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Shop the NRA Mall of Programs

By NRA STAFF

With 178 programs to choose from, NRA offers a veritable shopping mall of activities that almost any club may conduct.

While space won't allow us to describe all of them, some of the major programs that might be ideal for your club are outlined below.

Activities ranging from marksmanship training and competitive shooting to accident prevention and crime avoidance are all offered by NRA. For more information on any of the programs, call the number listed in the appropriate paragraph or visit www.nrahq.org.

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YOUTH PROGRAMS

No one offers a more diverse slate of gun safety, marksmanship, hunting and competitive shooting programs for youths than NRA. Among the most popular with clubs are: the Marksmanship Qualification Program, Shooting Sports Camps, and the International Youth Hunter Education Challenge program. Brief descriptions of each follow:



NRA has shooting programs for today's youth in almost every discipline imaginable.

Marksmanship Qualification

Primarily a youth program, Marksmanship Qualification is actually open to adults as well. The program is honor-based, self-paced and can be administered at local levels by a parent, club leader or individual participant. The idea of the program is simple: shooting a certain score (in a wide variety of disci-

plines) qualifies one for a certain ranking, and for attractive awards associated with that rank. Colorful patches, medals, certificates and rockers display the level you've reached.

The program starts with the Pro-Marksmanship level, requiring scores feasible for an entry-level shooter, and progresses through Marksman, Marksman 1st class, Sharpshooter and Expert, until you reach the pinnacle of the program, the nationally recognized Distinguished Expert. At that level, your competence will roughly equal the classification of Sharpshooter in



NRA's Marksmanship Qualification Program is an easy way to youth involved in the sport.

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Detroit Man Teaches Kids The Values of Safe Hunting and Family

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Kids growing up in the greater Detroit, Michigan area have many heroes and individuals to look up to. There is Joey Harrington from the Lions, Richard Hamilton from the Pistons, and a host of other sports superstars. Another individual that kids look up to in the Detroit area who is making a direct and positive impact on their lives is practically unknown. His name is Gary Williams. For over 20 years, Williams has been an influence on the youngsters of Detroit by teaching hunter education courses to urban youths.

Williams, 50, has been an avid outdoorsman nearly all his life. He was introduced to hunting at an early age by his father and accompanied him on many family hunts. He has made sure that he and his wife of 23 years, Linda, have passed it on to their son, Geoffrey, a senior at Eastern Michigan University. This is something that

Williams tries to stress when he holds his classes—family unity. "It is absolutely tear jerking to see these families come together during class and while hunting in the field," said Williams.

Before taking his current position as natural resources outreach programs coordinator for Michigan State University Extension



Gary Williams has been teaching hunter education courses to urban youths for the past 20 years.

in 1999, Williams attended Wayne State University in Detroit and was director of human resources for the largest chemical dependency rehabilitation program in Michigan.

Introduced to tournament fishing by a friend, Williams used this avenue as an outreach to children and started the Palmer Park Kids Fishing Derby, held every spring. After seeing the success of this pro-

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gram, Williams decided to apply it to his hunter education courses.

After joining the Michigan State University Extension, Williams decided to take his hunter education course one step further. Not only would the kids get in-class instruction, but in-field experience as well. Accompanied by their parents, the kids are invited for a day out at the skeet range and hunting pheasants. With funding in limited supply from the state, Williams relies on the donations of generous sponsors, such as Remington, Ruffed Grouse Society, the Michigan Game Birds Owners Association, and others to provide equipment and resources to the families when they go on their hunts. Hunting clubs in the Detroit area, such as Hunter's Creek Club in Metamora and the Ring Neck Ranch in Hanover, also provide their land and guides to help further the education of these young hunters.

During Williams' course, the kids and their parents are given a class that is part classroom and part "hands-on." "The old days of lecture and listen are passé. We are living in a world of media blitz right now," said Williams. He uses many different vehicles to reach the students in the class. These range from videos and demonstrations to discussions. The most important rules that Williams teaches are NRA's own three rules of gun safety: Always keep the gun pointed

in a safe direction, always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot, and always keep the gun unloaded until ready to shoot. In addition, he also highly stresses another NRA rule, which is always know your target and what is beyond.

Where most hunter education classes end with instruction in the classroom, Williams' class is only beginning. The students are taken to a skeet range and taught how to develop shooting skills and safety techniques in what Williams calls "Safety 101."

After some time on the range, the students then move into the field to hunt for pheasants. Here, they get to experience first-hand the thrill of hunting. The kids are ecstatic when they are able to take their first bird, often after the youngster has shot a firearm for the first time only hours before. After the kids and their parents retire from the field, they are taught how to clean their birds. Williams usually teaches three or four classes a year, with an average of between 80 and 90 kids taught in all. Although this may not seem like a large figure to some, that is almost 100 new safe and educated hunters that enter the woods each year. This is a fact that Williams does not overlook. "When many people think of kids and firearms, it is like oil and water. I want to change that," said Williams. "The world of shooting and hunting opens up many opportunities for these youngsters."

Williams, who is also an NRA-certified firearm instructor, would also like to see more rifle programs at universities and

high schools across the country. "Unfortunately, all the money and scholarships go to the big sports, like football and basketball. I'd love to see more shooting programs open up. It is a sport that anyone can participate in, which gives it that universal appeal that other sports don't have," said Williams. (To find out more about collegiate shooting programs offered by the NRA go to: <http://www.nrahq.org/compete/coldir.asp>, or call (703) 267-1469.)

Regional Director for Michigan State University Southeast Region, Henry Allen, had this to say about Williams: "Gary is indeed a unique individual. His love and passion for the out-of-doors brought him to the attention of Michigan State University Extension. In our work with Detroit-area youth, we saw the need and opportunity to expose inner-city youth to Michigan's natural resources. Living in the city should not limit your access to experiencing our great state. Gary has made it possible for the youth in Detroit to explore nature through educational programs involving hunting, fishing, and the Great Lakes."

