

THE FIRING LINE

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Through the Spotting Scope



NVFAC President's Report

Here we are in early September already. Fall is almost here and our hunting members are dusting off their rifles and shotguns, getting them cleaned, sighting them in, and checking out their hunting gear. Some of the lucky ones even have a permit! We wish them a safe and enjoyable hunt.

Now that several months have passed since the end of the 2015 legislative session, the full effects of our successes via the passages of SB 175, SB 240 and AB 488 are starting to be felt. Las Vegas and North Las Vegas have already repealed their city codes that were in violation of our new statewide preemption laws. We are monitoring Henderson, Mesquite, Boulder City and Clark County to make sure they comply with the new state law before October 1, 2015.

What a party!!! We had over 1,000 people turn out at our celebration of the repeal of the Clark County Handgun Registration Ordinance. Posted in this issue are pictures of our wildly successful "blue card shredding party" held on July 18th at New Frontier Armory in North Las Vegas.

Our next major issue is defeating Bloomberg's "universal background

check initiative" that will be on the 2016 ballot. Please monitor our three web pages (www.nvfac.org, www.nvfacpac.org and www.nevadansforstategunrights.com) as well as our three Facebook pages (Nevada Firearms Coalition, Nevada Firearms Coalition PAC and Nevadans for State Gun Rights). Please share them with your friends. We need your help to defeat Bloomberg and send him packing back to NYC.

At our members meeting, we updated our by-laws and included two new divisions: Membership and Fund Raising. In regards to membership, we need your help. Please do us a couple of favors. First ask your friends to [join](#). [Second](#), we need your input. Please write us at info@nvfac.org and tell us five excuses that gun owners give you for not joining NVFAC. Your response is critical and will help us with our membership program. Thanks for your help!

Enjoy this issue of The Firing Line...
Stay safe and shoot straight!

For Freedom
Don Turner, President

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SHREDDING PARTY

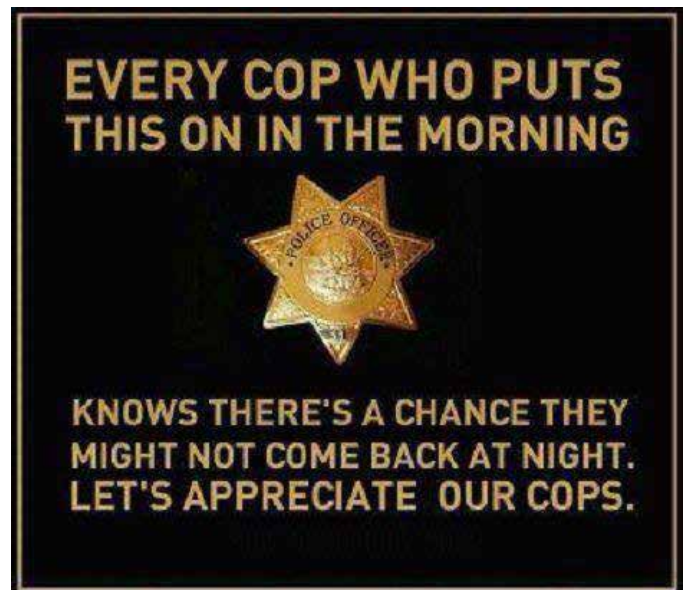


From the Club House From the Club House From the Club

“Events” page open to Clubs and Corporations

We are pleased to announce that we have opened up the Events section on our web page to our Clubs and Corporations members as an additional membership privilege to list events that would be of interest to our membership. If you have a Club or Corporate membership, would like access and instructions, please contact our Secretary, Megan Ferrante at <http://www.nvfac.org/ContactSecretary.aspx>.

*Megan Ferrante, Secretary
NVFAC Communications Division*





NVFAC Legislative Affairs Division Report

As we are in-between legislative sessions, there is little or no legislative action to report. However, the positive results of the amazingly successful 2015 Nevada legislative session are being felt.

NVFAC sent letters to each locality in Clark County and to the Clark County Board of Commissioners putting them on notice of the passage of SB 175 and their duty to bring their codes and ordinances into conformity with that law. Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Boulder City and Henderson have all taken steps to do just that. Only the Clark County Commission did not respond to us. NVFAC will be carefully monitoring this situation, and we are prepared to follow the state statute and pursue legal action against recalcitrant local law-making bodies.

We are also deep into the planning for our campaign against the Bloomberg universal background check 2016 ballot initiative. Watch this space and our web sites and Facebook pages for news of this important upcoming battle and for ways you can be a part of the fight. Nevada needs all her freedom-loving sons

and daughters to protect our God-given liberties. The Bloomberg background check is only the first battle our opponents have planned to infringe on those rights and liberties. Our liberties and rights can only be maintained against tyranny when those who hold them dear are both prepared and willing to fight to sustain them. The Bloomberg background check initiative is a first step toward tyranny, and must be recognized and fought for what it is.

