



# MIXED CALIBERS



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### FSSA ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

**TO:** All Members of the Florida Sport Shooting Association

This is your official notice of the annual meeting of the Florida Sport Shooting Association. If you are eligible to vote your ballot is enclosed for the FSSA elections.

**WHEN:** Saturday, January 25, 2003

**LOCATION:** Elk's Lodge 1655 Kings Hwy., Kissimmee, Florida

**Time:** See Schedule

#### SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m.	Swap Meet
11:00 a.m.	Voting Ends - All ballots must be in The Ballot box.
12-1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Guest Speaker, Lt. Cockriel
1:45 p.m.	Annual Meeting Begins

#### DIRECTIONS TO ELK'S LODGE

From the intersection of Rt 192 and Shady Lane (at Exit 242 turnpike southbound). Take Shady Lane until it dead ends into Partin Settlement Rd. Turn right. Go to traffic light and turn left onto Kings Hwy. Travel about two miles to Elk's Lodge Lodge on the left.

See FSSA website([www.flssa.org](http://www.flssa.org)) for map.

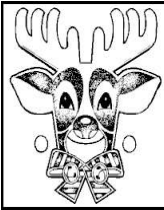
FSSA Board of Directors meeting and elections of the executive officers begin right after the annual meeting.

We are asking for a \$7.00 donation to help us with the cost of lunch. On the bottom of your voting ballot is the reservation form for your lunch. Please return ballot and lunch reservations by Saturday, January 18, 2003. Please mail ballot & reservations to Nominating Committee. (address on ballot)

Our guest speaker is Lt Cockriel of the Orange County Sheriffs Department. He is the range Master for the Lawson Lamar Training Center and has been a SWAT Team Leader and Police Sniper for many years.

Gene Pitts is asking all of Florida's Distinguished Shooters to attend the Annual Meeting. If you have earned the Distinguished honor please wear your medals to the meeting.

**Please mark your calenders for the Annual Meeting!**



**To: FSSA MEMBERS**

**From: MARK EVANS**

One of the nice things about the publication schedule of Mixed Calibers is the way it coincides with special events

and Holidays. This issue covers both the happiest holiday season, and the FSSA biggest yearly event the Annual Meeting.

To all FSSA members from myself, and the Board, best wishes for your holidays, and the New Year. As I am writing, this there is talk of a large mobilization of the Reserve and Guard units. Our community has a strong tie to Military Service, Active duty, Reserve and National Guard. To you and the members of your family I wish you Safety and God's Speed to return to your family.

The last time I wrote for Mixed Calibers elections for the Federal, and State Legislature, Governorship, and many local races were in doubt. As a gun owner I feel we have a positive election result. I hope we can count on some conservative appointments to the Federal Courts during the next two years.

In this issue you will find your ballot for the FSSA'S 2003 election. While the entire board meets several times a year to address the general issues confronting the Association, it is your Discipline Directors who affect you the most. Take sometime and return your ballot today and plan to attend the annual meeting. See you in January.

Mark Evans



## NRA "VOTE FREEDOM" RALLY



Nathan Arenson

Kayne Robinson

**By Paul Daniels**

Doctor Nathan Arenson, and Kayne Robinson, NRA 1ST Vice President, attended the NRA "Vote Freedom" rally conducted in Pensacola on November 1, 2002. Doc. Arenson a lifelong, pro-gun activist who formerly served 26 years on the NRA Board of Director and some of that time while V.P. Robinson was also a member of the Board. V.P. Robinson part of the NRA group including NRA President, Charlton Heston, Executive Vice President, Wayne LaPierre and NRA/ILA Deputy Director, Chris Cox were completing a two-week, fifteen rally swing across the country. There were more than 1000 Northwest Florida sportsmen at the Pensacola rally. While there we met many Florida shooters including Joe DeCosta, NRA Chief Engineer at Camp Perry, Kim and Jim Radford, husband and wife, who are among the current top pistol shooters in the country. Most Mixed Calibers readers will know that Doc. Arenson was a charter member of the FSSA and served several years on the FSSA Board of Directors. During the 1950's and 1960's he was one of the top civilian conventional pistol shooters in the country. He served as Chairman of the important NRA Pistol Committee for many years. Doc also designed the two logos used by the FSSA. Doc Arenson celebrated his 90th birthday last March and are still very active writings letters to the news media and appearing as guest speaker before civic groups in the Pensacola area. He can still shoot an "X," but has discontinued participation in current competition events.