One of Williams' goals is to change some of the disturbing trends he sees in hunting today. "We are losing too much to urban sprawl. There just aren't hunting opportunities like there used to be. Children hold the future in their hands. If we don't pass on traditions, such as hunting, fishing, and shooting, we are shortchanging our babies," said Williams.



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formal competition. A colorful program booklet (free to NRA members) explains all the details; call (703) 267-1505 for your copy. Or you can log onto www.nrahq.org/youth and click on the Marksmanship Qualification link for the same information.

Another indispensable publication for adult leaders who work with young people is *Developing Your Youth Shooting Sports Program*.

This is a 58-page guide to organizing, publicizing, and conducting a variety of youth-oriented firearm and outdoor programs.

It also provides an extensive listing of manufacturers and resources available to support a youth shooting sports program. Call the same number above to get your free copy.

NRA SHOOTING SPORTS CAMPS

The great thing about the NRA Shooting Sports Camps program is that you can tailor the camp to fit the needs of your club, your community, and the extent of your resources. Camps are organized into a number of different themes. Choose from:

Safety & Firearm Education Camp— Participants learn to safely handle and shoot a variety of firearms.

Basic Camp— Participants complete an NRA Basic Course of Instruction (Basic Rifle, Basic Shotgun, etc.) with plenty of range time to apply lessons learned, receive personal attention, and develop confidence.

Hunters Camp— Participants learn hunting tactics and techniques, outdoor skills, and develop archery, shotgun and .22 rifle shooting skills that lead to successful hunts.



NRA Shooting Sports Camps are easily tailored to fit your club's needs.

Competition Camp— Participants learn the rules, proper selection and use of equipment, goal setting, and the shooting techniques that give competitors an edge in matches.

Youth SportsFest Camp— Each

SportsFest is a specialized program based on the resources, volunteer expertise and facilities at the club's disposal. SportsFests can include a variety of shooting events as well as other activities such as fishing, canoeing, orienteering, etc.

Special Interest Camp— NRA can assist any club that wants to run a camp focusing on a special interest or specialized segment of the population.

NRA/ATA Youth Trapshooting Camp— NRA and the Amateur Trapshooting Association have teamed up to teach kids the ins and outs of shotgunning and specifically how to shoot trap.

For more information, or to obtain a camp planning guide that takes all the guesswork out of sponsoring a camp, call (703) 267-

1591. The planning guide even includes the forms you need to apply for a Friends of NRA grant that, if awarded, will help defray the costs of the event. Also check out: www.nrahq.org/youth.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH HUNTER EDUCATION CHALLENGE (YHEC)



Well over 1 million youths have participated in NRA's YHEC since its birth in 1985.

individuals, sportsmen's clubs, or groups such as 4-H, or the Boy Scouts. More than one million youngsters have participated in YHEC since the program's inception in 1985.

YHEC culminates in an annual International event, which will be held this year at the NRA Whittington Center near Raton, N.M., beginning July 27. Typically drawing about 300 young hunters, plus family members, coaches and spectators, this event tests participants in eight areas of hunting skill: .22 rifle, shotgun, archery, muzzleloading, orienteering, wildlife identification, hunter safety trail and a written hunter responsibility exam. All shooting events are designed to resemble actual hunting situations. In the rifle event, for instance, life-size game targets are used instead of bullseye targets.

While there are eight activities in the annual international event, regional, state and provincial programs are only required to include one shooting event and one responsibility event to meet eligibility requirements at the International.

Nationwide declines in hunting accidents bear out the importance of hunter education, and NRA-affiliated clubs may look at YHEC as an opportunity to mentor a generation of better-trained, more responsible and more skillful hunters. NRA's Hunter Services Department has a complete package of information available for anyone interested in conducting a YHEC, and many states have volunteer YHEC coordinators as well. Call (703) 267-1500, or log onto www.nrahq.org/hunting/youthed.asp.

BASIC FIREARM TRAINING

Marksmanship training and firearm safety have been priority missions of NRA since its founding in 1871.

Today, 800,000 civilians a year take NRA

Basic Firearm Training Courses, which are taught by 43,000 NRA Certified Instructors. With the shooting experience that exists in most NRA clubs, becoming an NRA Certified Instructor is a natural step, one that allows shooting and safety knowledge to be passed on to the community.

Several criteria must be met to become NRA-certified, including demonstration of a solid background in firearm safety and shooting, and successful completion of an NRA Instructor Training Course and exam. Certifications may be earned in a number of courses, such as: Basic Rifle, Basic Pistol, Basic Shotgun, Personal Protection, Home Firearm Safety, and others. (Sales of the Personal Protection handbook, which is available both as part of the course and separately, went over 100,000 last year, higher than any single training publication in NRA's history. Entitled *NRA Guide to the Basics of Personal Protection in the Home*, the book may be ordered online by visiting www.nrahq.org and clicking on "Visit the NRA Online Store.")



NRA teaches nearly 1 million civilians how to safely enjoy the shooting sports each and every year in America.

Instructor training courses are taught by NRA Training Counselors. To locate a training counselor who will train and certify club members to teach NRA basic courses, call (703) 267-1430.

Certified instructors are qualified to teach an NRA Basic Firearm Training Course, which focuses on gun safety and marksmanship fundamentals. For those interested in working with shooters in formal competition, a separate training course is available to become a certificated coach. To learn about this process, call (703) 267-1589 or e-mail the National Coach Trainer at hmoody@nrahq.org.

SAFETY

Personal Safety

Citizens concerned about the security of their homes and families can benefit greatly from the Refuse To Be A Victim® program. Refuse To Be A Victim® is a crime avoidance program for men and women. During seminars, certified instructors present a variety of strategies anyone can incorporate into their daily lives that will help prevent criminal confrontations. While geared primarily to adults, it is useful to people of all age groups and backgrounds.

