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Annual Meeting 2009

Florida Sport Shooting Association
Wishing you joy this
Holiday Season and always!



FSSA ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, January 30, 2010



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. Please return your ballot as soon as possible or bring to the meeting.

WHEN: Saturday, January 30, 2010

LOCATION: Central Florida Rifle Pistol Club - 14646 Wewahootee Road- Orlando, Fl 32862-1985

Directions to Meeting - Central Florida Rifle & Pistol Club is located approximately 3 miles east & .5 miles S of the Orlando International Airport see our website(www.flssa.org) for detail directions to meeting.

SCHEDULE FOR ANNUAL MEEETING

- 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Swap Meet
- 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Voting Ballots must be in the ballot box by 11:00 a.m.
- 9:00 a.m to 11:45 a.m. Outdoor Air Gun Shooting Challenges
- Noon to 1:00 p.m. Catered Lunch - \$7.00 by Bubbalou'Badacious Bar. B Que
- 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Speaker - Joe Waldron - Our Legislative Director
- 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. General Meeting and Voting Results
- 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting

THE END OF ANNUAL MEETING

General Information for the Annual Meeting

If you are eating lunch with us please let the Vice-President Bob Marshall know how many are attending by January 15, 2010 - bobm@flssa.org

If you like to have item to be discussed at the General Meeting please send the item to our President Tom Brusherd by January 15, 2010 - president2009@flssa.org

More information about the meeting and directions will be on our web site - www.flssa.org

This Years Camp Perry Trip

By Tom Inman

I am writing this article to convince some of my fellow shooters that they need to make the trip to shoot at Camp Perry. Contrary to some beliefs, one does not have to be invited to go to shoot at Camp Perry. This is what I thought before I made my first trip to Camp Perry to shoot high power rifle.

I will tell you that I have been making the trip to Perry every year since 1994. The trip is something that I look forward to every year. This I always make time for this trip. Even if I don't go anywhere else the whole year, I have always made the trip to Perry. Since the drive up is rather long for us Florida boys, I recommend making the trip with a friend or two.

There are several options available as to where to stay. There are hotels and motels in the Port Clinton area since this area is a resort area. Another option and one I recommend are the huts. My friends and I have always chosen to live in the huts. I would consider this a big part of the "Camp Perry Experience". In the past the huts were really run down. Now they are just run down. However, they have new siding and windows on the outside and new electrical service on the inside. There is just enough electrical service for a small window a/c. (you must bring your own)

On a side note, during world war II, Camp Perry was used as a prisoner of war camp for the Italians and Germans. I would suspect that 65 years ago that these huts were state of the art. Especially as far as prisoner of war camps go.

For those that attended the NRA Highpower Championship this year, they found the weather was just beautiful. Not only was it beautiful, the wind blew in the right directions. By this, I mean the wind blew right up the firing line into your face or blew right at your back and down the firing line. You couldn't ask for any better.

For Highpower shooters, the matches began August 11th and ended the 14th. The NRA matches consist of four days of shooting. The entire Highpower Championship is made up of 12 fired matches. Each match is consists of two sighters and 20 shots for record. On each of the four days, we fire three matches. The first day of shooting (Tuesday) consists of 200 yard slow fire standing, 200 yard rapid fire sitting, and 300 yard rapid prone.

As there are only four relays, the shooting progresses fairly fast. Occasionally, a boat will stray into the drop zone out in Lake Erie. The matches are stopped while the boat is chased out. Then there is the bald eagle that will fly by and lands on top of the number boards right in the middle of shooting. Well, we can't shoot the symbol of our country can we, so the matches were stopped. It really was a handsome bird. Not like the old seagulls and Canadian geese that land out in the field.

Day two consists of 200 yard slow fire standing, 200 yard rapid fire sitting and finally 600 yard slow fire prone. The third day goes by very fast. It consists of two rapid fires and one slow fire at 600 yards. The two rapids are 200 sitting and 300 rapid prone. The 600 prone is slow fire of course.

