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2008 December Newsletter

Board meeting: Tuesday December 2nd at 7:00pm.

Membership meeting: Tues. Dec. 9th. Dinner starts at 6:30pm followed by the membership meeting at 7:30pm. Matt Wurzell will be putting on spaghetti night.

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Trap/Skeet-Dave Orf 715-386-5657 and Bob Snegosky 715-386-2648
Rifle-Jim Strandquist 715-386-2259

2009 Memberships: For anyone buying a new membership starting on Oct. 1st. it will be good from now until the end of 2009.

Club Calendar:

Dec 12th. At 7:00pm. **Winter 22 Rifle/Air Rifle league:**
The planning meeting will be at the gun club on Dec 12th. At 7:00pm. At that time teams will be put together and the number of weeks that the league will run will be

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determined. The Club has loaner Air Rifles for use by the members.

So tell your friends and any one interested in shooting on the winter 22 league. Everyone should try to make the planning meeting on Dec. 12th. For more information contact Dan Hildebrandt at 715-386-9762.

Jan 4, 2009-Winter Trap starts. If you are new and need help getting started call Indianhead Secretary-Pete Malvey-715-684-2271 or Trap/Skeet-Dave Orf 715-386-5657 and Bob Snegosky 715-386-2648. These guys are long time Club members and will be able to help new-comers get started and can help with the Club procedures.

January 25th -New Member Orientation and Range Safety Officer training.

OPEN TO EVERYONE!

ATTENTION Gun Owners, Clubs & Ranges! 3rd ANNUAL

2009 NRA STATE CONVENTION

The Plaza Hotel – Eau Claire 1202 West Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire, WI

Friday, Feb. 13th 6:00 - 7:30PM: NRA's Office of Advancement: FREE Workshop on how to protect your assets and insure the future of the 2nd Amendment through your will. Speakers include Steve Sheldon, NRA Advancement Officer, and NRA Referral Attorneys.

7:30 – 9:00PM: NRA's Institute For Legislative Action: FREE Hosted by ILA Executive Director CHRIS COX & Staff! How the election results affects us and where to go from here.

Saturday, Feb. 14th (Valentines Day!)

8:00 AM: Annual State Association Membership Meeting: Attend the Meeting! Get involved.

9:00 - Noon: Saving Our Shooting Ranges. FREE Seminar on how to protect ranges from encroachment, hostile neighbors and frivolous claims. Guest speakers include NRA Referral Attorneys, Range Technical Team Advisors, NRA Education & Training staff, NRA Clubs, Associations & Ranges staff and many more. Meet the experts.



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1:00- 2:00 PM: *Youth and Public Shooting Programs Development Seminar: FREE*

Seminar on how your club/ organization can become a community asset. Everything from becoming an Instructor to hosting public benefit programs.

2:00- 4:00 PM: *Women's Programs: FREE Seminar on what's available to all women and how your organization will benefit by hosting Women's programs— How 50% of the general public can save ranges and rights. Diane Gasser, WI State Coordinator, Women's Programs*

5:00- 10:00 PM: *Annual NRA & WRPA State Appreciation/Awards Banquet (LIMITED TO 250): Spend an enjoyable evening with fellow 2nd Amendment Supporters! Dinner, Raffles, Games, NRA Limited Edition Firearms & Merchandise, Presentation of Awards*
Special guests to include Edward (Jim) Land: Marine Corps Legend & NRA Secretary, Chris Cox: Executive Director of ILA, Ron Schmeits: 1st V. President, David Keene: 2nd V. President, Kayne Robinson: Executive Director of General Operations, Kyle Weaver: Managing Director of Field Operations Div, Andy Lander; National Coordinator for NRA Instructor Programs, John Joines; NRA Range Dept., Phil Gray; Central Regional Director, Field Operations Division, and many more! (Guest list subject to change due to National requests)

Sunday, Feb. 15th 9:00-10:30 AM: *NRA Field Support Team workshop:*

How you can become a community asset

10:30- NOON: *Improving Your Events: How to run successful Friends of NRA events*

NOON - 3:00PM: *State Fund Committee grants review: Restricted to team voting representatives*

1:00- 4:00 PM: *NRA Refuse To Be A Victim Seminar: Learn the personal safety tips and techniques needed in order to avoid dangerous situations and becoming a victim. Topics include: Home Security, Personal Security, Automobile Security,*

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IMPORTANT: Due to limited seating and in order to supply packets for all attendees; Registration for workshops and banquet are required. See form on Page 2.