Seminar participants learn about criminal thinking and common-sense tips about maximizing personal, home, automobile, telephone, travel and Internet security.

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Marksmanship training is not part of the seminar.

In addition to the core curriculum, instructors can present special modules for groups focused on: youth (pre-school through college), the workplace or senior citizens/persons with physical disabilities. A club's role in Refuse To Be A Victim® might be to make its facilities available for seminars, or club members may want to teach the program. Those interested in becoming Refuse To Be A Victim® certified instructors will need to successfully complete an Instructor Development Workshop, usually a two-day process costing \$95.

During Refuse To Be A Victim® seminars, certified instructors present a variety of strategies anyone can incorporate into their daily lives.

For more information about attending a seminar or becoming an instructor, call (800) 861-1166, e-mail refuse@nrahq.org or visit www.nrahq.org/rtbav.

Child Safety

NRA's Eddie Eagle GunSafe® Program is probably the nation's most well-respected gun accident prevention program for children. It has been honored and/or endorsed by groups such as the National Safety Council and the National Sheriffs' Association.

Launched in 1988, Eddie Eagle teaches children in pre-K through the sixth grades that: If you see a gun: **STOP! Don't Touch. Leave The Area. Tell An Adult.**

Eddie Eagle is generally a school classroom-based program, taught by schoolteachers and law enforcement community safety officers. But virtually any private citizen who can gather a group of children can present the program. Self-explanatory instructors' guides make teaching easy, and colorful workbooks, a video, and other materials make the program a delight for kids.

To learn more about teaching Eddie Eagle or getting it included in a local school, call (800) 231-0752. (Note: since Eddie Eagle teaches this young audience not to touch guns, the program should not actually be taught on the premises of a shooting club.)

WOMEN'S PROGRAMS

Launched in 1999, NRA's Women On Target™ program offers three types of events for women participants only.

These events make it simpler than ever for

women to enter or advance in hunting and the shooting sports.

Women-only hunting excursions, charity shooting events, and instructional shooting clinics allow beginners to have a safe and enjoyable first-time experience with firearms. Women who already have a hunting or shooting background will find unprecedented camaraderie and a chance to mentor other women with the same interests.

NRA clubs, of course, are critical to the delivery of women's programs, especially the instructional shooting clinics. The program's Event Guide offers a wealth of information on conducting Women On Target™ instructional shooting clinics. For more information or a schedule of 2003 Women On Target™ events, call (800) 861-1166, or log onto www.nrahq.org/women.

COMPETITIONS

The NRA's Competitive Shooting Division sanctions about 10,000 shooting matches a year. If your club has for some reason not been running matches, consider just some of the possible benefits – increased revenue, potential new members, community interest, even media attention. Underlying it all, of course, is that every match your club runs is another step toward the continued growth of the sport.

As for the types of matches you can offer, "We have BB gun to 1,000-yard high power and everything in between," said Gil Gilchrist, Director of the Competitive Shooting Division. Two good sources of information are the recently revised *Tournament Operations Guide* and the *NRA Guide to Competitive Shooting Programs*.

With particular interest to juniors, the NRA introduced an event that can be used as a major stepping-stone to other shooting programs. Formally known as the NRA National Junior Air Gun

Team Championship & Training Summit, the event brings together the best junior air gun shooters a state association or national junior shooting organization has to offer.



PHOTO BY JOE KERPER

NRA sanctions about 10,000 shooting matches per year. Nearly 4,000 shooters attend the National Rifle & Pistol Matches, held at Camp Perry, Ohio, each year.

These teams enjoy two days of competition and at the same time, attend training classes on subjects related to shooter development and shooting programs. The event is held in the summer and rotates around the United States. For additional information, contact J. Venskoste at (703) 267-1477 or e-mail him at jvenskoske@nrahq.org.

Call (703) 267-1450 to acquire these, or for any other information on conducting matches. To reach the Competitions section of the NRA Web site, go to: www.nrahq.org/compete/index.asp.

FUND RAISING

NRA Foundation grants are a significant source of funds for projects and programs that help foster the shooting sports. The NRA Foundation exists to support a wide range of firearm-related public interest activities.

The foundation aids efforts to promote firearm and hunting safety, conservation, and marksmanship development, and to educate the general public about firearms in their historic, technological, and artistic context.

Funds granted by The NRA Foundation may benefit children, youth groups, women, individuals with physical disabilities, law enforcement officers, and hunters.

The NRA Field Representative for each state is the primary contact for grant information, or you can go to www.nrafoundation.org/foundation and click on "Grants."

A great deal of the monies for NRA Foundation grants is raised through a nationwide network of volunteer committees known as Friends of NRA (FNRA). With the guidance of NRA Field Representatives in their area, community-minded individuals and clubs hold fund-raising dinners.

Funds raised from the sale of tickets, plus auctions and raffles that are part of the festivities, go into a larger fund managed by each state in which FNRA dinners are held.

Half of the money goes to The NRA Foundation for national grants, and half goes back to the state for use locally. In 2002 alone, there were 770 FNRA dinners held nationwide that raised more than \$10 million for the benefit of the shooting sports.

NRA-affiliated clubs are core groups that hold *Friends of NRA* dinners. The dinners are fine social affairs and the merchandise package offered up for auction is spectacular.

Outstanding firearms, wildlife art, sporting gear of all kinds, and other items make these dinners a sportsman's dream. But the real value of the dinners, of course, is that they are a critical source of funding for shooting education programs.

For information on holding a *Friends of NRA* dinner, contact your NRA Field Representative. If you're not sure who that is, go to www.nrahq.org and click on "Field Representatives."

WWII Flying Ace Defined Patriotism for Generations

FAIRFAX, VA—"He was an ace fighter pilot, a state governor, a war hero, a TV star, a sports commissioner, a Christian leader and a man beloved by all. And, he was our president," NRA Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre said recently in memory of General Joe Foss who died January 1st. He was 87.

