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Through the Spotting Scope



President's Report

This issue of our bi-monthly members' newsletter celebrates new milestones for the Nevada Firearms Coalition. Our PAC continues to produce impressive gains in providing services to members to help with voting decisions and maintaining a presence at the State Capitol. As the next legislative session approaches, you will be seeing more information regarding our legislative goals. In the meantime, register to vote, then VOTE and keep up to date with our activities by visiting our web page and FB page for our PAC.

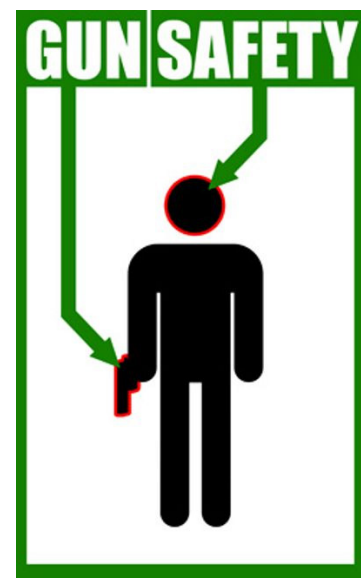
As you can tell by this issue, our Foundation has been very active and is producing some pretty impressive events and outcomes. Our Competitions Division supported the first statewide NRA Registered match in 34 years!

Please visit our web and Facebook pages. Please practice safe gun handling and enjoy shooting! Best wishes to our hunter members in filling your tags this season!

Stay Safe!

For Freedom

Don Turner, President



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The NVFAC efforts are supported in four ways: the first through increasing memberships; the second is by volunteers, third is by donations and the fourth by fund raising activities.

There are two ways to donate the first is 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. All donations are TAX DEDUCTIBLE (to the extent of law) and will help to bring more activities and programs to the NVFAC membership and the shooting community in general across the state of Nevada.

Please go to <https://www.nvfac.org/nvfac-foundation/> for more information and to make a donation.

The second way to donate is to the NVFAC Political Action Committee. The Nevada

Firearms Coalition-PAC was created as the political arm of the Nevada Firearms Coalition. Its mission is to support responsible, pro-gun policies and likeminded political candidates, and we will oppose all efforts to infringe on our 2nd Amendment Rights and candidates who support increased gun control.

Donation 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/>

NVFAC has a commission contract for fund raising. If you'd like to help the Coalition and your pocket by raising funds, please contact me at info@nvfac.org.

**Tom Panagos, Director
NVFAC Development Division**

Range & Retail Division Range & Retail Division Range

Happy Summer!

We're heading into the heat of the year, which will be adding a new set of challenges to our regularly planned shooting experiences. I was one of the instructors teaching the rifle portion of the Conservation & Firearms Safety Camp in mid-June and we had to take quite a few breaks to rehydrate and cool down as the temps extended above 105 degrees. We found a good balance with 30 minutes on the line followed by 30 minutes in the cool rooms at the Education Center that allowed everyone to remain safe and shooting well.

When shooting outside protect yourself from excessive sun with sunscreen, a hat and an EZ Up if you have room for one. And hydrate, hydrate, hydrate.... If you find you're thirsty you are already behind the dehydration curve. Know the signs of heat stroke and heat exhaustion and how to take care of someone suffering from

one or the other. Take a light colored towel to cover your firearms when you're not shooting. At another event in the late spring we used a non-contact IR thermometer and found temps on the black synthetic stocks exceeded 140 degrees; not a pleasant surprise when one goes for a solid cheek weld! We also discovered that the rifles would change point of impact due to heating on one side of the barrel and stock much like a hot barrel will cause larger than normal groups.

Sometimes going out REALLY early before the day gets warm is an option too. If all this sounds like extra hassle you'd rather avoid, you can visit one of the many indoor ranges available throughout the state. They have a lot to offer and best of all – They're COOL! Contact me at: dpainter@nvfac.org.

**Dan Painter, Director
NVFAC Range & Retail Division**

Nevada Firearms Coalition Foundation

Education & Training Division Education & Training Div

Since the last newsletter, the Education & Training Division has presented five NRA courses with a total of 24 Coalition members in attendance - 14 of these were new members. One of these five courses one took place in Smith Valley, Nevada.

