

SPORTSMEN'S NOTES

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Kim Stolfer

SPEAKER WARNS OF EROSION OF GUNOWNERS' RIGHTS

Legislative Chair of the ACSL, and Chair of Firearms Owners Against Crime (FOAC)

PoliticsPA recently put Kim Stolfer, Chairman of FOAC, Pennsylvania's largest pro-gun Political Action Committee, on its list as one of PA's best political activists. After hearing his talk at the February meeting, that designation comes as no surprise. As a Marine in Vietnam in the 70s, Kim took his oath to "...support and defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic..." very seriously. Thirty years later he still takes that oath to heart as he prowls the corridors of power in Harrisburg and Washington, DC. in his efforts to educate state and federal legislators as to their responsibilities to support and defend citizen' rights.

Kim uses a two-fisted approach to reach legislators. An example of his pro-active methods is the trip he organized for a March 14 visit to Harrisburg to spotlight the introduction of new legislation, as well as legislation already in progress, that will restore rights and the accompanying dignity to homeowners and gun owners alike. This legislation includes three areas Kim has worked on diligently over the past year or so.

- HB 2231. This bill supports the 'castle doctrine' that permits a homeowner to defend himself from intruders without having a duty to retreat . It gives the victim the right to stand his ground and meet force with force. It also prohibits prosecution for defending yourself, lawsuits by a criminal who was in-

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DMSC SHORT SHOTS

- The Executive Board voted to table the application for a Growing Greener grant for stream stabilization activity on Little Chartiers Creek until the directors can better understand the full impact of the commitments the Club would be undertaking.
- DMSC will conduct a **Hunter Safety Program** on Friday, May 12, 5:30PM-9:00PM, and Saturday, May 13, 8:30AM-5:00PM (lunch will be provided). Participants must attend both sessions. The fee is \$5 and pre-registration is required. To register call George Dietz, (412) 344-4027, or Chuck Augenstein, (724)941-9538.
- Check *Shooting Opportunities* on page 2 for information on the **new Varmint Shoot** program that starts **April 8**.
- At the February CMP shoot, George Summersgill shot a 556/600. That's not too shabby, considering George shot it *on his 80th birthday!*
- *Page 5 Plus* has a couple of interesting bits of information. One is on the DMSC rifle team in the Pittsburgh Suburban Rifle League. The battle for the second place is going down to the wire. The second is a series of Frequently Asked Questions from the PA Fish and Boat

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SOMETIMES AN IDEA WORKS, SOMETIMES IT DOESN'T

Last issue we intended to provide the electronic issue of the *Notes* to readers via email, using a link to the DMSC web site where the *Notes* has a permanent home. It sounded great, but our test mail-out didn't work for everybody. So this time we're going to try the KISS approach and keep it simple with a suggestion from member Paul Guzan, who said *just let me know when I can look the newsletter up on the web site*. So that's what we'll do this month. Thanks for your patience.

SHOOTING OPPORTUNITIES

PISTOL

MONDAY NIGHT

The first line shoots at 7:00PM, the second at 8:00, every Monday night. The program leaders are George Taylor (412)344-8750 and Bruce Ungar (412) 343-2256.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The shoot runs from 12:30 to 3:00 through **March 15**. You can call Howard Franklin for information at (724)746-5735.

THURSDAY NIGHT OPEN

The program runs every other Thursday. Call Ted Hildabrand, (724)942-2125, for details.

USRA WINTER POSTAL LEAGUE

The program will run through **March 25**. Air pistol (paper) goes from 9:00 to 10:30. .22, .38, and .45 fires from 10:30 to noon (target load). Bob Nipar can be reached at (412)831-0697 to answer your questions.

AIR PISTOL SIHLOUETTE

The *indoor* program will run through **March 25**, with the *outdoor* program starting April 22 at 9:00AM. Call George Taylor for details at (412)344-8750.

SMALL BORE RIFLE

JUNIOR RIFLE PROGRAM

Coaching and practice is every Tuesday through **March 21**. Call Miles Ford, (412) 833-0813, or Chuck Augenstein, (724)941-9538.

.22 GALLERY SHOOT

This casual program fires on Friday nights from 7-9:00PM, and includes pistols. Call Ron Books for details at (724)941-8755.

SHOTGUN

TRAP, SPORTING CLAYS, 5-STAND will resume in the spring. Watch here for start up times and program contacts.

RIFLE

NRA 200 YARD HIGH POWER

The program begins April 1 at 9:00AM and fires the first Saturday of each month. The shoot will add a variation this year—a modified F class that permits the use of scopes. Essentially, this will be a practice year, with the NRA giving official recognition in 2007. The program uses the usual course of fire, but with smaller targets. The official NRA targets may not be available until later in the season. Call El Vines, (412)343-5752, for equipment requirements and other particulars.

