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Letter from the VP:

Hello shooters!

Ever feel like a chicken with its head cut off?

If you are an astute individual, you will notice this NASA News edition is labeled as the second July issue. So, why are you getting it in August? Well, 'chicken with its head cut off' doesn't even scratch the surface! However, since I'm sending out the NASA News editions based on board and member's meetings, this is the one that is sent out after the second meeting in July, therefore, the second July issue.

Things are moving on the fence project. We have the approval, and the fencing supplies have been ordered. Construction will start soon.

We have a new Scholastic Clays Target Program coach, and it's going to be me. The current coach is retiring after many years of successful coaching, and I'm taking over. I have kids in the program and I am there every practice anyway, so it seemed logical for me to coach. I will be attending the coach's class this weekend to make it official. I am looking forward to continuing the program that Ginny Hoyt has been running so well. I hope that if you have children, you will consider this program for them. My kids love it!

Lots of stuff is right around the corner. The fair is the first part of September. I am trying to find pictures of things that have happened on the range for our booth at the fair. If you have any you would be willing to share, please send them to me. I also would like some for the newsletter.

The Gun Show is coming up quick too. Second weekend in October. I have the vendor packet made and on the website. I will soon be mailing out the packet to previous vendors. If you want a paper copy mailed to you, e-mail me your mailing address and I'll get one to you. There is a discount for early registration.

So, what's up with the apostrophe? Honestly, I don't really know what to tell you. NASA was incorporated as "Northeastern Arizona Sportsmans Association", but grammatically, it should be "Northeastern Arizona Sportsman's Association". I originally felt that I would always use it without the apostrophe because that's how it was incorporated. However, it was driving me TOO crazy to keep doing it wrong, so I have changed my mind and I am going to start using the apostrophe! You can do it however you want to.

I finally made it to one of the monthly trap shoots! It was a blast, pardon the pun! I'm definitely going to make it to the ones in the future, especially the Trophy Trap shoot this month. I have a section at the bottom of this edition with a couple of pictures I took during the shoot.

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

Sincerely,

Bowen Udall
Vice President
Northeastern Arizona Sportsman's Association, Inc.

Range Safety Officer Class:

There will be a Range Safety Officer class August 31st, 8am to 6pm in the Concho Catholic Church Hall. You must sign up by August 9th to attend this class. You must be at least 21 years old. Cost is \$130 or \$200 for a household couple. The certificate is an additional \$30. **Contact: Don Borg** at 928-245-0222 or donborg@frontiernet.net to sign up and for more information.

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 **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.
- **This is not a NASA event, but should be listed anyway.** Worthy cause and lots of hunting/sportsman things will be auctioned: As most of you know, On June 30, 2013, Arizona and the nation lost 19 brave firefighters west of Prescott fighting what has become known as **The Yarnell Hill Fire**. **The National Wild Turkey Federation** along with **The Arizona Elk Society, Arizona Chapter**

of **Safari Club, Trout Unlimited, The Mule Deer Foundation**, and many, many other wildlife and related organizations have scheduled a wonderful benefit banquet on August 29th in Prescott Valley at Tim's Toyota Center. We expect 500-800 people to attend. Among the hunts being auctioned off are an African Safari, a salmon fishing trip, hog hunts, turkey hunts, river rafting trips, four round-trip airline trips on Alaskan Airlines, autographed guitars by well-known artists and so much more, we cannot list them all here. Telephone bidding is being set up for all the live auction items, so you can bid from afar. A website with more information is "under construction" and should be active and online by next Wednesday. The URL is www.yarnell19banquet.com.

- 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 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 **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@highcountrysmail.org.
- 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 **August 23rd**. This meeting is primarily for the members to have their voices heard. Members are strongly encouraged to come participate in the Members meeting.
- 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 **September 7th**. 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](#). Contact Bowen Udall at bowen.udall@nasashootingsports.com for more information.

Apache County Fair:

We will have a booth at the Apache County Fair on September 4th through the 7th. We are asking you for two things:

First, we want your pictures. If you have pics of NASA events, please share them with us. We are making a photo wall for our booth and need as many pics as possible. I would also like to use them in the NASA News at times.

Second, we need help manning the booth! If you would be willing to man the booth for a few hours, it would help tremendously!

First Shots:

Exciting event coming up. "First Shots", a program from the National Shooting Sports Foundation, is coming to St. Johns! There will be two First Shots events. The first, for rifle, is on September 28th. The second, for pistol, is on October 19th.

If you don't know what "First Shots" is, here is a link to the NSSF page for First Shots: <http://www.nssf.org/firstshots/> and the Facebook page is: <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/mailling 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 got the approval from the Game & Fish, and the money. We are now purchasing the fencing materials and will soon start on construction.

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 August 9th, 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.

Monthly Trap Shoot:

Our monthly trap shoot was fun. If you missed it, shame on you!! Our Trophy Trap Shoot is later this month. Make sure you come to it! Here are a couple of pictures from the July trap shoot:



Wiley is on a hot streak!



Ben gets a bead on one!



Wiley gets a second one!



Ben gets another!



Wiley is showing us how it's done!



Mack is keeping score, and Shyla is thinking, "Oh, I wish they would yell 'pull' again!"



I showed up. That counts, right?

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>.
- 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 <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 Vice President, in hopes of raising the communication level in the club. He wanted to make sure that all members of NASA knew about what was happening with the club, and know about all the events planned. 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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