Earlier this year members of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) asked if it would be possible to bring NRA Muzzleloading Training to them versus them coming to Vegas. The answer was "Yes" and on 20 April volunteer Instructor Ron Bloom and I headed for Smith Valley, returning on 22 April. The folks in Smith Valley were very hospitable and great muzzleloader students. Hopefully Ron enjoyed the experience as much as I did, and the seven SAR "new Coalition" members were able to obtain the training at approximately one-seventh the cost of having to travel to Vegas for the training.

There were two "Free Range" events held. At the April "Free Range" event there were

five Range Safety Officers (RSO) but no Coalition members came to participate. At the May "Free Range" event, there were 2 RSO and 10 Coalition members participated.

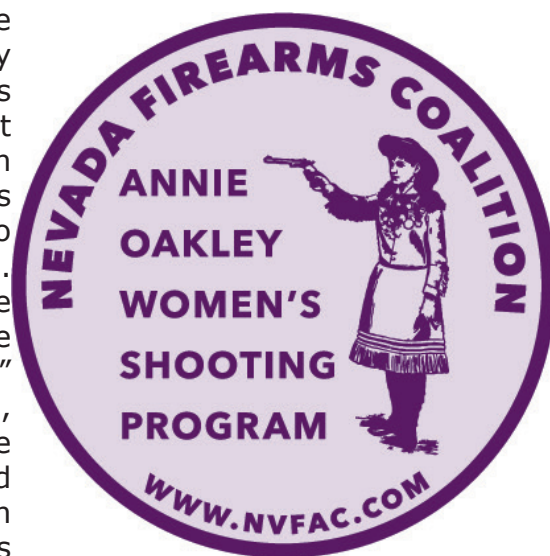
Without solid support from volunteer RSO, the "Free Range" events will not happen.

For the volunteer Instructors and Range Safety Officers who provide their time and resources to make events happen, "A Big Thanks". If you are interested in volunteering/supporting the Education & Training Division please let me know.

Women's Shooting Program

The NVFAC Foundation's Annie Oakley Women's Shooting Program continues to hit new records!

Our first ever Annie Oakley Women's Shooting Program continues to provide a safe introduction to women shooters in the Las Vegas Area. Held every Tuesday evening at the Public Rifle/Pistol Range, the program's volunteers have been providing introductory classes to women shooters since April 24, 2107. The Annie Oakley Team, headed by Jeannette Morgan, is comprised of NRA Certified Firearms Safety Instructors, who provide a one-hour lecture to new attendees. After the lecture, the go out to the range where they are overseen by NRA Range Safety Officers and program-trained coaches. Students are issued 125 rounds of .22 LR ammo and shown the safe way to pistol shoot. Once their first class is completed (one hour in class and one



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hour on the range), they can return as many times as they wish to shoot up the rest of their ammo and they may also bring their own firearms. The new students are in the class while the returning Annie Oakley's shoot. During the second-hour

when the new shooter are shooting, advanced classes are offered to the returning shooters. The entire program is free and is paid for by the NVFAC FOUNDATION. The turn-out and support of this program has been overwhelming.

Here are some results:

	Since April 24, 2017	Since January 1, 2018
New students	1,817	531
Shooters	3,819	1,458
Team trained	75	11
Classes	69	24
Shooting Sessions	121	47
Advanced	266	72

This program will continue until we run out of women who want to take gun safety back to their families.

Russ Martin, Director
NVFAC Education & Training Division

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Know Your Limits Match

We had 11 shooters to our inaugural Know Your Limits 22 rimfire, 50-Yard Rifle Match on Sunday, June 3rd at the Clark County Shooting Complex Education Center Range. All enjoyed themselves and will be returning and spreading the word. Out of a total of 24 points the High Overall won with 13. It is not an easy challenge.

We will be trying to improve on the match through feedback from participants, so we hope to see more of you coming out to give it a try. There are three divisions:

SPORTER - Magazine fed sporter-weight barrel; stock - no enhancements of any sort (bare rifle cost under \$350 MSRP new); iron sights, red dots and scopes up to 6x power.

HEAVY BARREL - Varmint/bull barrels; bare rifle cost under \$700 MSRP new; scopes up to 10x power. The rest of the restrictions are the same as Sporter division.

OPEN - Anything allowed - any rifle, any scope, anything

Supports like bi-pods, shooting bags, slings, etc. can be used in ALL divisions.

Targets are 8 swinging steel targets at 50

yards, ranging in size from 2" diameter to ¼" diameter in ¼" increments. You have 8 rounds MAXIMUM to score as much as you can.

