin, Joplin, MO set the woman's long run on high power turkeys at 12. Cathy shoots a 10X rifle in 6x47 with Lapua bullets. Two weeks later she placed in the top 3 overall in each of the 4 rifle classes at the Nationals.

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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.

PLEASE CHECK MEMBERSHIP CARD FOR YOU RENEWAL DATE. THANK YOU

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EVENTS all phone numbers are 307 prefix

Dubois Gun Club contact regs.phillips@dteworld.com

Lander Valley Sportsmen Cowboy action on 2nd Sat— John 332-9203; 3 Position gallery— Nov 16, Dec 14, Jan 11, Feb 8. Racy Clark 100 shot offhand Feb 9— contact Roger 335-9323.

Black Powder turkey shoot Nov 23—contact Tony 332-4718. All club programs on lvsa.info.

Thermopolis Gun Club, monthly meetings 7PM @ Armory 1st Thurs; n7zrx@yahoo.com,

Platte River Rod & Gun Club contact John 265-1210 or Larry pvkid4@msn.com

2014 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

NRA JR Sectional-3 & 4P SB; International air rifle Mar 22-23, @Lander, contact Dudley 332-2811w

3 Position air rifle Apr 12 @ Lander, Contact Dudley 332-2811w

Jr Olympic Championships @ Cheyenne, Jan ?? Contact Dick 630-6338

3 Position air rifle JR sectional @ Cheyenne, Feb??, Contact Dick 630-6338

SB & HP rifle silhouette @ Lander July 19-20, Contact Roger 335-9323

AFFILIATED WSSA CLUBS

American Custom Gunmakers Guild, 22 Vista Ln, Cody 82414

Bessemer Vigilance Com'te, POBox 1132, Casper 82602

Bridger Trail Lt. Inf. Rangers, POBox 932, Worland 82401

Cheyenne Public Shooting Park, POBox 2833, Cheyenne, 82003

Cheyenne Rifle & Pistol Club, POBox 571, Cheyenne 82003

Cody Shooters Complex, POBox 1504, Cody 82414

Dubois Gun Club, POBox 91, Dubois, 82513

Fort Fetterman Sportsmen, POBox 843, Douglas 82633

Future Stars 4-H Club, 133 W. Center St., Douglas 82633

Lander Jr Rifle & Pistol Club, 943 Amoretti, Lander 82520

Lander Rifle Club, 943 Amoretti., Lander 82520

Lander Valley Sportsmen's Assoc., POBox 1113, Lander 82520

Laramie CO Shooting Complx, 13802 Bullseye Blvd, Cheyenne 82009

Laramie Rifle Range, Inc., 73 Rifle Range Rd, Laramie 82072

Lovell Rod & Gun Club, POBox 221, Lovell 82431

Natrona CO ROTC, 5260 Chuckwagon Tr, Casper 82604

Platte CO Shooting Assoc, POBox 1324, Wheatland 82201

Platte River Rod & Gun Club, POBox 1587, Mills 82644

Rawlins Rec Services, 1616 Harshman St, Rawlins 82301

Sheridan CO. Sportsmen, POBox 155, Sheridan 82801

Thermopolis Gun Club, POBox 731, Thermopolis 82443

Upton Gun Club, POBox 291, Upton 82730

Western Wyoming Rifleman Assoc., POBox 605, Afton 83110

Worland Shooters Complex, POBox 713, Worland 82401

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask the questions.

A pen in the hand of President Obama is far more dangerous than a gun in the hands of 200 million law abiding citizens. Editorial in the Peoria Journal Star



The Officers wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a safe and joyous New Year

Our WSSA has a registered political action committee. Donations are welcome. Please consider adding a few dollars to fund. They can be sent to the secretary/treasure at 625 Sweetwater St, Lander, WY 82520



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AND OUR BLESSINGS -



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BOARD MEETING
DEC 7, 2013
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Championship dates for 2014
Financial update
Club reports
Old & New Business

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION WYOMING STATE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION, INC.

NAME _____

"THE RIGHT OF THE CITIZENS TO BEAR

ADDRESS _____

ARMS IN THE DEFENSE OF THEMSELVES

CITY-STATE-ZIP _____

AND OF THE STATE SHALL NOT BE DENIED."

E-MAIL _____

WYOMING CONSTITUTION, ART. 1, SEC. 24

MY INTERESTS INCLUDE: High power Smallbore Benchrest Black powder Pistol Shotgun

Air rifle-pistol Gallery Hunting Collecting Silhouette Cowboy Action Police Combat

Do not actively shoot, but support "The Right to Keep and Bear Arms"

New member Renewal NRA member yes no NRA# _____

WSSA MEMBERSHIP CLASSES & DUES applied for:

\$15 annual \$40 individual 3 year \$50 individual 5 year \$100 life \$300 Patron

\$5 junior annual -under 19 yrs \$20 Club annual \$50 Club 3 year \$80 Club 5 year

Please send completed application with dues to WSSA 625 Sweetwater St., Lander, WY 82520