We are also gearing up our fundraising efforts to both fight the Bloomberg background check initiative and to enhance our ability to support pro-2A candidates, and oppose anti-2A candidates in the 2016 general election. That is also a presidential election year, and the anti-gun rights crowd will be counting on that to maximize their voter turnout efforts. Look for our fundraising efforts and please participate to the maximum extent possible. It is the votes that ultimately count, and it is dollars that help get the votes out and to the ballot box.

*Duncan Rand Mackie,
Vice-Pres NVFAC Legislative Division*

At the Pro Shop At the Pro Shop At the Pro Shop

Member Input Sorely Needed

In this edition of the Range and Retail Report, I am requesting your input. I want to know what you look for when you go to a local range or retail store. What makes one stand out from the others? What things would you like to see more of or see changed at your local range?

Part of my job as Range and Retail Director is to talk to owners and relay what our membership is looking for at local gun shops and ranges. Your input will help me compile a list of ideas that I can present to shop and range owners. So if you have an ideas or improvements you would like to see at your local shops, email me at Nathan@NVFAC.org. I look forward to hearing from you. Oh, and yes, we all know to carry more 22 LR, so you can leave that one off your list. Thanks!

*Nathan Jones, Director
NVFAC Range & Retail Division*



Competition Shooting 101: IDPA

From an article By Nick Leghorn on September 27, 2011 (found on www.thetruthaboutguns.com)

Remember this series? I know, it's been a while, but back by popular request is the continuing series of Competition Shooting 101 articles where we teach you about the various shooting sports. First we looked at 3-gun, then NRA High Power, and last time we talked about USPSA / IPSC. This time we present Bill Wilson's personal sect of IPSC called IDPA, or International Defensive Pistol Association matches.

Originally, IPSC / USPSA (which we covered last time) was the only game in town. Sometime around 1996 IPSC started becoming more about the "game" of shooting and less about practicing real world skills, so a group of people (Bill Wilson included) split off and founded IDPA. If you haven't read the IPSC / USPSA article yet I recommend you do before going any further, as a lot of the concepts are the same between these two sports including ready procedures — I'll note the differences where applicable.

What is IDPA?

The general mindset of an IDPA match, and it's *raison d'être*, is summed up pretty well in the purpose statement in the rulebook.

IDPA is a shooting sport that uses practical equipment including full charge service ammunition to solve simulated "real world" self-defense scenarios.

IDPA shooting events require use of practical handguns and holsters that are truly suitable for self-defense. No "competition only" equipment is permitted in IDPA matches since the main goal is to test the skill and ability of the individual, not equipment or gamesmanship.

In short, IDPA sees itself as a way for shooters to practice their concealed carry skills in real world scenarios.

*David Gates, Director
NVFAC Competitions Division*

Around the State Around the State Around the State

Northern Division Report

There is no doubt the members of the Nevada Firearms Coalition had a major influence in the passage of a number of Second Amendment bills in the 78th Nevada Legislative sessions. Our members took advantage of our detailed messaging system to keep abreast of all favorable legislation that we supported. Congratulations to all of you who stood up for our rights!

Do not let anyone tell you differently, the leadership of the NVFAC was essential to our victory. For complete coverage of our legislative successes, go the May-June issue of *The Firing Line* on our website. I do want to say that the enactment of SB175, which eliminated the Clark County blue card registration law, was a major success.

Since I became director of the NVFAC northern division, I'm proud to say that I have attended virtually all Northern Nevada gun shows. We have signed up

new regular members and life members, as well as life members from the former state association (for a reduced fee of \$25.00). When you join our coalition, please be sure to list your correct email address. I want to take this opportunity to thank all coalition members who have assisted me at the gun shows.

We will continue to build on our winning base here in Northern Nevada. I am planning to set up shop at my next gun shows in Winnemucca and Gardnerville in the very near future. Stop by and see us!!

*Miles Ugarkovich, Director
NVFAC Northern Division*

ATTENTION MEMBERS - NVFAC is looking for directors for our South and Northeast Divisions. If you would like to step up and help us with this, please send your interest comment to info@nvfac.org. Thank you.

Beyond the Backstop Beyond the Backstop Beyond the Conservation Division

Welcome to the first of many NVFAC conservation updates, I look forward to meeting with you in the future, and encourage you to write with concerns, ideas and thoughts on the subject.

With limited public shooting ranges in Nevada, it's becoming common for folks to drive past city limit signs to "designated" shooting areas to recreate. Unfortunately, all it takes is one visit to understand that "Houston we have a problem!" as there are a small percentage of shooters that totally lack compassion and respect for maintaining/keeping clean our states public lands. So, I will be reaching out to many of you to help support our first annual NVFAC public shooting cleanup weekend. Your Board of Directors and I believe that as responsible firearms owners, we must step up again and offer solutions to the problems that directly affect firearms enthusiasts.

