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Maryland's State NRA Association

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President's Column

Where has the really good shooting weather gone? Now that the traditional outdoor shooting season is coming to a close (Is there any competition after Camp Perry?) it's time to reflect on the past year...the Association's goals, plans, and programs...And to strategize for the future.

Make your voice heard by attending the annual meeting. That bright yellow post card should have been hard to lose on your desk. Your ideas and input are important to the Association and the officers and directors.

Maybe even consider volunteering for a committee or to help at a gun show or write a letter to your legislator or call a congressman

This issue contains a hunting story with a message. Since we're starting into the hunting season in most parts of the state it seems particularly appropriate.

If you have the occasion to get to a gun show stop at the MSRPA table and say thanks to the members volunteering their time to help getting the message out about guns, safety, the Second Amendment, the shooting sports, competitive shooting locally and nationally, local clubs and a variety of other topics.

Shoot safely and shoot often,

Larry Moreland

There Are No Guarantees

I have been a hunter most of my life, but it has been mostly small game and deer. I was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to make one hunt in South Africa for plains game, which was almost like hunting deer. We rode around in a truck until we spotted something and then we did the stalk and took the shot. It was a great time, but nothing like my experience of going for Cape buffalo in the Zambesi Valley.

While at the Dallas Safari Club annual convention last January, I had the chance to sign up with Chifuti Safaris for a dangerous game hunt in the Zambesi Valley of Zimbabwe. In preparation for the hunt I did a lot of reading about hunting the Cape buffalo. I tried to prepare myself as best I could. I worked out so I could do the long walks while tracking. I bought a 375H&H magnum and spent some time getting comfortable with it. I thought I was ready.

I was hunting the Sapi Concession along the Zambesi River, a large area with no real roads and no running water or electricity. We stayed in a very comfortable tent camp, which was located on the banks of the Zambesi. Life seemed good.

On the first day of hunting, we left camp early and drove out to a water hole to look for tracks. The trackers found spoor of 3 Dugga boys. We followed the tracks for 5 miles and then lost them when the ground got too hard and rocky. By now it was getting hot and the animals had settled down to wait out the hottest part of the day. We decided to go down to the river and look for crocs and then come back a little later in the day and try to find some buffalo coming into a water hole. We did that with no success.

The next morning we started out very early and found some tracks, but lost them again when the ground got rocky. We then went to another water hole and found the tracks of two Dugga boys. After two hours of tracking through the thick mopane and jess, we finally got close enough to see them, but because of the thick vegetation I was having trouble getting a clear shot. The heat was building, the winds were beginning to swirl and they winded us and moved away. There was no point in continuing so we went back to camp for lunch, planning to come back out in the afternoon. We did go back out but we didn't see anything.

We headed out at 5:30am on the third day and went to one of the water holes. We found some tracks and followed them for about 3 hours before losing them. We then went back to check several water holes to no avail, although we did bump into a small herd of elephants, which caused some excitement.

The fourth day was a continuation of the first three — finding tracks and trying to follow them through the thick vegetation, only to lose them and have to start over looking for new tracks.

On day five we left camp at 5:30 and by 6:30 were on the track of a herd. After an hour or so we got into a good position along their route of travel. I

No Guarantees, continued on Pg. 7.

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PREAMBLE

In accordance with the purposes and objectives of the National Rifle Association, the objectives of this association shall be to create a public sentiment for the encouragement of training in the use of firearms as a sport, as an essential contribution to National Security, and as maintenance of individual liberty and for personal defense.

The purpose of this organization will be to encourage proper organization, operation and administration of member clubs; to promote and coordinate statewide activities related to the ownership and use of firearms and to cooperate with other organizations in the conservation of natural resources within the State of Maryland and throughout the United States.



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KAYNE B. ROBINSON APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NRA'S GENERAL OPERATIONS

Former NRA President named by Wayne LaPierre to Replace Retiring director Craig D. Sandler

(FAIRFAX, VA) - Former NRA President Kayne B. Robinson has been appointed Executive Director of the National Rifle Association's General Operations Division. Robinson was named to the position by NRA Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre to replace retiring director Craig D. Sandler, who has held the post since 1996.