"General Foss was a true patriot, in every sense of the word," continued LaPierre. "He will forever be remembered as someone who epitomized courage, fidelity and honor. His loss is shared by freedom loving people throughout our nation. I will miss my friend."

"The passing of Joe Foss is a great loss for our nation and all Americans who were enriched by his love of country, integrity, duty and ever-cheerful inspiration. Patrick Henry once said that honor is a gift a man must bestow upon himself. I have known no man of more honor than Joe Foss. I will

miss his smile, his laughter and his friendship," said legendary actor and NRA President Charlton Heston.

General Foss' life was one of meritorious distinction. A few of his achievements were:

- **Medal of Honor recipient**
- **Distinguished Flying Cross recipient**
- **Founder, South Dakota Air National Guard**
- **Governor, South Dakota, 1954-1958**
- **Representative, South Dakota Legislature, 1948-1953**
- **Commissioner, American Football League, 1959-1966**
- **Husband, Father and Grandfather**

"General Foss defined heroism for servicemen since World War II. For generations, he made American patriotism something to be proud of. He fought for what he believed in, and those causes are better for it," LaPierre concluded.

The prayers and blessings of the entire National Rifle Association family are with the Foss family during this most difficult time.



Medal of Honor recipient and past NRA president, Joe Foss.

Eddie Eagle® Promotes Gun Safety

The Eddie Eagle GunSafe® Program is a gun accident prevention program that teaches children what to do if they find a gun in an unsupervised situation. Eddie Eagle, the program's mascot, teaches children in Pre-K through sixth grade that if they see a gun to: STOP! Don't Touch. Leave the Area. Tell an Adult.

Teaching the Eddie Eagle Program is fun and rewarding and could very well save a life. Eddie Eagle's life-saving message empowers children with the knowledge they need to avoid firearm related accidents.

The program can be taught at your local elementary school, church group, or civic organization.

Curriculum materials include: age-appropriate student workbooks, instructor's guides, animated video, brochures, classroom poster, and student reward stickers. Our self-explanatory instructor's guides offer step-by-step instruction to allow anyone to teach the program.



To learn more about the program and how your association or club can help, please call (800) 231-0752 or visit us on the Web at www.nrahq.org/safety/eddie.

Take part in spreading Eddie's life-saving message. Help keep more children safe.

Law Enforcement Agencies that Purchased an Eddie Eagle® Costume in 2002

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- Cabarrus County Sheriff's Department** – Concord, NC
- Union County Sheriff's Department** – Monroe, NC
- Holmes County Sheriff's Department** – Holmesville, OH
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- Carter County Sheriff's Department** – Ardmore, OK
- Township of Spring Police Department** – Reading, PA
- City of Myrtle Beach Police Department** – Myrtle Beach, SC
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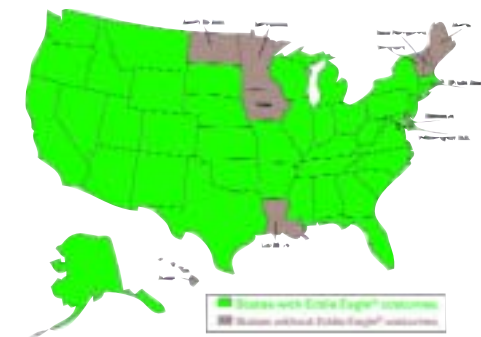
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The Eddie Eagle mascot costume is available for purchase by law enforcement agencies only. The costume cost is \$2,650.

You can help promote The Eddie Eagle GunSafe® Program by raising funds to purchase a costume for your local law enforcement agency.

For costume or program inquiries, call the NRA Eddie Eagle GunSafe® Program at (800) 231-0752 or visit us on the Web at www.nrahq.org/safety/eddie.



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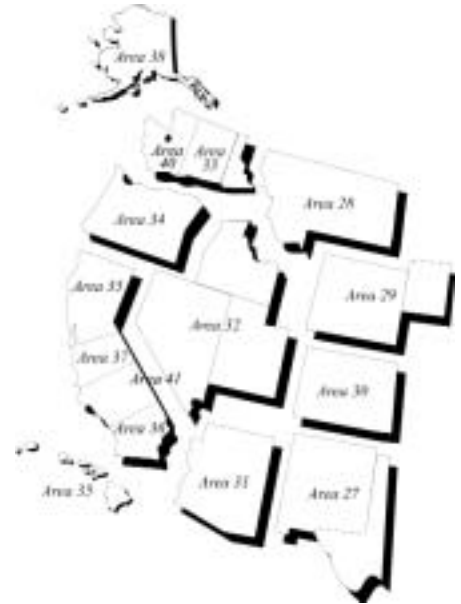


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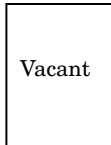
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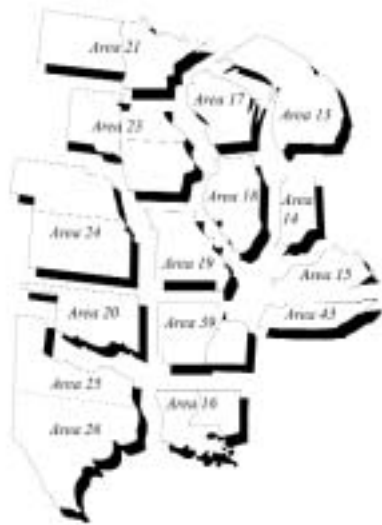
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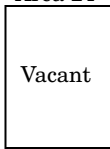
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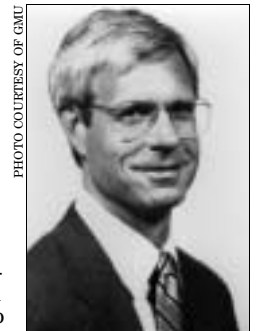


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Nelson Lund fills the new professorship endowed by The NRA Foundation at the George Mason University School of Law.