Targets must be shot in order, largest to smallest. Target must visibly "swing" to be counted as a hit (Range Officials decision is final). If a target is shot at and missed, you lose all accumulated points for that set. If a target is shot out of order, you lose all points for that set. You may stop at any time and keep all points earned for that set. If time runs out and you have not missed, you keep your points for that set. If you miss and still have any of your rounds remaining you can start from the beginning again.

- Match is 3 sets, shot from the prone position. Score for match is total from all 3 rounds.

- There is a 120-second time limit per set, starting at the buzzer, after load and make ready.

Next Match is Sunday, July 1st at 8:00 AM and then August 5th. If you are interested to give it a try or to get more information please send an email tom@nvfac.org.

Nevada State Long-Range Championships

On May 25-28th, Palomino Valley Gun Club hosted the Nevada State Long Range Championships – the first Nevada State Championship held in over 20 years and the first under the recently formed state association, the Nevada Firearms Coalition. With both sling and f-class shooters in attendance, this was also the largest high-power match Palomino Valley Gun Club has held in recent memory. Despite ambitious goals and the series of firsts, the match was an overwhelming success.

This match was held at Palomino Valley Gun Club's home range, the Washoe County Regional Shooting Facility, located 30 miles North of Reno, Nevada in Palomino Valley. The altitude of the valley floor is 4,500 feet, but the surrounding mountains are much higher. The combination of the mountainous geography, high desert climate, and predictably unpredictable Spring weather makes for extremely challenging conditions.

True to form, the conditions throughout the two days of competition made for interesting score cards. Besides the typically high wind speeds, unsettled weather created fast wind direction and velocity changes. After the match, F-TR shooter, Scott Harris said of the range and conditions,

for most misses in one match. I'd have to agree after seeing 6 simultaneous misses out of the 11 targets in the air...more than once..."

At least the shooters were able to take solace in the fact that there weren't any "magic" relays that favored high scores.



On Friday, practice was nearly a wash-out with rain falling throughout the morning. Despite the precipitation, targets were run up for those who needed to establish a zero. Fortunately, the 1,000-yard line is covered!

Saturday was an improvement over Friday, as the rain subsided and temperatures from the mid 50's to low 60's. However, overcast skies

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"The range was Tough with a capital 'T'. I thought Raton was tough, this is tougher. As Niklas Montin said, the terrain features and high winds combine to make it a real learning experience. Ben Lucchesi said that no records will probably ever be set at this range, except



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persisted and
cool misty air

made for a dramatic scene and challenging wind conditions as the weather system blew through.

Sunday saw a complete break in the weather with mostly sunny skies and temperatures reaching the low 80's. Despite the better weather, Palomino Valley dished out more fast changing winds which continued to challenge shooters' skills.

When all was said and done, the winners rose to the top and we're pleased to announce the 2018 Nevada State Rifle Champions:

F-Class Target Rifle: Niklas Montin 1147-31X

F-Class Open Rifle: Addison Mohler 1162-44X

Palma Rifle: Lane Buxton 1161-41X

Congratulations to our champions and all the competitors!

Finally, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the volunteers who donated their time, before the match to help prepare the range, paste targets, and to run the actual match, with special recognition going to Ace Tan and Doyle Andrews for running statistics. Thank you all!

To conclude, plans are already underway for the 2019 Nevada State Long Range Championship. We hope to see you here in Nevada in the spring of 2019!

**Johnnie Engberg, Director
NVFAC Competition Division**

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Summer Camp

NVFAC held its first ever Conservation & Firearms Safety Summer Camp from June 11 to 15, 2018 at the Clark County Shooting Complex.

24 young adults from 12 to 17 years of age registered to attend. NVFAC was able to raise over half the fees for the summer camp from donors, making this unique summer camp very affordable at \$125.00 per student. This camp was offered in a partnership format with the camp partners being the NVFAC Foundation which organized the event and provided all the logistics and funding. Clark County Shooting Complex was the host site for ranges and classrooms at their Five Star shooting complex Education Center. Partners who provided instructors and course materials included: The Nevada Department of Wildlife, Silver State Claybreakers, Revere's Riders, Silver State Shooting Sports Association, and NVFAC safety volunteers. All in all each student received six hours of hands on firearms safety, training, and shooting in Shotgun, Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Hunter Education and Archery.

