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Letter from the VP:

Hello shooters!

Merry Christmas! It's almost the big day, hope you are all ready for it. I know I'm not!

Our Toys for Kids shoot did pretty good. Not as good as I had hoped, but not bad considering the cold, rainy weather and the small turn-out. We ended up sending the St. Johns Police Department five \$15 Basha's cards (\$75 worth of cards), \$115 and two toys. Every little bit helps, and I know they will put them to good use. We ended up having the 'ham shoot' portion of the shoot right when the icy rain just started pouring

down. Every one of us was surprised we even hit paper! Ben File ended up with the best score and took home the ham. Congratulation, Ben!

The election is over. This is going to be the last "Letter from the VP" I'm going to send you... next one will be "Letter from the Prez". The new board takes office at the next board meeting on January 9th, 2015. I have a run-down of the election below that will let you know who the new board is. Be sure to come to the board meeting to give the current board a vote of thanks for their service, and to welcome the new board.

Remember our Coyote Shoot on Valentine's weekend. I'm planning on a nice two-day date with my sweetheart putting holes in fur! Sign-in will be Saturday morning and the conclusion will be Sunday afternoon. There are prizes! First place gets two Basha's gift cards worth \$15 each (\$30 in Basha's cards), Second prize gets one \$15 Basha's gift card, and third gets a brick of .22s that our President, Don Borg, graciously donated for the shoot.

The range will be closed January 5th through the 9th. Nobody, including members, will be allowed to shoot. There will be a survey crew there and shooting would put them in danger. There is more info in the Range News section.

Anyone who does any work for the range, please get with me to get a volunteer time sheet. Any work done that is for the range can be claimed and credited towards grants we get. These grants are what will let us get new awnings, berms, target stands, shooting benches and other things the range needs. Those that help, we love that you help and make your time worth twice as much by claiming your time. The claimable categories are: Range Safety Officer duty during public shooting hours, building/repairing targets, facility maintenance (including picking up/emptying trash), administrative assistance, range instruction for the public, archery range support, and shotgun range support.

Sincerely,

Bowen Udall
Vice President

Northeastern Arizona Sportsman's Association, Inc.

NASA Election Results:

Here is the election report:

Total ballots cast: **21**

Votes cast (winners are bolded)

President:

Ben File:	2
Bowen Udall:	17

Vice President:

Bill Watkins:	16
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Treasurer:

Ben File:	14
Bowen Udall (write-in):	1

Secretary:

Pat Hall:	21
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Board Members:

Ben File:	0
Bill Watkins:	2
Casey Williams:	9
Katrina Watkins:	12
Mack MacKenzie:	14
René Greene:	13
Ron Carnett:	9

The election results were approved by the Board on December 12th, 2014 at the Board Meeting. The new board will take office at the January 9th Board Meeting.

Upcoming Shoots and Events:

- **Coyote Shoot** – February 14th 6:00am through February 15th 4:00pm. The most coyotes taken during that time period wins. No teams, but multiple contestants can travel/shoot together. Prizes include \$30 in Basha's gift cards, \$15 in Basha's gift cards, and a brick of .22s.

Continuous Shoots and Events:

- Members' Meeting. **NO MEMBERS' MEETING IN DECEMBER**, it would be the day after Christmas if we had it. Normally it's the fourth Saturday of the month. This is where the members meet with each other and the board members to discuss things about the club. The next one is **January 23rd**, 6:30pm at the St. Johns Library.
- 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 **January 3rd** 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, 6:30pm at the St. Johns public library. The next one will be **January 9th**.
- **Coyote Shoot** – February 14th 6:00am through February 15th 4:00pm. The most coyotes taken during that time period wins. No teams, but multiple contestants can travel/shoot together. Prizes include \$30 in Basha's gift cards, \$15 in Basha's gift cards, and a **brick of .22s**.
- 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 **January 17th** 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
- Members' Meeting. Fourth Saturday of the month. This is where the members meet with each other and the board members to discuss things about the club. The next one is **January 23rd**.