This effort is important even though our government land stewards have built into their very mission statement the right for us to shoot on public lands, "Productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations". These mission words don't begin to address the current reality of millions of acres of public lands being locked up every year with "no road access" markers popping up like construction zone signs! More and more our federal and state government land agencies are closing access to its very owners and in the process severely restricting our right to shoot on our public (more on this to come). Many times they've relegating access only to those inclined to put on a backpack and hike.

Look for cleanup dates in the next 3-6 months. Our Vice President, Dave Famiglietti, (New Frontier Armory) has generously offered a supervised opportunity to shoot a variety machine guns (you pay for ammo) as a treat to workers at the weekend event. We also have some Boy Scout groups interested in supporting this worthy cause...the more the merrier. So please send me your emails if you're interested in joining and I will update you on progress and timing.

So, "What does conservation mean to me?" Well it always begins with my historic idols growing up, such as Teddy Roosevelt and fellow conservation founders Gifford Pinchot, Charles Sheldon, Kermit Roosevelt,

George Bird Grinnell (Boone & Crocket Founders), John Burroughs, George Perkins Marsh, John Muir, Gifford Pinchot, John Wesley Powell, Henry David Thoreau and later Aldo Leopold and others including Senators Key Pittman of Nevada and A. Willis Robertson of Virginia. These men were responsible for a pantheon of new ideas for the protection and management of our precious natural resources! They literally changed the world as we know it, and that's not hyperbole!

They developed and implemented a vision and strategy for sound North American conservation management. Much of it was based on a new concept called "Multiple/Sustainable Use" and "North American Model of Wildlife Conservation!" (NAMWC) and against all odds in the late 1800-early 1900s, developed the principles that has guided wildlife management and conservation decisions in the United States and Canada ever since! Never before or since has a country or a government effort in conservation been so successful!

These conservation forefathers painfully understood that if you don't convince people of the individual "value" of our lands, our wildlife and our water ways, they will ultimately be destroyed. And a decade has changed that fact of life! "Where conflicting interests must be reconciled, the question shall always be answered from the standpoint of the greatest good of the greatest number in the long run." Gifford Pinchot, 1905.

If you are not thoroughly familiar with the NAMWC doctrine, I implore you open the hyperlink from an old friend, hunter naturalist Professor Shane Mahoney (presenting in Dallas Safari Club Drumbeats) https://youtu.be/_1nHK-Agppw. Please watch Part 1 & 2, because unlike anything you've ever seen or read prior, nothing describes just how much hunters, anglers, sportsmen and responsible firearm owners have meant to the conservation efforts of this nation! Lastly, if you don't remember anything else in our newsletter, I implore you to never forget Dr. Mahoney's historic retrospective message or the demands that responsible firearms owners must maintain to assure that our conservation legacy continues for our nation, society and our legacy.

The great thing about our conservation efforts is that you don't have to be a

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Conservation - Continued from page 5 biologist to understand the scientific rules and matrix. You don't even have to invent some new complex concept or process to fix something broken. All you need is the factual historic retrospective that Dr. Mahoney so eloquently describes!

It's my intention to continually inform, alert and educate our members not only to major (threatening) state issues we face on public lands today, but also to help popularize the successful principles of "multiple/sustainable use" and NAMWC. Let us never forget that firearm purchases have been a key in the funding vehicle that pays for virtually all conservation/wildlife management in the US for over 79 years! My commitment to this post is about vigilance to conservation events effecting Nevadans and, when necessary, to fight to bring about a long-term legacy that firearms owners can be proud of!

*Julius Fortuna, Director
NVFAC Conservation Division*



"Don't Forget! Saturday, September 26th marks the 43rd annual National Hunting and Fishing Day, an enormous grassroots effort to promote outdoor sports and conservation."

In the Classroom In the Classroom In the Classroom

National Night Out/Be Aware/SAFE Programs

The NVFAC Education and Training Division was recently invited to be present and offer some information at the National Night Out event held in Peccole Ranch.

Committee members were on hand to talk about the recent changes in Nevada laws that affected firearms owners, firearms safety in the home, and continuing education opportunities that are available with the NVFAC and within the Las Vegas community.

Our "Be Aware" program and "SAFE" programs

are designed to expand upon some of the basic NRA courses that cover this subject matter and bring these lectures to communities throughout the Las Vegas Valley and Nevada.

Our "Be Aware" program focuses on firearms safety in the home, security and storage concerns. The "SAFE" (Safety. Awareness. Firearms. Education.) program is a series of lectures covering personal safety and security (both in and out of the home), situational awareness, emergency planning, legal use of force (including deadly), and a brief introduction into tactics and techniques to employ these in your daily life.

