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Letter from the VP:

Hello shooters!

WE NEED YOUR IMMEDIATE HELP/SUPPORT!! The Apache County Board of Supervisors will decide if they are going to provide the labor for the range fence at their **March 18th** meeting. That is **THIS TUESDAY at 8:30am**, just a couple of days from now. Please come to the meeting and show your support to have this approved. I will be there, and I hope that most of you will be there as well. The more people that show up to support it, the more likely it will be approved. The meeting will be held at the Apache County board of supervisors' hearing room at 75 W. Cleveland Street in St. Johns. [Click here to see the agenda for this meeting.](#) We are item number 4. Supervisor Weller seems to be very much in favor of approving the item, but the other two supervisors are an unknown.

Spread the word about the gun show. I have a link for the vendor registration packet below. April 12th & 13th! This year we are raffling off a Bushmaster AR-15 in .223 for first prize and a Springfield XD(M) in .40 S&W for second prize! Tickets are limited to 300 sold, and they are \$10 each or buy two, get one free (three for \$20). You can

contact me for tickets, catch me at work, pick them up at The Cave in St. Johns, or get them at the gun show (if there are any left). The drawing will be Sunday at the gun show. You can also go look at these beauties at The Cave. Stop by and Bobby will let you drool on them, just mop up the drool when you're done.

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 download the [registration packet here](#). There is a discount for early registration. We have two nice guns for the raffle. First prize is a Bushmaster AR-15, second prize is a Springfield Armory XD(M) in 40 S&W.

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 **March 28th**. 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 **April 5th** 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
- The **Board of Directors meeting** is held on the second Friday of every month. The next one will be **April 12th** at 6:30pm This is a special semi-annual circumstance where **the meeting will be held at the BUB at the Apache County Fairgrounds** – where the gun show will be. All other times, the meeting is held at the Apache County Library in St. Johns

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Range News:

See the letter from the VP above. We need your help to get the fence approved! Come to the Apache County Board of Supervisors' meeting on Tuesday to help.

Bowen's Stupid Tips:

"Bowen's Stupid Tips" is made up of 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.

Fortunate people learn from their actions. Extremely fortunate people can learn from other people's actions. While I try my best to learn from my actions, I am always happy to hear a friend's story and take a nugget of wisdom from their experiences. I had that golden opportunity a few months back.

A good friend of mine had purchased a Taurus Judge. I'm sure most of you know what that is, but for those of you who don't, it is a five-shot revolver in 45 Colt that has a cylinder long enough to shoot .410 shotgun shells. It is a formidable self-defense revolver!

To go with his new Taurus, he purchased a couple boxes of purpose-made self-defense ammunition from a reputable company that has been in business for a long time. I don't mention their name because the ammo is what this tip is all about. So, like any of us, he had a new revolver and wanted to shoot it. He took it out, and since the self-defense ammo was all he had for it, it is what he shot in it.

He set up a target, loaded the revolver, took his first shot. The slug hit the ground several feet in front of the target and the gun puffed a lot of smoke. He took his second shot. The round went off fine, he hit the target, and he thought the first one must have just been bad luck. He took his third shot. This time, there was a huge cloud of smoke and he didn't see where the slug hit. Luckily, he opened up the revolver to examine,

and discovered it was a squib load! In case you haven't ran across the term, a squib load is where the bullet gets lodged in the barrel. If he hadn't of found the obstruction, and the next shot actually worked as designed, his Taurus Judge would have turned into a Taurus Grenade.

At that point, he was done shooting. The slug would not come out of the barrel easily, and he did not have the required equipment to remove it in the field, so he packed up his stuff and headed home.

When he was telling me about the experience, I thought about his extremely good luck. How is that good luck? Well, think of it this way. He bought ammunition that is designed and intended to be used when its owner is about to be killed. It is ammunition that **MUST** work every time the trigger is pulled in order to save the owner's life. How fortunate is he that he learned he had a bad batch of ammo when his life did **NOT** depend on it! Could you imagine if he had it loaded in his Judge, have been attacked by someone or something intent on ending him, and he got the squib load off the bat? Do you think the attacker would let him call a time-out while he cleared the barrel and tried another two or three rounds to defend himself? I think he would have ended up dead, unless he managed to beat his attacker with his Taurus Blunt Object.

His experience made me re-evaluate my self-defense strategies. I had several boxes of self-defense rounds and I hadn't shot a single round. How did I know that any of them would go 'bang' when I wanted them to? I suddenly felt very foolish for betting my life, and more importantly my family's lives on something I didn't know. It was a **HUGE** unknown that needed to be tested.

Now, **EVERY** single solitary time I pick up a box of ammo that I think I may use in a self-defense scenario, I pull at least two rounds from different places in the box, load them in a magazine, and go test fire them. So far, every round has functioned as intended, but it is still a practice I maintain and will maintain. I don't want to be dead because of a failure to fire, or worse, a squib load!

So the tip should be obvious: **If you're going to bet your life on it, make sure it works.** I also have a second bonus-tip from this as well: **If it doesn't go 'bang' like it should, check the barrel for obstructions.** A bullet stuck in the barrel not only could ruin your gun, but could ruin your day, your hand, your eye, or even your life.

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
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 - - Cell: 928-245-0222 (no texts)
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 - **Vice President:** Bowen Udall
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 - **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 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 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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