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Nevada Firearms Coalition

Through the Spotting Scope

President's Report

July - August 2019

since the close of the 2019 legislative session. Although we didn't get any of our bills through, only a fraction of the bills that the Everytown paid politicians wanted made it through the session, thanks to your efforts. Our biggest successes were two fold, first the failure to eliminate statewide firearms preemption laws. Second, the tremendous pressure that our members placed on the legislature. Our two biggest challenges in the coming year are to support and elect public officials who support the NV and US Constitution and to overcome the overwhelming volume of money that the globalist anti-gun people are pouring into Nevada and the NV Democratic Party. Please check out our Legislative Report in

This is our first newsletter the PAC section of this newsletter.

George Glendenning, Editor

There are several things gun owners MUST do if we are going to protect our rights:

Be informed-- "gun violence" is a contrived term used to fool emotional and misinformed people.

Be involved--keep up with the issues and be knowledgeable. Register to vote and VOTE, and get your fellow gun owners to VOTE. Support our programs by volunteering, attending, responding to alerts and assisting with our fund raisers

Be Safe—Use and store your firearms wisely, prevent access by unauthorized persons.

FOR FREEDOM

Don Turner, President



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 YES THAT STUPID

Dedicated to the ownership and safe use of firearms for self defense, competition, recreation and hunting.

Range & Retail Division Range & Retail Division Range

s a business owner, have you ever seriously stepped back, taken a look around your store and asked, "Would I shop here?" Even if you own and operate a range, the question should be, "Would I want my family shooting here?" In this issue, our third topic in the year long series is Making Your Range/Retail Shop Family Friendly. Whether it is range or retail, safety is always the most important part when discussing anything to do with firearms. Even in this short article, safety is forever paramount.

You all have been to businesses where the facilities were filthy, the restrooms disgusting or there were so many in-house or range rules, you quickly determined not to return. The question then becomes, "What can I do to make this business more profitable?"

Start by taking the time to ensure your business/range is presentable. Running a dirty rag over the glass or a dirty mop over the floor will not cut it. Spend the time to keep the place clean and tidy - first impression is everything.

If you have products not selling, remove the dust and rotate them around in the store. Your customers will see clean merchandise and it will give the impression the store is updating the inventory.

Take a look at the restrooms. Is yours more in a lost highway truck stop condition or do you

spend time taking care of it? It is very easy to sluff off the disorder of a restroom located on range property but that is exactly the place sanitary conditions should be a concern.

Be it a range or a retail facility, no one likes clutter and trash strewn about. I would argue this could be a safety factor as well for both your employees and customers. Just as I discussed in the last issue about spending time with your employees to train them up in customer service, the same applies to daily, weekly and as-needed cleaning and maintenance. Don't fall into the mind-set of every nook and shelf needs a product. A place that is too cluttered becomes unsightly. A range with frames and spent brass lying around is dangerous and unsafe.

Ranges and gun-related businesses are in a unique position in this country to put forth an extremely important message to potential customers, to media and to politicians. That message is we are professional in all aspects of firearm training, retail and safety and we will show you the minute you show up. Don't be that gun store or range when the media wants an interview and your place looks so horrendous it gives all of us a bad name.

Rich Fletcher, *Director* Range and Retail Division

Development Division Development Division Develop

s Development Director, I am chartered with fund raising and program development to advance the NVFAC. Any non-profit, volunteer organization needs three things to be successful: 1) a GROWING membership; 2) volunteers and 3) fund raisers/ donations = MONEY.

I am calling out to all those that want to make a difference and help advance our objectives to help of course increase membership, BUT help us find donations and to volunteer.

I am asking for help. Will you help the NVFAC and me to achieve our goals? I would like to develop a longer-term team of volunteers to help in soliciting donations and putting together new events/programs. I have ONE volunteer

who is willing to lead the efforts to start an annual NVFAC banquet, anyone willing to join his team?

I would like to find members willing and able to develop a plan to reach out to individuals, businesses and organizations to solicit donations, submit grant applications, and find any and all means of support we can find.

