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'Guest' Take Aim Message

I am again filling in writing the regular President's Column for this quarter. Our President has had some health issues the past couple of months and is currently convalescing at home. We wish Jim a speedy and uneventful recovery.

We are saddened to report the passing of long time WWSRPA District 6 Director Ed Nelson. Ed's obituary is later in this newsletter.

Ed was not only a Director with the WWSRPA, he was also active with the NRA and Shooting Sports in general. For many years he shot on the State Pistol Team at the National Matches, Camp Perry, OH. He will be missed as a friend and colleague.

We have been able to fill the spot of District 1 Director. Bill Williams of New Martinsville has stepped up. At our last Board of Directors meeting, in accordance with the Association By-Laws, Bill was appointed District 1 Director and confirmed by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors. Thank you Bill!

Also at that meeting, Past President Gary Bailey volunteered to complete the remaining term of District 6 Director. This was also confirmed by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

However, we still have a vacancy on the Board for the District 5 Director. District 5 includes Berkeley, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral and Morgan counties.

The job of Director is not difficult. It includes attending the Directors Meeting each quarter (just 4 times a year); it's having a basic understanding of what shooting activities are happening at local clubs in your area (you probably already participate in

some of these activities); it's being involved and not just saying 'let someone else do it'.

So, if you are willing and interested in becoming the District 5 Director, please contact one of the officers or current Directors. We need your help!

We are again holding a Raffle for a M1 Garand Rifle. This is the 4th year we have held this raffle and it has been very successful in raising funds for youth shooting programs in the state. Details of the raffle are later in this newsletter.

As a measure of the success of the annual Garand raffle, this year the WWSRPA is able to help 2 different WV Junior shooting groups (The Putnam County Gun Club Junior Rifle Team and the WV Junior Marksmanship Team) attend the NRA Junior Rifle Camp and/or the NRA National Matches. We cannot overstate the importance of this as these young shooters are the future of the shooting sports and maintaining our values. Thank you to all who have bought these raffle tickets!

District 9 Director & Newsletter Editor
David Gruver

4th Annual M1 Garand Raffle and Annual Fundraising Raffle

The 4th Annual M1 Garand Raffle has started. Tickets are 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10. The raffle is for a M1 Garand Rifle directly from the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP). Drawing will be held at the Annual Meeting, March 2018.

To raise money for the WWSRPA general fund, we are raffling off a Kimber Micro 9mm w/ Crimson Trace grips and 2 magazines. Tickets are 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10.

Tickets are available from any Officer or Director. They will also be sold at the WV Hunting and Fishing

Days, Stonewall Jackson SP, 9/24 & 25 and at the Charleston Hunt and Fish Show in January 2018.

District 1 News (Brooke, Hancock, Marshall, Ohio, Tyler, Wetzel)

We have new District 1 Director, Bill Williams, billwilliams2@suddenlink.net, 304-455-5659.

District 2 News (Calhoun, Gilmer, Plesants, Ritchie, Wirt, Wood)

No report

District 3 News (Doddridge, Harrison, Lewis, Marion, Monogalia, Upshur)

No report

District 4 News (Barbour, Preston, Taylor, Tucker)

No report

District 5 News (Berkeley, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral, Morgan)

We need a Director for District 5. If you are willing and interested in becoming the District 5 Director, please contact one of the officers or current Directors. We need your help!

District 6 News (Jackson, Kanawha, Mason, Putnam, Roane, Clay)

Edward M. Nelson, III, 68 years old, passed away on April 16, 2017, at Cleveland Clinic after complications resulting from surgery. He was a resident of Charleston, WV. Edward (Ed) was born in Salem, WV, grew up in Parkersburg, WV, and moved to the Charleston area in 1998. He attended Western Reserve Academy in Ohio, WVU Parkersburg, Vanderbilt University, and WVU School of Pharmacy. He was a pharmacist in Ohio and WV and retained his certifications throughout his retirement. Prior to retiring, he was President of Nelson's Drugs, his family business, located in WV and Ohio. Ed had many interests, but spent the majority of his free time participating in activities that involved competitive shooting and supporting the West Virginia State Rifle and Pistol Association, of which he was District 6 Director. He belonged to the NRA, Fort Harman Rifle Club, Lumberport Rifle and Pistol Club, and various FOPA locations. He eagerly looked forward to his yearly trek to Port Clinton, Ohio, along with fellow members of the West Virginia Pistol team to compete in the National Matches of the Civilian Marksmanship Program. In addition, Ed was a long standing member of the Marietta Shrine Club and the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. Throughout his life, he was a loyal WVU fan and spent many hours watching games, studying the coaches and players, streaming the Mountaineer Sports Network, and visiting the fans' forums. A very important and enjoyable part of Ed's life was the relationship with his friends at Nautilus in Kanawha City, where he was a member for many years.

