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Letter from the VP:

Hello shooters!

Wow. I've been VERY busy! Not only with NASA stuff, but personal stuff. Luckily, some of the personal stuff is also NASA stuff! I can't tell you how much my two teenagers enjoy shooting clays on the first Saturday of the month, and then Steels on the second Saturday! If your kids aren't part of those programs, they are missing out. It's a lot of fun to go and watch too! I like that my two not only want to compete with the other kids, but are extra motivated to do better than their sibling! Both are fantastic programs with excellent instructors.

We're ramping up for big changes at the range. We're just days away from getting the fence project underway, we're looking at ways to develop and improve the range, we're looking at ways to generate public interest in firearms and the club, we're planning several shoots, and we're starting on the gun show. Lots of things going on right now. We're even reaching out to the members and the public for help. There are some entries in this issue where we detail some of the help we need. If you can spare a little of your time, and a little of your expertise, please volunteer!

I'm excited about the things we're working toward. Probably most excited about the "long range" range possibility. I grew up on a cattle ranch, right here in Apache County. One of the big problems we faced were predators, therefore, one of the things I spent time doing was "Predator Control". This meant shooting coyotes at varying distances from as close as 10 yards to as far as several hundred yards. If I had a gun up to the task, and I was up to the task that day as well, I'd occasionally take them at even farther distances.



We're going to be busy. Too busy for just a few to take care of. Hopefully all of you will help fill the gap and keep us humming along.

If you have any suggestions for the newsletter, please e-mail me at bowen.udall@nasashootingsports.com.

Sincerely,

Bowen Udall
Vice President
Northeastern Arizona Sportsmans Association, Inc.

Range Safety Officers:

Needed! If you are a NRA Range Safety Officer, or if you are interested in becoming one, let us know! We are VERY short-handed in this area. We are wanting to get a NRA Chief Range Safety Officer here to train and certify several of us, and it would be much easier if we had a lot of interest.

Member Announcements:

A Canon A 540 camera was lost on the range July 5th. The owner is offering a reward for its return. If you have it, or know who does, please call Larry at (928) 537-7945 or (928) 242-7352.



Upcoming Shoots and Events

I wanted to make sure that everyone knew that you do ****NOT**** have to be a member of NASA to come to the shoots! Come out and have fun!

- The **July Trap Shoot** will be **July 27th**, at 8:00am on the Shotgun Range. We're doing an earlier start time because we anticipate to be either HOT or hit by a monsoon. Earlier the better in either case!
- The **Trophy Trap Shoot** will be **August 24th**, at 8:00 on the Shotgun Range. This one is early too. Monsoons will probably be done, but it will most likely be hot still.
- The **Frontier Shoot** will be **September 21st**, at 9:00am. I haven't been to one, but I heard rumors of wearing bonnets and using black powder... More info to come!
- The **Gun Show** will be **October 12th and 13th** at the Apache County Fairgrounds in St. Johns.

Continuous Shoots and Events

- The NASA **Members meeting** is held on the fourth Friday of every month, 6:30pm at the St. Johns public library. The next one will be **July 26th**. This meeting is primarily for the members to have their voices heard. Members are strongly encouraged to come participate in the Members meeting.
- The **NASA Women's League** is currently meeting every other month on the third Saturday of the month at **11:00am** at the Main Range. The next meet will be **August 17th**. This is for women only. There is instruction, practice and friendly competition. It's for beginners and experts alike. For more information, [contact René Green](#). **(please note the time change for this event)**
- The **Scholastic Clays Target Program** is held on the first Saturday of every month at 10:00am on the Shotgun Range. The next one will be **August 3rd**. This program is funded by the Arizona Game and Fish, and is free for the youth. General information about the SCTP can be found on [the Game and Fish SCTP page](#).
- The **Board of Directors meeting** is held on the second Friday of every month, 6:30pm at the St. Johns public library. The next one will be **August 9th**. Members are encouraged to attend.
- The **Scholastic Steel Challenge** is held on the second Saturday of every month at 9:00am on the Main Range. The next one will be **August 10th**. Participants need to bring 350 rounds of .22LR and/or 9mm Luger each month, safety glasses, hearing protection, and a hat with a brim for spent brass protection. There will be 9mm and .22 pistols available, or the participant can bring their own pistol. [General SSC information can be found here](#). If you are going to attend, please RSVP to Darrell Moerch at lobo2754@highcountrymail.org.

First Shots:

Exciting event coming up. "First Shots", a program from the National Shooting Sports Foundation, is coming to St. Johns! We don't have a specific date yet, but it will think it will be the end of August or in September. Once we have a firm date, we'll let everyone know!

