

# THE FIRING LINE

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### Through the Spotting Scope



NVFAC has been very busy since our last issue of *The Firing Line* newsletter. Our esteemed editor, Rick Ainsworth, has turned over the pen to George Glendenning. We welcome George to *The Firing Line*. Be sure to check out his introduction.



We are pleased to also announce that Dr. Randall Strong has joined our team as Vice President. In his words, “My interest in firearms dates back to my childhood when I received a BB-gun for Christmas. My beliefs in protecting Second Amendment rights, sport shooting safety, and hunting enjoyment have been instilled in me by my parents and grandparents since I was a small child. I share this legacy of gun ownership rights, gun safety, and hunting with my wife and three children whom all are avid hunters and sportsmen. I believe that with the solid gun ownership rights instilled in me and my long history of serving others, I will be a great asset to the NVFAC organization. I look forward to serving the members of the Nevada Firearms Coalition.”



Our lobbying firm, *Grassroots 2.0*, which did such a great job for us in the last legislative session, has merged

with another company. It is now *Amplify Relations*. One of their new strengths is fund raising, so we are looking forward to a continued relationship as we grow along with this organization.



After the last legislative session, there was an incident where a Reno police officer sold a handgun to a nineteen year old. His mom became irate and claimed that her son had been adjudicated mentally ill. The sponsor of the vetoed background check bill, Justin Jones, claimed that if his bill had passed this would not have happened. NVFAC sent several letters to the editor and to our legislators. After the dust settled, it was clear that the proposed bill would not have made any difference. It was disclosed that the state courts had failed to send the youth’s mental health records to the state’s background check system. Here is a situation where we have four governmental agencies involved in this unfortunate situation that backfired. If the government doesn’t follow the law, how can they expect that piling more laws on honest citizens will solve anything?




NVFAC testified last month at the Clark County Commission meeting in regards to the Clark County Shooting Complex. The complex is being unfairly


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


targeted. The focus should be on the lack of support and bad management decisions by county management. This issue does highlight a significant point. We need more people shooting. People use ranges, both private and public. The more ranges there are available; the more shooters will use them. Our VP of Legislative Affairs has written a very good piece about this fact for this issue.




The Nevada Libertarian Party has teamed up with NVFAC and set its sights on eliminating the Clark County Handgun Registration Program. We provided them with the 3,000 petition signatures that we collected. They will combine the signatures from the two petitions. You can find the petition on [www.change.org](http://www.change.org). If you haven't already done so, please sign this important petition and then send it to your friends.




Our membership and our Facebook pages continue to grow. If you haven't already done so, please check out our Facebook page.




Our three Area Directors (Southern - Eric McGovern, [Eric@nvfac.org](mailto:Eric@nvfac.org); Northwest - Larry Rhodes, [jl@nvfac.org](mailto:jl@nvfac.org); and Northeast - Clyde Drake, [clydedrake@sbglobal.net](mailto:clydedrake@sbglobal.net)) need your help. If you'd like to help at a gun show or at other NVFAC activities in your area, please contact the director for your area. Larry in particular needs help with gun shows in the Reno/Carson City area.



Thank you for reading our Alerts and forwarding them to your friends. This grassroots effort has become a significant force in Nevada politics. We've received significant feedback from legislators that your letters are taken very seriously and do make an impact in Carson City.



NVFAC's Range & Retail Division has teamed up with the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Suicide Prevention to offer a training program to Nevada shooting ranges to help range owners and customer service representatives identify potential problems before gun rentals or sales. Please see Director Mark Cole's article on his experience with this program. Nevada, through NVFAC, is the second state to provide this innovative program support.



Don't forget to visit our "members benefit" section of our web page, and check out our on-line store. We have lots of NVFAC logo items to choose from. A great place for a gift for that special person in your life!  
Time to "cease fire" and leave room for other information. Until next time, travel safe and shoot straight!

*Don Turner, President,*  
**NVFAC**

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## Legislative Division Report

*Randy Mackie, Vice President, Legislative Affairs Division*

Since last August, the Legislative Division has been busy staying in touch with legislators, maintaining contacts with right-thinking grassroots organizations, and building on the momentum we had coming out of the 2013 legislative session. We are laying plans for a political action committee (PAC), organizing our fund-raising infrastructure, and getting ready to sign an on-going contract with our lobbying firm. Among other fund-raising activities, we plan on gun giveaway drawings every four months or so. However, we want to avoid one at Christmas-time. We also are recruiting talent so we can have representation at most, if not all, gun shows in the Silver State. If you would like to represent NVFAC at a gun show in your area or help with the Legislative Committee, please

contact me at [randy@nvfac.org](mailto:randy@nvfac.org).

As 2014 approaches, increasing attention will be devoted to the upcoming primary and general elections as well as the 2015 session of the state legislature. We will again be polling candidates for public office on their positions on issues of interest to Nevada's gun owners. 2014 will be a challenging year as we prepare the field for the electoral battles necessary to protect our Second Amendment rights. You can do your part by volunteering your time and money in support of the Nevada Firearms Coalition, by registering to vote and actually voting, and by encouraging like-minded people to do the same. If you are not already a NVFAC member, please join us and encourage others to do the same.