"Kayne Robinson is perfectly suited to head our general operations, and I am pleased he has accepted the appointment," LaPierre said. "He is an avid hunter, competitive shooter, former law enforcement officer, and legislative activist. As NRA President, his leadership was vital to our Association's success and we are grateful for his continued commitment on behalf of our cause."

A former New Hampshire law enforcement officer, Craig D. Sandler, officially retired as Executive Director of General Operations to return home to New Hampshire. "I will miss the challenges and our great staff," Sandler said, "and I am very proud of our success in expanding NRA programs. I believe that the more opportunities there are for people to responsibly and safely hunt, enjoy the shooting sports, and collect firearms, the more secure is our Second Amendment freedom."

"For his tremendous service, he has earned the gratitude of our nearly four million NRA members," LaPierre said. "Today, more Americans shoot for recreation than ever before and the shooting sports are a mainstream part of the American scene. That is, in large part, due to the commitment and hard work of Craig Sandler and his staff in General Operations."

Kayne Robinson served as NRA President for two years, until his term expired this past April. Prior to that, he served as NRA First Vice President for an unprecedented five years under then President Charlton Heston.

After four years in the Marine Corps, Robinson began a law enforcement career that spanned 33 years. As Chief of Detectives and Assistant Chief of Police of the Des Moines, Iowa Police Department, he distinguished himself in leading most of the Department's front-line commands. Robinson is a past president of the Iowa Association of Chiefs of Police, an NRA-certified police firearms instructor, and repeat Iowa State Police pistol champion.

Robinson is an active hunter, taking big game in North America and Africa. For many years, he served as president of the Iowa Sportsmen's Federation and has long been active in defending the Second Amendment and in fostering greater opportunities for shooters and hunters to enjoy their firearms freedom.

Robinson will work to expand NRA's General Operations programs in hometowns and neighborhoods across America. Last year, 129,000 competitive shooters participated in 10,326 NRA-sanctioned tournaments, including 30 national championship matches. Since 1996, more than 1.2 million Americans have attended 7,121 Friends of NRA events around the country. These local events netted \$71 million for The NRA Foundation.

RAFFLE RESULTS

The four (4) tickets to the Nascar Nextel Cup Series for the September 25th races were won by a devoted (and very excited) female fan of Nascar racing. J. Malle of Crownsville was still jumping up and down when her winning tickets were delivered to her. She and her daughter were making plans to take their two best friends for the Sunday racing card.

While the MSRPA was pleased with the response to this new fund raising idea, the Board of Directors has decided to go back to what we raffle best - GUNS. Watch for raffle tickets in future issues of the *Down Range* as well as by separate mailings.

Your support of the raffles helps defray the costs of creating and mailing the *Down Range* to our membership.

COMING GUN & KNIFE SHOWS

November 12 & 13
SILVERADO

Frederick Fairgrounds, Frederick

November 18, 19 & 20
C&E GUN SHOWS
Dulles Expo, Chantilly

November 19 & 20
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Marlboro

December 10 & 11
PRESTON JONES
Putty Hill Avenue Lodge,
Parkville

December 11
CHESAPEAKE KNIFE SHOW
Holiday Inn, Timonium

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SILVERADO
Sailwinds Park, Cambridge

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On the Legislative Scene

STATE SESSION RECAP

The 2005 Maryland Legislative Session seemed to fly by.

This session was to focus on slots and spending. There seemed to be a growing rift between the House and the Senate; it was hard for our elected officials to find common ground on any issues.

We only had to contend with two very bad bills proposed by the anti-gun lobby this year. The Assault Weapon Ban was back again, along with a bill with the catchy title of "The Police Officer Protection Act of 2005". This bill would have made an instant criminal out of a gun owner who didn't report a missing firearm within 48 hours of loss.

You have already read about the Senate hearings on the AWB in a prior issue of the *DownRange*. As Delegate Neil Quinter introduced the '05 AWB for debate in the House Judiciary Committee, he was regurgitating the same old lies from the Violence Policy Center about 1 in 5 Police Officers being killed by Assault Weapons, etc., etc.

