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Through the Spotting Scope



Summer is almost over and most of us are getting ready for our hunts or bemoaning the fact that we didn't get drawn. Remember to make sure your firearm is sighted-in and properly functioning before going into the great outdoors and follow all the safety rules for a fun and safe hunt. We as Americans have been blessed by the best wildlife management system in human history and just getting out of town to scout, hunt, fish and enjoy the outdoors is an awesome benefit of living in this great country. We at NVFAC have not been idle during these

summer months, however, and continue to develop many great programs for NVFAC members. As mentioned before in this newsletter, we are a volunteer organization and our success depends on YOU. Enjoy the rest of the summer and if you have an interesting hunting or shooting story and would like to share, please send it to us and it just might appear in the October issue of the FIRING LINE! Stay safe!

For Freedom
Don Turner, President

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NVFAC organized our first member meet-up at Sin City Smokers (2861 N. Green Valley Pkwy, Las Vegas, NV) on Saturday, July 14. We had about 34 members show for some good BBQ, an update of what is happening and a chance to socialize with other members. Our second meet-up happened on Saturday, August 11th with about 27 members attending. We plan to have a meet-up every month on the 2nd Saturday from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, so please join us.

Sin City Smokers is a corporate member of the NVFAC and Steve Overlay, the owner, has extended a 20% discount to all NVFAC members. Please show your support and give them a try.

Meet-ups, shooting matches, such as the Know Your Limits 50-Yard Rim Rifle Match, more training opportunities, a summer camp, the Annie Oakley Women's Shooting Program and fighting for our 2nd Amendment right are ONLY possible through donations, volunteers and increasing membership. Please encourage your family and friends to join the NVFAC. Please contact us to volunteer and please try to donate if you can.

Donations to the NVFAC Foundation, a 501c3 non-profit charity with the objective of promoting the shooting sports, conservation and firearm safety and shooting education in Nevada, are TAX DEDUCTIBLE (to the extent of law). Please go to <https://www.nvfac.org/nvfac-foundation/> for more information and to make a donation.

The NVFAC Political Action Committee (PAC) is the political arm of the Nevada Firearms Coalition. Its mission is to support responsible, pro-gun policies and likeminded political candidates, and to lobby against all efforts to infringe on our 2nd Amendment Rights and candidates who support increased gun control.

Donations are not tax deductible but are needed as we approach the 2018 election and the subsequent 2019 state legislative session. Please go to <http://www.nvfacpac.org/donate/> to make a one-time donation or you can join our Caliber Club to make monthly donations at <http://www.nvfacpac.org/caliber-club> . Thank you!

**Tom Paganos, Director
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Kavanaugh, the light at the end of a long dark tunnel?

If Judge Brett Kavanaugh is ultimately confirmed by the Senate and sworn in as the next Supreme Court Justice this fall, it is likely that he will be much more receptive to cases that challenge gun control laws on Second Amendment grounds than many of his colleagues in previous decades.

Rather than justifying judicial activism by legislating from the bench in favor of so-called "common sense gun regulation," Judge Kavanaugh, who has served on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit Courts since 2006, dissented from a 2011 firearms decision. When the District of Columbia's ban on so-called "assault weapons" and its requirement that all guns be registered was upheld by a 3-judge panel, Kavanaugh came through using logic and common sense at a time when such traits should be listed under the endangered species act. He strongly dissented with the majority's use of "intermediate scrutiny," saying an analysis "based on text, history, and tradition" is more consistent with the Supreme Court's Second Amendment precedents.

The District of Columbia "assault weapons" ban covers a laundry-list of specific models as well as certain guns that meet a predetermined criterion. A semi-automatic rifle with a detachable magazine is illegal, for instance, if it has any of six prohibited features, including a pistol grip, a flash suppressor, or an adjustable stock. According to Kavanaugh "The list appears to be haphazard." "It bans certain semi-automatic rifles but not others with no particular rationale or explanation as to why some made a list, and some did not." In any case, stated Kavanaugh, "the law is inconsistent with the landmark 2008 case, District of Columbia v. Heller."

