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## Gearing Up for 2009

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As most of you are fully aware, we have a new fulfillment distributor. Your training materials now come from SureShip, located just outside Washington D.C. in Maryland. How did we get there? Without warning, on Friday afternoon, March 14, 2008, our old fulfillment distribution center (AB&C) closed its doors. NRA was able to locate a new center, move our materials to a safe location under NRA control, then ship it all to the new warehouse (19 tractor-trailer loads in excess of two million pieces), while our Information Services Division established our on-line store in the new facility and our telecommunications office established a new call center to handle phone orders. In the interim, while this was taking place, we moved many of our fastest moving Training materials into corridors in the Training Department. John Howard ran a temporary distribution center to keep instructors supplied with the most essential items needed to conduct training with emphasis on Pistol and Personal Protection In and Outside The Home to support Right-to-Carry. At the same time we had to support TC Workshops, the shooting sports sections of BSA's National Camp Schools; Rifle, Pistol, and Shotgun Coach schools; Intermediate Pistol and Rifle Junior Camps; and Advanced Rifle and Shotgun Junior Camps. It was a rather hectic three months, but we made it. We truly appreciate the patience of the Instructors and Coaches who struggled through these months with us

and conducted their training. Certainly there have been growing pains at SureShip, but the "bugs" have been pretty much worked out and orders seem to be moving smoothly.

*[Late breaking news: many instructors are each ordering several thousand dollars of student packets since the first of the year.]*

A caution; please allow three to four weeks for delivery, as in the past. Yes, SureShip seems to be turning orders around expeditiously, but slip-ups occur. Give yourself time to catch any error and recover.

Also of note is the new shipping table. Plan ahead. Expedited shipping costs don't add up, they multiply. Budget your courses accordingly; these are pass-through costs. We are working to refine these charges, and go to automated "actual shipping" costs.

With the transition to a new fulfillment warehouse come new procedures. Effective 15 February 2009, mail orders can no longer be processed. All orders must be placed online at (<http://materials.nrahq.org/go/home.aspx>), or by phone at 1-800-336-7402. NRA is no longer able to handle "charge" accounts for TCs, clubs, or agencies using Purchase Orders; credit cards only.

The 2009 Trainer's Catalog is included with this newsletter. There have been a few price increases and they have already been included in the on-line store.

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## Gearing Up for 2009

More states are requiring that their sales taxes be collected on these sales, some taxes vary based on the location or city within the state. SureShip has that all accounted for in its system.

In the meantime several projects are in process or in planning. An updated Training Counselor Guide is scheduled to be released in early 2009. It is being converted to electronic format and will be much cleaner than the "quick print" version we have had since the mid-90s. Outdated policies will be eliminated. A CD will be included with PowerPoint charts for each lesson, except the muzzleloading lessons.

*The Trainer's Guide*, revised in March 2008, has some further policy and procedure classifications ([http://www.nrahq.org/education/training/trainers\\_guide\\_updates\\_3-08.pdf](http://www.nrahq.org/education/training/trainers_guide_updates_3-08.pdf)) and addition of the *NRA Trainer's Ethics Guide* ([http://www.nrahq.org/education/training/trainer\\_ethics\\_guide.pdf](http://www.nrahq.org/education/training/trainer_ethics_guide.pdf)). The documents are avail-

able for downloading from our website.

Also new on the NRA Training website are brief descriptions of each of our basic courses describing what students will learn in each course, and the date of the current lesson plans.

One last thought; firearms and the shooting sports are coming under close scrutiny. We cannot afford any negative publicity. So, please be sure to follow the lesson plans, conduct all the classroom training exercises thoroughly, followed by meaningful range exercises—shoot groups, move them to center of the target, work with students to bring the shotgun to the face, teach why they shoot over or under a bird. Everyone's time is precious, but so are the shooting sports. Help us maintain the National Standard.

Thanks for all you do for the sport.

—Mitch

# TRAINER'S QUIZ

1. How do I renew my credentials online?
2. What courses may an NRA instructor home validate?
3. How do I obtain the materials to home validate for Range Safety Officer and the reloading disciplines?
4. TRUE or FALSE  
Raising the head when shooting a shotgun for clay targets will likely cause the shot column to miss the target low.
5. TRUE or FALSE  
The instructor's attitude toward handling firearms is important when teaching beginners.

The answers to these frequently asked questions can be found on page 16.