Please contact me at tom@nvfac.org to volunteer. Please let me know if you have a skill set or interest in doing something specific or just willing to help. Thank you.

Tom Panagos, Director Development Division

Northeast Division Report Northeast Division Report

Tt's been a busy summer in Northeastern Nevada! It went way too fast too! We've been able to make some connections with some local shooting groups, and some youth groups. We were also able to attend a few events where we met some hopeful new members and spread the word about the coalition. A lot of the people we met are worried about the state of the state, but have been delighted to hear about the good things the coalition has been doing. We also have made a great connection with Assemblyman John Ellison, who couldn't be happier with all the hard work that was put in during the last

legislative session. It was great to hear the praise for our hard working organization!

We're continuing to look for new members and new contacts for local events, clubs, and matches. If you're not already in our Facebook group, make sure you join! Join in on your local shooting matches, and check out your ranges! Supporting your local groups makes it so they can continue to offer events! Keep up the hard work and have some fun!

Jessica Moore, Director **Northeast Division**

lorthwest Division Report Northwest Division Report

ow is the time to get involved in the Northwest. While we prepare for the 2020/2021 Legislative session, we have the time to become better than we were before. Better for our families, our communities and our State. Our next NW meetup is Aug 21st in Carson City at Carson Guns and Training. This month, we've been working to sign new members at local gun shows and promote the NVFAC through our partners in the industry. We've been working with other organizations

that support the 2A like AMAC and speaking to our representatives in Washington to make sure they understand how we want them to vote.

We can use help convincing local businesses in your town to join NVFAC. Please get in touch with me personally at justin@NVFAC.org for materials and info and stay up to speed on things on our Facebook Page: NVFAC for NW NV.

Justin Edwards, Director **Northwest Division**

Nevada Firearms Coalition Foundation

Competition Division Competition Division Competitio

Know Your Own Limits Match:

The next matches are September 7th on the 100-yard and October 5th on the 50yard education center ranges at Clark County Shooting Complex sign in starts at 7:30 am and match starts at 8:00 am.

June 2019 Match Results: Nevada Long Range Rifle Championship **Palomino Valley Gun Club**

Forty-four competitors were in attendance competing in 3 divisions - Palma rifle, F-Open, F-TR. This year each division was assigned a dedicated relay so that competitors within the division always competed in the same conditions, making the match very fair. The match conditions were extremely challenging, as is typical of spring in Northern Nevada. The wind was fast and twitchy reaching speeds of up to 18 mph. Misses were not uncommon. Despite these typical spring conditions, the sun was out for the entire time and temperatures held steady in the low 70's making for a pleasant weekend. For those who haven't shot this match, its quickly becoming known among top competitors who want put their wind reading skills to the test.

Palma Rifle

- ▶ 1st place and State Champion: Oliver Milanovic, 1149-38X
- ▶ 2nd place: Doug Frerichs, 1115-24X
- ► 3rd place: Stuart Mackey, 1113-31X

Competition - Continued from Page 3) F-TR

- 1st place and State Champion: Nick Abbott, 1128-19X
- ▶ 2nd place: Scott Harris, 1120-16X
- ► 3rd place: Lane Buxton, 1117-16X

F-Open

▶ 1st place and State Champion: Tim Vaught, 1144-

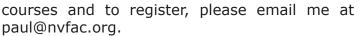
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Upcoming Scheduled Courses:

- NRA CCW Basics and Instructor September 21 & 22, 2019
- USCCA Carry Concealed & Home Defense Fundamentals on October 12 & 13, 2019.
- Come joint us on October 20, 2019 from 1:00PM to 3:30PM at the Clark County Shooting Complex - 50 yard Education Range for Open Range day. Ask about the NVFAC members discount for classes.

For information on these and other scheduled



Here are the complete results: https://drive.

Johnny Engberg, Director

Competition Division

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▶ 2nd place: Eric Wuestenhoefer, 1138-36X

► 3rd place: Steve Jennings, 1119-20X

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Our signature Annie Oakley Women's Shooting Program continues to be a success. As of the date of this newsletter, the program is 125 new students away from reaching 3,000 women introduced to basic firearms safety and handguns. All since April 2017.