## We have a new editor of *The Firing Line* newsletter.

### Meet George Glendenning!

Just like Ralphie in the 1983 classic movie, “A Christmas Story”, my story started with a Red Ryder BB-gun. As a youth growing up in 1950s suburban Atlanta, my favorite after-school activity was to grab my trusty Daisy BB-gun and my mongrel dog, Tuffy, and head back to “no man’s land” behind my home. There I dutifully went about exterminating as many rodents in the brush piles as I could possibly shoot. When my dad bought me a brand new Marlin 39-A lever action 22 rifle, I thought I was in heaven. My hunting jaunts expanded to include weekends and soon many small critters were falling to my deadly aim. Needless to say, I was hooked for life.

Fast-forward to today, I have become a staunch pro-gun advocate as well as a frustrated hunter (referring, of course, to our low-odds state lottery for big game tags). I joined the NRA so long ago that I can’t remember the year and later became a Life Member. I eventually became a Benefactor Life Member as well as gifting life memberships to my son, daughter and grandson. I am also an NRA Certified Instructor. I have attended the last 15 SHOT Shows in Las Vegas and Orlando. I am a member of the Boulder Rifle and Pistol Club. Over the years I’ve bought and sold many firearms, but I should never have sold that sweet 39-A.

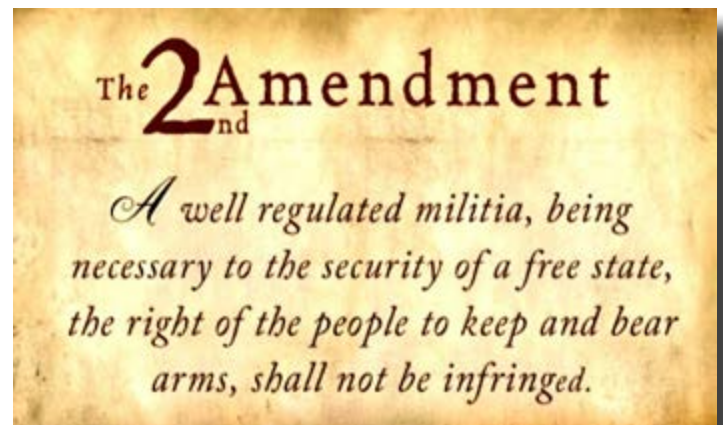
Don Turner recently asked me whether I had joined NVFAC. My face turned red as I gladly paid the modest dues. Don is not shy about asking for volunteers, and I was soon tapped to become the next editor of *The*

*Firing Line*. I have some large boots to fill with its editor, Rick Ainsworth, leaving such a remarkable legacy of continual improvement. According to Don, we will be continuing that effort to improve and expand the communications and benefits that your organization provides to you, its members. My aim is to support and advance that effort.

Please let me hear from you about what you like, don’t like, want more of, want less of, etc. You can contact me by e-mail at [george@nvfac.org](mailto:george@nvfac.org). My goal is to respond to you thoughtfully and in a timely manner. I hope to eventually meet and work with many of you. Thank you.

“See mom, I never did shoot my eye out with my Red Ryder BB-gun.”

*By George*



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## Range & Retail Division Report

**O**n Thursday, October 10 and Friday, October 11, I had the opportunity to attend the Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) along with my Range Manager, Gary Martinez, at the Nevada Office of Suicide Prevention in Las Vegas. It was a very eye opening and rewarding experience. The training is designed to be similar to CPR training as it provides you with first aid tools to help you recognize a person at risk for suicide, connect with them, and ask them questions to support development of a safe plan. It is important to understand and listen to the person at risk. You have to get them to realize that you care. This is critical to gain their trust so that they open up and talk to you.

The Suicide Prevention program is great because it addresses a problem that no one in our industry talks about. As Range and Retail Director at Nevada Firearms Coalition and co-owner of Guns and Ammo Garage, an indoor state-of-the-art gun range, I feel it is my duty to educate as many people as possible about the dangers of easily accessible guns as well as inform

them on proper gun safety and handling. The number of people who have lost their lives due to easily accessible guns saddens me. It is important that all firearm owners secure their guns by either putting a lock on them or by putting them in a safe. It is also crucial that all gun store owners and employees know the warning signs to look out for in a potential buyer.

We want more people to get involved and know that there are ways to prevent suicide by gun. We want people to look for the warning signs and listen carefully to what the person is saying. With what we learned from this training, we are hoping to spread the word by putting on four-hour seminars at our gun range that will educate others and possibly save a life. If you would like more information, please feel free to contact us at 702-440-4867.

