
FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Dick Hellerude

Well, in this newsletter I was planning to take you on a tour of the Club and point out some of the improvements that have occurred recently at our facility. However, I've decided instead to focus on just one of our ranges and an outstanding personal achievement that I was privileged to witness there. It happened at the Big Bore range on the weekend of July 23-24 during the scheduled Wisconsin State Bench Rest Match.

As with most of July this year, the weather was hot and steamy, but the wind was mild – “fair” conditions in the eyes of many bench rest shooters. When these bench rest shooters get down to “business”, they are aiming to hit the target inside the “10” ring, a circle about the size of a dime or less, and the shooting distance is either 100 or 200 yards! In the dead center of that dime-sized circle is an “X”, about the size of the one I just typed.

In the competition at the July match, each shooter was to fire at 50 targets (circles) at 100 yards and another 50 circles at 200 yards, for a total of 100 competitive rounds. Each circle gets shot only once, so there can be no question where the bullet hits. If all 100 shots each hit within the “10” circle, that would be a perfect score of 1,000. However, to make matters even more challenging and to truly identify the expert marksmen, these bench rest people also keep track of how many times a bullet actually hits dead-center, taking out an “X”.

I had the pleasure of watching a national record being established at our Big Bore range by Randy Robinett from Madrid, Iowa. Randy's score was 999, one point from being a perfect score! And, of those 100 rounds, 52 of them were dead-center shots. His record-breaking feat is thus described as a score of 999 with 52 X's. Congratulations Randy, for the outstanding accomplishment.

As close as I could get him to admit, Randy has been participating in this sport for 20-25 years. The record he broke had been established some years ago at an Iowa State Shoot, and he bettered it by two points. He did it with a lot of practice and patience and just a six-power scope on his firearm!

We at the Holmen Rod & Gun Club are fortunate that people who came before us had the foresight and dreams of developing the facility that we now enjoy

here at Holmen. The Big Bore Range is but one of several class-A facilities that have evolved here at our club. And, things still continue to happen too, with improvements and new things being added all the time. I hope that you, as a card-holding participant, are able to avail yourself of some of the opportunities that are open to us all at this club.

And, see you at Field Days!

OPEN TRAP

Due to the wonderful support and participation, Open Trap has been extended through September. Open Trap is every Tuesday evening, starting at 5 pm.

PROPERTY DESTRUCTION

Due to evidence of careless use of firearms on the Holmen Rod & Gun Club ranges, the Board of Directors has requested that all card holders help with the policing of the ranges.

From this time forward, each card holder has the responsibility to ask to see the card of any or all other shooters on the range and to report promptly any destruction of Club property or reckless use of a firearm.

The report should include as much information as possible: name, card number, description of vehicle, license number, and a description of person or persons involved.

Failure to stop the misuse of ranges could lead to the closing of the open range structure of this club. Shooting at that point would be only allowed when a range officer is present and I don't want to see that, nor should you.

Thank you for your support and help.
Dick Hellerude
526-4687

YOUTH DAY

By The Youth Day Committee

On June 25, the Club hosted its Fourth Annual "Youth Day", a day of free activities for kids from ages 8 through 18. Nearly 60 kids participated in hands-on sports activities, got a free lunch at noon, and heard an outstanding presentation on whooping cranes by personnel of the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Every kid took home a door prize and, we trust, some good experiences and enthusiasm for outdoor shooting and fishing sports.

We thank the many contributing supporters of the 2005 "Youth Day". Without their help, it would not happen. We also thank the twenty-or-so Rod & Gun participants who organized and delivered this program to the kids.

2005 "Youth Day" Supporters:

Pizza Corral	T-Jo's Pizza
Arrows in the Square	Spectrum Machining
Air Gas Supply	Scientific Recycling
Festival Goods	Brush Museum
Wings Over Wisconsin	Paul Schneider
Kwik Trip Stores	Gander Mountain
Jim Nowak	RedLine Electric
Classy Chassy	McDonald's
Bill's Automotive	Mathews, Inc.
Bonice Leifer	Monsoor's Sport Shop
La Crosse Fairgrounds	Mississippi Welders
Speedway	Supply
Coulee Region Log Homes	Van Loon Animal Hospital
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2006 DUES

Time is running short for reducing your 2006 membership to the current \$20! In 2006 your participation card will cost you \$40 unless you have 4 hours of work in at the club. The 2005 Field Days is very close and a great time to fulfill the volunteer times and do a little shooting with family and friends.

Our work days are August 27 & 28th to prepare the Rod & Gun Club for this event. I will personally thank you and sign your card for coming out on work day!

Here is a list of events that could use your help over Field Days:

- Archery range
- Rifle range
- Trap range
- Banquet hall
- Action pistol
- Silhouette range
- Muzzle loader shooting
- Small bore shooting
- Cowboy action shooting
- Clean up

IHMSA

This year has also seen the addition of another affiliation with the International Handgun Metallic Silhouette Association (<http://www.ihmsa.org>).



The new IHMSA range

Dan Rentschler and Tony Willemarck (and many others) put a tremendous amount of work into revamping the silhouette range into a world-class IHMSA range.

The state IHMS match is being held on August 20 and 21. This is a huge accomplishment: to get a range built almost from scratch and then host the state match! Wow – great job guys!

I.B.S. HUNTER CLASS MATCH

By Roy Oines
June 5, 2005

Fourteen shooters found a pleasant day for a match in western Wisconsin. The threat of rain was with us for the entire day with only one very brief shower.