## Area Boy Scouts Receive An Introduction to the Shooting Sports

By John Malloy

North Florida Boy Scouts were treated to a safe introduction to the fun of the shooting sports recently. The Tallahassee Rifle & Pistol Club (TRPC), as a community service benefitting the Scouts, holds a Boy Scout Fun Shoot each year. This year's event, held on Saturday, October 5, 2002, was the 12th annual presentation. Concerns about Tropical Storm Isadore had passed, and attendance was high; the event hosted the second-largest turnout ever.

The Fun Shoot was held at the club's 40-acre shooting range complex just south of Tallahassee, and a few miles west of Woodville. Members of the Scout troops arrived together, with the Scouts in uniform. They were checked in between 8 and 9:00 a.m., by TRPC member David Hamilton. Hamilton is himself a former Boy Scout leader. The boys were given a welcome by Gary Freerksen, a director of the club. Each troop was then assigned a club member who served as a guide for the event.

First stop for all group was a session on Safety and Marksmanship. Four club members, all certified as Instructors by the National Rifle Association (NRA) or the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, provided instruction on safe handling of firearms. They also offered tips on the procedures and the self-discipline involved in shooting well. The importance of wearing eye and ear protection while shooting was stressed. Ear plugs and shooting glasses were provided for all participants.

Once they had received the safety instruction, Scout units were free to participate in four shooting events—Trapshooting, 22-caliber Rifle Shooting, Sporting Clays and Muzzle loading. At each event, Scouts received additional individual instruction with the 22 rifles, 20-gauge shotguns and 45- or 50-caliber muzzle loading rifles used.

Fifteen separate Scout units participated this year. A total of 102 Scouts and 65 adult leaders attended, the second largest turnout since the program began. "We run things more efficiently as time goes by," said Dave Mueller, who coordinated the 22 Rifle shooting. "We were almost overwhelmed when we had 160 Scouts a few years ago." Most of the troops were from the Tallahassee area, but units also attended from Greensboro, Monticello, Perry and St. Marks.

The program went smoothly, and the Scouts and

leaders all reported having a good time. The boys were able to handle a variety of guns safely. "Some people say kids and guns don't mix," said TRPC member Hank Sorensen, who instructed at the Trap range, "but kids and guns have always mixed, from the earliest days of our country." He noted that for the past few decades, the difference has been that kids have not received proper training. "We like to provide the proper training," said B. J. Halbert, "and show them how much fun the shooting sports can be."

"We really enjoy working with the Scouts," said Douglas Davey, who served as a Safety and Marksmanship Instructor. "They already have been exposed to the importance of personal responsibility. They have fun, and we never have a problem."

For those who would like more information on the Boy Scout program in this area, the Suwannee River Area Council office can be reached at (850) 576-4146. For information about the programs of the Tallahassee Rifle & Pistol Club, the voice-mail number is (850) 421-3998, and the address is: TRPC, P. O. Box 7638, Tallahassee, FL 32314-7638.

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Boy Scouts listen attentively as Instructor, Hank Sorensen in background, demonstrates different types of shot gun and shot gun ammunition

## **NRA MARKSMANSHIP QUALIFICATION PROGRAM**

By John Howard

NRA Marksmanship Qualification Program Coordinator

The NRA was originally formed in 1871 to promote marksmanship training. Today Marksmanship Qualification Shooting remains one of NRA's most popular programs. Although most people associate the Marksmanship Qualification Program with Junior Shooting, it is actually for all ages. Many people associate qualification shooting with organized competitive shooting, when in fact it is something anyone can do at home or at any range. You can participate with your children, friends and family on an informal or formal basis. It is a great award system when used in a shooting league or club as well. We have great fun with it in our NRA Headquarters Skeet League, which has turned out 8 Distinguished Experts over the past 3 seasons. It is easy to participate, as it's honor based, self paced and administered at the local level by a parent, program leader, or individual participant.

