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## Letter from the VP:

Hello shooters!

First things first, **the range will be CLOSED** Saturday July 5<sup>th</sup>. The City of St. Johns is having a four-wheeler race and they are using the roads to the range as part of the racetrack and will have them blocked off.

We finally have Standard Operating Procedures:

<http://www.nasashootingsports.com/files/business/RangeSOPs20140621.pdf>

It was a long process, but we finally have some SOPs. We need them as part of our partnership with the Game & Fish. We needed them for our quarterly meet and greet.

I had a chance to meet with some important people from the Game and Fish. We were able to walk the range and discuss the future of the range. They made it clear that not only are we important to the Game and Fish, but our little range is important too. It was a very good meet.

We had our quarterly Meet & Greet on Saturday. The NFA full-auto demonstration was neat. They even let my daughter shoot the M2! She's still grinning from ear to ear. The White Mountain Old West Shootists had a setup there as well. They were letting people shoot their Old West style guns, and everyone was having a fun time. The BBQ dinner

was cancelled. Don Borg was putting it together, but had to be admitted to the hospital the night before, so he was unable to cook the meat and get things ready. Hopefully, he'll have a speedy recovery.

A nice little side-note on the Meet and Greet. Our SOPs state that we must have Range Safety officers when the public is shooting. I'm happy to say that we did have two NRA certified Range Safety Officers working the range that day. It's an important safety addition we had been lacking in the past. It's a definite improvement and a step in the right direction.

We're having the Trophy Shoot on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July. There are different categories, and different divisions. It will be fun for the whole family. You don't have to be a member to attend the shoot, so invite your friends and come win a trophy!

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

Sincerely,

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

## Upcoming Shoots and Events:

- July 5<sup>th</sup> – Entire range facility is CLOSED due to four-wheeler race.
- July 12<sup>th</sup> – Trophy Shoot. Not sure of time, but probably 9:00am. Updates, flyers, and more info will be posted on NASA's website at [www.nasashootingsports.com](http://www.nasashootingsports.com).

## Continuous Shoots and Events:

- The **Scholastic Clays Target Program** is held on the first and third Saturdays of every month at 10:00am on the Shotgun Range. July 5<sup>th</sup>'s practice is CANCELLED. The city of Saint Johns is closing the road out to the range to make it part of a racetrack, so we won't be able to get out there to shoot!
- 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 July 11<sup>th</sup>.
- 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 July 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:bowen.udall@nasashootingsports.com) for more information. Our Facebook page is [www.facebook.com/leadingedgeshooters](http://www.facebook.com/leadingedgeshooters)

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DON BORG 928-337-4387--928-245-0222 PLEASE RSVP

## **Range News:**

How long does it take to get an environmental assessment done? I guess I get to find out. The Arizona Game and Fish is still trying to get it pushed through so we can start improvements. We can't pound one single fencepost, or even turn over one shovel of dirt until it gets done. The Arizona Game and Fish's Shooting Sports Coordinator came up to the range on June 25<sup>th</sup> to look over the range. He's the one pushing the environmental assessment through. We looked over the borders, and looked over the ranges, and talked about all the improvements that can, should, and will eventually be made. It was a very productive meeting. It seems like the end of September is going to be the earliest the assessment will be finished. That's not too bad, since the County crew won't be able to work on the fence until then anyways.

## **Bowen's Stupid Tips:**

Man, what a rough month. I've been putting off the newsletter because of other things that have demanded my time. Seems like every time I think I'd get a chance to work on the newsletter, there was something else demanding my attention. The Standard Operating Procedures was one of the biggest things demanding my time. Thankfully, they are done, the Meet & Greet is done, the San Juan fire demands have stabilized, and I have time to work on the newsletter. Now, I just have to get it out today, or I won't really be able to call it the "June Issue"! Now that I have a couple minutes to work up my tip, I find myself wondering what to write about... I have several reloading topics, but it seems I use a lot of those. I have a few others, but I still couldn't pick one I felt like fleshing out. Several months ago, I wrote a bunch of topics down so I wouldn't be in this position of wondering what to write about, and I decided that I should also write the article for each topic as well. That way, when it was time for the newsletter, I'd just grab one I had already written, paste it in and go. Well, I procrastinated and didn't write them, so all I have is a list of topics and no articles.

I think that has to be my biggest fault. I seem to have a ton of stuff to do, so I always put off things I can push off until later in order to get something else with a little more demand done. I know I do it, and I always tell myself to change. I decided a while back that if I had something to do, I'd better do it right then instead of wait. I still haven't started taking my own advice. An example that irritates me is with photography. I love to take pictures. One of my favorite subjects is old unused buildings. I like to poke around, get pictures of the old fronts, old signs, and if I can, old interiors. Some of my best stuff, and my wife's favorite stuff, is of old dilapidated buildings. When I'm traveling and see one, I'll usually stop right then and take a few. Where my fault comes in to play is when it's a building that I see all the time. Take the XA Buffet in Springerville. For 20 years, it had sat as the XA buffet. Nobody in it. Nobody changing

it. I saw it all the time. I had it on my list of buildings to shoot, but never got around to it. I then found an old Polaroid 600 camera with old film in it. I took a quick pic with it, and it popped out a photograph that already looked like it was 20 years old! I knew exactly what I was going to use it for... the XA. Well, I went to Springerville, and what did I see? The old XA Buffet and it's very cool old sign, was remade into the XA bar. I missed my chance! Had I stopped to take pics the first time I thought about it, I would at least have something.

It's not an isolated incident either. The Patterson Motor Company dealership in St. Johns was amazing. It had an old Chevrolet sign, old "OK" service signs, and lots of other old, neat things. I wanted to take pics of that, but put it off. Now, it belongs to the City of St. Johns, is under renovation, and no longer has any of the old Chevrolet stuff. I put it off and missed my chance.

There have been times I have taken the pictures when I first thought of it. We were at my sister-in-law's new place in Winslow one day to pick her up. Across the street was an old sandstone building that was in the process of falling down. I thought, "I need to come take pictures of that sometime". Well, my sister in law wasn't ready, and was taking her sweet time, so I went out and started taking pictures. I spent about 30 minutes on it before she came out. I planned on coming back later and doing a thorough job of it. Well, it's a good thing I took the pictures I did. The next weekend, we went to her house and the building across the street was just a pile of rocks. They had knocked it down to build something new in its place. I found out later the building was Winslow's first post office. That time, since I took pictures right away, I was able to get it done before it was too late.

So, this month's stupid tip is one that I'm still working on myself; "Get it done when you have the chance, tomorrow may be too late".

## 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.](#)
- **Range Facilities Standard Operating Procedures** – [SOPs can be found here.](#)
- **Your Board of Directors:**
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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 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](mailto: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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