Day One: NVFAC instructed three hours of firearms safety which included Project Child Safe, NSSF Firearms Responsibility in the Home, NVFAC BE AWARE Program, Child

Safety Pledge, and NRA Safety materials. In the
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NDOW offered the North American Model of Wildlife Management and wildlife management issues and discussions.

Day Two: Silver State Claybreakers offered an exciting six hours of safe shotgun handling and introduction to the shotgun shooting sports and active shooting on the trap ranges. 20 gauge shotguns were rented from CCSC.

Day Three was rifle, taught by Revere's Riders. The students received six hours of rifle safety, and basic fundamentals of rifle shooting using .22 LR rifles provided by the Clark County Shooting Complex. It was also the hottest day of the year and temperatures broke a 10 year high for that day. Needless to say, students were kept well hydrated and time in the heat was rotated with classroom sessions.

Day Four was pistol shooting, taught by the Silver State Shooting Sports Association. Students learned safe pistol craft and used the new Ruger Mark IV .22 LR pistols purchased by the NVFAC Foundation.

Day Five concluded with the Nevada Department of Wildlife presenting an introduction to safe Archery Shooting, with a simulated hunt



through their simulated hunting trail, complete with obstacles, and concluding with a discussion about ethical and safe hunting.

Based on feedback, we are already reserving time and space for the next 2019 Conservation & Firearms Safety Summer Camp. Thanks to all our sponsors and partners who made this great event a fantastic opportunity to promote firearms safety and the shooting sports to the youth of Nevada.

**Julius Fortuna, Director
NVFAC Conservation Division**



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Note: This article was published by the Fraternal Order of Police. There have been at least three more school shootings since this printing.



What Drives School Violence

// **WRITE TO US!** If you have further questions, contact Patrick Yoes at (504) 234-4300, or pyoes@fop.net.

Any school in any town in America has one common denominator: It is a microcosm of its community. Incidents that occur in the community overnight are waiting at the schools' doorsteps the next morning. Community violence is a public health problem, yet the vast majority of resources are dedicated to the perpetrators and not the youth who are directly or indirectly affected. Compound this with 24/7 news and social media, and you have chronic internalization leading to anxiety and depression. School resource officer programs have done much to make schools safer, but there are complicated factors involved that are well beyond our control.

Times have radically changed, and our ability to address this increasing violence must radically change as well. When I was in high school in the late '70s there were conflicts, sure. For the most part, they were resolved at best nonviolently and at worst with a fistfight, but never with weapons. Today, whether it's spawned from violence portrayed in the movies, in videogames or on the streets, these minor squabbles have turned deadly.

The school shooting in Parkland, Florida, is a tragedy we have seen too many times before. This school year alone, there have been 18 school shootings in the U.S. and it's become the new normal for schools to prepare for gun violence. Each time there is an incident, the immediate response is to beef up school security, add metal detectors and cry for gun control.

Blaming guns for this violent trend is an ill-conceived knee-jerk reaction. The true causes are a perfect storm that has been brewing for years. Mental illness is certainly a factor, but research shows that gun violence would only decrease by about 4% even if mental illnesses were properly treated or cured. Conversely, research also shows that broken family units and parents failing to properly teach socialization during early childhood is producing kids struggling with peer relationships and communication, and the end result is severe social isolation and disconnection.

Furthermore, experts estimate that kids today who are allowed to play violent videogames have killed more than 100,000 people in the virtual world before they reach the age of 18. The repetitive mechanics of targeting and shooting someone with impunity is programming their brains. With each shot, they become more and more desensitized and less and less empathetic toward human life. Add to this the prevalence of social media, which has become the new playground for cyberbullies. Kids now have a 24/7 online platform to anonymously demean those they hold in contempt and find likeminded supporters encouraging viciousness. Sadly, parents find it easier to look the other way and are distracted by their own life dramas, further isolating these kids. And we scratch our heads wondering why there is an increase in school violence?

Perhaps our focus should be on these neglected and isolated kids who are seriously lacking in social skills. The process of socialization is how kids develop compassion, charity and self-control. Social skills and critical thinking are fundamental for problem-solving, conflict resolution, empathy and developing positive relationships. We are now witnessing what happens without it.

So, go ahead and jump on the bandwagon and blame guns. However, taking every single assault rifle off the streets will not address the root causes prompting students to murder students. **FOP**

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Electoral Endgame

The Primary election is over. Next comes the general election in November, pitting in the contest for Governor current Attorney General Adam Laxalt on the Republican side against Clark County Commissioner Steve Sisolak. General Laxalt has a good record with Nevada gun owners, including an "A" rating in the recent primary.