How Close is Your Club to Earning the NRA Gold Medal Club Award?

By **PERCY BENNETT**

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NRA Grant the Genesis of New Junior Air Gun Club

By ROGER GASCOIGNE
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Right from the start, the members of the newly formed Arlington International Airgun Club (AIAC) knew that an important part of their mission to promote Olympic-style air gun shooting would be to create a junior division. Located in Arlington Heights, IL, just a few miles from where 2000 Olympic air rifle gold medalist Nancy Johnson began her shooting career, the AIAC Junior Division would strive to foster the next generation of Illinois Olympians.

The NRA Range Grant Program recognized that AIAC had the makings of a new junior shooting club in an area woefully short of range facilities, as well as junior shooting programs. In the fall of 2001, the NRA approved a grant to get the new program started. The \$1,700 that was initially received from the NRA Range Grant Program allowed AIAC to purchase .177 cal. competition pellet rifles and the materials to build pellet traps. It was a great start for the new junior club.

The fulfillment of AIAC's vision has been realized not only through the financial backing of the NRA Range Grant Program, but also through strong support from the sponsoring school - Christian Liberty Academy (CLA) of Arlington Heights, IL. The administrators of CLA are outspoken supporters of the Second Amendment and American freedom, and have supported many pro-gun activities in the area.

To check out this new program for myself, I visited the club - and was amazed at what I saw. There were 18 young people - note that 50% were young women - who were in competition with each other to see who would represent the club in an upcoming match. In just 6 months, AIAC has become a competitive organization with members vying for a chance to represent the club in competition.

As one parent said, "I thought that the junior air gun club would just be a bunch of kids coming down to plink away with BB guns, I had not expected this level of professionalism."

It is, without a doubt, professional. The AIAC students are learning and applying

the discipline and skills needed to be competitive with an air rifle at 10 meters in 3 positions (3P): prone, kneeling, and standing.

The club's concern for proper safety procedures is immediately obvious when you enter the range. Students are required to wear eye and ear protection while on the firing line, and everyone in the range is required to wear eye protection anytime shooting is taking place. The club's main objectives are teaching safe gun-handling

rules, and observed them rigorously. It was delightful to see the learning and coaching, the encouragement and pride in improvement, the observance of the rules, and the application of discipline to a difficult task.

Having seen AIAC in action, I decided to interview some of the parents and the junior members to see what they thought about the new club. It was very interesting to hear the various expectations and the actual experiences they had. I asked the students how they heard about the club, what it was that interested them about the idea, what their expectations of the club were, as well as if the club has been what they expected.

The first interview was with Aki Shiomitsu, an exchange student from Japan. She first heard about the club through her American host, the Kou family. Timothy and Matthew Kou were both very interested in joining the new shooting club and invited Aki to join too. The competitive nature of the club appealed to her, as she has been involved with swimming and tennis, and saw this as another sport where she might excel.

Aki finds the AIAC club to be very well run and likes the format of the sessions. She loves that she can compete on level terms with all the other members—gender plays no part in shooting success.

She enjoys the training, the use of the excellent equipment, and the competition. She does not expect that she will be continuing this sport back in Japan though, unless she organizes a club herself. The notion of representing Japan in the Olympics is very appealing to her. She has a signed poster of U.S. Shooting Team member Nancy Johnson to take home with her as inspiration.

Another one of the juniors, Kelsy Dorn, is schooled at home. Kelsy heard about the club from her father, who saw the AIAC poster at CLA. Kelsy was interested enough to attend the informational meeting for parents and prospective members. Her father joined her for that meeting and is every bit as excited as Kelsy is about the club. Kelsy

liked the idea of learning something new and taking part in competitions. She, too, likes to challenge the boys, and takes particular delight in beating them. Kelsy says, "It's cool to compete with the guys."

Mark Dove is one of the dads who was present the night I conducted the interviews. Mark has a



NRA Certified Rifle Coach Joe Kabbes shares a few suggestions about possible position improvements with AIAC-Juniors shooter Kelsy Dorn.

and encouraging competitive achievement. When I was there, the entire range was under the watchful eye of an experienced Range Officer. The director of the junior program is an NRA Certified Rifle Instructor. In addition, there are 5 other coaches with 3P training who come to work with the students.

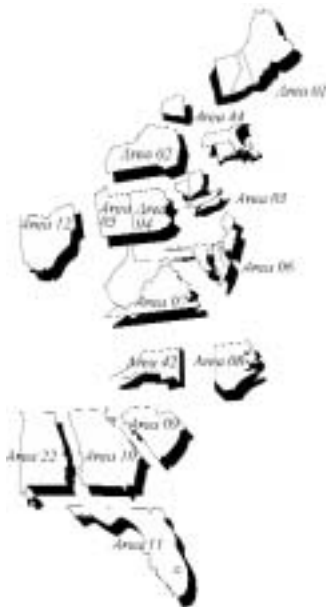
There was no horse-play on the range. When squads were called, everyone was in the right lane straight away, and the rifles were always kept pointed down-range. Safety flags were used to confirm that the rifles were unloaded, and in a safe condition, after firing was completed. All shooters were clearly aware of the safety



The AIAC-Juniors program today: 16 positions and almost 40 students. It all began with a grant from the NRA Range Grant Program.

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NRA Club Update: Harrison Co. 4-H Shooting Sports Club

By **PERCY BENNETT**

MARKETING MANAGER,
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The Harrison Co. 4-H Shooting Sports Club is a project club for boys and girls, aged nine to nineteen, who are 4-H members. The main purpose of the club is to teach firearm safety. The program goals are to teach safe and responsible use of firearms and equipment that includes sound decision making, self-discipline and ethical behavior. Our motto is "safety first and fun second."