Day four consists of 200 yard slow fire standing, 300 rapid fire prone and lastly 600 slow fire prone. This day lasts longer, however it's the last day and you're just glad it will be over soon.

The shooting day starts about 5:30 in the morning. You get up and hit the head. Next you're over at the chow hall chowing down on the grub. I know this sounds crude, but please defer judgment until you have been to the "chow hall". Nobody seems very excited about the "food", however it does supply much needed nourishment until you are able to get into town for a decent meal.

You must be on the range at 7:10 for roll call. Shooting starts at 7:30 right after the flag is raised. Generally speaking, the shooting is over for the day between 1:30 and 3:00 in the afternoon. After the shooting is over we will head for the showers. Not only does it cool you off, it washes the stink away. Refreshed, your ready to go to Commercial Row or to town.

I must tell you that I'm getting older. (I'm 59) I can not shoot the CMP matches any more because these matches start at about the same time in the morning, however they will last all day long, ending as late as 6:00 to 6:30 pm. The 7 relays just seem to drag on forever.

Commercial Row is a special place for all shooters. This is a row of buildings that have been turned into little shops where the vendors can sell their goods to the shooters. You will find shops like Champions Choice, Sinclair International, Springfield Armory, Fulton Armory and Armalite. That's just a few that pop in my head.

Hold on to your wallet! When you go to Commercial Row, get ready to drop some money. I did manage to avoid buying the larger items until the end of our trip. Even if you do manage to avoid the larger items in Commercial Row, the little things seem to add up quickly. You will be presented with so many items for sale that it is hard to resist purchasing something. If your on your first trip, you will spend more than you planed.

The shooting, the comradery, the experience! Where else can you get this except at Camp Perry? I would like to encourage all shooters, whether rifle or pistol to make the trip to Perry. You will not forget it!

I.L.S.A. Shooting By Coates Watkins

Do you loving going to the shooting range and plinking away at the targets? Do you love to sit at home after a long day and just relax? What if I told you there was a way to combine both of these enjoyable activities. What if you could go to the range and shoot with friends at the same time as lounging back in a comfortable chair. The sport is called International Lawn Steel Association or ILSA for short.

In ILSA the game is never the same, because each match has a different line judge, but there are still a few basic similarities in every match. First you are playing for money, nickels to be precise; you get paid a nickel by everyone on the firing line when you knock over animal targets. Second you have to call your shots, saying which target you are planning to knock over, if you knock over a different target you have to pay the penalty fee (a nickel) to everyone else on the firing line. There are 3 different types of silhouettes you shoot at; the lollipops, the cards and quits, then the animals. All targets are numbered, which allows you to call your shots specifically. In order to be "in the game" you have to knock over 2 lollipops, once you are in the game you can knock over any target you want (except the animals), and for every target you knock over you get an animal shot. When you have an animal shot you can shoot at the animals and if you knock one over you get paid by everyone else on the line. Finally the most obvious part, you are shooting from some form of a lawn chair.

Now what makes this game so interesting is the line judge, because basically for the entirety of the

match they make the rules. Whether it is making you shoot in ascending or descending order (based upon the numbers on the targets), whether or not the target you shot at is still a viable target or not, or saying if you can shoot big bore or small bore pistols, or even revolvers only. Your competitors can talk, yell, crack jokes, even throw things at you to distract you from your shooting (they just cannot physically touch you themselves). It sure makes for an interesting game.

But the best aspect of ILSA is because today everyone is feeling the pressure of the falling economy, with many people losing jobs and homes because of it. But even with all the negativity going on people are still finding ways to enjoy themselves, for me, and maybe you too, its spending a day on the shooting range. We all know the catchphrase: "A bad day at the range beats a good day at work", and I find this completely true, and not because of the gunfire or hitting that target I was aiming at, it comes from being around the people who are there shooting alongside me.

The ILSA Sunshine games will be the first weekend of May, in Samsula, Florida. Contact Roy Kramer at 386-228-4069, or gunarea@yahoo.com for further information. Monthly matches are held every 3rd Sunday of the month in Samsula, starting at 8 am.