If you have ever wondered how to introduce someone to the shooting sports, and keep them interested, qualification shooting is the way to go. It is addictive, not only for new shooters, but those individuals seeking to hone their skills as well. Basically, it is a skill development program that provides challenging goals each time you go to the range. It introduces shooters to basic marksmanship skills at the Pro-Marksman level, which in each course starts off fairly easy. Once you are hooked and start developing your shooting skills, the scores required to complete each rating become more challenging. You work your way through the rating award levels, Marksman, Marksman 1st Class, Sharpshooter and Expert until you reach the pinnacle of the program, the nationally recognized, Distinguished Expert. When you have reached the Distinguished Expert award level, your skills will equal that of a "classified" sharpshooter in formal competitive shooting.

There are courses to shoot for every discipline, from BB guns to High Power rifles, Handguns to shotguns, you name it. Each shooting discipline has a colorful patch, and there are certificates, medals, and rockers available for each skill level, recognizing you for your outstanding marksmanship

accomplishments. You can display your accomplishments with pride. The program is not restricted to NRA members; however, NRA members receive headquarters recognition when the Distinguished Expert level is achieved. Speaking of headquarters recognition, there is no need to stop once you achieve Distinguished Expert in one discipline group (Rifle, Pistol or Shotgun). We now have a Double and Triple Distinguished Expert recognition award. These awards are for individuals who qualify at the highest level in 1 or 2 additional disciplines.

The goal is to introduce new shooters to our sport and keep them shooting. If you are already familiar with the program, you will notice immediately the new cover. It does not stop here, as many courses have been improved. We have added new rating levels and increased challenges on some, while reducing challenges in others, making them far more realistic. For example, please review the new muzzle loading courses of fire. Every course is tested and proven to develop skills at a realistic and challenging rate. This is a great program for anyone who would enjoy taking new shooters beyond the basics. Just think of the pride and accomplishment you, as a mentor will feel when your student earns their Distinguished Expert Award. The recipient will remember you for a lifetime.

The Marksmanship Qualification Program book is part of each basic course student packet, so everyone who attends an NRA Basic Course should receive one at no additional charge. In addition, NRA members can call the Marksmanship Qualification Coordinator, at 703.267.1505 or email [jhoward@nrahq.org](mailto:jhoward@nrahq.org) with any questions or to obtain a free copy. The entire program is also available at our web site at: <http://www.nrahq.org/education/training/marksmanship/index.asp>. We look forward to hearing from you.

## 2002 Florida State International Pistol Championship

By Debbie Story

On November 2nd and 3rd, the Wyoming Antelope Club hosted the 2002 Florida State International Pistol championship. The turnout for the match was small but the quality of the shooters that came was outstanding. We had nine shooters who gave it they're all and it was a nice weekend of shooting.

In attendance to shoot was Gene Pitts (causing trouble and commotion as usual), Dave Tadder (helping to run the show, answer questions, and weighing triggers ... thanks Dave), Carl Weston, Bob Vogel, Dan and Keith Rebman (father and son shooting team!!!), Bob Currul, John Jessip, and Peggy Dates. Karen Pitts did a terrific job calling the entire match and doing the Stat work...thank you very much Karen.

Some of the shooters who hung around the range Saturday night got a bonus for the money and were able to crash a birthday party for a club member that was being held in the clubhouse at the range. A good time was had by all by the sounds of the stories!!!

### Here are some of the results....

#### Air Pistol

Winner: Carl Weston with a 533 Second: Gene Pitts with a 547

#### 2. Free Pistol

Winner: Carl Weston with a 515 Second: Gene Pitts with a 509

#### Standard Pistol

Winner: Gene Pitts with a 561 and a tie for Second Bob Vogel & Dan Redman with a 534

#### Center fire

Winner Gene Pitts with 556, Second: Carl Weston with a 553 Peggy Dates High Women with 547 and Keith Redman, High Junior with a 520

#### Overall:

Gene Pitts was awarded the State Champion title with a 1626. Peggy Dates won Women's

**Champion** . Keith Redman won Junior Champion.

It was a beautiful Florida weekend and a nice match. Thank you to everyone that could attend.