Delegate Michael Smigiel became the hero of the hearings. He blasted Quinter on his remarks, telling the whole committee the truth. He also reminded them that they had already researched the issues last session and none of the statements could be verified. The Eastern Shore has a good man in Delegate Smigiel and they need to keep him in Annapolis.

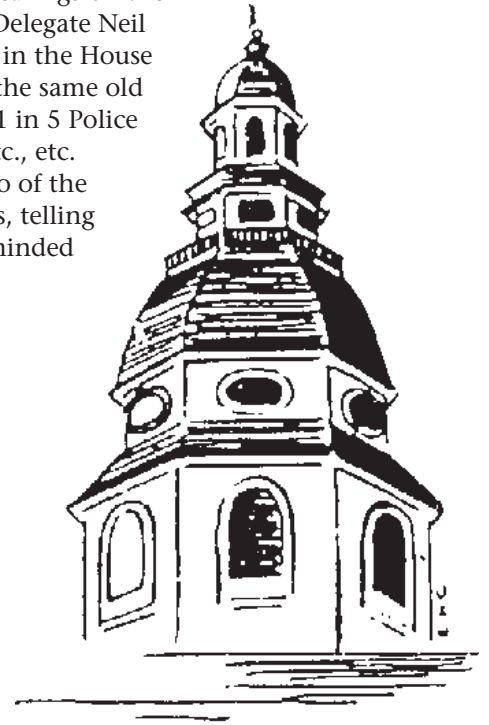
Most pro-gun rights groups had hoped that Maryland's Ballistic Fingerprinting requirement for new handguns could be done away with. This was a long shot during this session, but there was a chance. The Maryland State Police came to Annapolis to ask that the system be scrapped, as it doesn't work. The repeal of this costly requirement would have been a huge victory for our side.

Alas, it was not to be this session. In a still mostly anti-gun Legislature, and in a climate of some mixed signals from different pro-gun groups, we weren't able to pull it off. However, after the dust settled, gun owners lost no ground here in Maryland. The two bad bills fell by the wayside. There will be no Assault Weapon Ban and no gun owners becoming criminals just because they didn't report a missing firearm within an allotted time.

In addition to holding our ground for the fifth year in a row, some victories were scored for all of us. The Hunting Heritage Protection Act was signed into law on May 10th. This law requires the DNR to keep at least the current amount of public hunting land available to hunters in the future. Also some provisions for Sunday hunting were approved.

HB 756 (a bill with a very long name) will help ensure there is a place to shoot in Anne Arundel, Allegany, Garrett, and Washington Counties. This new law should keep nuisance lawsuits from plaguing shooting clubs and ranges in these counties.

All in all, it was a good session; several people deserve some recognition for their efforts. As in years past, the actions and testimony of John Josselyn from the Associated Gun Clubs of Baltimore, and Sandy Abrams from the Maryland Licensed Firearms Dealers Association was first rate. It's a pleasure to work with these two gentlemen towards our common goals. Some of our friends in the Legislature who deserve our special thanks are Senators Nancy Jacobs and Alex Mooney, Delegates





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Membership Dues Changes

The MSRPA has kept our annual membership dues at yesterday's levels for more years than we would like to remember.

Unfortunately, Maryland's cost of living has continued to climb like a F-16 on afterburner. Over the years your Association has absorbed multiple increases in the cost of doing business. From postage and printing costs, supporting as many of the different shooting disciplines in the state as possible, to the costs of making a difference in Annapolis, it all takes money.

Your membership committee studied this issue for a while and came up with the current fee structure for membership. We worked hard to find a balance between the costs of doing business in one of the most affluent areas of the country with the economic realities of some of Maryland's more rural areas. The new membership fees went into effect as of July 1st. Please check the back page of the *DownRange* to see them listed.