"In Heller, the Supreme Court held that handguns—the vast majority of which today are semi-automatic—are constitutionally protected because they have not traditionally been banned and are in common use by law-abiding citizens. There is no meaningful or persuasive constitutional distinction between semi-automatic handguns and semi-automatic rifles. Semi-automatic rifles, like semi-automatic handguns, have not traditionally been banned

and are in common use by law-abiding citizens for self-defense in the home, hunting, and other lawful uses. Moreover, semi-automatic handguns are used in connection with violent crimes far more than semi-automatic rifles are. It follows from Heller's protection of semi-automatic handguns that semi-automatic rifles are also constitutionally protected and that D.C.'s ban on them is unconstitutional."

Although Heller suggested that various "longstanding" gun restrictions would pass constitutional muster, Kavanaugh said, D.C.'s gun registration system does not qualify. "Because the vast majority of states have not traditionally required and even now do not require registration of lawfully possessed guns," he wrote, "D.C.'s registration law—which is the strictest in the Nation and mandates registration of all guns—does not satisfy the history- and tradition-based test set forth in Heller."

While much of the panic in the media regarding the President's second Supreme Court pick has focused on abortion and immigration, there is a deafening roar of unrest amongst those on the left as they ramp up for a supreme battle this fall.

"Kavanaugh's basically the roadblock to anything we want happening," said Charlie Mirsky, the 18-year-old political director of March for Our Lives. "We believe that if we got anything passed, he could declare it unconstitutional," he said. "He could just block anything we want from staying in place."

In all reality, Kavanaugh could never accomplish that by himself, but Second Amendment scholars on the right and left seem to agree where he stands, and how vital his nomination is concerning issues of gun legislation.

"Kavanaugh believes in a very vigorous Second Amendment right to bear arms, and he thinks there is little room for constitutionally permissible gun control," says UCLA law professor Adam Winkler, who has written extensively about the right to bear arms.

According to Professor Winkler, "One of the things that are most worrisome to gun control advocates is that Judge Kavanaugh

believes only longstanding gun restrictions are constitutionally permissible, which suggests that novel, innovative ways to solve gun violence problems would not be acceptable in Judge Kavanaugh's view."

The confirmation of Kavanaugh to the highest and most important court in the land for gun owners will be a bright day for 2A advocates

and firearms owners in Nevada and across the nation. By nominating two pro-gun conservatives to the bench, President Trump will have fulfilled his most important presidential mandate by providing us with the first conservative, pro-gun Supreme Court majority in five decades.

Brian K. Shoemake, Director
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Around the State Around the State Around the State

Northwest Division

We will be at the Big Reno Show the weekend of August 25. This is the biggest gun show in Northern Nevada and has moved from the GSR to the Reno Convention Center. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help out at the table can contact me. My email is john@nvfac.org.

John Jorgensen, Director
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By calling attention to 'a well regulated militia,' 'the security of the nation,' and the right of each citizen 'to keep and bear arms,' our founding fathers recognized the essentially civilian nature of our economy...The Second Amendment still remains an important declaration of our basic civilian-military relationships in which every citizen must be ready to participate in the defense of his country. For that reason I believe the Second Amendment will always be important."



~John F. Kennedy



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Education & Training Division Education & Training Div

In 1871 the National Rifle Association NRA was founded to promote marksmanship training. Why do you think there was a concern with marksmanship in 1871? It has to do with the American Civil War, 1861 – 1865. Marksmanship issues are mentioned in the book “The Civil War – Strange and Fascination Facts” by Burke Davis. In Chapter 22 of the book it states, “A Federal expert said that for each Confederate was shot required 240 pounds of powder and 900 pounds of lead”.

Nowadays the NRA is probably most noted for the fight to maintain the rights of US Citizens as enumerated in the Constitution of the United States of America, especially in regards to the Right to Keep and Bear Arms. So why and when did the NRA get involved with fighting for Constitutional rights? As an example, during the American Civil Rights movement of the 1960s, one thing that was brought to light was that certain law-abiding US citizens were being denied their Second Amendment rights. This is when the NRA got into the fight that “all” law-abiding US citizens be allowed to exercise their rights provided by the US Constitution. Had the

NRA not acted as they did back in the 1960s it's debatable what rights we may or may not have today.

Getting back to NRA training, the primary focus of NRA training is to teach the basic knowledge, skills and attitude necessary for owning and using a rifle, pistol or shotgun safely. NRA courses are conducted by Certified Instructors and/or Training Counselors as per the policies, procedures and lesson plans provided by the NRA.