VARMINT SHOOT

The program begins April 8 at 9:00AM and fires the second Saturday of each month at 100 and 200 yards, field and bench. The course of fire and the target type will change monthly. The fee for this new program is \$2.00. Call Frank Shuster, (412) 653-1802, between 7-9:30PM, for details.


CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM

Al Marsico, (724)941-9643, conducts the CMP Garand/military rifle match every third Sunday of the month through October, *with the following exception: In observance of Easter Sunday, April 16, the CMP match will be moved to Sunday, April 23—this is one time only for April.* Matches start promptly at 11:00AM. This is a 64 round match at 100 yards, open sights only. The fee is \$20 for ammunition and targets, \$5 for targets only. Club rifles are available if you do not own a Garand. New shooters must attend an orientation/safety course prior to shooting. The course is available at 9:30AM on the day of the match. Call Al Marsico to schedule the safety talk.



Bruce Ungar, Executive Range Officer, was honored as DMSC Sportsman of the Year at the ACSL Banquet!!

April 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>PSRL = Pittsburgh and Suburban Rifle League WP = Weather Permitting ▲ = Upper Ranges Closed ▲▲ = All Ranges Closed for the Washington County Envirothon</p>						<p>1 9:00AM NRA Rifle ▲</p>
<p>2 10-1:00PM CVG Black-powder Qualifications WP ▲</p> <p>DST BEGINS</p>	<p>3 7:00PM Indoor Pistol (NMC)</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 7:00PM Open Pistol</p>	<p>7 7:00PM .22 Gallery</p>	<p>8 9:00AM Varmint Shoot ▲</p>
<p>9 10-1:00PM CVG Black-powder Qualifications (<i>rain date</i>) WP ▲</p>	<p>10 7:00PM Indoor Pistol (NMC)</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 8:00PM PSRL <i>League Meeting @DMSC</i></p>	<p>13 8:00PM Directors Meeting</p>	<p>14 7:00PM .22 Gallery</p>	<p>15 TROUT SEASON OPENS</p> 
<p>16 EASTER</p>	<p>17 7:00PM Indoor Pistol (NMC)</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 7:00PM Open Pistol</p>	<p>21 7:00PM .22 Gallery</p>	<p>22 9:00AM Outdoor Pistol Silhouette ▲</p>
<p>23 11:00AM CMP</p> <p style="text-align: right;">30</p>	<p>24 PASSOVER 7:00PM Indoor Pistol (NMC)</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 7:00-3:00 Envirothon ▲▲ 8:00PM MEMBERSHIP MEETING</p>	<p>28 7:00PM .22 Gallery</p>	<p>29 PSRL Banquet</p>

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Active (Full-fledged membership)	\$70.00 per year
Senior (65 years old, 10 years consecutive membership)	\$25.00 per year
Intermediate (18 - 21)	\$25.00 per year
Junior (12 - 17)	\$ 5.00 per year
Initiation Fee (one time)	\$25.00
Computer Gate Card	\$10.00

AFFILIATIONS:

National Rifle Association
Allegheny Co. Sportsmen's League
Washington Co. Sportsmen's League
Metropolitan Police Revolver League
Pittsburgh and Suburban Rifle League

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**MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO CARRY THEIR CARDS AND TO IDENTIFY
THEMSELVES WHEN ASKED BY ANOTHER MEMBER OR THE CARETAKERS**

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jured while attacking the victim, and lawsuits by the criminal's survivors if the victim gunned him down.

- HB 544. This bill will require County Boards of Election to disclose to the public a list of all candidates in an election. This will, in turn, enable grass root groups to know who to target for issue related questionnaires so the groups can develop voters' guides.
- New legislation, to be introduced by Rep. Daryl Metcalf and Sen. John Pippy, that will end the registration database.



Stolfer's FOAC political action committee monitors and evaluates legislative initiatives and voting records of elected officials, and evaluates candidates for state-wide office. This information is put in voter guides and distributed throughout the state. Gun clubs and gun owners who reference this material can be a deciding factor in every race in the state. Kim encouraged the members to join in and not be discouraged from being involved. "Join in and take it to a different level."

DMSC SHORT SHOTS

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Commission about the new approach to trout stocking. The rationale has caused some head scratching.