## A Volunteer's Dream Job

Just imagine sharing your expertise while on 33,000 acres of western mountain terrain in the scenic high mesa country of New Mexico. Where the elk and antelope roam and the skies are so wide you can almost see back in time. It's truly a volunteer's dream job and it all happens at the NRA Whittington Center in Raton, New Mexico, the most comprehensive shooting center in the nation.

NRA Women's Programs Department is seeking volunteer event staff who are able to support the 2009 NRA Women's Wilderness Escape from September 21 through October 5. Some of the openings available require NRA (or governing body) instructor certification, but others do not.



Currently we have openings for instructors familiar with long range high power shooting, firearm and archery coaches and support staff (transportation, communication, administration).

Just let us hear from you and we'll do our best to place you in your selected area(s) of expertise or interest.

To receive an event staff information packet, call 703-267-1378. For more information about any of these Women's Programs call today at (800) 861-1166!

## Hunters' Rights

NRA's website, [www.nrahuntersrights.org](http://www.nrahuntersrights.org), launched in November 2007, continues to be a valuable source of information on escalating threats to hunting, and on what NRA is doing to combat those threats. NRA is actively working at every level of government to defend our freedom to hunt.

The site also presents information on new opportunities of benefit to hunters—expanded seasons and bag limits, training seminars and workshops conducted by state agencies, special youth hunts, shooting clinics, etc.

**John Robbins**

*Managing Editor, Hunting Communications*

NRA hunting-related program information is also readily available on the site, on topics such as the Youth Hunter Education Challenge, NRA's Liability Landowner Release form, the Great American Hunter's Tour, Women On Target hunt schedules, etc.

Hunter education instructors will find [www.nrahuntersrights.org](http://www.nrahuntersrights.org) an ideal place to visit for any information that affects hunters' rights and hunting opportunities.

### Some of the Priority Battles Underway Include

- Expanding the amount of private land open to public hunting through "Open Fields" programs.
- Ensuring that at least current levels of state public hunting land are maintained, through passage of "No Net Loss" laws.
- Increased access for hunters to federal lands administered by the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Land Management.
- Restricted use or elimination of lead ammunition.
- Opposing well-organized, well-financed anti-hunting groups.
- Reducing red tape and restrictive, unnecessary hunting regulations.
- Creating more informal shooting ranges where hunters can sight-in, practice marksmanship, test, equipment, and help others learn to shoot.



## ATTENTION TRAINING COUNSELORS: Become a Refuse To Be A Victim® Regional Counselor with a Home Validation Course

**N**RA Training Counselors may now add the Refuse To Be A Victim® (RTBAV) Regional Counselor rating to their credentials through home validation. Certified Refuse To Be A Victim® Regional Counselors are equivalent to an NRA appointed Training Counselor. A Regional Counselor may train RTBAV Instructors. RTBAV Instructors are qualified by Regional Counselors to teach Refuse To Be A Victim® Seminars to the public.

An updated trainer's certificate and wallet ID card with your new RTBAV Regional Counselor rating will be sent to you as soon as the application is processed. Please allow approximately 5-6 weeks for processing. If you have any questions, please call 800-861-1166.



### ***How to Add the Regional Counselor Rating to Your Credentials:***

1. Order the Refuse To Be A Victim® Regional Counselor Manual, item PS 14944, from the NRA Program Materials Center, online at <http://materials.nrahq.org>. If you are not a current RTBAV instructor, you must also order a RTBAV Instructor Development Workshop Kit, item PS14958. The IDW kit contains the RTBAV Instructor Manual, Instructor Promotion Kit, Promotional DVD, Directional Signs, Lapel Pin and one sample Seminar Student Packet. The student packet contains the RTBAV Student's Handbook, Student's Handbook Firearm Supplement, Seminar Participation Certificate, RTBAV program brochure and Become an Instructor Brochure.

2. Read the complete RTBAV Regional Counselor Manual. Keep in mind that you are not participating in the standard training course. Because of your status as a trained NRA appointed Training Counselor, your requirements have been modified.

3. Complete the Regional Counselor Application (references are waived), Regional Counselor Agreement, and Regional Counselor Candidate Quiz.

4. Enclose a check payable to NRA for your Regional Counselor certification fee. The Regional Counselor fee for NRA members is \$20; non-members \$30.

*Mail the following as a complete package:*

- 1) Regional Counselor Application
- 2) Regional Counselor Candidate Quiz
- 3) Regional Counselor Agreement
- 4) Note with the date/location of your most recent RTBAV Seminar
- 5) Regional Counselor Fee

**To: NRA/Refuse To Be A Victim®  
11250 Waples Mill Road  
Fairfax, VA 22030**

5. Since a Refuse To Be A Victim® Seminar is part of the Instructor Development Workshop that you will be teaching, home validating Regional Counselor candidates must successfully register, teach, and close one Seminar (with a minimum of 6 attendees) to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the program and the administrative procedures they will be teaching RTBAV instructors. The Seminar requirement will be waived for any Regional Counselor candidate who has successfully registered and taught one or more RTBAV Seminars within the last year.

## New Book Covers Air Rifle Fundamentals

Olympic gold medalist Launi Meili has written the most up-to-date resource dedicated solely to competitive rifle shooting. In *Rifle: Steps to Success*, (Human Kinetics, December 2008) Meili gives comprehensive coverage to key topics appropriate for beginners as well as individuals wanting to enhance their abilities.

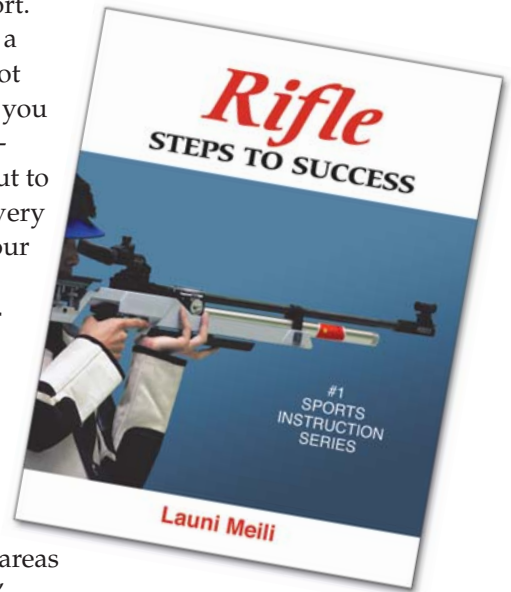
Meili, now the head coach of the United States Air Force Academy NCAA rifle team, underscores the opportunities air rifle affords. "You get out of it what you are willing to put into it," she comments. "If you have a safe range space and backstop, you can shoot in your own backyard, or you can explore the world by participating in international competition."

*Rifle: Steps to Success* can prepare readers for any aspect of sporter and three-position air rifle competition. From safety and equipment to competitive preparation, performance, and mental strategy, the book has information to prepare shooters for accuracy in the prone, standing, kneeling, and sitting positions. With complete practice, prematch, and competitive routines, *Rifle: Steps to Success* will give readers the confidence and skills they need in order to

grow within the sport.

"You experience a thrill when you shoot well and know that you accomplished something that you set out to do," adds Meili. "Every time you pick up your rifle, you challenge yourself to be better than you were before. Through this you can build self-confidence, which lends itself to trusting and believing in yourself in other areas of your life as well."

For more information on *Rifle: Steps to Success*, visit [www.HumanKinetics.com](http://www.HumanKinetics.com).



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## BLACKHAWK! and NRA Launch Instructor Discount Program and Endowment

BLACKHAWK! Products Group and the NRA have worked together to provide all NRA Instructors with high quality equipment for training and teaching at a discounted price, while at the same time generating an ongoing endowment for both the Education and Training and Law Enforcement Activity Divisions.

As one of the premier manufacturers of military, law enforcement and shooting sports gear, We at BLACKHAWK! have always seen our responsibility to support our customers very clearly. One of the ways that BLACKHAWK! has done this is to provide the NRA Law Enforcement Activity Division with gear for the LEAD training staff to support their efforts to train the men and women of America's law enforcement agencies.

In addition to our recent pledge of \$100,000 to the Law Enforcement Activity Division, we are stepping up again to support the work of the NRA in a much broader way.

Both the Education & Training Division and the LE Activity Division will be sending information out to their instructors with a discount code and instructions on how to buy BLACKHAWK! gear at a 25% discount off of the retail price. At the end of each fiscal quarter, BLACKHAWK! will send a check to each division for 15% of the sales generated by this program.

This ongoing endowment for each division will help fund the important work being done by the NRA in firearms safety, personal protection and law enforcement training.

*NRA Certified Instructors enter the code NRAET25 when placing an order to receive your discount.*

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## Be a 100th Anniversary Jamboree Shooting Sports Volunteer

During July 26 – August 4, 2010, the administration of the shooting sports Merit Badge Midway and the various discipline-specific Action Area ranges (shotgun, air rifle, black powder rifle) will depend heavily on NRA Certified Range Safety Officers (RSO) and Instructors. If you would like to participate and have not yet attained your NRA certifications for RSO or Instructor, do it now! Log on to the following site(s), attend an Instructor or RSO Class during 2008-2009, and submit your name and a copy of your credentials to John Alline, Jamboree Division Di-

rector at [jalline@netbsa.org](mailto:jalline@netbsa.org). (Don't put it off—John's list is already growing.)

To become an NRA instructor visit online at [www.nrahq.org/education/training/instructor.asp](http://www.nrahq.org/education/training/instructor.asp). Non-NRA instructors seeking an RSO certification may also use this site to sign-up for an RSO class. NRA instructors who want to become an RSO through Home Validation, order NRA packet EF 13520 from the NRA Program Materials Center at <http://materials.nrahq.org/go>.

*Official BSA Jamboree Web Site: [www.bsajamboree.org](http://www.bsajamboree.org).*

## Aimpoint Offers Special NRA Trainer Purchase Program

**A**impoint understands the importance of educating and training shooters as the key to the future of the shooting sports. We recognize the dedication and commitment of the NRA Instructors, Training Counselors, and Coaches as the cornerstone of developing a generation of safe, responsible, and qualified shooters.

In recognition of this hard work and dedication, Aimpoint is pleased to present an updated 2008/2009 NRA Instructor Purchase Program in this edition of the NRA Shooting Education Update. From the Micro H-1 sight used by Brian Zins to capture his ninth National Pistol title, to the CompC3 sight used by Vera Koo to capture the 2008 Bianchi Cup women's title, to the CompM4 sight now

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standardized as the US Army, US Air Force, and US Navy's close combat sight, Aimpoint offers high quality red-dot sights for nearly every application. We are proud of our affiliation with the NRA, and look forward to continuing our efforts in supporting the NRA Instructor program.

## NRA Day at the 23rd Annual Country Fair and Auction

### *Held at Joe Gibbs' Youth for Tomorrow Center*

**J**oe Gibbs' Youth for Tomorrow is a center for teenagers at risk, located in the Northern Virginia suburb of Bristow. On October 4th, 2008 the foundation hosted its 23rd Annual Fall Country Fair and Auction, attracting an estimated 6,000 people. NRA's Education & Training Division was asked to participate by running an air gun range during the event. Providing additional entertainment were The NASCAR Experience-Joe Gibbs Racing show cars, Coca-Cola's Coke Zero Racing Experience, and The Best Buys show car. A western themed area with line dancing, a blacksmith shop, pony rides and much more, make this one of the premier fall events in Northern Virginia.

The morning came with a hint of fall in the air, the straw bales were stacked and the air guns filled with CO2 cartridges. The NRA's Youth Programs staff and local volunteers from 4-H's Trigger Time club and Arlington Fairfax Izzak Walton League were on hand to give instruction and help with running the range. The doors opened at 10:00 am and from that moment on the targets never stopped swinging. The air gun range was a big hit, with shooters ranging

from a 4 year old girl assisted by her mother to a grandfather in his seventies enjoying taking aim at the swinging targets.

Each visitor to the air gun range received silver stickers and lapel pins, but the hot item was the NRA publication "Neighborhood Air Gun Program", a booklet detailing how to start a air gun program.

Hundreds of the visitors to the range showed an interest in getting their children involved with a local

club or they wanted to know how to start or build a range for themselves. Hearing the attendee's questions, the NRA is planning on inviting local youth groups such as the 4-H and the Boy Scouts to be on hand to answer any questions or sign them up with their programs.

For a copy of the NRA Neighborhood Air Gun Program booklet please call Claudia Olsen at 703-267-1597 or email [colson@nrahq.org](mailto:colson@nrahq.org).

### *Recipe for Successful Air Gun Event*

*(Serves 24 at a time, recipe maybe reduced)*

75 Bales of straw  
24 Air Gun Spinner targets  
24 Air Rifles  
CO2 Cartridges (optional)  
24 Safety Glasses

12 six foot tables  
24 chairs  
24 gun rests and bean bags  
Plenty of pellets

*Stack straw bales 30 feet from your firing line. Place your tables on the firing line with 2 chairs per table. Where appropriate add CO2 to gun, have pellets at the ready. Stir up some interest, and serve it with passion.*

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## 2008 NRA Certified Instructors Program



### Red Dot Sights

<u>Part #</u>	<u>Description</u>		<b>Retail</b>	<b>Instructor</b>
10336	CompM2, 4MOA		\$ 510.00	\$ 382.50
11830	Micro T-1, 4 MOA	_____	\$ 650.00	\$ 487.50
11910	Micro H-1, 4 MOA	_____	\$ 580.00	\$ 435.00
11911	Micro R-1, 4 MOA	_____	\$ 600.00	\$ 450.00
11972	Comp M4, 2 MOA	_____	\$ 780.00	\$ 585.00
12172	CompM4s, 2 MOA	_____	\$ 780.00	\$ 585.00
11421	Comp C3, 2 MOA	_____	\$ 432.00	\$ 324.00
11408	Comp M3, 2 MOA	_____	\$ 578.00	\$ 433.50
11416	Comp ML3, 2 MOA	_____	\$ 519.00	\$ 389.25
11410	9000SC Camo, 4 MOA (Camo rings included)	_____	\$ 422.00	\$ 316.50
11407	9000SC, 4 MOA (rings included)	_____	\$ 400.00	\$ 300.00
11419	9000L, 2 MOA (rings included)	_____	\$ 400.00	\$ 300.00
11324	3X Magnifier	_____	\$ 556.00	\$ 417.00

### Sight and Mount Packages

M68CCO	CompM2 package for flat-top AR-15 Use the same setup as the U.S. Army! <i>Includes 1 of each: CompM2, QRP, Spacer</i>	_____	\$ 630.00	\$ 472.50
T1CMBO	Micro T-1 package for flat-top AR-15 <i>Includes 1 of each: Micro T-1, LaRue mount</i>	_____	\$ 773.00	\$ 579.75

### Mounting Solutions

<u>Part #</u>	<u>Description</u>		<b>Retail</b>	<b>Instructor</b>
11884	QRP - Quick Release Mount, Picatinny	_____	\$ 108.00	\$ 81.00
11465	LaRue Micro T-1 Mount	_____	\$ 123.00	\$ 92.25
11355	TwistMount	_____	\$ 178.00	\$ 133.50
10566	Spacer - Universal	_____	\$ 12.00	\$ 9.00

**Total Purchase\*:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Customer Information

Instructor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Instructor ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt#: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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ATTN: NRA INSTRUCTOR PROGRAM  
14103 Mariah Ct.  
Chantilly, VA 20151

Or Fax to: 703-263-9463 Or Email to: sales@aimpoint.com

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\*\* Maximum quantity of 2 sights (total) per calendar year



Hunting is not always about the hunt, but more about the experience and what you learn from that experience. Each hunting trip I take, I watch, and listen because you never know what you may learn and be able to share. I take these moments and try to use them each time I'm afield. My dad was the same way. Our trips are bonding times, and each trip, he taught me something new. It was after 20 years, that I was able to teach him something, thanks to the Women On Target® hunting program.

When I was 10, Dad took me hunting for the first time. I had always wanted to go, but he insisted I was too young. It was during our annual camping trip, he announced I was old enough to understand the sport of hunting, and that I could go with him the next morning. That morning was so special because I was sharing his passion with him. This was just the beginning of the learning process for me, one I am continuing to develop.

On opening day, two years ago, we walked into the Pennsylvania woods around 6:15 AM. We set up in the cornfields and listened to the chorus of gobblers and hens. Our hearts raced, and our smiles were wide. It was about then, we realized they were on the other side of the creek. We sat, we waited, we called, and nothing. We left our set-up about 9 o'clock and went across the creek, hoping our chances would increase. As soon as we parked the truck, we heard a gobble. We looked at each other, and we ran to the edge of the field. I knew this was it. We set the decoy out, and I made a call. The tom gobbled right back. I waited a few minutes, and called. Once again, he gobbled right back. My dad's gun was raised, and I could feel my heart in my throat. Just as we thought we'd see that bright white and red head, we heard dogs instead of a gobble.



Our gobbler must have gone right in front of a pack of hounds. My dad looked at me, and I looked at him. I made another call, nothing. We sat for 30 more minutes, nothing. We tucked our tails and looked at the clock. It was Noon and our stomachs were growling.

After our trip, we had our lunch planned, first a small Matucci's pizza in Mt. Carmel, PA (a place my grandfather took him after his high school football games), and then to Shamokin, PA for six (not yet famous) Coney Island hamburgers. We talked of how things would be different, and looked forward to the next time, a father and daughter would share a hunt together.

It was because of the NRA's Women On Target® hunting program that I was able to share that day with him. Over the past two years, I have listened and watched as our skilled guides take the hunters into the fields.

During these trips I have tried to learn the artful skill of turkey calling, something I've come to realize, I will never truly master. Our outfitters work with our hunters, so when the ladies leave the hunting trip, they have learned the skills necessary to become successful in the field. Our outfitters want to share their knowledge and passion with new or experienced women hunters. After a lady attends one of our hunts, they take their skills home, and share them with their loved ones.

Visit [www.nrahq.org/women/hunting/excursions.asp](http://www.nrahq.org/women/hunting/excursions.asp) or call (800) 861-1166 to find the perfect hunting opportunity for that special lady in your life. When she comes home, she'll share her stories with you and share your passion. And the next time, she may want to join you, or may even have confidence to try it on her own or maybe, she'll even take you on your first time hunt. Just wait until you see her smile when she harvests her first game. It's pretty amazing.

### ATTENTION! NRA Appointed Training Counselors

Upon completion of your instructor training courses, Training Counselors should collect the applications and fees from the candidates, sign them and attach to a completed Instructor Training Report Form. It is the Training Counselor's responsibility to submit the instructor application to the NRA Training Department, along with the applications and appropriate certification fee within ten days of completing the instructor training course. It is extremely important to submit the Instructor Training Report Form with the applications, as they will not be processed until the report is received. Training Counselors must give the candidate an NRA Instructor Course Completion Card upon completion of the course.



## NRA Honors Four Women for Contributions to Second Amendment and Shooting Sports

The National Rifle Association has honored four women for their exceptional contributions to the preservation of the Second Amendment and the shooting sports through education, advocacy, volunteerism, and legislative activism in support of the goals of the NRA.

Named for the first female president of the NRA, the Marion P. Hammer Woman of Distinction Award recognizes the achievements of women who have worked at the local, state, or regional levels to promote the shooting sports and defend the Second Amendment.

2008 honors were presented to: Linda Hill of Pueblo West, Colorado; Cathy Lynch of Renton, Washington; Paula Radcliff of Dexter, Kansas; and Patricia Stoneking of Bonner Springs, Kansas.

Linda Hill currently serves as treasurer on the board of directors of the Pueblo Municipal Shooting Range in Colorado. She was instrumental in starting a women's shooting group at the range and also developed a youth shooting program. As an NRA Certified Instructor in multiple disciplines, Linda is involved with numerous training events, including Women On Target® Instructional Shooting Clinics, NRA Basic Pistol classes, NRA Range Safety Officer training, and personal protection seminars. She is also an experienced hunter education instructor, having taught courses in both Alaska and Montana while living in those states. Linda was named one of the top 10 hunter education instructors in the state of Alaska in 1994.

Cathy Lynch has promoted firearm safety and the shooting sports

to thousands of young people and adults through her efforts as a shooting sports director at the Cascade Scout Reservation for the Boy Scouts of America. An NRA Certified Range Safety Officer and Instructor in rifle, shotgun, and muzzleloading firearms, she has served as an instructor at the Boy Scout National Camp School, certifying other shooting sports directors to work in Boy Scout camps around the country. In addition, Cathy is a certified hunter education instructor for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, providing classroom and range instruction in firearm safety, conservation, and sportsmanship.

Paula Radcliff is a member of the Kansas State Rifle Association and served as the group's direct legislative representative when Kansas' concealed carry law was passed in 2006. Her efforts were instrumental in Kansans winning the right to carry concealed firearms for protection.

Paula provided background facts and baseline information to legislative committees that helped create Kansas' current Castle Doctrine law. In addition to her legislative work, Paula is also an original member of the Cowley County Friends of NRA and has been an active volunteer for NRA's Women On Target® and Youth Hunter Education Challenge programs, including hosting

events for both programs on her ranch property.

Patricia Stoneking is active in her home state of Kansas as an instructor and legislative advocate. Patricia is an NRA Certified Instructor in multiple disciplines. She's the owner of Target Master Shooting

Academy in Bonner Springs where she serves as head instructor at The Bullet Hole Shooting Range in Overland Park. She led a grassroots effort to assist in the passage of Kansas' concealed carry law, testifying before the Kansas House of Representatives in favor of the bill and hand-delivering a petition signed by several thousand of the law's supporters to the governor's office. Paula serves on the board of directors of the Kansas State Rifle Association and the Kansas Second Amendment Society.

The Marion P. Hammer Woman of Distinction Award has been presented since 2004. To honor women's contributions in support of the Second Amendment at the national level, the Sybil Ludington Women's Freedom Award, named for a heroine of

the American Revolution, has been awarded since 1995.

Take this opportunity to thank and recognize women in your hometown, club or office. For more information on both awards, or to find out how to

nominate a deserving woman, visit [www.nrahq.org/women/awards.asp](http://www.nrahq.org/women/awards.asp) or call (800) 861-1166.



## Important State Sales Tax Updates

We thank each of you again for your patience and help as we have moved key states into compliance. Our compliance can help NRA reduce interest and penalties and control state audits.

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## National Youth Shooting Sports Ambassador Nominations

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Formerly referred to as the Youth Advisory Board, the NYSSA offers scholarships, introduction to National Shooting Sports celebrities, camaraderie, travel and career opportunities to a representative group of our shooting sports youth from several youth organizations. According to Larry Quandahl, Youth Programs Manager, "We will extend invitations to our remaining cooperative partners after the initial trial year of 2009. In return, we all benefit from the Ambassadors' perspective and their input on making the sport more attractive to youth, growing the sport, and encouraging increased industry support of youth shooting."

If you know of a 16 to 20 year-old who is active in your organization's shooting sports program, feels comfortable in front of an audience and can travel, you are encouraged to contact your shooting sports coordinator.

## Industry Support and Instructor Recognition

The firearms industry is recognizing the impact NRA trainers have on the shooting community. In recognition, Crimson Trace, Aimpoint and Blackhawk have agreed to provide NRA trainers with significant discounts when purchasing their equipment. In turn, they will donate a percentage of the sales proceeds back to the NRA Firearms Training Endowment. This issue includes ordering information for Aimpoint and Crimson Trace. To utilize the Blackhawk discount code, go to [www.blackhawk.com](http://www.blackhawk.com) and enter NRAET25 in the discount code area when ordering.



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## Replacement Course Completion Certificates

Certificates that are ruined or damaged may be replaced for instructors on a one-for-one basis for a \$1.50 service charge each by returning the unusable certificates and payment (make checks or money orders payable to NRA) to the NRA Training Department, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030.

Replacement certificates to accommodate students whose certificates have been lost or destroyed will not be provided by the NRA except as a component of another Student Packet. It is recommended that instructors urge their students to safeguard their course completion certificate and inform them that the cost of a replacement will be \$7.00 (or the current cost of another packet). Only the student's original instructor should issue a replacement certificate.



## Training Schedules

### Women On Target® Instructional Shooting Clinics Schedule

#### February 10, 2009 ♦ Instructional Shooting Clinic (Pistol)

NRA Members' Council Marin County; San Rafael, CA  
Mary Trudell; 415-383-3283; [trudell@pacbell.net](mailto:trudell@pacbell.net)

#### February 23, 2009 ♦ Instructional Shooting Clinic (Pistol)

Oak Harbor Conservation Club; Oak Harbor, OH  
Michelle Woods; 419-797-2715; [jmwoods@cros.net](mailto:jmwoods@cros.net)

#### February 28, 2009 ♦ Instructional Shooting Clinic (Pistol)

Illinois State Rifle Association; Chatsworth, IL  
Lori Shafer; 815-635-3198; [lori@isra.org](mailto:lori@isra.org)

#### March 3, 2009 ♦ Instructional Shooting Clinic (Pistol & Refuse To Be A Victim Seminar)

Ben Avery Shooting Facility; Phoenix, AZ  
Carol Ruh; [hungariandevil2000@yahoo.com](mailto:hungariandevil2000@yahoo.com)

#### March 22, 2009 ♦ Instructional Shooting Clinic (Pistol)

NRA Members' Council Marin County; San Rafael, CA  
Mary Trudell; 415-383-3283; [trudell@pacbell.net](mailto:trudell@pacbell.net)

#### March 23, 2009 ♦ Instructional Shooting Clinic (Pistol)

Oak Harbor Conservation Club; Oak Harbor, OH  
Michelle Woods; 419-797-2715; [jmwoods@cros.net](mailto:jmwoods@cros.net)

#### April 5, 2009 ♦ Instructional Shooting Clinic (Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun)

NRA Members' Council Greater San Diego; Alpine, CA  
Dexter Haight; 706-644-2013; [dexterhaight@cox.net](mailto:dexterhaight@cox.net)

#### April 20, 2009 ♦ Instructional Shooting Clinic (Pistol)

Oak Harbor Conservation Club; Oak Harbor, OH  
Michelle Woods; 419-797-2715; [jmwoods@cros.net](mailto:jmwoods@cros.net)

#### April 25, 2009 ♦ Instructional Shooting Clinic (Shotgun)

Coon Creek Trap & Skeet Club; Lincoln, CA  
Patricia McLelland-Merydith; 530-333-5937; [wot.patricia@yahoo.com](mailto:wot.patricia@yahoo.com)

#### April 28, 2009 ♦ Instructional Shooting Clinic (Pistol)

NRA Members' Council Marin County; San Rafael, CA  
Mary Trudell; 415-383-3283; [trudell@pacbell.net](mailto:trudell@pacbell.net)

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### NRA Training Counselor Workshop Schedule

#### February 14-16 Tallahassee, Florida

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[chucky9@usa.net](mailto:chucky9@usa.net)

#### February 20-22 Conroe, Texas

Ralph Riggs  
972-571-7313  
[Ralph@shootsafe.com](mailto:Ralph@shootsafe.com)

#### March 6-8 Anaheim, California

Kerry Miller  
730-368-0135  
[kerry@teachingclasses.org](mailto:kerry@teachingclasses.org)

#### March 13-15 Charlotte, North Carolina

DeWayne Saunders  
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803-980-4568  
[dewayne@shootingsafe.com](mailto:dewayne@shootingsafe.com)

#### March 27-29 Colchester, Connecticut

George Emanuel  
860-537-5050  
[outfitters1@yahoo.com](mailto:outfitters1@yahoo.com)

#### April 24-26 Cartersville, Georgia

Scott Vandiver  
770-377-1635  
[Guninstructor2@bellsouth.net](mailto:Guninstructor2@bellsouth.net)

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**F**undraising is necessary to keep an FFA chapter thriving, but it doesn't have to be a chore. Raising money should be something that your group (and your community) looks forward to each year. But changing your fundraising approach will require some out-of-the-box thinking.

The Crowley FFA Backers, an FFA alumni chapter in Crowley, Texas, have come up with some innovative ideas to move beyond selling candy, fruit or gift wrap.

Along with organizing a popular chili and bingo night, the group has found great success in raffling off an all-terrain vehicle, provided at a discount by a local dealership.

But its most unusual fundraiser is a sporting clay shoot, which takes place for the third time Feb. 9. The event is held at an outdoor shooting range, where participants shoot clay targets at different stations along the course.

"Supporters get to participate in an event instead of just buying something," says Darryl Geiken, chairman of the shoot.

The day starts with a gun-safety demonstration. Prizes are given away in different categories, and all participants – even first-time shooters – receive a T-shirt.

The bottom line? Last year's event, combined with food sales and

a silent auction the same day, raised about \$5,000 for the organization.

No matter how your chapter decides to raise money, the Crowley FFA Backers offer some fundraising guidelines to keep in mind.

## 1. THINK CREATIVELY.

"If all of your fundraisers are product sales, you will find yourself selling to the same people over and over," says Rick Ivey, president of the Crowley FFA Backers. "Find nontraditional activities that target different people or activities that are not product-based. Determine what people need and want regularly, and develop fundraisers around those items."

For example, pancake breakfasts or chili suppers often succeed because people like to eat. The sporting clay shoot provides a way for families to try something new together while having a fun time – and they're supporting the FFA chapter in the process.

## 2. APPEAL TO EVERYONE.

The sporting clay shoot works well because it appeals to people who might not normally be asked to support FFA.

"The individuals who come to our event would likely be shooting clay targets somewhere anyway,"

Ivey says. "They might as well be shooting to help our organization."

## 3. USE YOUR STRENGTHS.

The clay-shoot idea grew out of Geiken's interest in teaching his 12-year-old son to shoot. He noticed that other groups were hosting charity shoots, and he figured FFA could do the same.

"There are people in every organization who have very specific contacts and abilities that would assist a group in fundraising," Ivey says. "There will be people who can get products below retail price that can be then sold for a profit. There will be people who can save money on printing and supplies. The key is to find these individuals in your organization, and ask them to help."

## 4. REMEMBER THE BASICS.

Be sure to market your event with posters, school announcements, fliers – even an informative website. Also, try not to schedule a sale or event at the same time another organization is attempting to do the same thing, and you'll be off to a great start.

– Rebecca Denton



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## Answers to the Trainer's Quiz

*Take the NRA Trainer's Quiz on Page 2*

1. How do I renew my credentials?

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2. What courses may an NRA instructor home validate?

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3. How do I obtain the materials to home validate for Range Safety Officer and the reloading disciplines?

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4. TRUE or FALSE: Raising the head when shooting a shotgun for clay targets will likely cause the shot column to miss the target low.

*ANSWER:* FALSE

5. TRUE or FALSE: The instructor's attitude toward firearms is important when teaching beginners.

*ANSWER:* TRUE



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