Gene Pitts also wanted to add the following regarding the FSSA Annual Meeting. If you are planning to attend the meeting and you are Distinguished in any competitive shooting endeavor, please wear your badge(s). We got a crowd a few years back and some really neat photos of all those in attendance. Thanks for attending and participating.

Try and bring a junior to your next match! The Ole Gunny

## Pistol Updates By Gene Pitts

### 2003 Schedule

2/02 Mjor Dade (Invitational) Hollywood, Fl R&P Club  
One day only 2700 with 300 HB  
2/22 State International Championships Orlando, Fl CFR&P  
5/3-4 Florida Sunshine Games Orlando, Fl CFR&P Club  
Saturday - International Sunday - Conventional  
Free T-shirt  
June - TBA Pre Perry 2700  
July - TBA Camp Perry, Canton Ohio  
Oct 25 -26 Fall International Championships - Orlando,  
Fl CFR&P Club Contact Al Dart -rimfire22@aol.com

Don't forget the Shot Show is being held this year in Orlando at the Convention Center Feb 13-16, 2003. If you have never been, its life time experience. You won't want to miss it. Cost is \$15.00 for the four-day pass. I have Registration forms if you want one, send me your snail mail address. Also, some thing similar is the Annual NRA Convention. Also, held at the Orlando Convention Center April 24-27, 2003. The NRA needs volunteer help for the show contact Herb Nigg. See the FSSA website for more information on the NRA Convention.

May 3-4, 2003 Florida Sunshine Games held in Orlando, CFR&P Club - Contact: Al Dart International on Sat & Conventional on Sun. It's practically free and you get a T-shirt. We'll hopefully have a Pre-Perry 2700 as we've had in the past that will be announced later, it's generally held in June at the Wyoming Antelope Club in Pinellas Park, Contact: Dave Tadder. Canton, Ohio is usually a 3-day 2700(outdoors) & HB "leg" match plus team matches this is usually held the weekend prior to Perry. Perry usually starts over the July 3-4 weekend. Oct 25-26, 2003 Fall International Championships help in Orlando CFR&P club, Contact: Al Dart.

I'll have other information on dates and other Matches as the year progresses. You will be updated via The Mixed Calibers and the FSSA website. All of those that have shot in the previous matches will receive notices of the matches.

Thanks to all who have participated in the past years and many, many thanks to the Pistol Directors, Debbie Storey & Kim Radford and to Karen Pitts for the wonderful help throughout the year, a very special thanks to Dave Tadder & Al Dart for the great help at their ranges, without them no matches and for any of those I have forgotten, I apologize for my oversight and thank you. Hope to see all of you at our Annual meeting, also for those of you that are Distinguished Rifle & Pistol shots. PLEASE bring and wear you badges to the Annual meeting we've done this before and it was a great success. We especially want those few newly Distinguished shooters present, this is a special invite to Jeff (the kid) Brasseur who recently earned this Double distinguished badges. I know it's a trek for those of you hat live in the extreme ends of the State to attend bu Please try and make it, eve if you have to stay over night, it'll be worth the \$\$\$.

Thanks and Sepmper Fi. Gene Pints, "the ole gunny"



*From the  
Desk of the  
Editor*

## Women and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment

*Gun control: The theory that a women found dead in an alley, raped and strangled with her panty hose, is some how morally superior to women explaining to the police how her attacker got that fatal bullet wound.*

One of the great ironies of the cultural war over gun rights is that women are generally more anti-gun than men. Violence against women is an extremely serious problem yet women are always told to forgo the most effective means of self-defense, a GUN!

Women should not have to compromise our constitutional rights! There should be NO compromising on that for which so many American men and women, have fought and died. The anti gun people have referred to us as extremist because we choose to exercise and defend a constitutional right.