In addition to NRA programs, The Education & Training Division shall be responsible for development, management, sponsorship and/or presentation and for coordination of Coalition sponsored education and training programs including youth, women, self-defense, law enforcement, conservation and competition.

To all the Nevada NRA Certified Instructors and Training Counselors who promote education and training as per the NRA policies, procedures and lesson plans, Thank You!

Russ Martin, Director

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NRA Opens Campaign Field Office in Las Vegas

The National Rifle Association's Las Vegas campaign field office is up and running for the November elections. The **Firing Line** recently caught up with NRA Campaign Field Representative Brady Bowyer to find out why this election is so important and how volunteers can get involved.

Firing Line: Is Nevada an especially high priority state for the NRA this election?

Brady Bowyer: Absolutely! Nevada voters will be electing a new governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general. Additionally, a U.S. Senate seat is up for grabs. It is critical that the people of Nevada elect pro-Second

Amendment candidates to all of these offices.

Firing Line: Which candidates is the NRA backing in these key races?

Brady Bowyer: The NRA has endorsed Adam Laxalt, who is “A+” rated, for governor. We have endorsed Michael Roberson, also “A+” rated, for lieutenant governor. We have endorsed Wesley Duncan, “A” rated for attorney general. We have also endorsed Dean Heller, who is “A” rated for another term in the United States Senate.

These men have all been steadfast supporters of the Second Amendment. We urge all NRA members, gun owners and sportsmen in Nevada

to vote for these candidates. Each has a proven record of fighting to defend our freedoms.

Firing Line: Where do the opponents of the NRA-endorsed candidates in these races stand on the Second Amendment?

Brady Bowyer: I'm glad you asked! Every single one of them is "F" rated and would be a disaster for our Right to Keep and Bear Arms. Steve Sisolak, the "F" rated candidate for governor, and Jacky Rosen, the "F" rated candidate for the U.S. Senate, both support bans on commonly-owned semi-automatic rifles, magazines and suppressors. They also support criminalizing private firearm transfers. Across the board, "F" rated candidates are true enemies of gun owners' rights. These politicians actively promote anti-gun legislation at every opportunity.

Firing Line: What makes this election year unique for gun rights?

Brady Bowyer: In recent months, our Second Amendment rights have been under attack like never before. Gun control extremists are pouring millions of dollars into candidates who will make it harder for law-abiding Nevadans to protect and defend themselves. The NRA simply doesn't have that kind of money. Our greatest strength has always been our members and supporters at the grassroots level. They are on the front lines fighting for our rights. This year, we will need their help more than ever.

Firing Line: How can gun rights supporters get involved in the fight?

Brady Bowyer: The NRA is looking for volunteers who can knock on doors and make phone calls to educate their friends and neighbors about the candidates this year. A few hours a week can make a huge difference! Contact the NRA Campaign Field Representative (CFR) or Frontlines Activist Leader (FAL) in your area.

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Legislative Affairs Division Legislative Affairs Division

Adam Laxalt, the Attorney General of Nevada has been the focal point of the anti-gun "universal background check" proponents who blame him for their failure to author a law that could be implemented. It was their own fault, but lawsuits and complaining continue. Recently, a grant was proposed to hire a consultant to study the firearms transfer system in Nevada. On the following page is a letter sent to Attorney General Laxalt providing our input for this process.

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Adam Laxalt, Attorney General
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Dear Attorney General Laxalt:

Recently, a news story reported that you requested a grant to hire a consultant to review and make recommendations regarding Nevada's background check system. We respectfully submit the following information to be considered during this process.

The Nevada Firearms Coalition and its members are very concerned about so-called "universal background" checks in the Silver State. While well intentioned, "universal background checks" are not universal, nor are they effective in keeping firearms out of the wrong hands. The major problems with background checks are well known to those in the gun rights community and law enforcement, to wit: false positives (citing someone as being ineligible to own a firearm when they in fact are eligible); and incomplete and inaccurate records provided by government agencies to state and federal facilities doing background checks at all levels. The problem is especially egregious at the state level.