Some of the happiest times of his life were spent spoiling his grandchildren. He was always willing to let them "break some of the rules." His wisdom and unfailing dedication to his family, made him the person everyone turned to when a problem needed solved. His keen intelligence and unfailing knowledge of so many subjects were a common reference source for everyone around him. His wit and sense of humor could lighten any situation and will be deeply missed.

He was preceded in death by his father, Edward M. Nelson, Jr. and stepmother, Diedre Nelson; and mother, Huldah (Nelson) Rymer, and stepfather, Dr. Ralph Rymer. He is survived by his wife, Linda Runyan Nelson of Charleston; stepson Jason Creech of New York; stepdaughter Shelli (Matthew) Milazzo and grandchildren Leighton, Brooks, and Emerson Milazzo of Florida. Also, surviving are sister Suanne (Tommy) Schweitzer of Ohio; sister Jane (Tom) Weaver and nephew James Weaver of Michigan; sister Deedee (Andy) Hulett, and nieces Maddy, Ava, and nephew Jack Hulett of Illinois; father-in-law James Runyan, sister-in-law Sandy (Charles) Fletcher and nephew Chad Fletcher of Alum Creek.

Donations to pancreatic cancer research may be made in Ed's honor at <https://www.lustgarten.org/donate>.

Online condolences to the family may be sent to the Snodgrass Funeral Home website at www.snodgrassfuneral.com.

District 7 News (Braxton, Fayette, Nicholas, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Randolph, Webster)

No report

District 8 News (Boone, Cabell, Logan, Lincoln, Wayne)

No report

District 9 News (McDowell, Mingo, Raleigh, Wyoming)

The Beckley Gun Club will host the annual Coal Fields Classic GSSF match on August 5th & 6th. They expect upwards of 450 entries in the match. All that is required to shoot in the match is a GLOCK pistol and membership in GSSF (GLOCK Sport Shooting Foundation).

The Beckley Gun Club needs volunteers to help with the match. Volunteers include range officers & squading of stages. Volunteers will receive a GSSF Range Officer Hat and Shirt; a gift from GLOCK for each day worked; lunch each day worked and entry in to a raffle to win a GLOCK certificate good for a GLOCK firearm of your choice. Multiple certificates will be available in the Volunteer Raffle. No experience is necessary, GLOCK will train you. For more information contact Bob Front; frontb@suddenlink.net; 304-573-5982.

District 10 News (Greenbrier, Mercer, Monroe, Summers)

No report

LEGISLATIVE

No report

Brassmasters**Brassmasters' Sponsored Junior Shooter Receives College Scholarship**

Taylor McClain, Brassmasters' sponsored Junior Shooter has been awarded a \$1,000 Civilian Marksmanship Program College Scholarship for the 2017-18 academic year. Taylor began pistol shooting with Brassmasters four years ago and under the watchful eyes of Allen White and Jim Pennington, she continues to post very good scores in NRA Precision Pistol Matches and at most matches surpasses her previous best score. She attended the 2016 NRA National Pistol Championships at Camp Perry, Ohio and was a firing member of a West Virginia Pistol Team. Taylor was the State Marksman Champion at the 2016 Ed Williams Memorial State Precision Pistol Championships.



Ms. McClain graduated from Lewis County High School in June with a 4.0 GPA and has been accepted at Glenville State College for the fall semester. She plans to major in education and minor in English.

The Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) offers \$1,000, one-year scholarship assistance to qualified juniors in order to encourage and reward their outstanding efforts. Based on merit, selected individuals are high school seniors who are currently enrolled in a team or club that is participating in rifle or pistol marksmanship competitions. The CMP seeks applications from high school seniors who currently compete in marksmanship competitions.

