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Are You The Problem or The Solution??

The Problem:

Fewer youngsters and women are joining the shooting sports fraternity despite record firearms sales.

The Solution:

Teaching, encouraging and mentoring young shooters into the ranks.

Recently I witnessed a distressing sight: an instructor with about sixty students and no visible help running a live fire class. When one young man misinterpreted a range command to *fire one shot*, he was publicly berated... military fashion. We have amassed stories of people being introduced to shooting with stern admonitions, military style discipline, and deprecatory remarks more suited for boot camp than basic firearm training. Those clinging to the theory of three ways to do everything, the right way, the wrong way and the army way, are definitely part of the problem.

In case you haven't noticed, even the Army way has changed!

How often have we heard the story of a new shooter being introduced to shooting out on the desert with no eye or ear protection, no real preliminary explanation of what to expect, and then being handed a 9 mm or larger centerfire pistol or centerfire rifle and being told to *Go for it*. The resulting noise, recoil, and shocked surprise, far outweighed whether they hit anything or not, and the amusement at their surprise and ringing ears seemed pretty one sided. Many people who we have taught have come in with this story in their background and many had avoided shooting ever since it happened.

At our club we encourage guests to come to the range. We don't limit participation to *members only* and we try to make everyone feel welcome and comfortable with *loaner equipment* like eye and hearing protection. Everyone is welcome at our weekly *new shooters meeting* and we start by telling everyone that our main purpose is to answer their questions about what we do and who we are.

Safety is stressed, of course, but we focus on *THEIR* safety, and our concern for safety above anything competitive. We offer mentors both young and old to help the new shooter feel that they are *in* not *out* of the group. We tell them flat out that new shooters are the life blood and the

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Going Forward

by Noble C. Hathaway

We just passed through another year and in the grand scheme of things, shooters did very well. We still have the crazies trying to take our guns and regulate law abiding citizens from owning, purchasing, selling, or enjoying guns but all in all, I can't think of a time when we have made so much progress in our pro gun pushback to all the gun haters. Many sport shooters, firearm manufacturers, and shooting groups and clubs have been masterful in their marketing efforts to bring common sense awareness to our citizenry concerning erosion of their second amendment rights. This process needs to be ongoing and without waiver.

I really do believe the trend is definitely starting back in favor of gun owner's rights. The problem we always encounter in these good times however is complacency. We all lose sight of the enemy hiding in the bushes and before we become aware, they start nipping at our heels again. Please be continuously vigilant to these thieves of our freedoms. These enemies of our firearms rights are waiting to grab onto any politicians coattails that will further their cause and there are plenty of them out there. These types feed on each other and can do some real damage to your gun rights....and very quickly.

In the coming elections, do pay attention to the candidate you are voting for. We can't afford

one more politician that has an agenda of suppressing our freedoms.

Legislative Reviews

If you want to stay informed, and do nothing else, join the National Rifle Association www.nra.org and your Arizona State Rifle and Pistol Association www.asrpa.com. These organizations are like the Wall Street Journal in the business world. You will get the facts on what shady politicians are trying to pull without you knowing about it. They will provide places to call, write, email, and in general, show you where to head 'em off at the pass.

ASRPA's own Landis Aden has been untiring in his efforts to bring legislative information and politicians plans to the forefront. You can always catch his contributions on ASRPA's website. Information is power and these two organizations are the best to become armed for battle on the political stage.

Increase Membership

In 2009, ASRPA will celebrate our 100th anniversary. Quite an accomplishment indeed and I can't think of a better way to celebrate this monumental occasion but to have doubled our membership.

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Are You The Problem or The Solution??

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focus of our club. We offer success stories of shooters who have become champion level competitors in a short time after taking up the sport.

We assure them that our goal is to make their time at our range fun safe and worth coming back to repeat. And we deliver.

It ain't always easy! A year or two back, we had an old, ex-military, shooter with above average skills, tons of shooting and firearms knowledge, and a gregarious personality. I liked him. And I really hated having to write the letter that barred him from our matches. You see he would tease, harass, belittle and insult people on a very regular basis. He would regularly and loudly criticize others equipment and how they used it. Complaints were lodged both formally and informally.