Harry H. Rogers has managed the twenty six-member club for the last nine years. Besides shooting sports the club members compete in football, basketball, baseball, steer, calf and hog showing and everything else that kids are involved in nowadays. The club members shoot every Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at Harry's farm, off highway 154. The club has a covered firing line and ten firing lanes. The club starts shooting in

September in a "Light Rifle" (.22 rifle with scope) postal league and shoots until the first of December when the club switches to three position. This is .22 rifle with peep sights. The club competes at the county and district levels with a chance to advance in June to the State Level at Texas A&M. The club's bread and butter is their three position senior team, three boys and one girl, which advanced to the State Match at Texas A&M last year.

There is no expense incurred to join 4-H Shooting Sports. The club has a wonderful relationship with the Point n' Rise sporting clays club and makes money by trapping at their tournaments. The kids have the added bonus of shooting the course after the tournament.

If a shooter desires to purchase a firearm, the instructors are more than happy to help the parents make a selection. The club has

three instructors who are certified through both the NRA and 4-H. The club attends and helps out at every Friends of the NRA banquet held in Longview, Texas.

This year the club received its fifth grant from the Friends of the NRA.

Thanks to this ongoing support the club has been able to purchase shooting mats, kneeling rolls, slings, shooting stands, ammo boxes, clock timers, spotting scopes, spotting scope stands, bipods for rifles, shooting gloves, paper targets, ammunition and firearms. The club will use funds from this year's grant to purchase five firearms and a gun vault.

Harry is very proud of the Harrison Co. 4-H Shooting Sports Club. He plans to retire in a year and spend more time with the club and the development of its members.

Woman's Day at the Range--Better Than Ever!

By **PEGGY HODGISS**

ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY RIFLE & PISTOL CLUBS

Hundreds of women jammed the Cherry Ridge Range to join us for our "Fourth Annual Women's Day at the Range" and afterward described it as "awesome, exciting, fun and better than the expected." They also described it as "safe, comfortable and non-intimidating." Yes all that and much more! The Association of New Jersey Rifle & Pistol Clubs (ANJR&PC) was once again delighted to introduce our new friends to the shooting sports and share the fun with so many who have never had the opportunity to bust a clay bird or hear that satisfying clang of the metal plate being hit! I was very pleased to greet some of our "graduates" (hello Barbara M and Lucille E) who have gone on to take our firearm safety classes and purchase firearms for themselves and return with their moms, sisters, friends and grandmothers! We designed our event so that women of all ages and physical abilities could safely and comfortably learn a new sport under the guidance of the most patient, knowledgeable, and friendly instructors anywhere. We were blessed again with a beautiful sunny day to spend outdoors doing what we all love to do, shooting and passing the sport on to others. All of our guests had the opportunity to try pistols, rifles and shotguns. This year we added an additional rifle event using metal plates because women are just getting too good shooting bulls eyes at those paper targets! We were also able to introduce another great outdoor sport, summer biathlon for those shooters who want to stay in shape!

Smiles and cheers abounded all day as the women used the skills and fundamentals that they were taught in the morning classroom sessions to bring home targets of which they could be proud. Their ability to shoot well and safely is the direct result of

our instructors who have many years of shooting experience and friendly dispositions that speak volumes for the gun owning community.

The morning started with coffee, refreshments and a welcome by me, Peggy, Special Events Chairperson. A salute to the Flag was definitely in order to remind us of how lucky we are as Americans to participate in such an event. Mike Bodner, Special Events Co-Chairperson, taught the three golden rules of gun safety stressing that responsible gun owners never violate them. Our classroom instructors delivered the fundamentals of shooting, dominant eye exercise and live demonstrations in such an efficient (yet entertaining) way that even the least experienced woman felt comfortable on the range. THANKS to Dawn and Jim Richardson for teaching pistol; Mike Cutera (assisted by Jim Richardson) for teaching rifle, and Sue Bryant and Ken Ortbach for teaching shotgun.

All of these volunteer NRA certified instructors have been part of our team from our first Women's Day and have contributed to the continued success of each one!

By this time, the women were anxious to apply what they have learned so we headed to the first range session to do some shooting! As they say "timing is everything" and an event of this size demands it. Mike Bodner, assisted by our Range Coordinators, whose job it is to call the line, assisted the instructors, oversee supplies and see that our guests are comfortable, worked together to keep the range sessions moving smoothly. They also are an extra pair of ears and eyes for our Range Safety Officers who are responsible for the safety of all of our guests. This kind of teamwork is what makes our events successful and rewarding. A special thanks to our range

coordinators, Chuck Lehnert, Adam Levin, George Lees and Ian Hill for providing the best possible atmosphere for instructors and students alike. THANKS to our Range Personnel for quietly watching out for all of us and ensuring that our long history of NO accidents at Cherry Ridge Range continues. A special THANKS to Jim and Frank for beautifying the grounds for us, how thoughtful!

While all of this range activity was happening, our "General Operations" team was working behind the scenes setting up for lunch. These volunteers work tirelessly at all the necessary chores that are not always visible to everyone, but absolutely essential. They include parking duty, registration and refreshments, set-up, and clean up. A huge THANKS to: Rich Mancuso, Sue Stephens, Steve Chapman, Helen Headrick, Judy Wozniak, Allan Johnson, Sue Schwarz, Bruce Meyer, Jim Gromach, Lyn Ellis, Jennifer Gross (Thanks for manning the NRA booth, too!) Mary Youngquist, and Sandy McDonalds. Many of us spent the day and evening before preparing for the big day. THANKS to those who worked overtime as well: Mike Bodner, George Lees, Ed Gross, Allan Johnson, Scott Bach, Henry Uiga, Ian Hill, Richard Mossip, Frank Zarnary (Thanks for the clay bird run!), Bill Scott (Thanks for the ammunition run!), Helen Headrick and Mary Youngquist (Thanks to both for stuffing goodie bags!).

