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From the FSSA Membership Director's Note Pad

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Good News. The new membership cards are here. FSSA has upgraded the membership cards to a 2-color laminated card that not only looks great but is also more durable. Look for it in

your mailbox when you renew your membership. Everyone should have the new card by this time next year. While they're a bit more expensive than the old cards, FSSA has 'made them happen' without a dues increase.

However, at the FSSA Board of Director's meeting held on March 30, 2002, a \$5.00 fee for replacement of lost membership cards was approved. Be sure to keep track of your card and take it to all FSSA sponsored events so match directors can verify your membership. If you need to request a replacement membership card, please submit it with either a check or credit card number for payment of the replacement card fee.

At the FSSA Annual Meeting held earlier this year, one discussion point was continuation of the program which allows a member to receive a no-cost one year membership extension when he or she sponsors five new members. Continuation of the program was approved. Any combination of Life, Annual Resident, Non-Resident or Junior memberships can be combined to total five and make you eligible for the extension. Honorary, Provisional and Associate memberships are not eligible under this program. Be sure your name and membership number are listed on the sponsor line on the application form to receive credit. Take advantage of this benefit and help FSSA grow by sponsoring new members.

Early renewal of your membership saves FSSA money and keeps the organization strong. Almost \$450 (\$375 in first class postage alone, a cost which will

increase this summer when the new postage rate increase takes effect) is spent annually to send renewal notices to Club, Annual, Junior and Provisional members. Check the renewal date on your membership card (or your Mixed Calibers mailing label) and renew early to reduce this cost by negating the need to send as many notices. The result will be availability of more funds for growth of the shooting disciplines. Remember, there's no penalty for early renewal.

On this same subject, notices for renewals due through May, 2002 have been sent. The postal service has been known to misplace one or two, though, so you should still check your membership card or MC mailing label to make sure your membership is current. Also check your mailing address and make sure it is accurate. If it has changed, please send updated address and phone number information to me so that your notice will get to you. The membership data is also used to print Mixed Calibers mailing labels, so if I don't have your correct address, Mixed Caliber's won't have it either.

One renewal notice is sent per member and only for those members who are current. Once dues lapse for more than 90 days a member is no longer eligible for benefits, including renewal notices. For a variety of reasons many members join for only a year or two and then leave FSSA. The large numbers make it cost prohibitive to send renewals to members who are not eligible for benefits. During 2001, FSSA saw 268 new members join. However, 404 members did not renew their membership. Let's turn this around and reverse these numbers for 2002!

Good Shooting to everyone, and while you're at it, sponsor those 5 new members. Remind the shooter next to you on the firing line to join or renew early so we can achieve the goal of reversing the 2001 numbers.

NRA Sets 2002 Women's Hunt Schedule!

Come join the fun of ladies-only hunts with the NRA's Women On Target(TM) program! Few American sporting pastimes are as rich in history as hunting. And now, women have the chance to contribute to that history through the NRA's Women On Target(TM) program. Whether you're a veteran outdoors woman seeking a few like minded hunting companions or an aspiring hunter longing for the chance to bag your first bird or buck, Women On Target(TM) offers opportunities for you.

Each one of our ladies-only hunts has been designed to provide hunters with good potential for success with an appropriate degree of difficulty. Ladies of all experience levels are invited travel with the Women On Target(TM) program to new and exciting hunting destinations. From Tennessee wild boar to Oklahoma spring gobbler to Wyoming antelope, women will have the chance to hunt various game species in the company of other women in a safe, fun, friendly environment.

Brief descriptions of the 2002 Women On Target(TM) hunts are given below. When you register for a hunt, you will be sent a complete package of information for that trip--specific directions, apparel and accessory recommendations, firearm requirements, license requirements, tourist attractions near the hunt site and many other details.

Registration forms and additional details about the 2002 hunts may be obtained by calling Katie Grove at (800) 861-1166 or visiting www.nrahq.org/women/wot. As always, Women On Target™ requires a non-refundable 50% deposit and completed registration form to reserve your spot in a hunt.

Please note that for all hunts, unless otherwise stated, hunt prices do not include travel expenses, tips for guides or cooking staff, license fees, accommodations, game cleaning, ammunition, hunting apparel and accessories, etc. For specific questions as to what is and is not included in the cost of any particular hunt, call Katie Grove at (800) 861-1166 or (703) 267-1398.