Talks with the shooter did little to curb his on-range abrasiveness. Finally, the Board of Directors had to decide. Do we tolerate our friend's out of line behavior and drive away new shooters or do we curb it and set the benchmark for how people are treated on our range? It wasn't an easy decision. But the result was that both new and old shooters were more comfortable on the range.

Profanity, harassment, sexist attitudes. Tell me honestly that you haven't seen them on many ranges. Most of the time they have been tolerated or given the wink and nod treatment. Women shooters used to get *in* by proving that they were *one of the guys*. They were tolerated but not given much encouragement. Times changed, guys. About four decades ago. Today I see much more

encouragement and acceptance of female shooters, *BUT* matches remain 90% or more male activities. The job of recruiting and involving girls and women in the shooting sports is far from done.

Recently, I taught an all female N.R.A. Rifle Instructors Course. It was a privilege to interact with the savvy and enthusiastic group of women who attended. Ages ranged from the twenties to the seventies. Backgrounds included everything from teachers to mechanical engineers. Some had military backgrounds, but I quickly saw some differences from other classes I have taught:

Put men in a break-out group and they will quickly organize in a chain of command, assign tasks, produce the required results and the *commander* will deliver the report.

Women in break-out groups seem to produce a one level committee that uses the intelligent process of letting each member choose part of the task to work on and then assisting them and monitoring them to assemble a final result that is presented by the whole group. They certainly don't waste much time on deciding who the commander will be!

Perhaps we should investigate shooting activities that work the same way rather than focusing on producing a competition list of who was best and worst at the match. Activities that stress teamwork and incremental improvement might encourage new participants including women to find the fun in shooting.

Terry Allison

Newest Tucson Shooting Range

Hunters from all around Tucson are enjoying the new Southeast Regional Park Shooting Range. This Fall over 2,000 gun owners used the new facility that is located between Rita Rd. and Houghton Rd., south of I-10, behind the Pima County Fairgrounds. They have already begun calling the range by another name: The Fairground's Range!

Shooters may sight-in their firearms at distances of up to 200 yards with 30 shooting tables available. Targets may be purchased and other pieces of equipment, such as spotting scopes, handgun and rifle rests, can be rented. Concealed weapons classes are being conducted and other groups such as 4-H and Hunter Safety are using the range for their training programs. One group has even set up an archery course that winds out into the desert. Last spring the voters in Pima County approved the further development of the Southeast Range to include a trap and skeet facility, expanding the range with a firing distance up to 500 yards, plus an archery range.

For some residents, the Southeast Range is too far away and would involve a very long drive to be able to use it. Pima County officials have tried to alleviate this situation by renovating the Tucson Mountain Park Public Range that is located off Kinney Road west of Tucson. At that facility, a rifle and pistol range is available plus an archery range nearby.

Pima County is committed to providing safe, responsible shooting and the officials have made excellent progress toward that goal. For more information, visit the web site www.tucsonshooting.org.

May Warren

ASRPA Area Director Southern Division

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The “Give-a-Shoot” Factor

By: Bill Poole PRGC & ASRPA Board member

It is often said that in any organization, 5% of the people do 95% of the work.

I see that here at the shooting clubs at the ranges here in Phoenix.

I have over the years been active in several different divisions at several clubs and what I see is that one guy does almost everything, maybe with a few helpers. A match with 30 participants consists of: the match director and a few buddies having cleaned the range and repaired some things and made up some new targets the week before, then on match day he and maybe one other sign everyone up, take their entry fees, call the range commands in between their own shooting while making sure all the gates are locked and unlocked when they should be and that everyone moves from stage to stage when they should and then at the end they compile the score cards and announce the awards and are the last ones to leave when everything is put away.

In most events the shooters have to do at least some scoring and target set up work, but for most shooters, that's about all they do. Of those 30 shooters, 25 of them will be driving out the gate just about the time the last piece of brass hits the ground.

At one club in the valley with about 1000 members, probably only 200 are regulars in some competitive division or another. At a clean-up day on public range last year there were about 25 workers, almost all competitors from

the same division as the board member who instigated the work party. Where were 900 other members?

If you are a regular competitor, thank your division director and those who help him! Better yet offer to help out! Ask what needs doing right now, or what long term repair or maintenance projects you can work on.

If you don't compete, but shoot for fun on your own schedule, look around the ranges you use, what clean up or work do they need? Check with the range master or Board of Directors and see when and what you can do to help out and make this club a better place. Next time your club schedules a work day, come on out.