- Our friends at the McDonald Sportsmen's Club have asked us to let you know about their 3-D Archery Shoot. The first matches are March 18 and 19 and April 22 and 23. The shoot is open to the public. The fee is \$10 and registration is 7:00AM - 1:00PM. There are 40 targets. Cross bows are welcome. For more information call Match Director Bruce Mazar at (412) 331-3070.
- A special congratulations goes out to the Mt. Lebanon High School Rifle Team. At the recent WPIAL team championship held at the Club range, the Blue Devils captured the bronze, missing sliver by one point. On top of that, the team grabbed another bronze at the PIAA state championships. And what's so special, you may ask? Well, all the shooters on the team are members of DMSC—Mat Brandt, Dave Braun, Arienne Cauchie, Cody Gonze, Lisa King, Molly Mathews, Tim May, Eric Ostergaard, Derek Stein, Kristi Webler, and Tom Yang. Oh yes, they are coached by DMSC Director George Dietz.

- Spring gobbler season opens April 29. The deadline to apply for a *second* spring gobbler tag is April 1. See page 36 of your hunting digest for details. There have been 3500 applications for a second bird tag.
- Trout season runs April 15 at 8:00AM through September 4. Generally, on the state's inland waters the minimum length is 7 inches and the harvest limit is 5. Remember, from April 15 through June 15, bass are "no harvest—catch and release only".



DMSC HOSTS PENNSYLVANIA ENVIROTHON COMPETITION FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

[Part one of two]

If you look at the Club calendar for March 30 and April 27, you'll see the notation "Envirothon 7AM-3PM". To most of us, that simply means that all the ranges are closed. But that two-day Envirothon event will be part of the biggest academic-conservation event of the year in PA.

The Envirothon at DMSC is a competition among local high schools as a prelude to higher-level state and international competitions. The program helps educate students in natural resource and environmental sciences. This year, the participating schools include Avella, Bentworth, Bethlehem Center, California, Canon-Macmillan, Chartiers-Houston, McDuffy, and Ringgold. Their performance will be tested and evaluated in four areas—soils/land use, aquatic ecology, forestry, and wildlife—plus a current environmental issue. This year the issue is Water Stewardship in a Changing Climate.

The students compete for \$75,000 in scholarships and Canon products. Last year, the PA winner, Penncrest High School in Delaware County, went on to capture the national championship at Southwest Missouri State in Springfield, Missouri, last July. This year the state final will be held at Penn State, and the winning team will compete in the international finals to be held at the University of Manitoba, Canada.

Notes will have pictures and a follow-up story next month.



DON'T PUT ALL YOUR EGGS IN ONE BASKET!

Make sure your Easter egg hunt includes at least one DMSC gift certificate. Certificates are available year round in any amount. See El Vines at the next meeting or call him at 412-343-5752.

SHOOTING FEES UPDATE

PROGRAM	\$FEE	PER
PISTOL		
Silhouette Outdoor	3.00	Session/ Practice
	6.00	Session/Competition
Silhouette Indoor	3.00	Session
Monday	1.00	Line
Thursday	3.00	Line
Friday	Participant Furnished Material	
SMALL BORE		
Rifle	2.00	Session
SHOTGUN		
Trap	3.00	Session
Sporting Clays	27.00	Session
5-Stand	5.00	25 Shot Round
	18.00	Four Rounds
	2.50	Round Under 16 yrs.
CENTER FIRE		
CMP	5.00	Round w/Targets
	20.00	Round w/Targets and 64 rounds of ammo
NRA 200	6.00	Round w/Targets
Varmint	2.00	Round w/Targets
MISC		
Beginners	10.00	6 Week Program
	2.00	Practice Session
Winter Postal	25.00	1-year membership
	Fees vary by discipline	

**DMSC
Pittsburgh & Suburban Rifle League
Schedule 2005-2006**

(Practices also on Sunday evenings.
All activities begin at 7:00PM)

OCTOBER

10/12/05 **Clymer 861 at DMSC 1482**
10/19/05 **DMSC 1476 at Murrysville 1475**
10/26/05 **Allegheny 1407 at DMSC 1475**

NOVEMBER

11/2/05 **DMSC 1475 at Green Valley 1135**
11/9/05 Home Practice at DMSC
11/16/05 **Frazier 1486 at DMSC 1474**
11/23/05 OFF
11/30/05 Home Practice at DMSC

DECEMBER

12/7/05 **DMSC 1469 at Irwin 1395**
12/14/05 **DMSC 1451 at Clymer 1456**
12/21/05 OFF
12/28/05 Home Practice at DMSC

JANUARY

1/4/06 **Murrysville 1477 at DMSC 1475**
1/11/06 **DMSC 1482 at Allegheny 1444**
1/18/06 **Green Valley 1447 at DMSC 1478**
1/25/06 Home Practice at DMSC