The MSRPA has always encouraged interested clubs in the state to be members of our organization. We revised our club membership structure to something we feel is a little more democratic. The new club fees are based on your club membership and went into effect on July 1st. They are:

- Up to 50 members - \$30.00
- 50 to 200 members - \$40.00
- Over 200 members - \$50.00

Check out the article about the membership incentives available to you. Thanks for your understanding about the dues increases.

The MSRPA

MSRPA Merchandise Order Form

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NEW MSRPA SWAG!!!

You've heard of SWAG. To the pirates who sailed the bounding main it was defined as loot, goodies, booty, free stuff! Your State Association has stepped up and procured a big-ol' pile of SWAG as a little something extra to be used for membership incentives.

We now have decals, patches, pins and hats. All of these items have our nifty logo on them. Here's the best news of all — as of now, everyone who becomes a member of our Association will be getting free SWAG.

Here's the deal: all new members will get the nice decal (looks great on your vehicle's back window) and an iron-on patch. A new Five-Year Member will receive the decal and a hat. A new Life Member will be rewarded with a decal, patch and hat.

Even though this is a push for new members, we didn't want to leave out our faithful current members. From here on out, all renewing members will get the nice decal with their new membership card. Of course, a current member who steps up to a Five-Year or Life Membership will be rewarded with the appropriate package of goodies. Finally, if you can't wait until renewal time, check out the sale of these items in the order form to the left.

“Granddaddy, when I come to visit this summer will you teach me to shoot?”

WOW! What music to the ears of a shooter when his 7 year old granddaughter pops that kind of a question! We had not seen Aki for a year and now she was coming east on her own for a two week visit. And one of her prime objectives was to learn to shoot.

I guess you have to be a grandfather to know the kind of emotions that run through you when your first grandchild comes to you with that kind



of a request. Is this love of shooting really in the blood? I know the streak runs from my grandfather, through my father, through me and through Aki's father. Or has she just heard me talk of my love of shooting and wants to try it for herself. Or maybe she just wants to do something with her grandfather? Whatever, I am going to do everything I can to make the experience memorable and enjoyable.

An early consideration was what gun to shoot. I considered a BB gun, and while they are fun to shoot, I remembered how hard they are to cock and that they are not really very accurate. My pellet gun is heavy and hard to cock and I rejected it as well. What I wanted to start her out on was a light .22 rifle with a child size stock and provisions for mounting a scope. It would be a plus if the gun could grow as the grandchildren grow.

After a lot of research I noticed that Brownell's sells a Youth size stock for the Ruger 10/22 and the stock can be had with a raised cheekpiece for use with a scope. The Brownell's youth stock has a length of pull of 11 1/4 inches and is the perfect size for someone of Aki's size.

The 10/22 came with an atrocious, 7 1/2 pound trigger pull. It was hard for me to pull, it would be a terrible trigger

for a young person to deal with. So off went an order to Brownell's for a Power Custom Hammer and Sear Kit. I also thought the bolt release process on the 10/22 was probably designed to please the lawyers and not the shooters so I

also ordered a Power Custom Extended Bolt Release. These parts dropped right in the 10/22 receiver and the 10/22 dropped right into the youth stock. The rifle now has a smooth 2 3/4 pound trigger pull and an easy

to use bolt release.

Next came sights. I like to start kids out with scope sights. I want them to first master the feel of the rifle, the process of smoothly pulling the trigger and the joy of hitting where the crosshair were before they have to deal with the difficulty of sight alignment of open sights. Simmons makes a 4 power .22 scope that has a generous amount of eye relief, which is important for beginners, and that is the one I mounted on the rifle. I zeroed in the rifle and waited for Aki's arrival.

The visit to the range started with discussions about safety and about ear and eye protection. It turns out her Dad had already talked with her about firearm safety so this topic went smoothly. Next was an introduction to the rifle. We talked about how it functioned, how the bolt stripped cartridges from the magazine and chambered them, how the trigger worked and how the sights worked. Being at the firing line I could demon-

strate each point.

Finally, what must have seemed like a long time to Aki, it was time for her first shot. I loaded the rifle for her, she laid the forearm on the bench rest and sighted carefully at the target I had put up at 25 yards. I reminded her to squeeze the trigger and BANG. She jumped up quickly to look through the spotting scope. A hole right in the black...ALLRIGHT!! After a few magazines worth of punching holes in the target she was doing very well.