WHEW! We worked hard but we were especially rewarded this year! In addition to the accolades of our guest we had the privilege of welcoming several NRA Board of Directors to our event.

After two exciting range sessions, we were

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all ready for lunch and a little relaxation. This year, not only did we provide a little shooting and a little eating; we also provided a little shopping! One of a kind T-shirts and tote bags (designed by Special Events Comm. and not found anywhere else!) were available for souvenirs and were quite a big hit! Because we always follow up on the evaluations, we added dessert to the menu this year as well as our traditional summer fares of croissant sandwiches and fruit salad. With full tummies and new shirts, we headed back to the range for two more sessions.

By this time, our instructors have barely taken a quick lunch break and they're back at the firing line. Our volunteer NRA certified instructors are vital to the success of Woman's Day. They are the mentors and ambassadors to our guests and represent the gun-owning community to these women as well. As always, I received nothing short of glowing praise for them. The evaluations tell it like it is—our guests describe our instructors as courteous, patient, professional, and competent. We owe them all a debt of gratitude for the endless hours they give and the passion for shooting that is exhibited in all they do.

Some special comments from attendees:

I attended the all woman's shoot and had an awesome time! I came down from Albany, NY for it and was very glad I made the trip! I would definitely attend again. Thanks again so much for sponsoring something like this and encouraging this great sport!

Sincerely, Chris

Even though I don't reside in NJ anymore, I am very interested in ANJR&PC current events. I will truly miss "Women's Day at the Range." It was something to look forward to

every year. It was my time out and made me feel very strong and independent as a woman. Can I purchase a T-shirt that I can wear proudly? Thanks again for the years of enjoyment at Women's Day!
Leslie – Tucson, Arizona

As the shooting sessions came to an end, the women gathered for Q&A, evaluations and distribution of goodie bags and donated prizes. Mike Bodner acted as Master of Ceremonies announcing the winners of our prizes and encouraging our guests to support these generous donors. We urged everyone to patronize their local gun dealers who are very knowledgeable and always there for us. DON'T depend on mega – chain stores for your firearms needs as company policy can change at any time. Keep our local FFL's in business! A huge thank you to all of our friends who supplied us with much-needed items and prizes. Our event is that much more worthwhile when the attendees can take some souvenirs and information that promote shooting to ponder at a later date. After all, we want to provide the women with all the resources available for them to make educated decisions about firearms ownership. Therefore, we welcome and appreciate your merchandise and brochures to assist them in this process.

The ANJR&PC is pleased that another group of women have had the opportunity to try the shooting sports and learn first hand that it is a safe, fun, mainstream activity to be enjoyed with friends and family. They are now "armed" with the facts and fundamentals needed to become a responsible firearms owner. We wish them a lifetime of safe shooting and hope to see them at the range real soon!

Please contact me at (908) 486-4738 if you have a desire to share your time and energy with new shooters by being part of our volunteer team. There's a job for every talent and we would love to have you!

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son and a daughter in the program. He said he is very impressed with the program. When he first heard about it he assumed that it would just be "plinking." As he and his children soon learned, it is a serious program that teaches Olympic-style shooting. He is particularly impressed with the emphasis on safety. He said that the program teaches the students a respect for guns of all types. His children have had some exposure to shooting before this program, but their interest has increased as a result of being involved in this club.

Bob Stack is another dad who was there with his 11-year-old son, Jamie. He inquired, and learned that club members did not have to be students of the school to join. Jamie had previously been exposed to firearms and hunting, but air rifle was a totally new discipline for him.

Bob believes that participation in AIAC has increased Jamie's knowledge of proper gun safety and interest in the shooting sports. Bob is impressed that the club leadership understands that different students have different degrees of interest and skill, and has developed its program accordingly. He

appreciates that the club provides all of the equipment and charges only a nominal membership fee, which is within the reach of anyone. He hopes that other schools will follow CLA's lead and be willing to support junior shooting programs. Bob feels the leadership of the club is extraordinary.

It's clear that the NRA Range Grant Program has allowed the AIAC Junior Division to provide something really special for the youth of the community while also promoting safety, responsibility, discipline, and the shooting sports.

Unfortunately, our Range Facilities and Programs Endowment has yet to rebound from its financial losses over the past year-and-a-half. It is regrettable that we are unable to offer range grants in 2003. Please feel free to contact either your NRA Field Representative (listed in this issue) or The NRA Foundation ((800) 423-6894) with any questions regarding additional grant opportunities.

NRA, Crosman Join Forces to Promote the Shooting Sports

The National Rifle Association and Crosman Corporation have announced the start of a joint program to foster the growth of sport shooting and gun safety programs, nationwide, using Crosman's air guns and NRA's network of clubs, youth shooting sports camps and certified trainers.

The effort, an offshoot of Crosman's long-standing Education in Airgun Shooting for Youth (EASY) program, will offer NRA-affiliated clubs, youth program operators, and NRA-certified trainers a selection of Crosman air guns—three models of rifles and a pistol—plus kit materials needed to conduct a safety and marksmanship training program.

Eligible camps and clubs may order the kits from Crosman at a substantial discount. In addition, each kit sale will generate a contribution, by Crosman, to The NRA Foundation's Air Gun Endowment.

For information on this new program, contact Matt Szramoski at NRA Youth Programs Department, (703) 267-1596, or by e-mail at youth_programs@nrahq.org. To get prices and descriptions of equipment available under the program, or to place an order, contact Brenda Dandino at Crosman, telephone (585) 657-3101.

In Memory of Don Katzner

It is with deep regret that we advise you of the passing of Donald "Don" Katzner.

Many of the NRA Range Technical Team Advisors will remember Don as a fine individual and each member of the team will miss him.

Every hour of his volunteer services was greatly appreciated. Don was born November 9, 1927 and served in the USMC September 1946 through September 1948.