- Mail Page 2 Registration Form ----- Save page 1 for reference ---- Mail Page 2 Registration Form -----
Questions, Comments, Suggestions; Contact:
Scott Taetsch, NRA Convention, PO Box 157, Gleason, WI 54435
Office: 715-873-3360, Fax: 715-873-3361, Email: staetsch@nrahq.org

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2009 NRA & WRPA STATE CONVENTION

Registration Form

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip
code: _____ (must be same as CC billing address)
Phone #: (____) _____ - _____ Email Address: _____

YES! I (we) will be attending the following events:

Quantity TOTAL \$

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- 1:00 PM- 2:00: Youth and Public Shooting Development Seminar FREE

- 2:00 PM- 4:00: Women's Programs FREE

5:00 - 10:00 PM: Annual State appreciation /Awards Banquet @

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- 10:30 AM - Noon: *Improving Your Events FREE*
- Noon - 3:00: *State Fund Committee Grant Review *RESTRICTED*

- 1:00 PM- 4:00: *NRA Refuse To Be A Victim Seminar @ *\$20 each \$*

***YES, I am an active Team member of the _____ Committee**

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Reserved Table of 8 in the name of:

Table Guest Names:

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Work Hours: *By Bill Zmuda, Membership Chairman.*

It has been brought to my attention that the work hour process is not very clear. Work hours are a means to receive a reduced membership rate. This rate is determined by the board of directors or members at a membership meeting. At the present time people completing 8 hours of work will be able to renew a membership for \$50. The work must be completed in the year prior to receive the reduced rate.

Various projects and events will qualify a person for the discount rate. Projects such as sight in days, club meeting meals, general maintenance, etc. People interested in fulfilling work hours should watch our newsletter for projects to get their work hours in. Event organizers will head the project and keep track of the hours worked. Forms are available for the Event organizer from the membership chairmen. The event organizer will submit these hours to the membership chairmen. The membership chairmen will add the hours up over the year and once the hour requirement is fulfilled the person is then eligible for the reduced membership rate. Contact me with questions at 715-386-3072.

Sight in days: I would like to personally thank all the members who helped at sight in days. The annual shoot would not go smooth without their time, dedication, ideas, and talents. I want to extend a special thank you to, Mother Theresa Hildebrandt, our "Boss Lady", in the shack on the hill. Without her organizational expertise we just could not do such a good job. She may someday be matched but will never be surpassed.

I believe I'm speaking for the crew when I say we have done a little for the hunters to both improve the quality of the hunt and to assure a humane harvest. I'm happy to report that we made about \$4000. Thank you all again, Jim Strandquist, Rifle shooting chairman.

Shooting Issues: *By Paul St. Ores, Shooting Chair*

1. Range Safety Officers: This is a paid position at \$7 per hour. Volunteering for a few days is also a good way to get your work hours in.

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What is a Range Safety Officer? This is anyone who possesses the knowledge, skills, and attitudes essential to organizing, conducting, and supervising safe shooting activities and range operations.

What does a Range Safety Officer do? The RSO supervises shooting activities as prescribed by the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) that have been developed by our Range Safety Committee.

The SOPs provide guidelines for all activities that occur on a range.

Is there training required before I work as a Range Safety Officer? Yes, a review of the SOPs and an understanding of basic inspection procedures are necessary. Understanding what "course of fire" shooting is allowed on each range, Shotgun, Rifle, Pistol. The RSOs must be able to educate range users on shooting range rules, as well as enforce rules when necessary.

When where how? We will be conducting training on Sunday, January 25th along with "New Member Orientation".

It is the responsibility of every Club member to be a "Range Safety Officer".

2. Rifle/Pistol Range Committee meeting on Sunday 01/11/09 at 2 PM at the club. Any Members that wish to be a part of that are urged to come participate. Agenda will be as follows.

- 1) What are our goals/plans?
 - A) One Year
 - B) Two Year
 - C) Five Year
 - D) Ten Year
- 2) How do we meet our goals/plans?
- 3) Up Keep and Maintenance Plans, What, and How?
- 4) More shoots of different types, what, when, how?
- 4) Set up the rest of the meetings for the year.

3. Trap leagues: In an effort to keep the cost of shooting down our trap help will be cut by 20%. We'll need some Volunteer Trap Pullers next summer. The Sign up sheets will be at the bar for Tuesday, Thursday nights and Sundays.

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