Paul Chaffee, *Director* Education & Training Division



For the Smith's Inspiring Donation program please click on the logo above and follow these instructions:

Support <u>Nevada Firearms Coalition Foundation</u> every time you shop at Smith's.

Signing up is free and easy!

- 1. Go to SmithsFoodandDrug.com/inspire
- 2. Sign into your digital account or choose "Create an Account" and fill in the information.
- 3. Link your Rewards Card to your organization: Enter your organization's number <u>LY109</u> or at least 3 letters of your organization's name and click 'Search', select the organization and choose 'Save'.

Then, every time you shop at Smith's with your Rewards Card, they donate 0.5% of your total order to our nonprofit.*

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You MUST go to smile.amazon.com (hint: BOOKMARK that page) for the donation to count. If you shop on the standard Amazon website, it will NOT count. If you use the mobile app you can add items to your cart, THEN go use a browser to sign into smile.amazon.com and then finish your purchase there. This way your purchase will count toward the donation.

Helpful Information

What purchases qualify?

Just about everything you purchase during your regular shopping trips! The only exclusions are alcohol, tobacco, postage stamps, Smith's Gift Cards, re-loadable Gift Cards and debit cards, lottery and promotional tickets, Western Union, fuel and sales tax.

Remember, there's no cost to participate in this program, and you'll still earn fuel points on eligible purchases every time you shop.

0.5% based on eligible purchases. See Helpful Information for exclusions.

FACILITY HOST



Nevada's 5-Star Outdoor Shooting Facility

PROGRAM HOST NEVADA FIREARMS COALITION ATTENTION LADIES:

THE NEVADA FIREARMS COALITION IS OFFERING AN EXCITING PROGRAM FOR WOMEN WHO WANT TO LEARN HOW TO SHOOT AND HANDLE GUNS SAFELY!

THE ANNIE OAKLEY WOMEN'S SHOOTING PROGRAM EVERY TUESDAY FROM 6:30 PM TO 9:00 PM AT THE EDUCATION CENTER

SAFETY CLASS 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM • RANGE SHOOTING 7 PM & 8 PM NVFAC PROVIDES A SAFE AND FRIENDLY LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.



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Self-Inflicted Wounds

y sister sent me a picture recently. It showed two AR-15s propped up on their butts side by side while someone sits opposite aiming a pistol at them. The caption read "I'm waiting for these assault weapons to just TRY to get up and assault someone!" I laughed aloud when I saw the photo, then also got the greater point.

Guns are not killers. Until taken up by a human hand, the most any firearm can do on their own is gather dust, and eventually, rust. Guns are tools in the hands of the killer.

Let's talk about guns in the early vears of the 21st century.

In the past fifty years, the number of guns in circulation has grown significantly in America, and about 1/3 to $\frac{1}{2}$ of households now own at least one gun. Indeed, some estimates put the number of guns in circulation in the United States at 400 million, or more than the known population total of about 320 million. Manv of us have concealed carry permits and use them regularly, and the country enjoys violent crime rates that would have been the envy of the 1990s; in fact, homicide rates are half what they were in the early 1990s.

As high-profile as they are, and for all the heart-ache they cause and fear they inspire, mass public shootings are responsible for a fraction of 1% of all gun deaths every year. Suicides by gun comprise the largest share of gun-related deaths. In contrast, as even the anti-gun Centers for Disease Control's own 2013 study tells us, just about every major study of defensive gun usage shows that ordinary Americans use guns for self-defense between 500,000 and 3 million times each and every 2013 saw 5,782 people killed criminally vear. by using a handgun, and 285 criminally killed by persons using a rifle. 21,175 persons committed suicide with a gun in 2013. Suicides usually comprise about 2/3 of the annual toll of gunrelated deaths.

is more to the story of guns in America than just the bad side of guns. Again, guns are not killers. Guns are tools in the hand of the killer, just as they are tools in the hand of the soldier, the police officer, and the legally armed citizen.