If you don't know what "First Shots" is, here is a link to the NSSF page for it: <http://www.nssf.org/firstshots/> and the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/firstshots>. Essentially, First Shots is a way for people who want to experience firearms in a safe and controlled manner to attend a class, and then get to shoot. It's a fantastic way for people who haven't been around firearms to get familiar with them. A very worthwhile program.

Some clubs and ranges charge fees for First Shots, but we have decided that the club will absorb all the costs for this program. We want to make sure that everyone who wants to attend can attend.

Gun Show:

Our October gun show is just around the corner. I'm getting the vendor packets put together and will be e-mailing/ mailing them out soon. If you want one, let me know, or you can get it from the website once I finish them. Be sure to tell people you know who might be interested in being a vendor at the show, and all those who would want to attend!

We have one food vendor lined up for this show. It has been something that has been requested several times in the past, and I think it will make the show much more enjoyable for attendees. I know that when I take my kids, it doesn't take more than about 30 seconds of them walking in the front door to say, "I'm hungry", or "I want a soda". If you know of other food vendors who might be interested, let me know too.

Range News

We are talking with our contact at the Game and Fish about exact dollar amounts. We should have an answer (and check) soon. Once the materials are purchased, we're going to schedule with Apache County to get the fence put in.

Again, I would like to personally ask for your help in keeping the fence up. If you ride four wheelers/motorcycles at the Blue Hills or know people who do, spread the word that a new fence is going up, and please keep it up. It's more for the safety of 'other people' than it is for shooters. I personally have had people who started out riding at the Blue Hills suddenly appear downrange, and not even realize that they had just presented themselves on an active firing range!

Special Range News

Big changes are coming. We are ramping up to improve our range, and need YOUR help! As a first step in these changes, we need a "Range Committee". Members of the Range Committee will be responsible for meeting with the various committees and divisions of NASA and using their input to help design a master plan for the range. The committee will have a direct impact on the final layout of the range, and what types of ranges are included as part of the plan.

If you are interested in being part of the Range Committee, please express your interest by July 26, or come to the meeting at the St. Johns library, 6:30 pm.

NASA Politics

- **Board of Directors meeting** – The Board of Directors meets twice a month. First at the Board of Directors meeting on the second Friday of the month at 6:30pm at the St. Johns Library, and then at the Members meeting on the fourth Friday of the month at 6:30pm at the St. Johns Library. The Board of Directors are responsible for making decisions for the club and take into consideration suggestions and opinions from members. Come to the meetings and participate.
- **Members meeting** – On the fourth Friday of the Month, the Board of Directors meets for business and to hear from the members. The directors use members suggestions to help guide the club in the direction it needs to go.
- **Bylaw revisions** – Our bylaws were created eight years ago, and changing times have caused us to take a look at our bylaws. We are considering a number of bylaw changes, and would like to know if you have any changes you would like to see. I don't know when we will start meeting for change discussions, but it will be posted on the website and Facebook.

NASA Website/Facebook/Twitter

- We have been striving to keep our website up to date with current information. The main page has a listing of shoots and events coming up. I recently added the winners of the Trophy Shoot to the website, so go check them out. There is also a “contact us” page, a Google calendar of events, documents to download, and information about NASA. The address is <http://www.nasashootingsports.com>.
- If you are on Facebook, liking our Facebook page will give you updates right on your wall feed. Our Face book page is the one that gets updated most often, so it's a good one to follow. The page is [at http://www.facebook.com/NASASports](http://www.facebook.com/NASASports).
- Our Twitter feed is occasionally updated, but will be the way we disseminate information during shoots, events, and the gun show. We'll tweet who wins in categories, tweet when categories are about to start, and tweet other various information. The Twitter page is [is http://www.twitter.com/NASASports](http://www.twitter.com/NASASports).

About NASA

Northeastern Arizona Sportsmans Association, Inc. was created in 1998 and incorporated in 2006. NASA's goal is to promote safe firearm usage for children and adults alike. NASA is a non-profit corporation that is run by an elected board of directors. Everyone who works for NASA does so on a volunteer basis.

About NASA News

NASA News is an experiment created by Bowen Udall, the NASA V.P., in hopes of raising the communication level in the club. If you have ideas for the newsletter, or complaints, or want to add or remove your name from the NASA News mailing list, or especially if you want to help, e-mail him at bowen.udall@nasashootingsports.com. You can get back issues of NASA News, as well as a PDF version of the current issue from our webpage: <http://nasashootingsports.com/about-us--files.html>

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