Craig Nagel led the 100 yard scoring with a 250-18X, Mike Bigelow took second place honors with 250-10X, third high score went to Brian Miller with a 249-15X.

The 200 yard event came with worsening conditions and took its toll. Brian Miller led the group with 245-2X, Tom Gollob moved into contention with 244-4X leaving Mike Bigelow in the number three spot with a 242-7X.

The top five Grand Agg scores for the day were: Brian Miller 494-17X, Tom Gollob 492-17X, Mike Bigelow 492-17X, Craig Nagel 490-19X and Chris Taylor 489-14X.

2005 MID STATE RIFLE LEAGUE

Out of 8 teams and 51 individual competitors, Holmen members had an outstanding showing in the Mid State Rifle League. In fact, Holmen and Racine were the Team Co-Champions, each posting 8-1 records!

Individual participant members won in the following categories:

Master Class Sitting – Tony Willemarck; Expert Class Kneeling, Sitting and Prone – Glen Tullius; Sharpshooter Class Aggregate – Dan Rentschler.

Be sure to congratulate these folks the next time you see them!

USPSA

The Holmen Rod & Gun Club is proud to announce its latest affiliation with the United States Practical Shooting Association (<http://www.uspsa.org>). The Club is holding sanctioned matches on the third Sunday of the month, through December of this year.

The match fee is \$20 for non-club members and \$15 for club members. You do *not* have to purchase a USPSA membership to shoot in the monthly matches.

Come out and enjoy the fun!



A happy group of USPSA shooters

~ OTHER NEWS ~

Volunteer Opportunities

- Work days – Saturday and Sunday, August 27th & 28th.
- Field Days – September 2nd through the 5th.

Upcoming Events to Remember

- Fall 2-person trap begins August 24th.
- Fandango begins October 7th.
- Friends of the NRA banquet – Saturday, November 12th.
- .22 Rifle League starts November 29th.

NRA PRESS RELEASE

Joint Statement by NRA Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre and Chief Lobbyist Chris Cox On Passage of the "Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act" Friday, July 29, 2005

Today, in an historic vote in Second Amendment history, freedom prevailed.

When it comes to something as fundamental as the Second Amendment, the American people are determined to protect this freedom. That's what happened in the United States Senate today.

The final outcome of the U.S. Senate vote on S. 397 -- the "Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act" -- is a groundbreaking step forward for law-abiding firearm manufacturers, retailers and owners in this country. The National Rifle Association (NRA) invested many years trying to pass this needed legislation that will put an end to politically motivated predatory lawsuits.

The "Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act" is a vital bill that will save the centuries old, law-abiding, and highly regulated American industry that has persevered under the burden of these predatory lawsuits. The success of this bill was so critical to national security interests that it prompted the Department of Defense to issue a strong letter unequivocally urging passage.

We are grateful for the support of the 62 co-sponsors from both sides of the aisle. On behalf of our 4 million members and the tens of millions of gun owners across this country, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Majority Leader Bill Frist for his unyielding efforts to ensure that S. 397 received a fair and just hearing before this legislative body.

We also appreciate Senator Larry Craig for his steadfast hard work in marshaling this effort through the Senate. Senate Majority Whip Mitch McConnell and Senate Republican Conference Chairman Rick Santorum were also vital parts of this team whose dedicated efforts ought to be recognized.

The NRA needed 60 votes to ensure passage of this bill. This would not have been possible without support from Senators from the both sides of the aisle. We thank Minority Leader Harry Reid for supporting this legislation and the members in his caucus who voted for this proposed law.

America is a better and safer place with the passage of S. 397. Members of the United States Senate who voted for this measure placed principle over politics and voted for good policy.

We look forward to working with leaders in United States House of Representatives upon return from the August recess.

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Established in 1871, the National Rifle Association is America's oldest civil rights and sportsmen's group. Four million members strong, NRA continues its mission to uphold Second Amendment rights and advocates enforcement of existing laws against violent offenders to reduce crime. The Association remains the nation's leader in firearm education and training for law-abiding gun owners, law enforcement and the armed services.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: All members living in Wisconsin should be aware that both of our elected senators voted against this bill.]

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Daniels, Guy		608-779-4562	Yes	Treasurer
Gappa, Ben		608-526-3912	Yes	
Gentry, Greg		608-787-5933	Yes	
Hansen, Dan		608-526-4525	Yes	
Hellerude, Dick	Cowboy Ranges	608-526-4687	Yes	President
Larson, Rick	Trap Range	608-526-4942	Yes	
McGowan, Tom		608-317-5451	Yes	Secretary
Nagel, Craig		608-783-5522	Yes	
Oines, Roy	Big Bore Range	608-526-3727	Yes	
Rentschler, Dan	Silhouette Range Kitchen	608-783-5821	Yes	
Scholze, Phil		608-526-3139	Yes	
Thole, Mark	Newsletter USPSA (asst.)	608-784-1766	Yes	
Willemarck, Tony	Silhouette Range	608-213-7228	No	
Casper, Ronnie	3-Gun USPSA	715-963-2120	No	
Hellerude, Joe	Cowboy Ranges (asst.)	608-781-5959	No	
Butterfield, Gary	Muzzleloader	608-526-9020	No	
Richardson, Stan	Muzzleloader	608-526-6727	No	
(available)	Action Pistol			

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City _____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Supporting
State _____ ZIP _____	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Contributing
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250 Benefactor
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