The 2002 Women On Target(TM) hunt schedule follows:

Dates: April 12-14

Club: Panhandle Outfitters

Accommodations: Hunters will lodge and dine at the Northwest Inn in Woodward, Oklahoma.

Price: \$750—includes two full-day hunts for one turkey, two nights' lodging, all meals from Friday lunch to Sunday lunch, guide services. Cost does not include license and tag fees. Limit eight hunters.

Turkey, Fairhope, PA

Enjoy the time-honored tradition of wild turkey hunting in the Laurel Highlands of Pennsylvania. The high hunter success rates at Glen Savage Ranch make this an outstanding opportunity to bag an impressive bird.

Dates: May 5-7

Club: Glen Savage Ranch, www.glensavageranch.com

Accommodations: Comfortable lodging in ranch house. Hunters will enjoy dining and entertainment amenities in newly renovated barn.

Price: \$695—includes two half-day hunts for one turkey, two nights' lodging, all meals from Sunday dinner to Tuesday lunch, and guide services. Cost does not include license and tag fees. Limit six hunters.

Pronghorn Antelope, Glenrock, WY *Sorry, this hunt is full*

Antelope is possibly the most unique species of big game animal on the continent and no place boasts a bigger pronghorn population than Wyoming. The pronghorn antelope's keen eyesight and curious nature make hunting this unusual game species an unforgettable experience.

Dates: October 10-13

Club: Wyoming Professional Hunters, Ltd. (BG-183)

Accommodations: Hunters will stay at the historical Hotel Higgins in Glenrock, Wyoming. Known for its bed and breakfast hospitality and award-winning dining, the Hotel Higgins will be a relaxing reprieve from the exciting, high-energy environment of the hunting fields.

Price: \$1,500—includes three full-day hunts for one antelope, three nights' lodging, all meals from Thursday lunch to Sunday lunch, guide services, field dressing of harvest, and transportation from airport to lodging. Cost does not include license fees. Limit eight hunters.

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NRA Sets 2002 Women's Hunt Schedule! Continued from Page 2**Mallard, Queenstown, MD**

Treat yourself to a day of premier waterfowling action. Located on Maryland's Eastern shore, Pintail Point's renowned preserve is the backdrop for this exciting driven mallard hunt.

Date: October 26

Club: Pintail Point, www.pintailpoint.com

Price: \$95—includes morning hunt with five ducks released per hunter, lunch, and guide and dog services. Cost does not include preserve license fee (\$3.50). Limit 12 hunters.

Pheasant & Chukar, Brainard, NE

Upland bird hunting in Nebraska is a revered tradition, and the state is well known for its ideal pheasant habitat and huge expanses of land to hunt. This day-long hunting adventure with one of Nebraska's premiere upland outfitters is ideal for veteran and novice hunters alike.

Date: October 26

Club: Oak Creek Sporting Club

Price: \$155—includes full-day hunt for bag limit of 6-8 birds, sporting clay warm-up, lunch and dinner, refreshments, bird packing, and non-resident license fee. Cost does not include Nebraska resident license fee. Limit 20 hunters.

Mallard, Ione, CA

Hunting released mallards in California's central valley is a challenging introduction to the rugged, diverse world of waterfowling. The hunt guides and firearms instructors at Camanche Hills will work hard to ensure you have an extraordinary duck hunting experience.

Dates: October 18-20

Club: Camanche Hills Hunting Preserve

Accommodations: Jackson Rancheria Hotel in nearby Jackson, California (www.jacksoncasino.com); \$64-74 per night (no tax charged). NRA will reserve block of rooms; Hunters must put reservations in their own names.

Price: \$270—includes two full-day hunts for ten ducks released per hunter each day, two breakfasts and two lunches, sporting clay instruction, and gunfitting seminar. Cost does not include license fees or accommodations. Limit 15 hunters.

Whitetail Deer, Fairhope, PA

Pennsylvania has one of the strongest deer populations in the country. The opportunity to bag a big buck on the state's opening day should make this trip an unforgettable whitetail deer hunting adventure. Ladies can add to their experience with the opportunity to take home a preserve doe and boar, as well.

Dates: December 1-4

Club: Glen Savage Ranch, www.glensavageranch.com

Accommodations: Comfortable lodging in ranch house. Hunters will enjoy dining and entertainment amenities in newly renovated barn.