At this point, after the child had got the fundamentals of how to squeeze the trigger and where to put the crosshairs and how to grasp the gun down pat, the child can get a little bored with punching holes in paper. Here is when I recommend knocking tin cans off a log or something similarly exciting. The only problem is that most ranges do not allow shooting cans or bottles. But we could shoot biodegradable targets. Like tigers and bears and elephants.....??

I asked Aki if she would like to shoot a bear. She looked at me kind of funny

like and then a smile of understanding spread across her face as I showed her the piece of target cardboard on which I had glued several Animal Crackers. Well, I can report that we went



through a lot of Animal Crackers that afternoon and very few got away from Dead-Eye Aki. A week later, when her parents arrived, we went back out to the range and Aki had fun demonstrating her shooting skills to her parents, including more Animal crackers.

Aki will be back next summer and I'm sure she and her grandfather will have a trip or two to the range. And then there is Sarah and Benjamin and Logan and Elaine to introduce to the fun of shooting. I'm sure that little Ruger 10/22 will be getting a good workout in the years ahead.

**Maryland State
3 Position Smallbore
Championship
May 21, 2005
Marriottsville, MD**

And a child shall lead them...

On a beautiful spring morning, Robbie Burrows (16) of Queen Anne, MD posted an aggregate score of 1095, 32x, to best Air Force Capt. Mark Gould, 1086, 28x, and his teammate, Matt MacKenzie 1082, 21 x.

A total of nineteen competitors ranging in age from twelve to fifty-six, shot in the second modern Maryland State Championship.

With a light breeze wafting over the Baltimore County facility, all competitors had a great day at the range. Burrows was also the high intermediate junior, Henry Field, Westminster, MD, was the high junior (1034, 16x), and Taylor Ciotola, Pasadena, MD, was high sub-junior with a score of 985, 8x.

Match director Jim Bryant, Monumental Rifle and Pistol Club, was pleased with an increase in the number of competitors over 2004. All competitors and volunteers expressed their appreciation to Associated Gun Clubs for hosting the event again and to the Maryland State Rifle and Pistol Association for endorsing the match.



AGC High Power Rifle League

The Fall High Power League was shot at the Patapsco Range of the Associated Gun Clubs of Baltimore during September and October 2004. Each 6 man team shoots two 50 shot matches and shooters compete for individual awards as well as team awards. In the team events the four high scores make up the team score. This is done to encourage newer shooters to team up with and learn from more experienced shooters.



Steve Trent, Match Winner, receiving his award from Dave Nace, AGC

- Baltimore County Game and Fish "A" Team took 1st Master Team with a score of 3722-70X. Shooting for BC F&G were: Joe Crivello, Len Debaufre, Dean Edwards, Jay Heydt, Dave Magnani and Mike Sweeney.
- Stemmers Run took 1st Expert Team with a score of 3833-101X. The Stemmers Run Team was James Bowen, Wally Chance, Dan Green, J. Green, Doug Self and Steve Trent.
- Monumental "B" Team of Charles Gebhardt, Gary Mendenhall, Peter Moyer, Dave Nace and Lew Nibert took 1st Sharpshooter Team with a score of 3689-80X.
- In the Individual Awards Steve Trent was the Match Winner with a score of 981-32X.
- Other Individual Awards were as follows:

1 st Master, Match Rifle	John Meade	966-35X
1 st Expert, Match Rifle	David Nace	971-40X
1 st Master, Service Rifle	J Green	959-28X
2 nd Master, Service Rifle	Jay Heydt	952-24X
3 rd Master, Service Rifle	Dave Magnani	950-19X
1 st Expert, Service Rifle	James Bowen	948-19X
2 nd Expert, Service Rifle	Wayne McNinch	948-18X
3 rd Expert, Service Rifle	Douglas Lewis	946-25X
1 st Sharpshooter, Service Rifle	Ben Pinner	964-29X
2 nd Sharpshooter, Service Rifle	Daniel Pekala	945-16X
3 rd Sharpshooter, Service Rifle	Blane Griffith	933-15X
1 st Marksman, Service Rifle	Richard Rinick	933-19X

Congratulations to all the WINNERS!

