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New Officers & Directors

The MRPA at the 2003 Annual Meeting elected officers and directors. Leo Cebula was elected President, Steve June - First Vice-President, Charles Hayes - Secretary/Treasurer, Thomas Dean - Legislative Vice President, David Goebel - High Power Vice President, Director - Ed Torres, Don Shankland - Smallbore Vice President, Director - Doug Dennis, Ronald J. Zalewski - Pistol Vice President, Director - Joe TeKelly, Gary Dawson - Silhouette Vice President, Director Richard Franke, Tom Monto - Junior Vice President, Glen Duncan - Director, Lew Owen - Black Powder Vice President, John Green - Director, and a new division was formed: Renzo Torman - Vice President Long Range, Mike Ross - Director. These Officers & Directors serve a two year term ending in 2005.

New Address of the Association

The new mailing address of the Association is MRPA, P.O. Box 71, Marshall, MI 49068-0071. Phone 269-781-1223 or 888-655-MRPA

Friends of NRA Banquet

The MRPA is hosting a Friends of the NRA banquet in Saginaw on March 1, 2003. These banquets are designed to raise money for the NRA Foundation with half of the money staying in the state for Michigan projects. For tickets contact: Larry Hayner 2278 Mayfield

Saginaw, MI 48602, Phone 989-792-0093. Tickets start at \$30.00.

Interesting Websites

www.Targetsportatlanta.org
Wolf Creek Shooting Range
senator@levin.senate.gov Carl Levin (D-MI)
www.odcmp.com
Civilian Marksmanship Program.
www.sas-aim.org
Second Amendment Sisters (SAS)
www.pennarifleandpistol.org
Pennsylvania Rifle and Pistol Association
www.nsrpa.org
Nevada Rifle & Pistol Association
www.nealjguns.com
Neal Johnson's Gunsmithing
www.championshooters.com
Champion Shooters Supply
www.nssf.org
National Shooting Sports Foundation
www.usashooting.com
U.S. Olympic Shooting Team
www.uspalma.com
U.S. Palma Shooting Team
www.riflesports.com
Rifle Sports
www.centershot.com
Center Shot Sports
www.plinkguns.com
Plinkington Competition Equipment

www.isra.org
Illinois Rifle & Pistol Association

www.orpa.net
Ohio Rifle & Pistol Association

www.isrpa.org
Indiana Rifle & Pistol Association

Shooter - in - a - Box Program

The MRPA has air rifles, targets, pellets, kneeling rolls, safety glasses and spotting scopes available for low cost lease (one dollar a year) to clubs desiring to start entry level junior rifle shooting programs.

Application procedures are for the club to write a letter to the MRPA requesting assistance in getting a program started. Leases are for a period of one year and are renewable at the discretion of the MRPA co-ordinator. Clubs must meet minimum requirements of being a member of the MRPA (\$20.00), having a Certified NRA Rifle Instructor in charge of the program, and providing annual reports on the status of the program. The number of rifles and equipment provided will depend on the number of participants in the program.

The purpose of the program is to provide low cost entry level shooting to the youth of Michigan.

For further information, contact: Shooter - in - a - Box Coordinator, MRPA, 2401 Louanna Midland, MI 48640.. Telephone 989-631-3079.

Black Powder - Owen

Grayling:
June 26 & 27, 2003
August 21 & 22, 2003
Contact: Lew Owen 4927 Iroquois Blvd.
Clarkston, MI 48348, phone 248-394-1013. or Paul Behe at 586-463-7967

Smallbore - Shankland

Contact: Don Shankland, VP Smallbore Division, 1057 Newport, Ann Arbor, MI 48103, 313-662-7675.

March 8 & 9, 2003 Open Sectional: Waterford

June 21 & 22, 2003 3P Regional, Williamston.

August 16 & 17, 2003 Prone Regional, Williamston

September 14, 2003 Long Range Prone - Williamston

October 26, 2003 3P, Jackson

December 5 - 7, 2003 Doug Greiner 100 Shot Standing, Contact: Mike O'Connor 2700 W. Morrell St. Jackson, MI 49203.

Central Michigan Rifle & Pistol League at Williamston: April 27, May 25, June 15, July 13, August 3, 2003

Contact: Don Knisely 405 Theo Ave. Lansing, MI 48917-2610, Phone: 517-321-5843.

High Power - Goebel

I would like to thank all who came to the annual meeting. The Highpower Committee elected: Dave Goebel - Highpower Vice President (2005); Ed Torres - Highpower Director (2004); Greg Bush - Highpower Committee (2006); Harold Pangilinan - Highpower Committee (2006). The open seat on the committee that was vacated by the election of Charlie Hayes to MRPA Secretary/Treasurer, has been filled by Bob Elka and this term expires in 2005.