Coming Up Matches

Jan. 9, 2010 Florida State USA Shooting Jr Olympic Rife Championships being held at the American Police Hall of Fame Range in Titusville, Fla

Feb 6-7, 2010 2010 NRA 3 Position Smallbore Rifle Open sectional being held at American Police Hall of Fame Range in Titusville, Fla

Feb 6-7, 2010 NRA International Air Rifle Open Sectional being held at American Police Hall of Fame Range in Titusville, Fla.

Legislation Review

By Joe Waldron

OVERVIEW

With President Obama's Afghanistan strategy and Senate health care reform legislation dominating the news, it would appear there is little action being taken on the gun control front.

I wish that were the case, but a look behind the scenes tells a different story. The State Department has formally agreed to promote the United Nations gun control agenda, and the Obama administration has signaled support for the CIFTA treaty, the Inter-American Convention Against Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms. Ominous steps, to be sure, but two things to keep in mind: first, before ANY treaty can take effect, it must be ratified by 2/3 of the U.S. Senate. That's 67 votes, not an easy number to attain on a controversial issue. Second, there is case law that says that no treaty may override constitutional protections.

IN a related development, the former head of U.S. Customs and Border Protection in the George W. Bush administration and former DEA head, Robert Bonner, has called for reinstatement of a federal "assault weapons" ban to help Mexico combat drug cartels. What a laugh! The overwhelming majority of "assault weapons" used by Mexican drug cartels are REAL assault weapons, capable of selective (full and semi-auto) fire. And they come from two sources: illegal imports from third world countries (largely from Central America) and rifles (mostly M16s/M4s) stolen by deserting Mexican military and police personnel.

McDONALD v CITY OF CHICAGO

The Supreme Court has set Tuesday, March 2nd as the day for oral arguments in the case of *McDonald V City of Chicago*, our challenge to the Chicago gun ban -- and hopefully the case where the Supreme Court will decide that the Second Amendment applies to the states ("incorporation"), not just to the District of Columbia. (The *Heller* case, where for the first time the Supreme Court overturned a gun control law on purely Second Amendment grounds, was a D.C. case. *Heller* was a critical first step; *McDonald v City of Chicago* is the second.).

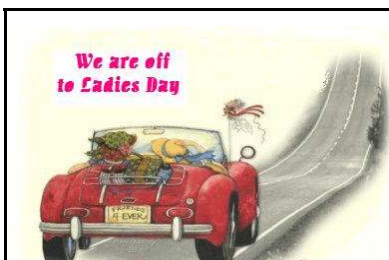
Amicus ("friend of the court") briefs have already been filed with the Court, including one from most of the state NRA affiliates. FSSA has signed that brief.

A decision is expected just before the Court adjourns at the end of June.

2010 ELECTIONS

It's not too early to start talking about the mid-term elections coming up next November. In addition to 1/3 of U.S. Senate seats and all 435 House (Congressional) seats up for election, statewide elections will also be held. A new U.S. Senator, a new Governor, Attorney General, Commissioner of Agriculture (whose department oversees the Florida concealed weapons licensing program) and several other positions will be open for election/reelection.

Is your voter registration current? More on this in the coming year, but it all starts with voter registration.



Ladies Day on April 10, 2010
At Central Rifle Pistol Club
Orlando, Florida

More information on our website (www.flssa.org)

The 2009 Southern National

by Mary Watkins

The 19th annual “Southern Nationals” were successful. It is the largest smallbore silhouette tournament held in the Mississippi delta town of Winnsboro Louisiana.

Every year is bigger and better than the previous year for awards, fun, food and competition.

Imagine a fun summer in fine Southern tradition beautifully manicured grass, spread over a great north facing firing line, where each bank of animals has its own color, and rifle stands on the firing line matching. The range is a competitors dream, flat, no serious wind tunnels, and well marked, with good cover. The event kicks off with a two day three classes of air rifle competition on Thursday and Friday, and open practice on the smallbore range.