In most gun clubs, almost every stick or mound of dirt on the property was put there by volunteer members, if not we'd have to pay contractors for everything and charge \$10,000 to join, like a ritzy golf club, and I don't think that's the kind of club most of us want. Ben Avery is slightly different being a DGF facility, but they still depend extensively on volunteers and the “user groups” are clubs, every officer is a volunteer. So, if you're not already doing it, stand up and volunteer to help out!

I look forward to working with most of you in the coming months, and thanks to all you guys who are already doing 95% of the work!

Bill Poole

Do You Fly to Shooting Events or Hunting Adventures?

Most of us that have day jobs have to fly to different locations for our shooting events. We simply do not have the time to drive to our locations.

Perhaps more hunters travel the airways each year however many of the competitive sport shooters, such as Olympic, Palma, and International Pistol/Rifle Teams, rely on modern air travel. From the records I could compile, there are roughly 38,000 hunters and sport shooters that travel to out of town events every year. This is in the United States only.

Until last year, my job led me to fly two or three times per week. One thing that always amazed me was the lack of planning from the passengers. They never bothered to call ahead or research their out of the ordinary flying needs. Such needs were diet, oxygen, musical instruments, or wheelchair service. Many were disappointed with service they received simply by omitting the ever important planning stage of travel by air/airport.

If you are traveling for such a shooting or hunting trip, here is one that should wake you up! USA 3000 Airlines does not allow any firearms, target or hunting, or ammunition on their aircraft....period. Whether you pack your equipment in FAA approved locked cases or not, they are banned from the airline. I called the customer service line to verify what I had read and the gentleman on the phone told me flat out, “we do not allow any weapons or guns on our planes in any way .

If you are traveling to any of the fore mentioned events, call ahead. It might save you a very bad experience. NC

“Range Rage” and other Fun Topics

By: Bill Poole PRGC & ASRPA Board member.

I've never been very athletic, didn't play sports in High School or anything like that. But about the time I got into High Power Rifle shooting, I was also playing on my company's softball team. I was never real good, but it got me out of the house.

I'd watch the ex-jocks on the team, the guys who played baseball in high school 20 years earlier and were good.... back then! By this time, many years and many pounds later.... They weren't as good... but they sure got frustrated when they didn't play as good as they remembered they could. And guess who took the brunt of that frustration.... “WHAT ARE YOU BLIND? UMP!!!! I WAS SAAAFFFFFFE!!!! These guys (grown men with college degrees) would have a temper tantrum, throw things on the ground, yelling and screaming!

I took pride in the fact that in MY chosen sport, rifle shooting, there was a much more civilized method of disputing a call... “Challenge on target 7-6! . You almost never see or hear loud vocal outbursts at a shooting match. I guess its true, “an armed society is a polite society .

Well, almost never.... When I was working towards my distinguished badge, I needed to “leg or place in just one more match to get that award! So there I am at Ben Avery's 600yd line.... And I cross-fired (this was before cross-firing became an

Olympic sport) I only uttered one single-syllable word, but I suspect it was heard all the way from the public range to the clay target center!

In recent conversations the topic of anger at the shooting range was discussed. A practical pistol match director mentioned actually having to “pull someone's card for competitors who couldn't control their anger or were inappropriate in similar ways.

NRA rule book even has a couple of rules about it. 9.27, disorderly conduct & 10.2 loud and abusive language. You can actually get disqualified from a match for questioning out loud the maternal ancestry of the guy giving you lousy target service! (We have a rule about that too, 10.14, slow target operation.... “it is the competitor's duty to call the situation to the attention of the range officer). Actually for really serious violations, you can even get your membership in your local, state or national organization terminated, which means you have to take up a new sport! (In which case, I'd recommended stamp collecting).

Thanks to our modern culture, cussing is no longer inappropriate in the presence of ladies or children. But there are a lot of folks who wish it still was, and such people tend to be on our side of the culture divide. We in the shooting community

are being held to a higher standard than participant most other sports. It could be very disturbing to a brand new shooter to hear some experienced guy (with a gun) spewing out a blue streak and throwing things on the ground because his latest batch of hand-loads were not performing! For a new junior to get belittled, by an adult authority figure, because he makes a mistake in score keeping could drive him right back to the video games. And some kinds of statements need to be avoided altogether: “I'd like to kill the gunsmith that messed this thing up! just carries a whole new connotation when muttered by a guy with a 1911 in his hand.