FEBRUARY

2/1/06 **DMSC 1482 at Frazier-Simplex 1490**
2/8/06 **Irwin 1375 at DMSC 1480**
2/15/06 **Clymer 1454 at DMSC 1477**
2/22/06 **DMSC 1475TB at Murrysville 1475**

MARCH

3/1/06 **Allegheny 1450 at DMSC 1480**
3/8/06 **DMSC 1482 at Green Valley 1454**
3/15/06 Home Practice at DMSC
3/22/06 Frazier-Simplex at DMSC
3/29/06 DMSC at Irwin

APRIL

4/5/06 Make-up Date
4/12/06 League Meeting at DMSC

**DMSC RIFLE TEAM COMES
DOWN THE STRETCH ON
A HOT STREAK**

The Dormont-Mt. Lebanon Rifle Team continued to keep pace February 15 with a win against Clymer, Jason and Matt Piatt both firing 297. That avenged the previous loss to the boys from Indiana, and left the team at 9-4 — one match behind Murrysville.

DMSC controlled its own destiny. If it won against Murrysville at Murrysville the next week, it could force a tie for second place. The team might end up in a shoot-off or win a head-to-head tie breaker.

Well, if the first Murrysville match was pretty even (1476 to 1475), then the February 22 contest was as close as fuzz on a tick's ear. The teams tied at 1475. When the scoring went to the off-hand tie breaker, DMSC found itself on top and in a second place tie with Murrysville. Jason Piatt and Fritz Hempelmann shot well off-hand and Dick Larry shot his highest kneeling of the year—97.

The streak continued into March. DMSC won at home against Allegheny, 1480-1450, with Matt Piatt shooting his highest score in several years—299, and being backed up by Tom Gerner's 298. This win, coupled with a Murrysville loss to Frazier, 1482-1477, put DMSC in sole possession of second place.

DMSC added another victory in its visit to Green Valley, matching the team's high score for the year with a 1482-1454 win. Chuck Hutchinson shot a 289, his highest score of the year. As coordinator Dean Trew says, the team "is on fire" going into the match against Frazier-Simplex.

We'll have the final coverage in next month's issue.

PENNSYLVANIA FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION NEWS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE 2006 TROUT STOCKING LIST

Where can I find information about adult trout stockings for the waters I like to fish?

The best place for the most accurate, up-to-date trout stocking information is the [stocking portion of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's web site](#). There you'll find listed hundreds of stream sections and lakes across the Commonwealth by county to be stocked, along with the date each is scheduled to receive fish. For those stockings that occur before the April 15, 2006, start of the trout season, the projected time and location the stocking trucks are to arrive is also published. For convenience's sake, the lists are broken down by county. Where there is more than one area of a stream being stocked, a description of the sections to be stocked is included. Due to circumstances beyond the Commission's direct control – weather, water conditions, traffic, etc. – that information is subject to change without much advance notice. The PFBC updates the schedule regularly.

What's different about this year's stocking list?

For 2006 there is a new, consolidated format showing all the stockings scheduled for each water over the entire year. There used to be separate lists for those stockings that took place prior to Opening Day and those that took place during the open season. Now you can immediately see in a quick glance ALL the stockings scheduled for your favorite water this year. No more clicking on multiple web pages to find out the different stockings on the same water.

So no more pre-season and in-season lists?

That's right. This one list covers stockings throughout the entire year. And we've produced the lists this year quicker than ever so you have plenty of advance time to plan your fishing trips.

Does the new list show the number of trout to be stocked?

No. The Commission's long-standing practice has been to not provide water-by-water breakdowns of stocked trout numbers for waters stocked during the open season. These numbers were usually provided for stockings held prior to the season, however. The new format for the consolidated list eliminates this difference in approach.

PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION NEWS

EXPANDED AERIAL SURVEY EFFORTS UNDERWAY TO BETTER GAUGE DEER POPULATIONS

State Game Lands Included in Flights Covering more than 500,000 Acres of Woodlands

February 22. HARRISBURG -- Governor Edward G. Rendell today said Pennsylvania will be able to get a better grasp of the size of its white-tailed deer population now that an infrared camera-equipped plane is flying over more than 500,000 acres of Pennsylvania woodlands.

"We are working together to build a better understanding of how to both improve the health of the deer herd and regenerate our forests," Governor Rendell said. "This second round of aerial flights will build on our knowledge of how many deer are currently in our forests, and the number that the habitat can support so we can preserve our hunting heritage, as well as the economic and ecological future of our forestlands."

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Pennsylvania Game Commission have identified more than 505,000 acres of state forest and game lands for flights in 2006 -- more than twice the acreage covered in 2005, the first year of flights.

