

## **FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT**

I love shooting. I have loved it for many years. I took a basic shooting class in the Lovell Armory during high school, and loved the whole concept of what delivering a good shot meant. I didn't know where to go from there though, and so did not shoot much until I was in the National Guard. There I competed in rifle and pistol, in all kinds of weather and terrain.

I eventually became the Marksmanship Coordinator for the State. This meant I did not have the opportunity to shoot as much, but I got to enable others to shoot. I felt if we were committing troops and putting them where they could be harmed, they needed the best weapons training and practice they could get. It was an obligation.

That obligation extended to civilians, anyone who wanted to shoot. It is empowering for someone to handle a gun in a safe and confident manner. It is even more satisfying for someone else to deliver a good shot as myself doing it.

I have been a member of Wyoming State Shooting Association for a long time, and Vice President for these last years. We have fielded a junior team to Camp Perry and I was able to go as a coach a couple of times. Shooting for young people can be a stabilizing force in their lives if it is something they like. I support WSSA in its endeavors, promoting shooting, as well as politically protecting our Second Amendment rights and will continue in that support.

Now we have a change of leadership and I will step aside as Vice President. I had envisioned myself helping shooting for a long time. I now will do it in my own area, teaching others in my sphere and trying to develop a range for public shooting. That seems to be an area of greatest danger for shooters, who have the equipment and desire, but needing somewhere safe to shoot. I have seen several ranges shut down when complaints were lodged against them and they did not own the land.

I hope I can be of assistance to WSSA in the future and will always hold the members in fondest regard. I have seen and felt their support over the years, both financially and emotionally. Please contact me or speak with me during meetings if you have some concern, or just say hello and let me know how you and your shooting are doing. Let me hear about your new guns and new type of shooting or just a method you have found that helps you're shooting, I would love to hear about it. Thank you for your years of support to WSSA.

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