Not so much for Mr. Sisolak, who has the distinction of being one of the few "F" rated candidates in the history of our candidate surveys. Most Democratic candidates don't bother to return our survey, but Mr. Sisolak completed his and returned it to our offices. The only thing he supported among our issues was the Clark County Shooting Complex. Additionally, on the campaign trail, he has been supporting universal background checks and a ban on so-called assault weapons.

Remember those ugly anti-gun laws I told you about last issue that didn't become law because a Republican Governor Sandoval would not sign them? Steve Sisolak will sign any anti-gun bill put in front of him by a Democratic-controlled Nevada legislature. Adam Laxalt will not. If you only vote for one candidate, make it Adam Laxalt, as a firewall against the excesses of a Democratic-controlled legislature.

General Laxalt hasn't budged an inch on his AG opinion on the unenforceability of the Bloomberg gun registration scheme known as the Universal Background Check Ballot Initiative, 2017's Question 1 - not that he had a choice,

since as written, the law is unenforceable. Indeed, that's my whole point: Adam Laxalt doesn't try to reinterpret or rewrite laws, he enforces them as written. If Michael Bloomberg's expensive lawyers were dumb enough to write an unenforceable background check law, that's their problem! Adam Laxalt didn't write a weasel-worded opinion trying to justify it, like most Democratic attorneys general would have done. That's why if all else fails, having Adam Laxalt as Governor will be A Good Thing!

Last issue's electoral bright spot has gotten darker. According to the Secretary of State's website, Democratic registered voters now outnumber Republicans by 93,325, up significantly from last issue's 56,000-plus margin. The general election will be about turnout, so make sure you are registered to vote, encourage your friends and neighbors, their little brothers and sisters and cousins, and their in-laws to register to vote, and then VOTE on Election Day! Your gun rights are at risk!

Watch for our candidate endorsements coming out soon. They will be posted on www.nvfacpac.org when released, and email-blasted to our members.

These are your rights we are talking about. Fight to protect them!

Yours In Liberty

Duncan Rand Mackie,

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A Full-Sized Pistol In A Sub-Compact Pistol Package

With mass shootings escalating over the years, Full Conceal Inc. founder, Mike Full, feels that today it is more important than ever for you to conceal carry a pistol because of the increased frequency of these bad guys that **ONLY** want your life and those around you. These mass shooters have always been significantly better armed, with larger capacity magazines compared to law-abiding citizen who conceal carry.

As a law-abiding citizen, the trend is to carry smaller sub-compact pistols, but that comes at a cost to grip size (for faster follow-up shots), accuracy and firepower (many sub-compacts only have a 6-round magazine). Combine that knowledge with the FBI statistic that, "20% of bullets hit your target during a gun fight" your odds of stopping or escaping a mass shooting scenario looks very bleak.

Mike liked the idea of carrying a loaded pistol without a holster in your pocket, knowing it was 100% mechanically safe and confident that you can't accidentally disable the safety if you bump into something or by reaching into your pocket. The solution came from folding tactical knives, where visibly you can quickly see it is safe and not be worried about handling it in its folded state. In addition the disabling of the safety must be deliberate. The folding knife design has both a large visual and physical safety that you don't see on traditional firearms, which Mike knew if applied

properly would take firearm safety to a higher level and solve one of his design requirements.

In Dec. 2017, Full Conceal Inc. introduced their double-stack 9mm folding M3D pistol (aka the folding Glock 19 pistol), which when compared to a Glock 43 (single stack 6-round), has a smaller rectangular footprint and is thinner because no holster is needed when carried chambered due to their patented folding trigger safety. When folded, the M3D pistol in its standard 21+1 round configuration has the footprint of an iPhone 7 Plus cell phone and can be quickly deployed ready-to-fire in one swift motion. That is how Full Conceal gets a full-sized gun with high ammo capacity into a sub-compact package.

Full Conceal continues to fold other makes and models. The next release is the M3S (aka the folding Glock 43) that is a single stack 9mm but increases the firepower to 10+1 from the standard 6+1. A nice benefit is that with the larger magazine, it restores it back to a full grip. Also, look out for the Full Conceal Polymer 80 kits, where a kit can be mailed directly to your home allowing you to make your own M3D folding pistol without registration or going through an FFL Dealer.

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