Fortunately we really don't have much of a problem here in the shooting sports. But lets plan on keeping it that way! Keep the foul language to a minimum, remember that we shooters, more-so than any other athlete, must never, ever portray an appearance of uncontrolled anger (I know that's tough when you're a coupla points ahead of a personal best and then you shoot a 6!), and we must always be welcoming to newcomers and keep our personal behavior to a higher standard than any other sports or hobby group!

Shoot good!

Bill Poole

114TH Annual Washington's Birthday Match

Sunday, February 12, 2006 Ben Avery High Power Range
Hosted by: ASRPA & Desert Sharpshooters Rifle Club

Shooters! - Big changes this year!

The weekend at Ben Avery 200yd will include:

- Beginner's Clinic & Practice for all Saturday & Lunch available.
- Opening Ceremony Sunday morning. [NEW!]
- 4-man, 50-shot Match Sunday with Lunch & T-shirt Available.
- Shooter's Swap meet & Displays all day Sunday [NEW!]
- A Sudden Elimination Shoot Off after the main match [NEW!]
- Award Ceremony will include Award for Top Coach [NEW!]
- The usual M1 Rifle Raffle will include Minor Raffle Prizes [NEW!]

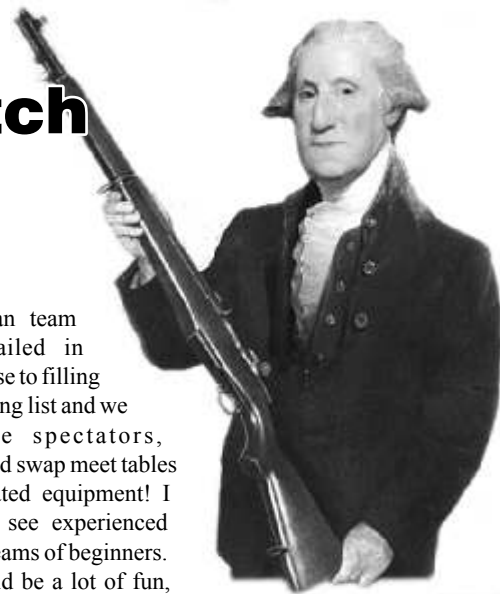
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Contact Bill Poole 602-405-0717 or washbday@yahoo.com

Third Annual Springfield Match

Saturday January 28th, 2006

Sponsored by the Arizona State Rifle and Pistol Assn.
and Desert Sharpshooters

There will be three 50 round matches fired concurrently.

Match #1 is for as-issued bolt-action service rifles.

Match #2 is for match or sporter rifles built on a Springfield M-1903 type action or any bolt action U.S. or foreign service rifle.

Match #3 is for any rifle, any sight.

In addition to the match, there will be a drawing for various cash and merchandise prizes following the match. There will also be a barbeque. Your entry fee gets you entry into the match appropriate for your rifle, a barbeque ticket, T-shirt and a chance at the drawings.

Entry Fees: \$40.00 Competitors may only shoot in one match

Location: Ben Avery Shooting Range

Squadding: This match will be squadded. Squadding tickets will be issued at the Stats desk starting at approximately 8:00 AM. A competitor who fails to obtain his squadding ticket by 8:30 AM will only be squadded to fill up vacancies. First rounds down range @ 9:00 A.M.

Targets:

Match 1: SR at 200 yds for all positions.

Match 2 & Match 3: All shots will be from 200 yds. SR for offhand and rapid fire sitting, SR-42 for rapid fire prone, and MR-52 for slow fire prone.

Course of Fire: CMP John Garand Match, Course B

Awards: Presentation M-1903 rifle will be awarded to the high scoring competitor firing a CMP legal M-1903 or A3 rifle. Special award plaque is awarded to the high scoring competitor in each match. Match medallions are awarded to the competitors who exceed established scores in match #1

Notes: Participants in the CMP match (Match 1 only) must have a CMP "Eligibility Affidavit and Liability Agreement" on file.

For complete match program contact Tom Fletcher @ 602-943-5934 or by Email @ tfletcher@aol.com. Early entry is greatly appreciated so I can have enough food and T-shirts available.