Well ladies, The Second Amendment, is the basic fundamental human right to defend ourselves, property and liberty. It is our equal rights amendment too! The anti-gun women are trying to take away this right to defend our lives, property and liberty and they are doing it by using female emotion and LIES. This is hard to fight but we can defeat them with more female emotion and TRUTH from the pro-gun women. The anti gun people will run and hide when presented with the facts. They are the perfect example of the timid, overly sensitive weaklings. These anti groups would like to see us naked in desperation, clutching the phone, begging for the police to come before the intruder breaks into our home and violates our bodies. They would rather see us exposed as victims than to allow us to empower our selves.

We must retain our Right to Self Defense. There has never been a law, rule, regulation or prohibition on the books of this country or any other country that has ever served to stop a single act of robbery, murder or other criminal aggression against other human beings and there NEVER will be. Criminals by definition do not obey the law.

We have heard much discussion in the media about what a women should do when she is attacked. Unarmed self-defense is strongly encouraged by the media, yet, unarmed resistance is not very effective. Now the current topic is whether a women should ask a rapist to wear a condom. I find it difficult to understand how this great nation of ours that has been so heavily influenced by the feminist movement can even sink to this level of cowardice.

We can make a difference. Female gun owners are increasing in numbers. We as gun owners can be the saviors of the pro gun movement. Think about this ladies! Our influence can reshape American society. Not only can we made changes in our gun laws but we are having an impact on the gun industry too. New designs for smaller speciality holsters are being designed for women. Now most major manufactures of holsters have at least one product especially designed for a woman. Smith&Wesson in 1989 debuted the Lady Smith. This sparked the interested of other gun manufactures to produce other firearms with the female in mind. Mainly it was hand guns but now there all types of guns designed specifically for the women.

If we got the gun manufactures attention....its time, we get the attention and send a strong message to all the anti-gun foes out there.

**REMEMBER: The Second Amendment is the Equal Rights Amendment!**

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## 2003 SHOT SHOW

### Shooting, Hunting, Outdoor Trade Show Conference

### February 13-16, Orange County Convention Center Orlando, Florida

This is the largest and most comprehensive marketplace for all professionals serving the shooting sports and hunting industries.

NOTE: Only members of the trade may attend the Show,  
and must provide a valid Federal Firearms License (FFL) number,  
State Tax Number, or Industry Related Business Card.  
No one under 16, including infants will be permitted on the Show floor.

### INFORMATION ON 25th Annual SHOT SHOW®

**Location:** Orange County Convention Center - 9800 International Drive, Orlando, Florida 32819

<b>Show Dates and Times:</b>	Thursday, February 13	9:00 am - 5:30 pm
	Friday, February 14	9:00 am - 5:30 pm
	Saturday, February 15	9:00 am - 5:30 pm
	Sunday, February 16	9:00 am - 4:00 pm

<b>Features:</b>	New Product Center	Keynote Address	NSSF Member Lounge
	Conference Program	Show Specials	Auction and Raffle Programs

**Registration:** On the web thru a secure credit card transaction - [www.shotshow.org](http://www.shotshow.org)  
or call 1-888-334-8720 Pre Registration is only \$15.00

You will receive your attendee badge before the show.

**Attendees:** buyers from all fifty states and more than sixty-five countries. These important prospects represent dealers from specialty gun shops, specialty archery stores, multi-line sporting goods stores, discount/department/chain stores, hardware stores, wholesale distributors, manufacturers, manufacturer's representatives, law enforcement, and much more.

**Exhibitors:** Over 1,400 manufacturers and distributors, occupying more than 495,000 net square feet of exhibit space will showcase a broad range of products that include firearms; ammunition; reloading; custom manufacturing; scopes, sights and accessories; gun locks; gun cases and cabinets; telescopes; binoculars; shooting range equipment; targets; training and safety equipment; archery; crossbows and accessories; hunting accessories; eye wear; clay targets; tree stands; scents and lures; sharpeners; holsters; camouflage; clothing; mitts and hats; leather goods; gloves, game calls; cutlery; decoys; plus much, much more.

Many of the Orlando area vendors, merchants and attractions are giving special discounts to show attendees. Please visit the shot show website ([www.shotshow.org](http://www.shotshow.org)) to view restaurant discounts, special offers on accommodations and other special offers.