



HERITAGE SHOOTING INC.

Non-Profit (501 (C) 3) Educational Organization

Safety, Responsibility, and Truth of Our Inherent Right to Keep and Bear Arms

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April 2009 Newsletter

Mission Statement

- To foster and promote the shooting sports by educating the public and especially the youth.
- To promote hunter safety and ethics.
- To foster and encourage the rights of American citizens to own and bear arms as provided by the Constitution of the United States of America.

OFFICERS

President - Jeff Laughland
Vice President - John Durham
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ray Baumann Gary Beyer
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FOUNDERS

Cindy and Don Fortmann
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AFFILIATIONS

- National Rifle Association
- Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources
- WI ~ FORCE, Inc.
- Safari Club International Wisconsin Chapter
- Deutsch-Amerikanischer Schuetzen Club
- National Take a Kid Hunting Foundation
- Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership
- WI NRA Field Support Team

All course and event registration forms are available on the Heritage Shooting website.

Membership Meeting

Wednesday April 22nd, 2009 at 7:00PM

Heritage Classroom

Agenda includes:

- Discussion of Events for 2009 and Personnel to Lead and Assist them
- Discussion on upcoming training classes
- Vote to change requirements for a member to sit on the Board of Directors to two meetings (annual, regular or special) in the past year

We welcome and encourage **anyone** interested in helping Heritage Shooting in our mission of introducing the shooting sports to the general public to attend this meeting.

2009 Schedule of Courses and Events

May 19th, 21st & 23rd NRA Range Safety Officer Course
At the Heritage Classroom

June 6th & 7th NRA Personnel Protection In The Home Course
Elkhorn WI

June 13th & 14th NRA Certified Instructor Course - Shotgun
At the Heritage Classroom

Elections were held at the January meeting and your officers and board members are listed on the left of this newsletter. Cindy Fortmann was appointed to fill the vacant board seat, and a special election will be held at the spring election, subject to the passing of the change in the by-laws of Heritage Shooting Inc.

Among the annual ongoing events Heritage Shooting Inc. has been presenting over the years which we will again be putting on include:

- USMC Basic Rifle Fundamentals at various locations around Wisconsin - Contact Jeff Laughland
- Youth Sports Fest Saturday August 8th - Contact Mary Sielaff or Mike Figueira
- NRA Shooting Sports Camp For Women Saturday September 12th - Contact Kim Laughland or Diane Gasser

ALL Heritage Shooting Event and Course Registration Forms are available at http://www.heritageshooting.org/hsi/downloads/reg_forms.php

With all the news media these days over the rights of gun ownership and the fears folks are having along with conflicting views and information, these web sites may assist you in understanding the issues and facts : www.NRA.org www.nraila.org www.keepandbeararms.com www.jfpo.org

Heritage Shooting, Inc. is a domestic non-stock, non-profit (501(C)3) corporation organized to promote interest, education, and safety in all shooting sports and is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ALL Certified Instructors and assistants are volunteers and are NOT compensated for their time.

Donors may deduct contributions made to Heritage Shooting, Inc. as provided in section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Donations of money, firearms, teaching aids and other appropriate and helpful materials are appreciated.

Upcoming Events

April 22st 2008 at 7:00pm
Heritage Shooting Quarterly Meeting at the Heritage Shooting Educational Facility

May 19th, 21st, 23rd
NRA RSO Course

June 6th 7th
NRA Personal Protection in the Home Course

June 13th 14th
NRA Shotgun Instructor Course

July 25th
DNR Internet Field Test

August 3rd ~ 6th
USMC Basic Rifle Fundamentals

We are always interested in receiving feedback about our newsletter and welcome articles from event participants or members. Please contact us with submissions at info@heritageshooting.org.

We look forward to seeing you at the April Membership Meeting and encourage all interested folks to attend.

When the people fear their government, there is tyranny; when the government fears the people, there is liberty. ~ Thomas Jefferson

In the United States, our Constitution reserves certain rights to the people as enumerated in our Bill of Rights. Anyone who has attended our NRA Youth Sportsfest or NRA Shooting Sports Camp for Women is aware of the time we spend in the classroom portion of those events discussing these inherent rights and the importance of our continuing to exercise these rights.

As this newsletter is being published thousands of Americans are attending "Teaparties" around the country ~ exercising their right to assembly. Every week millions of Americans travel to their churches to worship ~ exercising their right to exercise the religion of their choice. And millions of Americans are purchasing firearms and ammunition at unprecedented rates ~ exercising their right to keep and bear arms.

I guess the greatest proof that liberty still exists in America today was documented by the April 7th 2009 release of a Department of Homeland Security's report about Rightwing Extremists identifying firearms owners and returning veterans as threats to America. To be fair, they also released a January 26th 2009 release about Leftwing Extremists identifying "leftwing groups within the animal rights, environmental, and anarchist extremist movements that promote or have conducted criminal or terrorist activities."

These reports indicate our government is identifying and fearing the "people" and that is proof that liberty still reins in the United States. It is essential that we continue to exercise our rights in a public and open forum and do not allow ourselves to be cowed into hiding. A right not exercised is a right soon lost.

Jeff Laughland – President, Heritage Shooting

Want to learn how to safely handle and shoot the various firearms? We feel Heritage Shooting Inc. has some of the best programs available and can assist you with your questions and learning. If there is a program or class you would like to attend that is not listed, yet, come to the meetings and bring up your ideas. While we are all volunteers here, we should be able to provide the instruction or advice within some limitations of our volunteers' time and resources.

Help us save \$\$\$ on postage and printing supplies!

We can send your newsletter by e-mail. To sign up for the e-mail newsletter, please e-mail your name and e-mail address to info@heritageshooting.org

We respect your privacy and will not release or sell your e-mail address!

At the annual NRA State Convention, Stone Bank Sportsman's Club received a Friends of NRA grant of over \$ 14,000 to improve the Rifle range backstop area where many of our shooting events are held. These grants are funded by the good folks who attend the various Friends of the NRA Banquets held across the State of Wisconsin. Money we raise here in Wisconsin says here in Wisconsin to improve ranges and fund many programs offered all over the state. The Waukesha County Hunters Ed Association received a \$ 5,000 for a Cargo van to bring equipment around the county for training purposes and internet field days testing sites.

Since the inception, in the 90's, of the FNRA banquets over \$ 1.7 million dollars in grants has been distributed to programs, clubs here in Wisconsin, including in prior years some of the funding for the Heritage classroom. Go to the NRA web page www.friendofnra.org to find a banquet to attend.