An extra CONGRATULATIONS to Ben Pinner, one of our juniors, who started shooting High Power Rifle matches after attending the 2004 High Power Rifle Clinic. Ben is now shooting Master Class scores. But most important, Ben has just entered the US Military Academy at West Point, Class of 2009. We're proud of you Ben and best of luck at West Point.

Dave Nace,

AGC High Power Chairman

Student from 2004 High Power Clinic Stands Tall

Each year around March, a High Power Rifle Clinic is held for new shooters looking to improve their shooting skills and firearm safety to shoot with their local clubs or to get heavily involved in High Power Rifle competition and travel around the local ranges and then hopefully to Camp Perry for the National Matches.

Out of these clinics come the future shooters of tomorrow, namely the Juniors (JRs). At this past clinic, held at the Associated Gun Clubs of Baltimore and hosted by Monumental Rifle & Pistol Club with help from the Maryland State Rifle Team, there were 50 plus new shooters. In that group were 5 JR shooters and in that five there was one with a major goal. More on that in a minute.

This new JR shooter had a keen interest in learning to shoot a rifle well and a desire to compete with others at his club, the Maryland Rifle Club. He also was picked up to shoot with the Maryland State JR Rifle Team along with seven other JR shooters to go all the way to Camp Perry, Ohio for the 2004 National Matches. This JR team placed 53 out of 73 teams — adult & JR & military combined.

He had the high score for the JR team — 452-7X. I must add that ALL the JR's did very well at the Nationals. This match was not very good weather-wise — rain storms and blowing winds of 20mph were the norm.

On his first NRA classification card it was for "Expert". Also shooting a fall league match his score was 482 -16X followed up with 482-13X.

Back to the major goal: this new JR shooter, with no past instruction in rifle shooting needed a sport to put on his High School résumé for his college application along with some very good grades and a recommendation from a Maryland State Senator.

The Maryland State Rifle & Pistol Association and the Maryland State JR Rifle Team are proud to say "Congratulations" to **Benjamin Arthur Pinner** of Odenton, Maryland for being accepted into the United States Military Academy at West Point, Class of 2009.

Estate Planning, continued from Pg. 1.

had a tunnel like shooting lane and I could see the animals only for a moment, as they slowly filed past. Suddenly a big bull walked into view. The PH was checking him with his binos. Just as he said I should take the shot the bull moved behind some cover, foiling my shot. We continued to follow the herd until about 2pm. Several times we were in a good position but didn't see any bulls. Finally they wined us and took off. So much for day five.

Day 6 dawned bright and sunny. At about 7am we got on a herd of buffalo. While trying to get into a good position, we bumped into several elephants. Since I had a tuskless elephant on my license, we decided to try to get a shot at one. As we were slowly moving down a narrow path, a herd of buffalo began to cross at right angles about 50 yds ahead. Immediately the PH put me on the shooting sticks and we began to look carefully at each one as it crossed the path. Suddenly, a big old bull came into view. The PH said, "Take it". I shot; the bull jumped and started to run. I thought it was a good hit. The PH asked how I felt about the shot. I told him I thought it was good. He said that we should wait for about 15 minutes before we did anything. He and the trackers were listening for the death bellow that I'm told the Cape buffalo make. When the 15 minutes passed, we still hadn't heard anything so the PH and the trackers went to check it out. There was a little bit of blood and it was obvious from the tracks that I had hit his right shoulder.

Now we have a problem, or should I say the PH has a problem, a wounded Cape buffalo. At this point the PH laid out the plan. He and the trackers would work together and I should follow about 40 yds. behind them in case the buffalo charged, as they often do. We started to track. At first there was a little blood, but that soon dried up. All the trackers had now was the unusual print of the right front hoof. For 4 hours, over 5 kilometers, they followed the trail. At several points I had no idea how they could see anything. Each time we got to a patch of thick cover, they would slow down and move very cautiously, with the PH holding his 500NE double at the ready. Finally, about 1pm, they bumped into the buffalo and he started to run. The PH had a shot as he quartered away and ran. The shot wounded the buffalo again in the hip. These animals can absorb some incredible punishment and keep going, as was the case with this animal.