When you become our Governor and your administration wishes to do something about firearms transfer background checks, we hope you will consider the following issues, which we regard as *de minimus* for any background check system in order to protect the rights of law-abiding gun owners:

- Scrupulous regard for due process. No American Citizen should be deprived of a constitutional right, or have such a right infringed, without full and complete legal process.
- All care must be taken to ensure that any background check system does not become, or pave the way for, a means of registering gun owners and their firearms. The Bloomberg-sponsored background check ballot initiative of 2015 was just such an effort, driving private firearms transfers to federal firearms licensee so buyers and sellers, and their firearms, would be recorded on a centralized data base. As you know, throughout history, the creation of a centralized data base has been a prerequisite for national confiscation.

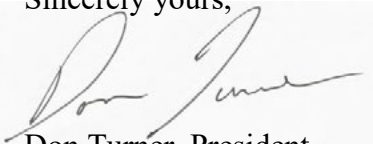
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- Full and prompt reporting of pertinent records from all state agencies documenting the ineligibility of Nevada residents to own and use firearms. The first and most notorious example of this class of information comes from Nevada's system, where there is some question whether privacy protections may preclude mental health record data from being provided to the Department of Public Safety; and a lack of funds in the various parts of Nevada's mental health systems for processing that information into the state's criminal history databases. You may recall several years back when it came out that disqualifying mental health information for over 10,000 Nevada persons had not been sent to the Department of Public Safety, making it possible for 10,000 people who should not have firearms being able to buy them.
- An easy and free phone verification system whereby private party transfers can call and ascertain that the person they are wishing to transfer a firearm to is not a prohibited possessor.
- Mandatory sentencing for prohibited possessors convicted of illegally being in possession of a firearm.

We will be pleased to discuss this with you or your staff, and assist your administration with any necessary research.

Sincerely yours,



Don Turner, President

The Nevada Firearms Coalition is dedicated to the safe use of firearms for self-defense, competition, recreation and hunting. We are the statewide Nevada grassroots organization representing the firearms owners of Nevada. Our membership includes individuals, gun clubs, community organizations, and retail firearm corporations and ranges. We are the State Association for the National Rifle Association, and a member of the National Shooting Sports Foundation, USA Shooting and the Civilian Marksman Program.

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What Dad Never Told You About Guns and Hearing

By Steve Romeo, BC-HIS, MBA

My dad was a hunter and recreational target shooter. Folks of my dad's generation really had no idea of the effects of high-intensity noise exposure. They paid for their ignorance in spades by sooner or later suffering Noise Induced Hearing Loss, or NIHL. Today, there are 41 million people in the United States with hearing loss, and about 70% of them have NIHL from environmental, work-related, and/or recreational noise exposure.

In my practice as a hearing tester and hearing device fitter, I have a lot of shooters who come in to take advantage of our free hearing tests. Most are very surprised when I tell them that firearms can reach a level of 140 dB, which is equivalent to a jumbo jet at full takeoff. One common misconception many shooters have is that exposure to a single loud shot only creates a temporary hearing loss and "ringing". Sad to say, the loss (and often the ringing) is usually sudden, permanent and non-reversible. Over time, the loss can also worsen with subsequent noise exposure.

A person with NIHL may feel that people are mumbling when they talk, or may habitually turn the TV up too loud, or may start asking people to repeat what was said. This behavior can have negative effects on family, friends and social relationships, making the NIHL sufferer

feel isolated, insecure and depressed.

The best way to treat NIHL is not to get it in the first place. There are common sense steps you can take when on the shooting range and during the hunt. To this end, many shooters use ear muffs with or without foam ear canal plugs. While these are effective, they also may create discomfort or a feeling of isolation. A much more comfortable solution is to use active electronic noise suppressors, particularly the custom-molded ones. These devices actually mildly amplify surrounding sounds so that you can carry on conversations and feel like you are part of the surroundings, but immediately clamp down and block the sound of gunfire to protect your ears.

Gun Digest.com contributor, Corey Graff, put it this way: "The net effect: I actually shot better because my natural sense of balance wasn't thrown off by that "muffled" feeling you get with a bulky headset clamped onto your head. It makes me a more effective in the hunting field, and I have more fun."

A good source of information on these suppressors can be found at <https://www.qhalv.com/hearing-aids/hearing-protection>, or you can get a free hearing test and information on both custom and ready-fit electronic sound suppressors at Quality Hearing Aids, 702-369-1321 or www.qhalv.com.

Note: Steve Romeo and Quality Hearing Aids are a great supporter of NVFAC and donated all the hearing protection for our summer camp.

By George

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