Add to the physical setting of this fine range the southern hospitality that is prevalent in the south and you have a recipe for a fantastic time. The entire town of Winnsboro supports the “Southern Nationals” and everywhere you go there is someone wishing you good shooting and willing to lend a sympathetic ear to your excuses for not shooting as well as you think you should have.

There were a number of competitors there from Florida, including some from Miami, Jacksonville, Orlando, Merritt Island, Cantonment, Green Cove Springs, and St Augustine.

With over 160 competitors total, from the US, Mexico, Canada, Ireland, South Africa, and even some from that “other country” Louisiana...the after match food served by the local groups was fine Cajun style, with the other ethnic groups contributing some of the finest selections of game and barbeque that shooters can put together. Add a touch of a beer wagon supplied by one of the sponsors for the match and you have a great recipe for shooting lies, fishing stories and hunting stories that match no others in any US competition.

With all the awards and great food, beer is the perfect setting for the most coveted award in the silhouette competitions, the Golden Cow Patty award, given to the top excuse/story spinner of the weekend. This years Golden Cow Patty went to a shooter from Pennsylvania, with three Floridians receiving one each official inmate of

Franklin Parrish orange T shirts for the top ten runner up positions.

The 2009 events in Standard and Hunter Rifle were dominated by a 16 year girl from Texas, Elisabeth Steiger. Shooting some fine near perfect scores in all four

smallbore matches made her a tough competitor to beat as

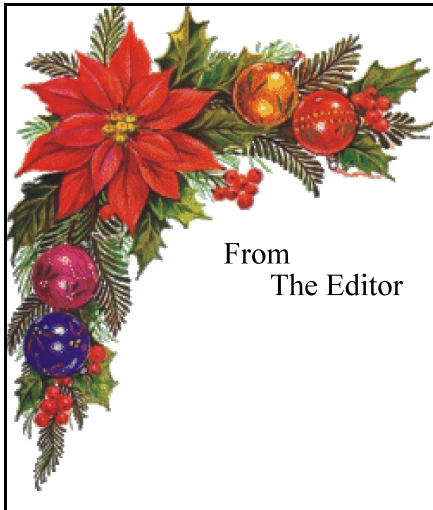
well as setting some new national records in the intermediate junior and lady categories. While she only won one match overall in each rifle, she managed to stay ahead of her competitors by being consistent. She was using a tag team of her father and Florida competitor Mary Watkins as her spotter for the events.

In the target air rifle competition, Floridian Junior Coates Watkins won the AA class. Mary Watkins won AA sporter air rifle and AAA in Open air rifle.

The smallbore rifle competitions saw many awards in all classes, by Pat Brown of Orlando, Mary and Coates Watkins of Merritt Island, junior Matthew Deason of Jacksonville, his father Chuck Deason, new shooter Joselyn Sanchez from Ft Meyers/Orlando, and Alan McCullough from Cantonment.

The 20th anniversary Southern Nationals in 2010 promise to be even better with a chance to win a rifle in each class via a door prize, as well as the great food. There are already over 50 paid entries for the competition during the first weekend of June.





From
The Editor

Have You Ever Wonder

How does Santa get presents under the tree in homes without Chimneys or in apartment buildings?

- 1: Does he comes through the door?
2. Breaks in through the window?
3. He reduces his body and presents through magic to the size of a field mouse and enters under the doorway etc.?

4. Does he teleport by moving his red nose?

5. Does Santa use magic reindeer dust? When he is on the roof he creates a special Santa chimney. He uses the special chimney to deliver presents.

MMMmmmm now for some useless information but may come in handy if you play trivia.

Santa sleigh is versatile, all weather multi-purpose, vertical short-take-off and landing vehicle.

1. We all know Rudolph has red nose but does Rudolph have antlers?
2. In the song "Jingle Bells" who was by my side?
3. How many reindeer hooves are there (including Rudolph)?
4. If you spent \$86,609 in 2008 what would you be buying?
5. The average number of lights on a Christmas tree is 200 or 350?



5|200

P.S. Not sure if this includes sales tax.

4. The gifts in the 12 days of Christmas (according to CNN)

3| 36

2. Miss Frannie Bright

1. Yes

Answers: