



LSA Quarterly

Junior Competitor Edition



Louisiana Juniors Leighton Dempster (standing in picture), Hayley Kunzli (kneeling left) and Laura Melancon (kneeling right)

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Update on Issues Affecting Louisiana Concealed Carry Permit Holders

According to a recent Nevada Department of Public Safety memo, Louisiana concealed carry permits will no longer be recognized by Nevada because of a 2013 law change that provided for the issuance of lifetime permits in the Sportsman's Paradise. It is unknown why Nevada will no longer honor Louisiana's standard five-year permit, as holders had previously been granted reciprocity and it remains separate and distinct from the lifetime permit created by the 2013 statute. As reported by the NRA-ILA, this and other changes to different states' reciprocal status were made following a yearly review of all state permitting systems required under Nevada law. For an out-of-state permit to be recognized, Nevada Revised Statutes require that permit requirements be substantially similar to or more stringent than Nevada's own.

The LSA and the NRA-ILA are working with the Louisiana State Police to provide Nevada state officials with information on Louisiana carry laws that will hopefully remedy this situation. We will keep you updated when more information is available.

Additionally, technical changes to the state's concealed carry law in House Bill 1066 by State Rep. Jeff Thompson (R-Bossier City) took effect on August 1. These changes should eventually qualify holders of five-year Louisiana carry permits for an exemption from the NICS check when purchasing a gun from a federal firearm licensed dealer. This is an exemption that permit holders in 21 other states currently enjoy, including the neighboring states of Arkansas, Mississippi and Texas.

Although the law took effect on August 1, the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (BATFE) must still review the statute changes and administrative compliance with those before officially qualifying the state and its permit holders for NICS alternative status. State law enforcement officials are in the process of updating electronic databases to conduct NICS checks on both initial and renewal applicants for five-year carry permits, as required by HB 1066, and expect that process to be completed in the near future. We will report to you on the progress made by state and federal agencies as we continue working to secure this exemption for law-abiding carry permit holders in Louisiana.

Three Junior Competitors Make Louisiana Proud!

Louisiana Junior competitors Leighton Dempster, Hayley Kunzli, and Laura Melançon are shining examples of the future of American shooting sports. These three fine ladies exemplify the quality standards that all of those involved in coaching and supporting junior shooting in the State of Louisiana brings to our sport. In addition, the dedication and sacrifice of their parents and family cannot be underestimated, as they spend countless hours and money supporting these fine athletes.

All three ladies represented Louisiana at the CMP National and National Junior Olympic 3-Position Air Rifle (3PAR) Championships at Camp Perry, OH, sponsored by Midway USA and the Civilian Marksmanship Program. The road to Camp Perry was obtained through a number of qualifying competitions. The first step to qualifying for the CMP National 3PAR Match consisted of a CMP National Postal Match followed by the CMP State then Regional Championship Matches. The second chance to qualify was through the State 3PAR Junior Olympic Championships. The team qualified at both of these events. For the 2-day CMP National 3PAR Match, they, and their dedicated parents, traveled to Camp Perry, OH where they shot against the best junior shooters in the country. Likewise, all three ladies along with fellow junior competitor Hayden Charlet competed in the American Legion 24th Annual Junior Air Rifle National Championship. The four-person team placed 1st for Region 6 and Leighton was the Region 6 Champion.

Like many young shooters, Leighton started shooting through 4-H when she was 12 and has now progressed to shooting in NRA, CMP and USA Shooting matches. This year, she competed in the Dixie Challenge at the CMP range in Anniston, AL where she placed 3rd in her age class and placed 4th overall with a score of 583 in 3-Position Air Rifle. In March, Leighton competed in the Junior Olympic qualifying match for the State of Louisiana, where she took 1st place. She qualified for the National Junior Olympics Championships held in Colorado Springs, CO at the US Olympic Training Center. There, she shot a 40-shot standing match and placed 63rd out of 110 of the best shooters in the US. In her J2 division, she placed 20th of 43 competitors. At the CMP National 3-Position Air Rifle Championship, Leighton placed 104th out of 221 scoring 575-



Louisiana Junior Competitors Hayley Kunzli (standing), Leighton Dempster (kneeling), and Laura Melançon (prone)



Leighton Dempster

29X. While at the CMP range at Camp Perry, OH she also competed in the Junior Olympic 3-Position Air Rifle Championship where she placed 65th out of 221 with a score of 579 34X.

Although Hayley's shooting career began a bit later in life, she has certainly progressed quickly. She began shooting Smallbore Rifle Silhouette at local ranges and in 3 short years has achieved a Master Classification in both Standard and Hunter Rifle. She has competed at the NRA Southern Nationals in Winnsboro, LA for the past 3 years most recently taking 1st Runner-up and High Junior Overall in Hunter Rifle and has also competed in Louisiana and Texas State Smallbore Rifle Silhouette Championships. Hayley was the 2013 4-H National Smallbore Rifle Champion, but her talent is not limited to .22 Rim Fire. In only 2 years she accumulated enough Excellence-in-Competition (EIC) points in Sporter Air Rifle to earn a CMP Distinguished Shooter Badge and currently holds 2 NRA National records in Silhouette Outdoor Sporter Air Rifle for Women and Juniors. Hayley was offered a position on the University of Memphis Rifle Team but has chosen to stay in Louisiana. She will be entering LSU Engineering College in the fall where she plans to continue her shooting endeavors and hopes to create a competition rifle team.



Leighton and Hayley at Camp Perry, OH

This summer, Laura represented Louisiana and at the USA Shooting National Championships at Fort Benning, GA with a 2-day standing score of 754 out of a possible 800 and a B class J1 ranking of 4th place. At Camp Perry, Laura scored a 559-24X at the CMP National 3PAR Championship, and scored 560-22X at the National Junior Olympic 3PAR Championship. Laura's final competition for the summer was the Daisy National Air Rifle Championships at Rogers, AR, where she brought home a silver medal for precision kneeling (363/400) losing gold by an X and a bronze medal for precision prone (387/400). In May, Laura won 2nd Overall for NRA National Postal Air Rifle Match for both Sporter and Precision Rifle events. Laura has competed at Ole Miss, the University of Tennessee-Martin, and North Georgia University at their open invitational matches. Over the span of Laura's Junior career (aged 9 through 19), she has competed in over 90 shooting sports competitions consisting of BB Gun, Sporter and Precision Air Rifle and Smallbore Rifle and is looking forward to begin competing with



Laura Melançon

her dad in high power matches with a rifle she received at the age of 9, and is hopeful that she will compete at an NCAA college in 2015.



Laura, Hayley, and Leighton chill with fellow Louisiana Junior Competitor, Brad Petras at the CMP Regional Match at Anniston, AL

All three young ladies are state 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors and have competed in the National 4-H Invitational Match over the past few years in the Sporter Air Rifle division. This event consists of a National Standard 3-position Air Rifle Match, a USA Shooting 40-shot Standing Match, and NRA Silhouette Match. The National 4-H Invitational Match also comprises a Smallbore Rifle event consisting of an NRA 3-position match, a CMP Rimfire

Match, and an NRA Silhouette match. They have also competed regularly at the CMP Range in Anniston, AL in the following air rifle competitions: the Dixie Double, the Gary Anderson and the Dixie Challenge, as well as the Bass Pro 600 in Leeds, AL and MO.

The LSA supports Junior Shooters in every discipline state-wide through its Junior Shooting Fund. The majority of the funds for this program are derived from the sale of raffle tickets for our annual M1 Garand drawing, which takes place on the third Saturday in October each year. There is still plenty of time to buy raffle tickets to support our junior shooters.

To purchase raffle tickets, look for the order form at the back of this issue. 100% of the proceeds support Junior Shooting here in Louisiana!

Louisiana High School Senior Participates in the NRA's Youth Education Summit (Y.E.S.) Program

By

Bradley W. Petras



Brad Petras (center top row with the sunglasses, blue shirt, and yellow tie), joined 43 other teenagers from around the US to participate in this elite program.

Over the summer I had the opportunity to participate in the National Rifle Association's weeklong National Youth Education Summit (Y.E.S.) in Washington, DC. The summit was advertised as an opportunity to encourage young adults to become active and knowledgeable U.S. citizens by learning about the Constitution and Bill of Rights, the federal government, and the importance of being active in civic affairs. Only 44 teens from 38 different states were selected to attend the competition. I am proud to say it was one of the most memorable and impactful events that I have ever attended, achieving the program's goals and MORE!

It was through an e-mail from Mr. David Boldt, the Louisiana 4-H Shooting Sports Director that I first learned about the Y.E.S. program. I was immediately interested in such a seemingly brilliant opportunity. The application was as complex as applying for college, requiring letters of recommendation, High School transcripts, and an essay explaining the importance of the Second Amendment. Once the application was completed and mailed, prior to the February deadline, it simply became a waiting game. Towards the latter part of April, I received a phone call from an unfamiliar area code. It was Mr. Peter Lawless from NRA Headquarters, calling to congratulate me on my selection to the National Y.E.S. I could barely contain my excitement; within a few days, all of my friends knew that I was going on an all-expense paid trip to Washington, DC over the summer.

About a month before the actual summit, I received a significantly large "Welcome Aboard" package from Mr. Lawless detailing every activity that was planned for the summit. "WOW!!" I remember asking my mother, "How are we going to jam all that into one week?" Included in the package were Formal Debate Topic and group assignments. I was a little apprehensive about the whole debate "thing", since I'd never participated in a formal debate contest; however, I was certain I was on

the right side of the “Debate”. I was teamed-up with representatives from New York, New Mexico, California, Iowa and Missouri to oppose the position that “**Civilians should not be legally permitted to own and operate firearms based on military design**”. I knew who to turn to for advice and coaching. Within hours Mr. Dan Zelenka and Dr. Jay Hunt, armed me with endless facts, references, court cases, and ideas that would have driven anyone crazy, but I knew this is what I needed to “win the debate.” If nothing more my passion for the position would carry me through. After countless hours of research, several planning teleconference calls with my teammates, and organizing a binder that was affectionately termed “**The Book of Infinite Knowledge**” by the 43 other Y.E.S students, I was prepared to deliver a short three minute speech on a topic that I could now talk about for hours. It was not apparent to me at the time, but the Y.E.S. program began to make a difference in my life. The debate went as planned and my team was deemed victorious.

As the days progressed, the fun never stopped. Together, we traveled across DC touring memorials, museums, and government buildings. As a history buff, with a passion for American History, I found it captivating to tour the National Archives and see the documents that created this great country that so many men and woman fought and died to preserve for many generations to come. This part of the trip was a turning point for me.

Throughout the week, we heard many speakers deliver powerful speeches about the second amendment, the American dream, and how to get America back on the right track. I, along with a few other select members of the program, was able to watch Senator Marco Rubio deliver a speech at Hillsdale College’s Kirby Center for Constitutional Studies and Citizenship about Economics and Immigration Reform, two very hot topics in politics today.

As the week progressed further and began to come to an end, I realized that although I am young, I can still make a difference in society. If I don’t contribute to the betterment of society, then who will? The Y.E.S. Program taught me that if you stand for something, you have to put yourself out there and do whatever you possibly can to make a difference. After seeing the signatures on the Declaration of Independence, It made me realize that these men were putting their life on the line, literally, to stand for what they believed in. The Constitution was written to preserve life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for anyone willing to put in work to contribute to society. And finally, seeing the little gold stars at the World War II memorial, each representing soldiers who died for our freedom, and the countless names inscribed in the dark wall of the Vietnam Memorial for those soldiers who had given the ultimate sacrifice so that Americans, which they had never even met, can have the chance to live the American Dream.

The Y.E.S. Program was a life changing experience that not only taught and refined imperative character skills, but also the importance of taking the initiative and aspiring to be the person that goes out into the world and makes a difference for everyone. The lessons learned here are ones that will stay with me for the rest of my life.

I would recommend this program to any teenager that desires to make a difference and willing to take a stand for what he/she believes in because, now it is more important than ever to stand up to corruption and total reformation.

The Shooting Sportsman's Paradise

By

Bradley W. Petras

As the Delta Airlines 737 jet taxis down the Bozeman-Yellowstone International Airport, I quickly realize that summer vacation is about to end and I begin to reflect on the adventurous, unique, and life changing experiences I have had over the past several months. All of those opportunities were made possible through my involvement in Louisiana Shooting Sports activities. In appreciation for the many volunteer coaches and parents that have supported me and many other youths like me, I'd like to share some of those experiences with you.

As hunting season withers to a close, most outdoorsmen are giving their hunting equipment that final cleaning for the long summer respite; tucked away out of sight until next hunting season. This is not the case for many Louisiana youth, as practice sessions are just heating-up and competitions are just around the corner. That means many weekends spent at the shooting range and many afterschool hours in the kitchen. That's right, in the kitchen, practicing air rifle - all 33 feet (with my mom's permission of course).

All that practice paid-off when I learned that the Louisiana State Precision Air Rifle Team earned a spot at the Regional 3-Position Air Rifle Championships in Anniston, AL. This trip ended-

up being a memorably fun time because I got to spend a lot of time with great friends and it was my first Collegiate-level competition; shooting shoulder-to-shoulder with some of the greatest competitors in the nation. I was so proud to learn that our team had qualified for the National Championships. I plan to compete again this upcoming season. Having been to these competitions, I now know what it will take to get me to the top of my game.

As a Louisiana 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador, I assisted the State Executive board in coordinating the annual Junior Leadership Conference at Camp Grant Walker in Pollock, LA. Attended by over 600 Louisiana students, I was part of the team entrusted to coordinate the outdoor skills track. Naturally, I taught participants the basics of firearm safety and marksmanship in rifle, shotgun, and



A young Brad competes in 3-P Air Rifle competition. Since this picture was taken, Brad has advanced to shooting precision air rifle, and contributed to the Louisiana 3-P Air Rifle Team's advancement to the National Matches.

archery, as well as an introductory course in wildlife identification and fishing skills. Some of the students had never shot a rifle or shotgun before, but boy were they eager to give it a try. It was always extremely rewarding to pass down what I know about the outdoors to other youth, who may not have otherwise had the opportunity to enjoy the things that I often take for granted.

April was a busy month; there were the 4-H Southern Regional Matches, the Bayou State Regional High Power Championships, and a few local Sporting Clay tournaments. 4-H competitors from the State's southern parishes converged to Baton Rouge to compete in over 15 different shooting sports events. This year, I participated in Sporter air rifle, Shotgun, and Smallbore rifle. The Sporter air rifle competition has three distinctly different events. Included were three 20-shot relays of standing position only, a 60-shot 3-Position event, and an NRA silhouette event. Talk about a long day! Smallbore rifle was very similar; a CMP Sporter Rifle event, an NRA 3-Position event, and an NRA Silhouette match. Shotgun is a long, fun-filled day packed with skeet, sporting clays, and trap. My favorite part about the shotgun shoot is the tremendous amounts of practice for dove & duck season. Shooters that place in the "Top 15" at each event earn a spot in the State competition and have the opportunity to showcase their skills to the best in the state. The top 4 competitors at the State event earn an expense-paid trip to represent our State at the National 4-H Invitational. This year Louisiana's Shotgun & Recurve Archery Teams earned the top spot in the Nation.

During the latter part of May-as the dreaded Exam Week was vanquished-I knew that this summer would be the busiest yet. It started out with the state Youth Hunter Education challenge (YHEC); a Friends of the NRA funded program that acts as an advanced hunter safety course and competition. In YHEC, competitors shoot shotgun, archery, rifle, and muzzle loader as well as compete in a written responsibility exam, a hunter safety trail, wildlife identification, and orienteering. After a nearly twelve hour day in the hot June sun, the competition was over. I was lucky enough to place within the top five overall seniors in the state which secured me a spot on the "Bayou Bandits Senior Gold Team" at the Pennsylvania International competition in July.

Next event on the agenda was the 4H University Outdoors skills competition, one of the many competitive tracks held annually at the LSU campus. Outdoor skills is much like the scenarios participated in in the YHEC competition; containing a mixture of both shooting and knowledge-based



Brad joined State Senator A.G. Crowe (R, Slidell) in Baton Rouge as part of the Legislative Youth Advisory Council.

disciplines. I was lucky enough to come out in first place in the state individually and my team also took home the first place prize- quite an accomplishment for a city-boy.

For the next few weeks I had a short break from shooting sports to catch up with friends and wet my line in a few local bass ponds. One day, I received a call from a good friend and shooting partner, Rudy Kalman, inviting me to go frogging. Frogging is something that has always been on my bucket list and I enjoyed every hot, mosquito infested minute of it! Along with frogging we also put the time in to find quite a few potential duck hunting spots on the Pearl River, of course, the actual locations will be undisclosed. That same night, my uncle in Mobile, Alabama called to see if I wanted to go red snapper fishing the next day and I couldn't turn down this offer. After an early drive to Mobile, we set sail for a secret reef twenty-six miles out into the Gulf and I was not disappointed. The snapper were everywhere and it was hard to not hook up on a fish every drop. The fish weighed anywhere from ten to twenty pounds and put up a heck of a fight! I pledged to myself that this will not be the last offshore trip I take!

After a few weeks of good times with family and friends, it was off to Washington DC where I was to participate in the NRA Youth Education Summit. (see the accompanying article in this issue about the NRA's Y.E.S. program). This week long program changed my life and instilled copious amounts of initiative within myself to make a difference and "be the change that you wish to see in the world" as Gandhi put it. At the summit, I not only got to meet 40 other like-minded individuals that will continue to be life-long friends, but I also learned a plethora of advanced leadership skills, public speaking tactics, and integral information about the country, the Constitution, and particularly the Second Amendment and how we-as youths- can protect what our Fore Fathers fought, died, and lived their whole lives to protect.

The Legislative Youth Advisory Council is a group of about fifty teenage delegates from around the state who are picked to represent the youth in their respective district on issues that concern today's Youth. Along with debating topics and coming up with ideas for legislation, we also take an active role in the community to promote the council and also to raise awareness to legislators about what is important and pertinent to youth in today's evolving society. At our annual introduction meeting in early July, we discussed what it takes to be a leader and worked to sharpen our leadership skills. We also heard from a number of dignitaries that came to speak about their coming to office and what it takes to be a government official. This sort of information was golden for an aspiring politician like me.



Match Director Jay Hunt congratulates Brad, who took the High Junior Competitor Trophy at the 2014 Bayou State High Power Rifle Championships at the Palo Alto Rifle & Pistol Club near Donaldsonville, LA.

Toward the middle part of July, a tough decision was to be made; to attend the Camp Perry National Matches or the International YHEC Competition. After weeks of careful thought, I chose to go to Pennsylvania for YHEC. This was quite a fun and successful week for the Louisiana team. The Bayou Bandits Senior Gold team brought home first place Overall Team and the Individual Junior Champion and Individual Senior Champion, Will Powell and Doyle Donaldson, respectively. I came out with fourth Overall Individual; I was just a hair from making the top three.

Finally, my last big trip came at the end of July and was named the National Shooting Sports Ambassador Training. Twenty-eight delegates, including myself, from around the country converged at the Montana State University campus to refine our leadership skills, make a plan to advertise the 4H Shooting Sports programs to everyone within delegates' respective states, and discuss ways to grow each State's ambassador program. Louisiana's shooting sports ambassador program is second to none in the country and this is because of all of the hard work and dedication that the Shooting Sports Coordinator, Mr. David Boldt, puts in for the youth. This became the perfect opportunity to discuss the intricate operation that we run and how other states can make their Committee as successful. The Ambassadors' job is to reach out within the community to not only promote the shooting sports program but to teach safety, proper firearm handling, and leadership throughout the community. Louisiana hopes to see successful programs arise because of our help.



Louisiana was well represented at the 2014 Youth Hunter Education Challenge National Matches in Pennsylvania. Pictured are (standing left to right) Brad and Emily Fulton. Seated are Doyle Donaldson, Conner Chaisson, and Jordan Palmisano.



Brad with several of his awards from YHEC, including 1st Place in Wildlife Identification and Senior Team International Champion

This summer was very eventful and somewhat stressful at times; however, I learned so many important leadership skills as well as practiced refining other important character traits. This summer will never be forgotten and will definitely be the best two months out of school to date. Louisiana has so many opportunities for youth interested in the outdoors; I hope that others take interest in the activities that I participated in and strive to learn as much as possible, making their time worthwhile. Louisiana is "***Paradise!***"



Brad was joined by fellow Louisianan Teens Austin Terrell and Jessie Jenkins at the National Shooting Sports Ambassador Training at Montana State University.



**2014 "YHEC" International Competition
Mansfield, PA - July 21 – July 25**

**Congratulations to ALL of our LA Bayou Bandit Teams for a job well done
and representing Louisiana Very Well!!**

LA Bayou Bandits "Senior" Gold Team

Conner Chaisson
Doyle Donaldson, II
Emily Fulton
Jordan Palmisano
Brad Petras
Coach Doyle Donaldson, I

LA Bayou Bandits "Senior" Silver Team

Christopher Becnel
Matthew Braud
Ian Duplantis
Brennan Lirette
Austin Pace
Coach Frank Braud

LA Bayou Bandits "Junior" Gold Team

Jason Danos
Justin Guillory
Blake Johnson
Jay Madden
William Powell
Coach Chris Powell

LA Bayou Bandits "Junior" Silver Team

Rory John Bergeron
Lacey Bonvillain
Adam Hubbell
Kyle Landry
Adrienne Talbot
Coach Rory Bergeron

Competition Results...

Overall Aggregate International Champs

1st Place "Senior" Individual International Champ... Doyle Donaldson (2042)
1st Place "Junior" Individual International Champ... William Powell (1812)
1st Place "Senior" Team International Champs... Senior Gold Team: Conner Chaisson, Doyle Donaldson, Emily Fulton, Jordan Palmisano, & Brad Petras (9183)

"Senior" Individual

Shotgun – **2nd Place Ian Duplantis** (260 – tie for first), **3rd Place Doyle Donaldson** (250)
Rifle – **1st Place Doyle Donaldson** (perfect score of 300)
Hunter Responsibility Test – **1st Place Doyle Donaldson** (280)
Safety Trail – **1st Place Ian Duplantis** (270)
Wildlife I.D. – **1st Place Brad Petras** (280)

"Senior" Team

Muzzleloader – **Senior Gold team – 3rd place** (1165)
Shotgun – **Senior Gold team – 1st place** (1030)
Rifle – **Senior Gold team – 1st place** (1340)
Hunter Responsibility Test – **Senior Gold team - 3rd place** (1235)
Safety Trail – **Senior Gold team - 2nd place** (1162)
Wildlife I.D. – **Senior Gold team - 2nd place** (1190)

"Junior" Individual

Muzzleloader – **Jay Madden – 3rd place** (240)
Shotgun – **William Powell – 1st place** (230)
Hunter Responsibility Test – **William Powell – 1st place** (255)
Orienteering – **William Powell – 1st place** (190)
Wildlife I.D. – **William Powell – 3rd place** (240)

"Junior" Team

Shotgun – **Junior Gold – 1st place** (930)
Safety Trail – **Junior Gold – 3rd place** (1038)

Tangi-Top-Shots at the National Championship

By
Lou Cundiff

The Tangi-Top-Shots in Amite, LA and surrounding areas competed in the 2014 USA Shooting Progressive Position Pistol National Championship at Ft. Benning, GA July 25-27. I am honored to announce that the Tangi Top Shots Club was awarded the GOLD MEDAL as National Champions in Basic Support. Congratulations go to Nick Guarneri, Irma Hyde, and Peyton Perry. Nick took the Silver Medal as an individual Basic Support shooter.

Bobby Brignac, Cade Jenkins, and Sam Perise, shooting for our Mixed Team, won the Team Silver Medal. Aidan Perry took 7th place shooting as an individual in the Standing Support class.

Our International one-handed standing team, composed of Josh Husser, Jessie Jenkins, and Julia Lavergne, won the Bronze Medal. Both Josh and Jessie were awarded positions in the Finals. Josh took 7th place in the Men's finals and placed 4th as an individual in the Men's International event---only 2 points away from taking the Bronze Medal. Jessie won the Women's final and wears the Bronze Medal as an individual in the Women's International class.

I am truly proud to have had the opportunity of coaching these committed athletes and because they are so dedicated and teachable I am certain they will excel in the future.



2014 PPP National Champion Basic Support Team (left to right) Payton Perry (10 years old), Nick Guarneri (10 year old), Coach Lou Cundiff, and Irma Hyde (10 years old)



Tangi-Top-Shots Mixed Team (left to right) Cade Jenkins (13 years old), Bobby Brignac (16 years old), Coach Lou, and Sam Perise (12 years old)



Tangi-Top-Shots International Standing Team (left to right) Josh Husser (17 years old), Julia Lavergne (13 years old), Coach Lou, and Jessie Jenkins (16 years old)

The LSA and NRA ILA Honor State Representative Cameron Henry and State Senator Rick Ward

On Monday, July 28, the LSA and the NRA Institute for Legislative Action (ILA) hosted a dinner in honor of State Representative Cameron Henry (Republican District 82). Rep. Henry supported House Bill 186, which allows for sportsmen to use lawfully-owned firearms and suppressors while hunting game in Louisiana. On Tuesday, July 29, the LSA and the NRA ILA hosted a dinner in honor of State Senator Rick Ward (Republican, District 17). Sen. Ward supported Senate Bill 212, which also allows for

sportsmen to use lawfully-owned firearms and suppressors while hunting game in Louisiana. Gov. Bobby Jindal signed the bill into law. The legislation received overwhelming support in both the state Senate and House of Representatives. No Senator voted against the measure. Only 15 House members opposed it when it came up for a vote.

Both dinners, were attended by NRA representatives, LSA officers and directors, and industry leaders from the American Suppressor Association, Lipsey's, Big Boy Armament, Red Jacket Firearms, and Precision Firearms.

The US is far behind the rest of the world when it comes to using suppressors when hunting game. There is a misconception, mainly propagated by Hollywood, that

suppressed firearms are silent. In reality, the sound produced by a suppressed firearm brings noise down to a level that is safer for hearing protection. According to OSHA, the threshold for a hearing safe impulse noise is 140 dB. Without hearing protection, exposure to any impulse noise over 140dB causes varying degrees of permanent noise induced hearing loss, which can also lead to tinnitus. Most well

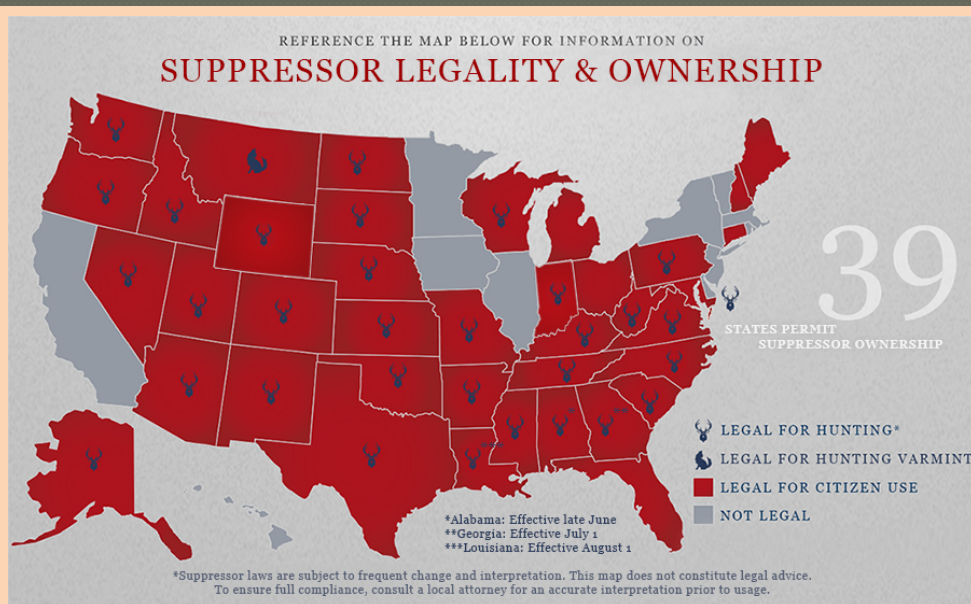


Pictured from left to right are LSA Treasurer Jay Hunt, Rep. Henry, LSA President Dan Zelenka, and LSA Director Dan Plunkett



Pictured from left to right are LSA Director Paul Angrisano, Sen. Ward, LSA Director John Laws, and LSA Lobbyist and owner of Precision Firearms Wade Duty.

no unfair advantage and game animals are not taken at a higher rate in the 32 states that allow the hunting of game with a suppressed firearm. In all, 39 states trust their citizens to own suppressors. Sound suppressing devices were added to the list of firearms controlled under the National Firearms Act (NFA) of 1934 at the height of the U.S. Depression. Suppressors were added to the NFA list not because of concerns of criminal murder, as widely believed and propagated by the misinformed press, but because US Wildlife officials were concerned that the devices would be used by starving citizens unable to obtain work in the depressed economy to poach wildlife to feed their families.



Source: The American Suppressor Association
<http://americansuppressorassociation.com/education/>

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2014 NRA Conventional Pistol Regional Championship

Regional Championship

For the first time in 20 years, an NRA Conventional Pistol Regional Championship was held in Louisiana at the Holmwood range of the Southwest Rifle and Pistol Club on June 14-15, 2014. Paul Sklar of Natchitoches, LA won the .22 rim fire match firing a 869-34X. Chris Guerrero of Lake Charles was second with a 840-25X. Chip Swearingen of Houston, TX won the Expert class with an 812-15X, and Rob Hanson of Arcadia, LA won the Sharpshooter class with an 815-18X. Finally, Bryan Alexander of Sulphur, LA took the Marksman class with a 749-7X.

In the Center Fire pistol match, once again Paul Sklar took first place with an 832-30X. Sharpshooter Rob Hanson using his new .32 caliber Pardini was second firing a very nice 817-16X. The Master class was won by Chris Guerrero with an 811-21X, the Expert class by Chip Swearingen (804-14X) the Sharpshooter class by Mike Bumpus of Scott , LA with a 776-12X fired using open sights, and the Marksman class was won by Walt Haley of Nederland, TX with a 708-3X.

In the .45 ACP match, again Paul Sklar won the match with a 868-23X. Second place went to Greg Hare of Swartz, LA who fired an 825-14X. Chris Guerrero won the Master class (821-20X), Ronnie Touchet from Port Allen, LA won the Expert class (797-19X), Rob Hanson took the Sharpshooter class (817-16X), and Bryan Alexander won the Marksman class (706-6X).

Medal	Winner	Aggregate Score
Gold, Regional Champion	Paul Sklar	2547-87X
Silver	Chris Guerrero	2472-66X
Bronze	Greg Hare	2467-45X



Regional Champion Paul Sklar of Natchitoches, LA (center) is flanked by Silver Medalist Chris Guerrero of Lake Charles, LA (left) and Bronze Medalist Greg Hare of Swartz, LA (right).

Two-Person Team Match

Team Name	Firing Members	Aggregate Score
R&R	Rob Hanson and Ronnie Touchet	1644-35
Louisiana Dynamic Duo	Mike Bumpus and Greg Hare	1576-28
Shome 10x	Chris Guerrero and Skiip Blanchard	1554-27
Texas Duo	Linda Libasci and Chip Swearingen	1541-22
Louisiana Lightning	Paul Sklar and Bryan Alexander	1514-29
Dos Amigos	Walt Haley and David Powell	744-03

CMP Excellence-in-Competition Match

Along with the Regional Championship, a Civilian Marksmanship Program Excellence-in-Competition “leg “ Match was also fired. In this type of match, all shooters compete at the same level without the benefit of classes or sighting shots. For those members not familiar with the CMP Excellence-in-Competition Match, these matches are the competition for points toward earning a Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge. Excellence-in-Competition Matches are also known as “leg” matches because the top 10% of the shooters are awarded points (“legs”) on the road to becoming a Distinguished Pistol Shot. To become a Distinguished Pistol Shot, one must accumulate 30 points in Excellence-in-Competition matches. Earning the badge or “going distinguished” has a long history and is one of most coveted awards in Service Pistol competition. If you would like to learn more about Excellence-in-Competition matches or the Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge, information is available at <http://odcmp.com/Competitions/DistinguishedBadges.htm>.



At this match Chip Swearingen “legged out” winning the Gold medal and the 6-point leg with a 258-6X. “Legging out” is shooting slang for finally earning the 30 points necessary to earn the Distinguish Pistol Shot medal. Congratulations! The Silver medal went to Mike Bumpus who fired a 256-3X, and the Bronze medal went to distinguished shooter Greg Hare with a 252-2X. The Distinguished Revolver was won by Chris Guerrero who fired a 264-5X.

Louisiana State Smallbore Rifle Silhouette Championship

32 shooters attended this year's Louisiana State Smallbore Rifle Silhouette Championship at the Ascension Parish Sheriff's Department range. The weather on Saturday was stormy most of the day with some breaks in the rain, and Sunday was hot and humid just like it usually is this time of year in South Louisiana. The winds were all over the place from dead calm at times to gusting to 15-20mph. It was the luck of the draw to when you were on the line as to what the weather was doing on Saturday.

The match consisted of two 40 shot matches for each Rifle in the event for a best of 80 aggregate for each rifle. Standard Rifle was shot on Saturday and Hunter Rifle was shot on Sunday. There was also a 40 shot Open sight fun match on Saturday evening. We broke for lunch between the two matches on Saturday to enjoy a great jambalaya prepared on site by our own Jerry Tureau. I have had a lot of Jerry's jambalayas and this one was up to his usual excellent standards. Our own Dustin Flint of Baton Rouge put up 35/40 in the morning match and 37/40 in the afternoon match to win the aggregate and be crowned the Louisiana Standard Rifle State Champion with a 72/80 ahead of Elisabeth Steiger of Texas with a 71/80 and Bill Motl of Texas with a 69/80. In the first ever open sight silhouette State Championship, Dustin Flint also won that match with a 26/40 besting Nicholas Steiger of Texas with a 25/40.



Grand Aggregate winner Dustin Flint (left) is presented the Dan Healey Grand Aggregate trophy by match director Eric Harper.

On Sunday, Bill Motl took the aggregate and Louisiana State Hunter Rifle Champion title with a 72/80. Elisabeth Steiger of Texas and Dustin Flint both were just behind Bill with a 69/80 and Elisabeth edged out Dustin in a shoot off to take 1st Master. The Dan Healey Grand Aggregate award, which was for the combined aggregate for both the standard and hunter matches, ended up being won by Dustin Flint in a best of 5 shoot off against Bill Motl of Texas who has won the Grand Aggregate award on two previous occasions in 2011 and 2012. Elisabeth Steiger of Texas won it in 2013. Congratulations to Dustin on a great victory. Match Director Eric Harper of New Orleans did an excellent job running the match with a lot of help from the local EASL silhouette shooters. Sunday's lunch of red beans, rice and sausage between the matches was prepared by Mrs. Wayne Wands of Metairie and was excellent and appreciated by all.

Standard Rifle Aggregate:

Kevin Flint – 1st B Class
Leighton Dempster – 1st AA Class
Dewey Stewart – 2nd AA Class
Jacie Kennison – 1st AAA Class
Gary Kunzli – 2nd AAA Class

Hunter Rifle Aggregate:

Kevin Flint – 2nd B Class
Leighton Dempster – 1st A Class
Dewey Stewart – 1st AA Class
Doug Singer – 2nd AA Class
Jacie Kennison - 1st AAA class

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