With the second wound there was a little better blood trail, but that dried up fairly quickly and the trackers were back to following the unique hoof prints. We managed to follow him until about 4pm, when he got into a herd and the tracks of the other animals obliterated his track. We sat down to discuss the situation. I really wanted the buffalo but we had to consider the fact that we were some distance from the truck and had to worry about nightfall. The net result was that I lost my buffalo after almost 10 hours with no food and only a little water. It was a long and disappointing day.

I've relived that shot over and over in my mind. If I could only call it back and take it again...I made the classic mistake — I shot a point of the shoulder white tail deer shot and it was too high for the heart and lungs of the buffalo. I know that if I ever get the chance to go back for a buffalo, I won't miss the next time.

John Astle





A few good hands to man (or woman, as the case may be) the MSRPA table at gun shows around the state. This is where we showcase the organization, sign up some new members, push a raffle or two to help fund the MSRPA, share a little camaraderie and check out everything else at the show.

If you can help out, even if only for half a day, please contact Erich Grove at:

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Did I remember to tell you that if you work you get in free that day?

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Retirement of the Last Enlisted Active-Duty Marine of Vietnam

On July 1 2005 Master Sgt. Randall Arnold retired in a small regulation ceremony at Quantico Marine Corps Base after nearly 30 years in the Corps. He was the last enlisted, active-duty Vietnam veteran in the U.S. Marine Corps.

A native of Washington DC, Master Sgt. Arnold enlisted at a recruiting office on Pennsylvania Ave., in 1969.

After Vietnam, Arnold served two years in the Reserves, three in the National Guard and four out of the military, repairing security systems, installing telephones, dispatching forklifts. It was not for him. "I missed the uniform, he said" so back he came.

He served in action in Grenada and Somalia and trained Marines at Quantico, Camp Lejeune, Camp Pendleton and Okinawa.

He and his wife Kim will reside in Stafford County Virginia.

Info from Washington Post 7/2/05

From everyone at MSRPA...
SEMPER FI on a job well done.

U.S. Sues Makers of Bulletproof Vest

The government yesterday sued the top U.S. supplier of bullet-resistant police vests and the Japanese manufacturer of the protective synthetic fiber used in the vests, contending they conspired to hide evidence that the body armor could be defective.

Second Chance Body Armor, Inc., of Central Lake, Michigan; and Toyobo Co. knew that the vests ability to stop bullets was overstated, but Second Chance sold them anyway to local, state and federal police, according to the lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in Washington.

From News Services / Washington Post 7/2/05



Name all five of these 3P Small Bore Competitors! E-mail your answer to legalad@capitalgazette.com. Small prize to the first correct respondent. Coaches (of these shooters) and parents not eligible to enter.

Legislative Scene, continued from Pg. 3.

Kevin Kelly, Don Dwyer, Christopher Shank and Michael Smigiel. There are many others friendly to our cause in the Legislature, but these six stood out this year.

Looking into the future: for us to gain ground we have to elect more pro-gun people to office in 2006, while keeping the friends we already have. Now is the time to become involved with this; you need to donate to worthy candidates, as well as volunteer to work on their campaigns.

We will keep you informed as to who looks good from our point of view. Next session will be challenging. It will be the last one before the national elections. A lot of legislators will be trying to make a name for themselves for reelection purposes. We will be there to do our best to defend your Second Amendment rights.

Till next time,

Ray Albaugh,

Leg. VP

Maryland's Gunshows

Come out and enjoy Maryland's gun shows. Stop at the MSRPA table and visit with our volunteers. Find out what's happening all over the state — the latest legislative news, upcoming gun safety and training clinics, clubs in your area, places to shoot, and how you can help. Spend some time with people who are making a difference in the Free State.

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