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Letter from the VP:

Hello shooters!

It's January and it's time for another NASA News. Our January board meeting was a busy one. The new president took office, and we discussed a great number of things during the meeting. You should come out and be part of the meetings to help make sure that we know how you feel on the different projects, ideas, and issues we work with during the meetings. We didn't have any members attend the member's meeting. There were board members there, but a definite lack of members. We want your input on the club and range. It is important to us, so come. The next board meeting is February 14th, and the next member's meeting is February 28th.

The range planning committee has been meeting frequently and working hard to get a master plan put together for the range. It's not as easy of a task as it may seem, there are a lot of different shooting interests they have to take into consideration, and we have limited available space. I can hardly wait until we get the master plan put together, because then I'll know that any range improvements will be done with a common-goal, large picture in mind.

The gun show is coming up in April. I know it sounds like a long time away, but it's really not. Start thinking about it now. I'll have registration packets available soon, and I'm going to be asking the Board for money for the raffle and advertising at the next board

meeting. Yes, it's that close. If you're a vendor, make sure you get registered! I'm also looking for suggestions on where to advertise. I have been advertising on 95.7 and in the newspaper, but I know there are more effective ways to spend our advertising dollars. If you have a tip, let me know!

I'm also looking for volunteers to help with security. I'll be calling some of the 'regulars', but I'll need a few new people to help.

I added a new section to the newsletter, hope you like it. If you don't, please send me a monthly article to include!

If you have any suggestions for the newsletter, or would like to provide content, please e-mail me at bowen.udall@nasashootingsports.com.

Sincerely,

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

Upcoming Shoots and Events:

- The **April Gun Show** will be held **April 12th and 13th** at the Apache County Fairgrounds in St. Johns. Vendor registration will be opening the first part of next month. If you want a registration packet, you can e-mail me at bowen.udall@nasashootingsports.com with your mailing address, or I'll provide a link to a PDF version of the registration form in next month's NASA News. There is a discount for early registration.

Continuous Shoots and Events:

- 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 **February 14th**.
- The **Scholastic Clays Target Program** is held on the first and third Saturdays of every month at 10:00am on the Shotgun Range. The next one will be **February 15th** at 10:00am. This program is funded by the Arizona Game and Fish, and is free for the youth. [Sign-up forms can be found here](#). 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. Our Facebook page is www.facebook.com/leadingedgeshooters
- ARCHERY AND OPEN - THIRD WEEKEND 9AM THIRD WEEK END ARCHERY AND OPEN DON BORG 928-337-4387--928-245-0222 PLEASE RSVP
- 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 **January 24th**. This

meeting is primarily for the members to have their voices heard by the board. Members are strongly encouraged to come participate in the Members meeting.

- The **Scholastic Clays Target Program** is held on the first and third Saturdays of every month at 10:00am on the Shotgun Range. The next one will be **March 1st** at 10:00am. This program is funded by the Arizona Game and Fish, and is free for the youth. [Sign-up forms can be found here](#). 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. Our Facebook page is www.facebook.com/leadingedgeshooters

Range News:

The meeting with the Apache County people was postponed. We're still working on getting them to follow through with the fence construction. I think they will, they just need more information and to run through their processes before they do it. Any encouragement you can give them would be helpful! We have a meeting next week with the Delwin Wengert (County Manager), and Barry Weller (Apache County District III Supervisor). These two people are critical to get on our side to complete the fencing project.

Bowen's Stupid Tips:

Since nobody offered to help with content in the NASA News, you're going to have to listen to some of the 'duh' moments I've encountered. I'll try to keep them 'sportsman' related, but there are times that I might slip in a computer reference, car reference, or even a plumbing reference depending on how poorly my week has been going. I'm really hoping some of you will decide to jump on the band-wagon and start helping me out with content...

So, it turns out that things many of us take for granted of being 'common knowledge', isn't common at all. I recently had a friend take a basic rifle course, even though he had been shooting all his life, and was even in the military. He wanted a basic refresher course to make sure he remembered all the fundamentals. A good idea, since fundamentals are what everything else is built on.

After he had completed the course, we were discussing how it went. He mentioned one fundamental that he had never heard before was to focus on the front sight. He was surprised at how much more accurate he was, and how much tighter his groups were. He said that one tip alone made him a significantly better shot.

I was very surprised that he hadn't been taught that before. I suppose I thought that the military would pound something like that so deeply into your soul that it would leave an eternal dent. After all, isn't the job of the military to kill people and break things? Seems logical they would make sure everyone could kill as many people and

break as much stuff as possible. I suppose it might have to do with the fact he wasn't infantry, because everybody knows that people with the brain jobs never get shot at!

It reminded me of when I learned this tip. I wasn't a kid, like I should have been, I was in my early thirties. Like my friend, it drastically improved my accuracy. How could I have shot untold number of rounds, taken hundreds of squirrels, rabbits, prairie dogs, and coyotes without ever learning this fundamental lesson? I thought back at all the ones I had missed over the years, and wondered how much had to do with not knowing the basics. I took hunter's education, did I miss that part? Granted, it was in the 70s, but I took it. Nearly all my friends shoot. Do they not know, or did they just assume I knew because it was 'common knowledge'? Why hadn't I ever passed that tip on to my friend that just learned it? I suppose it's because I thought he must know.

Well, that brings me to the stupid tip for this issue. It's actually two tips, so you get double your money's worth. The first tip is the common knowledge tip of "focus on the front sight". The second tip is: learn the fundamentals and share your knowledge of them even if it is 'common knowledge'.

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, second at the Members Meeting. The Board of Directors is 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 to hear from the members. The directors use members suggestions to help guide the club in the direction it needs to go.
- **Bylaws** – [NASA's bylaws can be found here.](#)
- **Your Board of Directors:**
 - **President:** Don Borg
 - **Vice President:** Bowen Udall – email at bowen.udall@nasashootingsports.com
 - **Treasurer:** Ben File
 - **Secretary:** Pat Hall
 - **Board members:**
 - Wiley Barnes
 - Katrina Watkins
 - René Greene.

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. 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 Facebook 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 Sportsman's 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. Forward this e-mail to a friend that might be interested. 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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