It has always been thus, yet in the wake of the Gilroy, El Paso, and Dayton shootings, calls abound - especially from Democrats running for President in 20020 - for more gun control. The callers miss the point. Guns are not the killers, or the problem. People are.

Relative to the population, guns are not much more prevalent now than they were 50 years ago, when many high schools had rifle programs, with some even having small bore rifle ranges on campus. Guns today mostly still fire one round for each pull of a trigger, and while many full-auto weapons are in private hands, they are relatively few in number, and virtually none have been used in a crime since John Dillinger was Public Enemy No. 1 in the 1930s. The so-called assault weapons, really just your run-of-the-mill semi-automatic rifle in a medium-power caliber that leftist politicians want banned, kill fewer people each year than do knives and baseball bats. While they may be more numerous in absolute numbers than they were when Neal Armstrong first walked on the moon (and when I first put on a badge and a gun and a blue suit), pistols and rifles are no more dangerous now than then. So what changed?

We did. Our culture has changed. We are producing killers.

Family values and quality education used to be things that governments at all levels supported. Many of the things that helped to create responsible citizens, and men less likely to do harm unto others, have been seriously weakened in the intervening five decades: churches, and religion in general, are less respected, church attendance is way down, marriage rates are down, divorce rates are skyhigh, single-parent (and most of them singlefemales) families are up like a rocket since the 1960s, K-12 public school graduation rates are way down, student achievement rates are way down even in the dumbed-down curricula

As bad as mass public shootings are, there

used in most public schools, abortion rates way up, and the social norms that served Mankind well enough and held families together and passed on our common human cultural heritage stretching back into the far reaches of the mists of time are frayed to the point of irrelevance. What is left is subject to a consistent, persistent assault by our current crop of cultural elites, who find nothing to love, and everything to hate, about the Western civilization that made the Western world the envy of the rest of the world's population.

I see the biggest culprit as the breakdown of the nuclear family, that is, a mother and a father together in supporting each other and raising their own children. That model served Mankind well since we crept into the caves millions of years ago, and we as a society are now contributing to the breakdown of family structure at our peril and to our chagrin. Indeed, every major large population, long-term, peer reviewed academic study of how to best raise children tells us that the nuclear family is best.

Who are these mass public shooters? Males, white, and mostly young, under 35 years of age. Another thing they have is common is that about 90% of mass public shooters since the Columbine Massacre come from homes with little or no male parental involvement (daddeprived). To see another facet of the same effect, note that while 93% of the U.S. prison population is male, 90% of them are daddeprived. A similar phenomenon has been observed of ISIS recruits. Dad-deprivation is a real problem, and it directly contributes to the creation of the men doing the mass public shootings. It is also a new problem arising in the past 50 years, encouraged by a steady stream of well-intentioned but disastrous liberal social and government policies aimed at liberating women and minorities, and righting so-called perceived wrongs of Western and American culture. Note also that 53% of women under 30 today who have children are unmarried. If you're interested in knowing more about this subject, see "The Boy Crisis: Why Our Boys Are Struggling and What We Can Do About it" by Warren Farrell.

Add to these facts the complementary erosion of educational standards and the radicalization of America's universities, which itself leads to further radicalization and decay our entire public educational institution, the loosening of sexual mores, increasing recreational drug use which

includes the current trend to legalize marijuana, the successful decades-long campaign to redefine the family by legalizing homosexual marriage, the more recent extension of so-called marriage equality top the transgender population, and you have a situation where morally, anything goes. As James Howard Kunstler observes, "This is exactly what you get in a culture where anything goes and nothing matters. Extract all the meaning and purpose from being here on earth, and erase as many boundaries as you can from custom and behavior, and watch what happens, especially among young men trained on video slaughter games."