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Pima County Parks and Recreation Hosts the Dedication and Renaming of the Virgil Ellis Shooting Range.

More than 130 local community members came out on a beautiful Saturday, on October 22, to attend the dedication and renaming of a local shooting range in memory of Virgil Ellis (1936 - 2005), a prominent resident of Ajo, Arizona.

The ceremony was attended by Virgil's widow and three sons. Also attending were Rafael Payan (Director, Natural Resources, Pima County Parks and Recreation), Sharon Bronson (Chair, Pima County Board of Supervisor and District 3 Supervisor), Jennifer Burns (Representative, District 25), Manny Alvarez (Representative, District 25), as well as members of the Border Patrol and other law enforcement agencies.

Virgil moved to Ajo after leaving the Army, Green Berets in 1957. He was an avid sportsman and quickly developed an appreciation for the desert. He was an active Boy Scout leader for more than 20 years, and taught 'Hunter Education' for the

Arizona Game & Fish Dept. for more than 30 years. During that time he passionately shared his love and appreciation for the outdoors with many people, including his 3 sons. He also managed to combine his love of the outdoors and his skills as a welder. He voluntarily built all of the shooting tables and shooting benches at the range including many steel silhouette targets for the shooters to use. He believed that being a good hunter meant having the ability to humanely take an animal, and that meant it was necessary to have a place to practice and develop those skills. Virgil spent tireless hours contributing to the safety and welfare of the shooting range that now bears his name.

The shooting range was first developed in the early 1930s as part of an Army Camp. The Pima County Parks and Recreation Department adopted

the maintenance of the range in 1963. The recent improvements to the range were coordinated by Dave Daughtry, the Program Manager from the Pima County Parks and Recreation Department



Community members gather together before the Dedication and Renaming of the range.



Visible are two of the steel Shooting Benches that Virgil Ellis built and donated

and were a cooperative effort by several government agencies. Pima County Parks and Recreation provided the manpower to clean-up the range and perform some much needed maintenance including: re-roofing the shade ramada, painting the shooting benches and tables, adding "Range Rules" signs and other appropriate safety signs, and repairing the bathrooms. The Pima County Dept. of Transportation provided heavy equipment to rebuild the backstop and re-grade the range floor.

The range is located just a few miles northeast of Ajo, Arizona. It has 12 shooting positions, with a range of 300-yards. There is also a single shooting position, 600-yard range nearby.

Future plans include; fencing the perimeter of the range and adding more long-range shooting opportunities. Sportsmen can thank the Pima County board of supervisors, the Pima County Parks and Recreation Department, and the community of Ajo for helping to support shooting ranges in Southern Arizona.

Bill Perkins,

NRA Range Technical Team Advisor



Mitch Ellis (One of Virgil Ellis's sons) presents a gift of appreciation to Pima County Board of Supervisor, Sharon Bronson



New Match Director at Rio Salado Range

Daniel Solow is the new pistol silhouette and cowboy silhouette match director at the Rio Salado range. Matches will be the first Sunday of every month. Matches start promptly at 0900 hrs.

Dan's number is 480-231-1348.

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Kids' Day at the Range



On Saturday, October 22
the Wickenburg (AZ) Gun Club
held its traditional
youth shooting event.



Over 30 kids aged 8 to 14 attended, most of whom had previously shot little or not at all. Just before noon, the youngsters were given a short but comprehensive safety lecture, then treated to a lunch of grilled hot dogs and soft drinks before going shooting.

The boys and girls (pretty evenly divided) were rotated around station at five independent ranges, each offering a different challenge. They shot .22 rifles prone and sitting at short-distance paper targets; shot offhand at metal swingers; shot cowboy rifle and pistol at period targets (with coaches appropriately attired); and blasted approaching clays with shotguns.

The club assembled enough volunteer adult coaches (including five "student coaches" from the Wickenburg High School High-Power Rifle Team) to give every child his or her own coach on the shooting line at every station. Several talented individuals in the sixth to eighth grades were identified and filed for future recruitment. :-)

Despite the thousands of rounds fired by the youngsters, the only casualty event of the day was when a young boy was stung on the neck while on the firing line awaiting his first shot. Apparently, the hot dog condiments and sugared sodas attracted every bee from miles around to the desert



range. (WHS coach Rex Powers was also stung on his lip when a bee flew out of his diet soda, fueling discussion about whether the newest line of artificial sweeteners was actually good enough to fool bees.) After a short session with an icebag, the young boy was able to rejoin the group and complete all the stations.