*Mark Cole,*

*Range and Retail Director at NFAC and  
co-owner of Guns and Ammo Garage*

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### Public Ranges Are a Good Thing

**T**he reason the Nevada Firearms Coalition and other organizations support public ranges, such as the Clark County Shooting Complex, is because they give us a place to safely and conveniently take our guns to shoot and to take people new to guns to learn about shooting. This is how we can continue to grow the ranks of sporting and shooting enthusiasts.

In a country that has guns and shooting of all kinds in its cultural DNA, that is no small thing. It gets even bigger when one remembers that less than half of the 310 million people in America are shooters – and that number is dropping, not growing. Recall that guns are seldom seen in a positive light in movies and on TV. It is also no accident that the default position of public schools and universities is one of zero firearms tolerance, a policy that even goes so far as to decry pictures of guns in text books and the hands of children on playgrounds when they hold up a thumb and forefinger and say “bang!” Both public and private

gun ranges let us show the positive side of firearms in a venue that is safe, legal and convenient. The Lone Ranger and Hopalong Cassidy taught generations of children something of the good side of guns and presented firearms in a positive moral setting. I’m sorry to say this is not happening any more.

For the shooting sports and the Second Amendment to survive, we need more places to shoot. We need more places where the recreational and defensive shooters among us can take new shooters in order to grow the sport and the culture. Ranges – public and private – make it possible for us to enjoy our guns today and help us assure that our grandchildren will be able to do the same for years to come. Think of them as insurance for the future health and well-being of the Second Amendment.

*Randy Mackie, Vice President,  
Legislative Affairs Division*

## Featured Club Featured Club Featured Club

### New Gun Range in Town AND a New Member Benefit for NVFAC Members!!!

**T**ired of fighting tourists and crowds at all the commercial ranges? Long wait times and rushed atmosphere got you down? Want to be more than just another name on a waiting list? Wish there was a place to bring your friends and family to shoot where you felt special?

The answer is: The Las Vegas Gun Club, your own private gun range! "Feel like you own the place" is the vibe we are going for. It's a comfortable, relaxed private club for shooters, families and guests.

The Las Vegas Gun Club is conveniently located at 3345 E. Patrick Lane in Las Vegas near the McCarran Airport and is scheduled to open in January of 2014 to a MEMBERS ONLY clientele.

The Club is a spacious 7000 square foot indoor facility with 11 Lanes (8 semi-private lanes and 1 Executive Room with 3 private lanes). Members

enjoy a large lounge, pool, shuffleboard and other rec games, plus cleaning stations. Members also have access to FFL, firearms, accessories and gunsmith services at discounted prices or at cost. These services alone are worth the price of membership! Members will also have access to free and discounted firearms training. Please visit our web site at <http://www.lvgunclub.com> for all the details and join our mailing list to get a free 1-month membership and get a chance to win a free membership for a full year. Better yet, your support will drive the opening of the range in a timely fashion. You can buy memberships now at half the normal price, and the Las Vegas Gun Club will donate half of the cost of those memberships to NVFAC! Just go to [www.lvgunclub.com](http://www.lvgunclub.com) and click on the NVFAC link on the main page to purchase your memberships.

## Back to Basics Back to Basics Back to Basics

### NRA Gun Safety Rules

The fundamental NRA rules for safe gun handling are:

1. ALWAYS keep the gun pointed in a safe direction. This is the primary rule of gun safety. A safe direction means that the gun is pointed so that even if it were to go off it would not cause injury or damage. The key to this rule is to control where the muzzle or front end of the barrel is pointed at all times. Common sense dictates the safest direction, depending on different circumstances.

2. ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot. When holding a gun, rest your finger on the trigger guard or along the side of the gun. Until you are actually ready to fire, do not touch the trigger.

3. ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded until ready to use. Whenever you pick up a gun, immediately engage the safety device if possible, and, if the gun has a magazine, remove it before opening the action and looking into the chamber(s) which should be clear of ammunition. If you do not know how to open the action or inspect the chamber(s), leave the gun alone and get help from someone who does.

### Libertarians Target Clark County Gun Registration

*Excerpted from: Mesquite Local News*

**T**he Libertarian Party has joined with the Nevada Firearms Coalition in circulating an online petition calling for the Clark County Commissioners to repeal the ordinances, originally passed when Nevada first began to crack down on mobsters to confiscate their unregistered guns.

Everyone in this area, gun owners or not, should stand up against the registration law. Allow any part of the Constitution to be weakened, you weaken the entire document. You may not agree with the Libertarians about much, but this is one issue that deserves your support.

**Petition:** <http://www.change.org/petitions/clark-county-nevada-board-of-commissioners-repeal-clark-county-ordinances-requiring-handgun-registration>



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**End Note**

An interesting observation came out of the process of putting together this newsletter. No less than three contributors: Dr. Randall Strong, Don Turner and I, all credited their first Red Ryder BB-gun with forming their life-long interest in guns and shooting.

How did your interest in shooting sports begin? Let me know at [george@nvfac.org](mailto:george@nvfac.org).

*By George*