I find it especially telling that in the first Democratic Presidential debate of the 2020 election cycle that Julian Castro, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President of the United States, called for public funding of abortions for transgender males. None of the other Democratic candidates on the stage batted an eyelash, none of the debate moderators said a word, and press coverage of a candidate for President promoting federal funding for a physical impossibilitywas scant. If anything goes, this is what you get.

Note also that very few of the social policies, almost all of them from the left side of the political spectrum that contributed to and maintained the steady decades-long decline of the American family, and with it American society and culture, were ever subject to an affirming popular vote. Some occasionally became issues in political campaigns, but few received actual votes of the public affirming their introduction as settled matters of public policy. Many were imposed by bureaucratic fiat; many more, especially in recent decades, were imposed by the U.S. Supreme Court, and many were simply introduced into our public K-12 educational system almost by parthenogenesis by school district bureaucracies. Whatever the source, the end result is the same: our culture, we, are creating these mass murderers ourselves, and by extension, the mass murders. It's not about guns; it's about people who kill other people. An assault weapon ban won't help, nor will unenforceable universal background checks, nor will a repeal of the Second Amendment and gun confiscation. The 400 million guns in circulation today are more than enough to supply whatever the criminal market needs just by theft and burglary.

You may recall the famous Walt Kelly "Pogo"

comic strip of the last half of the 20th century. He famously said "We have met the enemy, and he is us." So it is with the growing epidemic of mass public shootings we have witnessed in recent decades, all of which are self-inflicted wounds.

LEGISLATIVE 2019 REPORT TO MEMBERS

This was the first legislative session since the tragic October 1, 2017 Mandalay Bay shooting incident. Prior to the session we heard Democrats say they were going to pass a background check bill, put limits on ammunition and magazines, revoke pre-emption to allow Clark County more control over firearm laws, ban assault rifles, and pass red flag laws. We knew it was going to be a tough session for law-abiding gun owners.

By the time session started, Democrats introduced seven (7) "anti-gun" bills that included the universal background check, banning bump stocks, mandating safe storage of firearms in the home, revoking pre-emption, and implementing a red flag bill. All these bills got hearings, and most of these bills passed, with components of some bills being rolled into AB 291. Elections have consequences.

Prior to the 2019 session we secured sponsors for seven (7) bills to address our top priorities. These bills eliminated the sales tax on outof-state sales, fixed the timing issue of CCW permits, allowed CCW permit holders to safely store their handgun while on school property, increased penalties on prohibited possessors, lowered the penalty of carrying a concealed handgun without a permit from a felony to a misdemeanor for a first offense, and other bills that would protect Nevadans' rights to safely use firearms. Only two of our bills got a hearing, AB 113 to eliminate the sales tax on out-of-state sales, and SB 439 to dismiss the charge of unlawfully carrying a concealed firearm without a permit for a first offense. Neither bill became law.

The sales tax bill (AB 113) did pass the Assembly unanimously but was killed in the Senate. However, we are hoping the fix the issue with state taxation, as they have agreed, finally, that the regulation is confusing, especially with the passage of the background check bill.

AB 291, the bill that originally banned bump stocks and revoked pre-emption -- it was amended very late in the session to implement a "red flag" law and removed the pre-emption

portion -- received the most negative votes on the legislative website of any bill. The bill also included the language from AB 153 related to safe storage of guns. A total of 3,764 people shared their view on the bill, with 249 in favor, and 3,511 opposed. Through our citizen engagement program, we also generated 1,011 calls to the Governor's office asking him to veto AB 291.

The background check bill, SB 143, came in 10th place on the opinion page with 1,712 comments: 425 in favor, and 1,287 opposed. The hearing on that bill attracted over 500 people to the Legislative buildings in Carson and Las Vegas and garnered one of the longest hearings in legislative history, over 9 hours long. The background check bill also spurred several rural county sheriffs and county commissions to pass resolutions that they would not enforce the law, as they view it as a government overreach (Second Amendment sanctuary counties). This bill was rammed through the legislature with short notice of hearings, joint committee and legislative hearings, all within a week. Although "universal background checks" are now the law of the Silver State, they are unenforceable. For those pushing the law, that unenforceability is a feature, not a bug, as they will come back in a few years lamenting the law cannot be enforced, and demand a universal firearms registry to make it possible to know when guns are sold and whether a background check was done. That is the true endgame of so-called universal background checks, that and the ultimate confiscation of your guns.