Particularly satisfying was the reaction of one family of five from New Jersey, recently moved to Wickenburg. "This is incredible," Dad said. "Coming from back east, I never imagined anybody holding anything like this for kids, especially the pistol shooting. I really want to join this club.

The club (<http://www.wickenburgsportsmensclub.com/>) has held this youth event almost every year for the past decade. A clean and attractive range was ensured by the many adult members and high-school shooters who put in additional work hours the morning of the event.

**"They shot cowboy rifle
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(with coaches
appropriately attired); . . ."**

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Regarding the two page, outdated shooting schedule:

As promised several issues back, it's gone! Yes, starting in February, we will have a completely different format. We are now compiling a new spreadsheet with new information. We need your input with new information on where matches are held, phone numbers, match directors, etc. With the new spreadsheet we will be able to change information easily. If we get no specific information on matches or dates, we will provide shooting range location with the best information we have. It would be very nice to have a volunteer member to keep this information and help publish it every issue. Anyone interested? It won't take much time. Contact Editor

Membership Marketing
ASRPA would like to have a volunteer(s) to head up our aggressive membership goals. This person should be able to locate gun shops, manufacturers, gunsmiths, and any gun related or non related business's and furnish membership materials for their store. Also, in general, this person(s) should help provide new ideas and strategies for increasing our membership base. Interested? Contact Editor

Target Pullers Pool
We have several pullers that have signed up for service. If you need a puller contact the editor for the list.

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NRA Whittington Center Adventure Camp

Do you know a 13 to 17 year old boy or girl who likes to shoot and camp?

The Friends of NRA has funded scholarships for four (4) individuals to attend the NRA Whittington Center Adventure Camp in Raton, New Mexico. The Adventure Camp program is 13 days long. The first session starts on June 11th 2006. The second session starts on June 25th, 2006.

The campers will shoot rifles from 25 to 1,000 yards, pistols including .22LR up to the .45 ACP, muzzle loaders at paper and silhouettes, and shotguns including trap, skeet and 5-stand. Last year over 80,000 rounds were fired. In addition, the campers will learn cooking skills, orienteering, camping skills, trapping skills, knot tying, and many other fun activities. The campers will also earn their New Mexico 'Hunters Education' certificate which is accepted in all 50 states. At the end of



Adventure Camp, the campers will go on a three day wilderness camp-out, and have the opportunity to use the skills that they have acquired in the program.

More information can be found at www.nrawc.org Click on 'Whittington Adventure' on the left side of the screen. Those applying for the scholarships should call (520) 975-5170 and request a scholarship application package.

Eligibility requirements are that the prospective camper must be between 13 and 17 years old at the time of camp, and have a minimum of 3.0 GPA. Winners will be selected from the applications received.

Going Forward

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How hard would it be to have six-thousand members by 2009? If each of our current members would bring in just one new member, we could get real close. This should not be hard if we would all just make up our minds to do such.

Some ways of getting memberships is to acquaint other non-member shooters with all the benefits of membership. ASRPA furnishes insurance coverage to many of the matches in the state, furnishes safety and firearms training to just about any group that needs it, supports all the shooting disciplines from air-gun to high power shooting, and not to mention the great political updates. ASRPA is very much at the beckoned call of the shooting community. We are there to help.

Why would a shooter not want to become a member? Let's all get behind this effort to bring in and double membership over the next four years.

Personal Goals

Last year when I became your editor, I charged all of you as members to set a goal of introducing at least four new shooters into our shooting family. Were any of you able to do this? From the number of gun sales and the waiting lines at the ranges, I would say yes. I exceeded my goal by two and I charged those six people to also do the same.

I also suggested that some of you enter into shooting competition with your families. I again think, from the size of the matches, many of you did.

Did any of you volunteer to help your ASRPA in the many things needed to make the organization become better? Some of you put in great amounts of time to help.

Going forward into 2006, I ask again that you all continue to help ASRPA grow. Keep the ideas coming! Volunteer to help out, if even for a short duration. Become aware of what ASRPA can offer to your community, school, or shooting range. Help us at ASRPA to help you and champion our passion of the shooting sports.

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