Range News:

The game and fish have selected a contractor to come do the environmental survey. The surveyors are expected to be here the week of January 5th. The range will be closed for **ALL** shooting at this time. As soon as I hear a firm date, I'll send out an e-mail letting all of you know, and we'll be posting signs and we'll have personnel on-site to make sure nobody is shooting. **ANYONE (members included) out there that isn't part of the survey crew or NASA members working with the surveyors will have the Sheriff called on them.** The survey crew will be wandering all over the range, so any shooting will put them in danger. Once the on-site work is done, it will take a couple weeks for them to get the report to the Game and Fish. Once they get the report, we'll be allowed to put up the fence.

Bowen's Stupid Tips:

Since very few have 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...

Raising kids can be a challenge. Those small people can certainly stress your finances, test your patience, and generally drive you nuts. It really gets annoying when they grow their own opinions on things! My oldest has developed the opinion that I'm dumb. He also has it in his head that no matter what I say, I have to be wrong. He doesn't care if he is right or not, just that I am wrong.

He is a good kid, though. He stays out of trouble, loves his parents (no matter how dumb they are), and generally minds. He does like to work on cars, but that can be a good thing and a bad thing. He's a pretty good mechanic, but lacks experience. Of course, when I share my experience with him, I'm dumb and wrong. Sometimes I almost have to twist his arm and force him to do it my way. Of course, when my way works, he has to try to make it wrong anyways! One of these times was when he was working on struts in a Taurus.

He had been fighting an alignment on the car for a week or so. He couldn't get it to adjust enough to get it back into alignment. I showed him how the factory spot welded one of the adjustments and explained that in order to adjust it, the spot welds had to be drilled out. One of the welds was in a place that couldn't be drilled without taking off the plastic splash-guard coverings that protect the windshield wiper motor and other electrical things on the firewall. I had things to do, so I left him with the task of taking the coverings off and drilling out the spot welds.

Well, a while later, he was inside watching TV. I asked him if he had finished, and he said the cover wouldn't come off. We went out there to see what the problem was. After a quick inspection, I showed him that he had missed a couple fasteners that were down on the bottom. I told him he needed to remove those and then make sure all others were out and he would then be able to take it off. Again, I left him to his task and went back to mine.

After several minutes, he came and told me it still would not come out. I told him that he must have missed a fastener, and to go find it and remove it. Of course, since I'm dumb and wrong, he insisted that all the fasteners were taken out, and it simply was 'stuck'. After a minute or two of him

explaining why I was dumb and wrong, I told him I would ground him from TV if he didn't go back out there and mind me. He begrudgingly went back out, but only to prove me wrong.

A few more minutes later, he came back in and told me I was wrong. There were no more fasteners and it was 'stuck'. He then told me it just needed a little bit of force, and it would come out just fine. I didn't want him to 'force' anything, so I went out there with him. At first, I thought he might have proven me wrong. I couldn't see a fastener. I took a minute, really looked close at the problem, and found a fastener hidden away in a corner that was not only difficult to see, but difficult to get to. Of course, my son wasn't very happy that I wasn't wrong. We took out the last fastener and the covering came out very easily.

I then took a minute to make sure he learned what the stupid tip is. I asked him what would have happened if he had just forced it instead of looking for the unseen fasteners. After his unrecognizable teenager grunts, he admitted it would have broken. I then explained this issues stupid tip to him. It's a simple one. **"If you have to 'force' it, you are probably missing something and will break it."**

I have had to remind him of that tip a few times since, but it takes less arm twisting now. When he starts trying to explain how I'm wrong, I just remind him of this one incident, then tell him to go find what he's not seeing. Every time since then, he's found what he was missing (sometimes with my help) and is able to do it without forcing or breaking it.

Oh, and I'm sure when he reads this, he going to come tell me how I'm wrong about what happened... danged teenagers.

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:**
 - **President:** Don Borg
 - - 928-245-0222 (no texts)
 - - eMail: donborg@frontiernet.net
 - **Vice President:** Bowen Udall
 - – 928-245-3666
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 - **Treasurer:** Ben File
 - **Secretary:** Pat Hall
 - **Board members:**
 - Wiley Barnes
 - Katrina Watkins
 - René Greene.

Highlights From the Board Meeting:

I'm not going to post minutes (I don't have them), but I'll post decisions the board made at the meeting that you might find interesting. Here are the highlights from the **December 12th** meeting:

- Votes were counted and the results were approved by the board.

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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