CMP Scholarships are one-year awards that may be used to fund any accredited secondary education or vocational program. CMP Scholarships may also be used to pursue a post-secondary education during the upcoming school year.

The scholarships are paid to the scholarship recipient but must be countersigned by the financial aid offices of the college where the student is enrolled. The check may then be used to pay other fees or expenses that are not covered by other awards or grants.

To be eligible for CMP scholarships, juniors must:

- Be a U.S. Citizen.
- Be of good moral character.
- Have achieved a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average.
- Be a graduating high school senior.
- Demonstrate acceptance to a university, college or trade school leading to a diploma or trade certification.
- Demonstrate rifle or pistol marksmanship competition experience.

Annual Mountaineer Regional Strawberry Championships
May 20th & 21st 2017

The weather forecast before the regional was predicting rain for the weekend of the championship. Fortunately, the rain did not materialize and we experienced three days of Bluebird-type shooting weather. 31 Competitors participated in the two-day tournament, which consisted of an NRA 2700 and Distinguished Revolver Leg Match and CMP Service Pistol and .22 Rimfire Leg Matches. Saturday's competition was capped off with a catered dinner and Sunday with the awards ceremony.



Winners were as follow.

Open Winners

Open Gold Regional Medallion Jonathan Shue, North Carolina 2633x123

Open Silver Regional Medallion Wes Fleming, Ohio 2596x100

Open Bronze Regional Medallion Kimberly Hobart Fleming, Ohio 2564x80

Class Winners

Master, Tom Mix, Pennsylvania 2549x87

Expert, Vern Reichenbecher, West Virginia 2508x55

Sharpshooter, Robb Piper, Pennsylvania 2458x51

Marksman, Tom Hemphill, Pennsylvania 1980x13

Aggregate Winners

.22, Jonathan Shue, North Carolina 884x52
Center Fire, Jonathan, Shue, North Carolina 871x35

.45 Jonathan Shue, North Carolina 878x36

.22 All Stages

Taylor McClain 2197x15

Special Awards

High Junior, Nathan Doll, West Virginia

High Lady, Taylor McClain, West Virginia

High Senior, Vern Reichenbecher, West Virginia

High Grand Senior, William Murphy, West Virginia

Team Winners

.22 Team Pennsylvania 1125x37

Tom Mix, Jeff Lloyd Eugene Martin & Robb Piper

Center Fire Team WV Bobcats 1101x28

Vern Reichenbecher, William Murphy, Mark Bentley & Lee Godbey

.45 Team WV Bobcats 1117x28

Vern Reichenbecher, William Murphy, Mark Bentley & Lee Godbey

NRA Distinguished Revolver

Ed Altmeyer, Pennsylvania 274x6

EIC Service Pistol

Mark Bentley (D) West Virginia 266x7

Robb Piper (ND) Pennsylvania 256x2

EIC .22 Rimfire

Ed Altmeyer, (ND) Pennsylvania 278x5

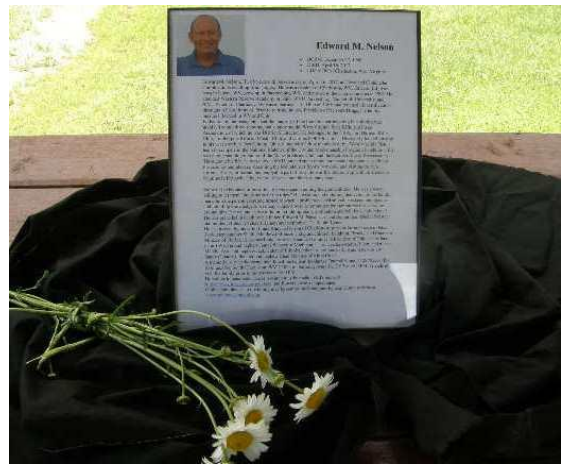
William Murphy, (ND) West Virginia 268x3



Ed Nelson Has Left the Range

The West Virginia shooting community lost a great friend and supporter with the recent passing of Ed Nelson. Brassmasters chose to honor the memory of its member, friend and generous supporter at the 2017 Mountaineer Regional Championships.

Firing Point No. 1 at the Brassmasters' Pistol Range is always reserved for the range record holder at all matches. However, an exception was made to honor Ed. Firing point No. 1 was "reserved for Ed." His photograph and obituary was encircled with black material and Kimberly Hobart Fleming picked fresh daisies at the range and placed a bouquet next to Ed's photograph. Jim Pennington and Vern Reichenbecher spoke about Ed's tireless support of the shooting sports, his love and devotion to family and friends and his leadership. These tributes were followed by a moment of silence in remembrance of many great times spent over the years at pistol matches with Ed.



PCGC Junior Rifle Team Report

West Virginia State Rifle and Pistol Association
NRA WV State Conventional Prone Championship
Results - 25 June 2017

NRA WV State Conventional Prone Championship
Match 24-25 June 2017

Day 1 Metallic Sights Results

Mitchell Nelson-1588-85x PCGC-Expert

Zach Jackson 1571-60x; PCGC Sharpshooter

Drina Kearns 1561-66x; Braxton Sharpshooter

Alex McCallister 1558-64x; PCGC ; Sharpshooter

Adam Holton 1542-39x;PCGC; Marksman

Day 2 Any Sights Results

Zach Jackson 1585-87x; PCGC; Expert

Mitchell Nelson 1584-88x; PCGC; Expert

Adam Holton; 1575-80x; PCGC; Sharpshooter

Drina Kearns; 1561-64x' Braxton; Sharpshooter

Alex McCallister 1559-71x; PCGC; Sharpshooter

Match Result

Mitchell Nelson 3172-173x; PCGC; Expert

Zach Jackson 3156-147x; PCGC; Expert

Drina Kearns 3122-130x; Braxton; Sharpshooter

Alex McCallister 3117-135x; PCGC; Sharpshooter

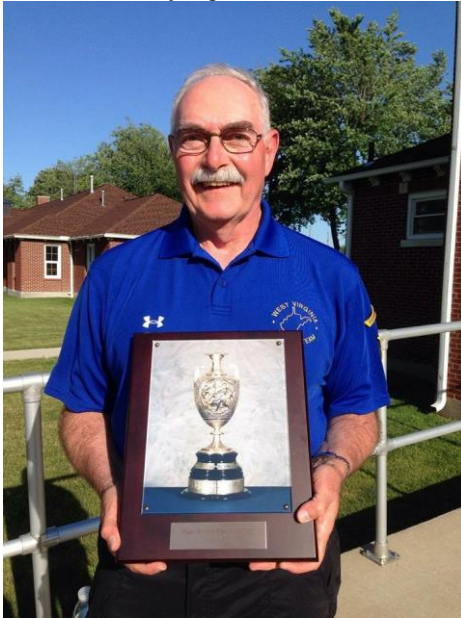
Adam Holton 3117-119x; PCGC; Sharpshooter

2017 WV Smallbore Convention Prone Champion
Mitchell Nelson

CAMP PERRY, OHIO

Vernon Reichenbecher of Huntington, WV, was the top Senior competitor in the National Trophy Pistol Match held in the Civilian Marksmanship Program portion of the National Pistol Matches which took place June 30-July 2, at Camp Perry, Ohio. The National Trophy Match is fired most often with the Service Pistol, either the Model 1911 .45 caliber Service pistol or the Beretta M9 9 millimeter Service pistol, although this year, other pistols are approved for the competition. There were three hundred fifteen competitors from all over the United States in attendance. Reichenbecher's score of 272-6X place him twenty seventh over-all, after the All Army Pistol team members, Marine Corps pistol team members and previous National Champions. Other West Virginia State Pistol

Team members placed well also. Mark Bentley from Barboursville was tenth, William Murphy from Looneyville was fourteenth and Al Talbott from Buckhannon was twenty eighth.



Vern also achieved the President's One Hundred placing within the top one hundred competitors in the President's Pistol Match.

The National Pistol matches will resume on July 10, when the National Rifle Association portion of the matches are held at Camp Perry. Those matches will consist of .22 caliber, center-fire and .45 caliber individual matches and team matches in each caliber. West Virginia is expected to field two teams in those matches.

Contact Information for Our Senators

Write, email, and call Senator Manchin and Capito and ask them to oppose any gun control scheme that would erode our 2nd Amendment right! Keep this contact information by desk and write, email and call every time a new bill is introduced, one call will not end this madness!