We are grateful that state pre-emption was not revoked, as that would have undone the work we accomplished in 1989, 2011 and in 2015. But besides that, it was not a great session for gun owners. We appreciate the help of NSSF on that issue, as they informed legislators about the economic value of Shot Show to Clark County, and that they would move the Show if pre-emption was revoked. We also appreciate the coordination we had with NRA-ILA who were actively present at the legislature.

We are grateful to Senate Minority Leader James Settelmeyer and Assembly Minority Leader Jim Wheeler for working with us to ensure their members had all the facts about these bills. Not a single Republican voted for SB 143 or AB 291. Assemblymen Skip Daly (D-Sparks) voted against both bills, and Assemblyman Greg Smith (D-Sparks) crossed party lines to not concur on the final passage of AB291 that contained the red flag law. We thank them for their courage to stand up to their leadership. In addition, we want to thank James Settelmeyer, Ira Hansen, Keith Pickard, Chris Edwards, Alexis Hansen, Lisa Krasner, Tom Roberts, Jill Tolles, and Robin Titus for their votes and steadfast support.

We are grateful to our members and other Nevada gun owners who responded to our "engage" program and followed through with emails and phone calls. As mentioned above 1011 calls went to the Governor in opposition to one bill alone. In harmony with our full time lobbyist (Randi Thompson) and our PAC Management Company (Amplify Relations) you generated 168,385 individual letters to the legislature as a result of our Alerts. This grassroots effort and response is what kept the session from being more restrictive of our gun rights. This was the purpose of our fund raisers and your support "To protect our rights."

As we prepare for the 2021 session, we know that revoking pre-emption is still a priority for some Clark County commissioners and legislators and out of state big money groups. That is why we will be working hard in 2020 to educate voters on what rights they could lose if we don't change the makeup of the state legislature.

Despite the strong showing of opposition to these high-profile bills, the Democrats were hell-bent on passing them. This pressure came in the form of huge campaign donations from the following groups.

- Everytown for Gun Safety/Moms Demand Action/Prosecutors for Gun Safety (Michael Bloomberg)
- Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence
- Giffords Center to Prevent Gun Violence (Gabby Giffords)
- Center for American Progress (George Soros)

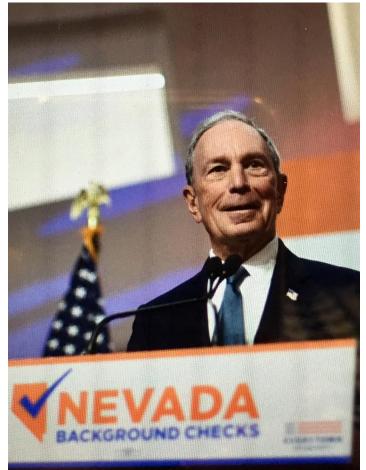
Basically, these groups "bought" the 2019 Nevada Legislature's Democratic Party. As an example, in 2018 Everytown for Gun Safety donated the following to Nevada politicians:

Nevada State Democratic Party	\$300,000
Steve Wolfson (Clark County DA)	\$10,000
Steve Sisolak (Bloomberg)	\$10,000
Nicol Cannizzaro	\$10,000
Ozzie Fumo	\$10,000

Steve Yeager	\$10,000
Sandra Jauregui	\$10,000
Julie Ratti	\$10,000
Aaron Ford	\$10,000
Atkinson Leadership PAC	\$50,000
Nevada Families First	\$1,150,000
Partnering for NV Future	\$25,000
Winning PAC	\$50,000

We really aren't "One Nevada" and elections along with big out of state anti-gun campaign contributions have serious consequences.

Randi Thompson NVFAC PAC Lobbyist Randy Mackie, VP Legislative Affairs YOURS IN LIBERTY



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