Price: \$1,007—includes three hunts for a chance at a buck and a preserve doe and boar, three nights lodging, all meals from Sunday lunch to Wednesday lunch, guide services, field dressing and quartering of harvest. Cost does not include license fees. Limit six hunters.

Whitetail Deer, Mountain Home, TX

Combine high success rates and the wild beauty of the Texas Hill Country for an unequalled whitetail hunting experience. For the third year, Women On Target(TM) returns to the popular K3 Ranch. Owned and operated by the Schreiner family, the K3 Ranch is famous for its superb dining, classic hunting lodge, and big-racked bucks.

Dates: December 6-8

Club: K3 Ranch, www.k3ranch.com

Accommodations: Built from native limestone, the rustic K3 lodge has a truly western feel. In your spare time, scout the grounds for zebra and Texas longhorns.

Price: \$800—includes two days of hunting for one management buck and doe (or a trophy-quality buck for an additional fee), two nights' lodging, all meals from Friday lunch to Sunday lunch, guide services, and field dressing and quartering of harvest. Cost does not include license fees. Limit eight hunters.

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Everyone must be suffering from spring fever or busy doing spring cleaning not too many articles from the membership for this issue.

If you have noticed our web page has not been updated lately this is because our webmaster resigned. We now have a web committee that will be working on our page. The web committee members are Tangee Brusherd (chairperson), Tom Brusherd, and Will Hux. Hopefully we will have it all updated soon.

Not sure how many members are aware that Mary Palider, the treasure, of our group is also the FSSA representative for Women on Target sponsored by the NRA. You will find the list of sponsored events starting on page two of this issue.

If you have any articles or match announcements or updates for the matches please send them to me. We like to keep this information up to date for the website and Mixed Calibers.

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A Reminder Of

MEMORIAL DAY

May 27th

Our world as we knew it was shaken to the core because of September 11th. Our faith faltered but was not broken nor was our spirit. As a nation we came together and united. We are stronger in faith, spirit and patriotism than we ever have been. Today our Armed forces are still fighting this evil and so are the Police, Firefighters, EMT's and all the workers who are still cleaning up the devastation.

Please take a moment on Memorial Day to remember the men and women who in the present and past who fought to keep our country safe and free.



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Match Schedules*

Pistol Matches

TBA	Senior Games Air Pistol & Air Rifle(50 yrs or older), Villages of Fl near Ocala
TBA	State International Championships, Wyoming Antelope Club, St. Pete
May 4,5	Florida Regional – 2700, Wyoming Antelope Club
June 16	Pre Perry, 2700, Wyoming Antelope Club
July 8 thru 13	Camp Perry, National Championships, 2700 Leg team – 100 Camp Perry, Ohio
October 26,27	Florida Fall Conventional Champions (tentative leg) Wyoming Antelope Club Contact: Dave Tadder Gene Pitts, Debbie Story or Kim Radford
September 21,22	Fall International (AP-FP-SP-CF) Orlando, Fla, Central Fl R&P Club Contact: Al Dart

Sunshine Games Matches

Central Florida Rifle and Pistol Club

April 27	International Pistol (AP,STD, CF/Sport)
April 28	Conventional Pistol 2700
May 4,5	Small Bore Rifle Prone
May 5	IDPA
May 11	Small Bore rifle Three Position, Air Rifle, Sporter Air Rifle
May 11,12	Cowboy Match
May 18	Tactical Three guns
May 19	300 Meter High Power Prone, Muzzle Loading
May 25	IPSC
May 26	CMP High Power Rifle

Port Malabar Rifle and Pistol Club

May 4	Hunter Pistol Silhouette
May 11	Conventional High Power , Small Bore Rifle Silhouette
May 18	Air Pistol Silhouette

End of Sunshine Games Matches

Smallbore Matches

April 20	9:00 A.M. DCJRC Roundup Match – Trail glades Range Miami
April 20, 21	9:00 A.M. National 3 Position Air Rifle Council – State Qualifier & NRA 3 – Position Air Team Championships, Jacksonville
April 27, 28	8:30 A.M. USAS PTO, All Air will be shot on the 28 th Gateway Rifle Pistol Club, Jax

*ALL MATCHES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE SO PLEASE CHECK BEFORE YOU ATTEND