MENTORED YOUTH HUNT PROGRAM TO BE ON BOARD'S APRIL AGENDA

There simply is no better way to introduce a young person to safe, ethical and responsible aspects of hunting than with....an adult mentor.

February 27. HARRISBURG— With the recent enactment of legislation authorizing a "Mentored Youth Hunt Program," Pennsylvania Game Commission staff is working to develop proposed regulatory language for the Board of Game Commissioners to consider at its upcoming meeting on April 17-18. On March 6, the Board of Game Commissioners' Law Enforcement Committee will be meeting to review a preliminary draft of regulatory language to establish the Mentored Youth Hunting Program. After gathering the Commissioners Committee input, the staff will finalize the proposal to be included in the agenda for the Board's April meeting.



There are numerous bills before the legislatures of the United States and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania involving items of varying degrees of interest to us as sportsmen. There are too many to address in total in this forum. If you are interested in a particular piece of legislation, the following links will take you to sites where you can get a summary of the topic and can then do follow-up research at your leisure. To the extent that a specific piece of legislation is in the forefront of the news and may have an immediate, significant positive or negative impact on us as hunters, shooters, conservationists, or environmentalists, we will highlight that legislation so you can more readily decide if you want to take action..

National Issues

Go to the Club website

www.mdi/dml.net

Click on links in the left column

Click on National Rifle Association of America

Click on Legislation and Politics

Pennsylvania Issues

✓ POTENTIAL ACTION ITEM

(If this legislation concerns you, you can contact your state Representative and respectfully ask him or her to oppose it.)

State Representative Dwight Evans (D-203), this week (March 10) was joined by Philadelphia City Council members Darrell Clarke and Donna Reed Miller in announcing [House Bill 2483](#), legislation to gut state preemption and allow local control or regulation firearms.

Speaking in the Council Caucus Room at City Hall, Evans stated that his bill would provide local governments the option of approving an ordinance regulating such topics as:

- restricting areas where firearms may be discharged; limiting or prohibiting possession in areas of municipal or county parks or recreational areas or other publicly-owned grounds;
- regulating the brandishing of firearms or the manner by which a person may carry a firearm;
- regulating firearms in times of insurrection or civil unrest; regulating pellet guns;
- regulating pawn or secondhand shops;
- “limiting the ownership, possession, transfer or transportation of assault weapons within the city limits;
- requiring background checks or waiting periods on the purchase of firearms in addition to that required by state law; and, limiting the amount of firearms that may be purchased in a specific period of time or making it unlawful for a person who is not a licensed firearms dealer to

purchase more than one handgun with any 30-day period.”

For information on additional Pennsylvania legislation:

Go to the Club website
www.mdi/dml.net

Click on links in the left column

Click on Allegheny County Sportsmen's League

Click on the new address

Click on legislative alerts in the left column of the ACSL homepage

Click on Firearms & Hunting Legislation Proposed 2005-2006

This brings you to the summary page that is broken into three sections.

Firearms.

There are 50 pieces of legislation in this category.

Weapons.

There are 44 pieces of legislation in this category.

Hunting.

There are 59 pieces of legislation in this category.

Each piece of legislation has the related House or Senate Bill or Resolution listed for reference.

If the links are not working, you can gain direct access to PA General Assembly bill information through the website at

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us>.

You can insert the HB/HR/SB/SR number or click the Legislation-Session Information link for listings of all legislation.

NOTE:

► ***The destruction of the computerized handgun registry is found in HB2537.***

► ***The protection of homeowners rights during break-ins is found in HB2231.***

NRA Women's Scholarship Application Deadline Nears

Applications for NRA's Women's Wildlife Management/Conservation Scholarship must be postmarked by April 15, 2006.

This scholarship, established by NRA's Women's Policies Committee and administered by The NRA Foundation, is a renewable, one-year, \$1,000 scholarship available to full-time female college juniors or seniors with a minimum grade point of 3.0 majoring in wildlife management/conservation.

The scholarship recipient will be selected in May of 2006 by the Women's Policies Committee with funding beginning for the Fall Semester of 2006.

Application forms, criteria, supporting materials and general information may be found at www.nrafoundation.org/Womens_Scholarship_2006.doc. Information may also be obtained by calling Sandy Elkin at 703-267-1131 or by e-mail at selkin@nrahq.org.

Completed application forms with all supporting information and materials, postmarked by April 15, 2006, should be sent to: The NRA Foundation, Women's Scholarship, Attn: Sandy Elkin, 11250 Waples Mill Rd., Fairfax, VA 22030.