Senator Joe Manchin

303 Hart Senate Office Bldg
Washington, DC 20510
Phone: 202-224-3954
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Want contact information about your club in this newsletter? Join WVSRPA and send us your club's name, physical location, contact information, and website.

Roane County Gun Club

301 Tuckers Run Road, Spencer, WV

Salem Rifle and Pistol Club

Benchrest: contact Kenna Williams at 304-782-1766,

Shotgun: contact Nick Pinti at 304-622-6296.

NRA Classes: contact Brian Satterfield at 304-7821872.

Women on Target: contact Lorie Doll at 304-873-3523.

Friday Night Fun Shoots: Art Rohrbough at 304-622-1083 or Jim Nicholson at 304-782-4140.

Doddridge County 4-H: contact Lorie Doll (304)873-3523

Archery Shoots: contact Wade Balis at 304-782-2074.:

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Peeltree, West Virginia

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Buckhannon, WV 26201

304-623-6093

Email: whitehorsecenter@gmail.com

<http://whitehorse.thomassmith.us/index.htm>

Pistol Matches and Clinics

All Pistol Events Sponsored by WV Brassmasters

Contact: Charles Vandegrift, President

www.whitehorsecenter.org then, click on the Brassmasters Tab

email: brassmasters10x@gmail.com

Beckley Gun Club

Website: www.beckleygunclub.com

Email: beckleygunclub@outlook.com

Location: Beckley

Contact: Billye Front @ 304.255.5334

Ft. Boreman Rifle Club

Location: Parkersburg

Contact: 304-485-6972

Lewis Wetzel Rifle & Pistol Club

Location: Wheeling

Contact: fhempelmann@yahoo.com

Lincoln County Jr. Marksmanship Program

Chris Dunlap, Coach

388 Midway Rd.

Alum Creek, WV 25003

(304) 756-2856

Little Kanawha Rifle Club

Location: Located between Mineral Wells and Elizabeth just off of State Rt. 14 on the Camp Barb/Oak Hill Rd.

Contact: J.R. Hill @ 304-422-6131 or wvshooter@hotmail.com

Lumberport Rifle & Pistol Club

Location: Lumberport

Contact: Lee Martin @ 304-592-1313

Mountain State Sportsmens Association

Location: North of Parkersburg

Contact: J.R. Hill @ 304-422-6131 or wvshooter@hotmail.com

Putnam County Gun Club

Location: Eleanor

Contact: Dave Isner @ 304-553-3084

Website: www.putnamcountygunclub.com

Salem Rifle and Pistol Club

Location: Salem

Contact: see "Scheduled Events"

Tuckers Creek Rimfire Rifle Club

Location: near Elizabeth

Contact: J.R. Hill @ 304-422-6131 or wvshooter@hotmail.com

WV Junior Marksmanship Team

Location: Buckhannon

Contact: Mike Moore @ headspace50@aol.com**WVSRPA Officers and Directors**

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Charles Town, WV 25414

Membership Application

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

DOB _____ E-mail Address _____

Are you an NRA Member? *Yes No* If yes, are you an annual or life member? *Annual Life*

Has any of the above information changed since your last renewal? *Yes No New Member*

Membership Dues: \$20/year; \$55/3 years; \$90/5 years; Junior \$10/year (18 & Under)
\$250/Life; \$125/Senior Life (65 & Older);

Club Affiliation Dues: \$25 per year

Make checks or money orders payable to: **WV State Rifle & Pistol Association**

ORDER FORM

for your Official West Virginia State Rifle and Pistol Association T-shirt

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone number & email address in case we need to contact you:

_____ & _____

Shirt size and number of each

Shirt without pocket: ___Medium ___Large ___X-large ___2X

Price: \$15 for M, L, XL; and \$17 for 2X Shipping: \$3.95 per each shirt


Hat w/ logo...\$10 each Quantity _____

Decals: ... \$2.00 each or 3 decals for \$5.00 Quantity _____

Bumper Stickers: ... \$2.50 each Quantity _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ DO NOT SEND CASH

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For more information please visit us at:
www.wvasrpa.org

Thanks to the NRA for a recent grant in which we were able to have full color tri-fold brochures made. If you or your club would like to have some to share with others in your area, please contact us at wvsrpa@gmail.com or write to us at P.O. Box 553, Charles Town, WV 25414 and we will gladly get those in the mail to you. **Help us spread the word about the State Association.**



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