



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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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.

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- National Rifle Association
- Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources
- WI-FORCE
- 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 will be made available on the Heritage Shooting website.

Membership Meeting

Wednesday October 28th, 2009 at 7:00PM

To be held at the Heritage Shooting Classroom

Agenda includes:

- Discuss offering additional sessions of the NRA Shooting Sports Camp for Women or other "Women Only" Courses or events
- Discuss adding additional adult training classes in winter and 2010 to create opportunities for those we reached this year to continue developing their skills.
- Meet and introduce new volunteers
- Accept Nominations for Board of Directors positions – Elections in January

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.



Heritage Shooting would like to extend our special thanks to the members of the **Deutsch-Amerikanischer Schuetzen Club** for their continued support running our air rifle range at each year's NRA Youth SportsFest. Not only have they assisted instructing the youth on the air rifle range each year, but they built a custom-made target system to setup at our event that helps speed up target changes to allow the kids more time shooting.

A little bit of rain couldn't spoil the fun for this year's NRA Youth SportsFest participants



If you would like to make a tax deductible donation to help Heritage Shooting continue offering our courses and events, please make your check out to Heritage Shooting Inc. and mail the address in our heading. We will mail a receipt for tax purposes to all donors.

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

October 28th 2009

Heritage Shooting Quarterly Membership Meeting

October 31st & Nov 1st 2009

Fall Deer Sight In at Hartland Sportsmen's Club

November 7th & 8th 2009

Fall Deer Sight In at the Stone Bank Sportsmen's Club and at the Hartland Sportsmen's Club

November 14th & 15th 2009

Fall Deer Sight In at the Stone Bank Sportsmen's Club and at the Hartland Sportsmen's Club

February 11th 2010

Southeastern Wisconsin Friends of NRA Banquet at the Golden Mast Inn

For ticket information to any of these Friends of NRA Banquets, visit

<http://friendsofnra.org/Events.aspx?sid=51&sc=WI>

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 October Membership Meeting and encourage all interested to attend.

“The liberties of our country, the freedom of our civil Constitution, are worth defending at all hazards; and it is our duty to defend them against all attacks. We have received them as a fair inheritance from our worthy ancestors: they purchased them for us with toil and danger and expense of treasure and blood, and transmitted them to us with care and diligence. It will bring an everlasting mark of infamy on the present generation, enlightened as it is, if we should suffer them to be wrested from us by violence without a struggle, or to be cheated out of them by the artifices of false and designing men.” ~ Samuel Adams

The Declaration of Dependence of the United States

The United States of America, as a nation, was established when our forefathers declared our nation independent of other nations' control in our Declaration of Independence. The spirit of independent, self-reliant people permeates our Bill of Rights and Constitution which takes great strides to limit the powers of our federal government. Our forefathers, like Samuel Adams, feared the demise of the newly formed republic should the American people forget their role in protecting their freedom and independence.

I cannot point to the particular time when the American people slid into a seemingly joined, silent acceptance of the incremental encroachment of government on our individual rights and the gradual disillusionment of the sense of personal responsibility. Some may argue it started with Franklin D. Roosevelt's plans to pull our nation out of the Great Depression; others will point to Lyndon Johnson's Great Society as the changing point. Most current academic curriculums that feed our youth's grey matter refer to these fundamental legislative changes using euphemisms like "providing a safety net for the average citizen who is down on their luck". In a more jaundiced view, they encompassed some of the largest power grabs from the people by our federal government in our history.

There is no easy way to reverse the waters that have already passed under the bridge, but now we face another very real encroachment demanding our compulsory dependence on the government that is taking center stage of the political debates before us.

This is not a "firearms issue". The decision before the American people is clear. Are we ready to accept the **Declaration of Dependence**? Are we ready to sacrifice the unalienable rights of "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness"? Have we lost our way so badly that the American people no longer have the ability to self-determine their own path to happiness without a federal program to show them the government approved means of achieving citizenry bliss?

It is the "power of the people" that allows us to exercise our independent liberties and demands that we accept our personal responsibility for our happiness. The right to pursue happiness implicitly implies the ability to make decisions for one's self. Happiness is not a guarantee right. The ability to make those decisions which may or may not result in our happiness is what was guaranteed us. Do we still have the moral fortitude in this country to accept the responsibility for the poor decisions that have caused our unhappiness and to take the steps necessary to reverse the incremental onslaught of government on our personal liberties? We currently face a debate to remove the individuals' ability to make those decisions and to suffer the imposition of a government standard of happiness. Remember of our original Declaration of Independence stated "...That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, ..."

This is a call to arms to freedom loving Americans to find our voices, to continue the tea parties, to continue writing our politicians, and to continue engaging the politicians in town hall debates before us. In short, to continue to fight to preserve what our forefathers toiled, suffered, and fought for. We must not sacrifice the trust given us by our forefathers. We must expose the "artifices of false and designing men" who seek to strip our unalienable rights from us.

Jeff Laughland, President – Heritage Shooting