We are working hard on bringing more programs to the community and special discounts on courses offered by our affiliated sponsors as well as "member's only" events.

If you are interested in being involved with the Education & Training Division or if you know of a course, a manufacturer, or someone who might be interested in being a sponsor, please contact me at erickl@nvfac.org.

*Eric Loden, Director
NVFAC Education & Training Division*



Around the Range Around the Range Around the Range

Why I am a member of the Nevada Firearms Coalition...And why you should be too!

My name is Lauren Boitel and I am a second amendment advocate. If you receive the Firing Line, I assume that you are too. But are you a member of the Nevada Firearm's Coalition (NVFAC) and do you know the benefits of membership? Can you explain them to a friend, neighbor or fellow Nevadan?

At the annual membership meeting in Ely this past July, NVFAC members voted to create new divisions within the coalition – Membership was one of them. This is an important area of focus for the board and the entire membership base. The larger our numbers, the louder our voice in the legislature and the more educated, committed and engaged firearms enthusiasts we have in the state.

The Benefits of membership with NVFAC – some you know and some might surprise you:

NVFAC fights for your rights as a Nevada gun owner.

Most people know that this is one of the greatest strengths of the NVFAC. As the state association of the NRA, we certainly support membership at the nation level. However, NVFAC is laser focused on defending and expanding gun rights in Nevada, and for Nevadans. The biggest successes of the last legislative session (SB 175) include:

- ▶ Abolishing the “blue card” system that required gun registration in Clark County
- ▶ Abolishing all gun laws in Nevada that aren't state law. This ends the confusing mess of different guns laws in Clark County and cities within Clark County.
- ▶ Expanding the list of out-of-state permits that are recognized by Nevada
- ▶ Extending Castle Doctrine to include a person's vehicle
- ▶ Providing protection from civil lawsuits where deadly force is used

We need membership numbers and dollars to continue this great work and build support among policy makers

year round – not just leading up to sessions.

NVFAC is passionate about firearms education and training.

- ▶ NVFAC Education & Training Division Director, Eric Loden, is working on a suite of educational programs through the year for families, youth, women, defensive training and more. Your membership in NVFAC gets you discounted or free entry into these events and trainings.

NVFAC is committed to conserving public lands for future shooters to enjoy for years to come.

- ▶ NVFAC Conservation Division Director, Julius Fortuna, is hitting the ground running this year by planning public land clean-ups and other events that showcase responsible gun owner's commitment to protecting our public lands that many official and unofficial shooting ranges are on and near. Stay tuned!

For these reasons, as well as a sense of personal responsibility and a desire to support causes and organizations that have missions I believe in, that fight for rights I hold at the utmost importance and that keep me informed and engaged in a nationally significant dialogue, I am a proud member of the Nevada Firearms Coalition.

So, why are you a member? Feel free to share that with me, a friend, a family member, a neighbor, or on the NVFAC social media channels. We would love to hear your story. We would also love to hear any ideas you might have for additional membership benefits.

FINALLY, we need your input. Please write us at info@nvfac.org and tell us five excuses that gun owners give you for not joining NVFAC. Your response is critical and will help us with our membership program.



*Lauren Boitel, Director
NVFAC Membership
Division*

Attention all NVFAC members! The Firing Line needs your stories and photos. Please submit stories about your hunting and shooting experiences or any related topic to me at george@nvfac.org . Please don't worry about getting every word just right. That's my job.

Thank you!

By George

NVFAC Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 20, 2015

Nevada Firearms Coalition Comments to the City of North Las Vegas and the City of Las Vegas for Repeal of Firearms Ordinances

The Nevada Firearms Coalition commended the City of North Las Vegas and Las Vegas for repealing their firearms ordinances. Their respective City Councils voted to repeal the ordinances in accordance with Senate Bills 175 and 240 and Assembly Bill 488 passed by the Nevada legislature earlier this year.

"This is a day we've been working toward for many years," said Don Turner, President of the Nevada Firearms Coalition. "The firearms ordinances in North Las Vegas were the most overreaching in the state, and we're glad to see that they are now consistent with the rest of the state."

The Nevada Firearms Coalition has been a leading voice, urging state and local officials to require local ordinances to mirror state laws. Additionally NVFAC sent letters to each of the municipal governments to ensure they were aware of the law changes.

"The Nevada Firearms Coalition is providing a voice for Nevada gun owners in government," Turner said. "We look forward to continuing our work to stop the upcoming universal background check ballot initiative."

You can learn more about the Nevada Firearms Coalition's political outreach at <http://nvfacpac.org> or their opposition to the ballot initiative at <http://NevadansForStateGunRights.org>.

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