He was actively involved with the Waukesha R&P Club in Waukesha, Wisconsin, Life member Wisconsin R&P Association, A National Rifle Association Range Technical Team Advisor, Master Hunter Education Instructor, Marine Corps League Life Member and Endowment Member of the NRA. At the time of his death, after a long illness, Don resided in Waukesha, Wisconsin. Speaking for all of us, may he rest in peace.

NRA Welcomes Newest Marksmanship Qualification Program Distinguished Experts

Marksmanship Qualification shooting is one of NRA's most popular programs. Whether you are new to the shooting sports or would simply like to hone your skills, the Qualification Program is right for you.

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NRA Sighting-In Days at Manistee, MI

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Taking a little time to go to the range before hunting season saves you time and money in the long run. Wounded game animals suffer the same as you do if you hurt yourself.

No one wants to spend half the day tracking a wounded animal because their sights were off by eleven inches and a vital spot was missed. A quick clean humane shot from a firearm you sighted-in during sighting-in days is the best way to harvest that game animal for your table. The other side of the coin is a clean miss. This is better for the animal but no compensation for the time and money invested in that dreamed of personal time set aside three months ago for the hunt. A \$800 firearm is worthless if you do not take the time to sight-in.

The Manistee Clan Muzzle Loading Club, for the past 40 years, has held NRA Sighting-In-Days.

The club opens its range property to the public two weekends before the Michigan

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Deer Hunting Season. This year NRA Sighting-In-Days are scheduled for the weekends of November 2nd & 3rd and November 9th & 10th. The range is open each day from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. The cost per firearm is \$5.00 and the ranges are covered in case of inclement weather.

There are 260 to 280 hunters that take advantage of this event each year.

Many hunters bring more than one firearm

so there are usually 300 or more firearms sighted-in during the two weekends. Hunters start by registering their firearms at the club house. The club provides each hunter with a qualified club member to help get their firearms inspected and sighted-in before deer season starts.

Several hunters bring unsafe firearms to the range each year. Many times the firearms can be corrected at the range with our qualified help, however, if a major defect is detected the firearm is tagged and the owner is asked to take it to a gunsmith before use. A range officer qualifies (and issues a safety inspection tag) or disquali-

fies each firearm. The tag is used as a transport receipt from the range to home or camp during the no transport quiet period which is five days before hunting starts. This also tells the DNR that they are coming from a Michigan State Recognized Range facility.

Ammunition is also inspected and hunters educated in the importance of proper storage of ammunition and the importance of using the same type bullet, load and brand of ammunition used to sight-in the firearm. The actual sight-in process is pretty straight forward.

The hunters start at the 25 yard range and when the range officer or hunter is satisfied they proceed to the 50 yard range and then to the 100 yard range to verify their shots.

Many hunters attend Sighting-In-Days every year, if for no other reason than a verification that their firearm is still sighted-in and the ammunition is still good. Some come just to watch and smell the powder. Sighting-in is a yearly task that a hunter must do if he or she wants to be successful in their hunt. For those that get a hunger pail, there is always a warm cup of coffee and a donut or a hot bowl of stew in the club house.

National Firearms Law Seminar will Feature Club Issues

John C. Sigler, Esq.
SEMINAR PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

The sixth annual National Firearms Law Seminar will be held on April 25th in Orlando, Florida, in conjunction with the 2003 NRA Annual Meetings.

Each year for the past six years, The NRA Foundation has hosted a continuing legal education (CLE) seminar for attorneys whose practice of law includes the representation of firearm owners, manufacturers, and dealers.

This has become an excellent way in which pro-gun lawyers can meet to discuss cutting edge issues of law affecting them and their clients, to learn from and about each other and to develop the expertise necessary for the effective representation of their clients while fulfilling their mandatory CLE requirements. In previous years, these seminars have included sections on Constitutional/Second Amendment Law, Criminal Law, Administrative law as it relates to regulatory agencies such as the BATF, Products Liability Law and Ethics. In recent years, an increasing number of topics relevant to the legal representation of NRA affiliated clubs and associations have been added to the curriculum.

“This year's offering includes dealing with range-related environmental issues, plus another new section on properly establishing an NRA affiliated club as a not-for-profit tax-exempt entity.”

NRA affiliated clubs and associations may wish to make their legal counsel aware of the 2003 National Firearms Law Seminar because this year's curriculum has been expanded to include two topics which have specific application for NRA affiliated organizations.

In addition to the traditional Constitutional and Criminal Law sections, this year's offering includes a new section dealing with

range-related environmental issues, plus another new section addressing the mechanics of properly establishing an NRA affiliated club

as a not-for-profit tax-exempt entity, including forms and other materials legal counsel can use to make their jobs easier in the field. Both of these topics are being offered in direct response to suggestions submitted by course alumni who represent various NRA clubs from throughout the country.

When speaking with your club's lawyers about this CLE seminar, you may want to tell them that this NRA Foundation educational offering features a nationally renowned faculty of practicing attorneys, law professors and judges who have been

specially chosen for their legal expertise and their dedication to the Second Amendment.

In previous years, The NRA Foundation has been successful in obtaining certification for the National Firearm Law Seminar from all those jurisdictions requiring their lawyers to obtain mandatory continuing legal education credits.

We expect to receive certification for approximately six hours of CLE credit from all of those jurisdictions again this year, including one hour of Ethics credits which are so important to lawyers in most part of the country.

I encourage all club officers to make their legal counsel aware of this seminar and to encourage their attendance.

This is a wonderful opportunity to combine the business of obtaining mandatory CLE credits with the pleasure of attending the 2003 NRA Annual Meetings.

For more information about the Sixth Annual National Firearm Law Seminar to be held on April 25th in Orlando, Florida, please visit the NRA Web site, www.nrahq.org or call Mary Wilkins at (703) 267-1269, or e-mail her at mwilkins@nrahq.org.

I hope we will see your club's lawyer in Orlando.

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