IMPORTANT Organization Change:

The new MRPA Long Range Division exclusively handles all 1000 yard matches and Palma matches (800, 900 and 1000 yards) at Camp Grayling. Contact: Renzo Tormen, MRPA Long Range, P.O. Box 535, Hastings, MI 49058-0535. Long Range 2003 match dates are included in this newsletter under the section Long Range.

The Highpower Division will now handle across-the-course Highpower rifle competitions at 600 yards and less. The Highpower Division will also continue to operate the Michigan Civilian Service Rifle teams and Junior Service Rifle teams.

2003 MRPA Highpower Events at Fort Custer:

April 19 - CMP Garand Match

April 26-27 - Governor's Trophy (80 shot Sat.) and 50 shot National Match Course* (Sun.)

May 10-11 - Service Rifle Championship (Sat.) and LEG (Sun.)

May 31-Jun 1 - Boy Scout Charity Match Sat. & 50 shot National Match Course* (Sun.)

June 14-15 - Tri-State Regional Championship, Individual & Team

July 4-5 - CMP EIC LEG on 4th, and State Championship on 5th

Aug 30 - 50 shot National Match Course*

*50 shot NMC Service Rifle matches. Individual awards will be paid each day. These matches are NRA sanctioned and all fired scores count toward classification. Coaching is allowed. New shooters, these are opportunities to be paired with an experienced shooter. These matches are being offered in place of CMP clinics. Participation by a new shooter will qualify him or her for rifle purchases from the CMP, just like a clinic.

Caliber restrictions at Fort Custer:

In 2002 the National Guard Bureau conducted a study of the FCTC ranges.

The findings resulted in caliber restrictions. Rifles allowed at MRPA tournaments are: Any rifle chambered in .223 Remington (5.56mm); M-1, M-1A / M-14 Service Rifle, Caliber 7.62mm (.308 Win) with M-852 duplicate ammunition (168 Grain Sierra match bullet, muzzle velocity of 2550 feet per second) or ball ammunition (any 150 grain bullet @ muzzle velocity of 2700 FPS or less); M-1 Garand rifle, Caliber .30 (.30-06 Springfield) with a 168 grain Sierra match bullet and muzzle velocity of 2650 feet per second, or ball ammunition (any 150 grain bullet @ muzzle velocity of 2700 FPS or less).

The 168 grain match Sierra bullet was designed for 300 meter ISU shooting and has an acceptable terminal range in the M-1 or M-14/M-1A service rifles at the velocities stated above. The .30 Caliber Palma 155 grain bullets of various makes are not authorized, due to a high ballistic coefficient. 150 grain full metal jacket and 150 grain match bullets are authorized in the above rifles, so long as the muzzle velocity is 2700 feet per second or less. Note: in the 2003 Garand Matches, ball ammunition supplied by MRPA will be issued to all competitors.

We are sorry, our hands are tied and there will be no exceptions to this rule. Competitors will not express any complaints with Fort Custer, the National Guard or any other state or military authority on this matter. The sole point of Contact between the MRPA and Fort Custer is the Highpower Division Vice President.

New gate at Fort Custer (map available on website) and FCTC access issues: Due to heightened security at military installations, if you intend to attend any MRPA Highpower event in 2003 you must pre-register or complete the 'Roster Registration Form' on the website. If you fired a match at Fort Custer in 2002, you are on the roster and do not need to register again. Bring photo identification to all Fort Custer events.

Competitors, who are on the MRPA Roster, may come and go on and off post via direct routes, as they please. Those who elect to stay in the MRPA barracks are not free to roam in the range areas or training areas after tournaments have been completed. Competitors need to stay in the cantonment area (at the MRPA assigned barracks) after tournament completion; or go into town. The training areas, UTES, motor pool, Armory and cemetery are off limits to civilians. ATVs and off roading activities are strictly forbidden.

2003 MRPA Adult Highpower Team Information:

The MRPA sponsors rifle teams for the National Trophy Team, National Trophy Infantry Team and Rumbold team matches held during the Highpower phase of the National Matches. The Highpower Committee is the sole body authorized to organize official MRPA teams. Team requirements are that you must apply for each team in writing and fire in at **least three (3) days of MRPA Highpower sponsored 200, 300 and 500 yard tournaments at Fort Custer** to be eligible for MRPA Rumbold four person or CMP six person teams. The specific requirements and guidelines regarding team selection will be made available to those who apply. Please send a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope to: MRPA Highpower, P.O. Box 701940, Plymouth, MI 48170 and you will be sent information regarding adult team requirements and a team application. **The deadline to return applications is 5/1/03.**

2003 MRPA Junior Highpower Team Information (ages 13-20). Contact: Ed Torres, 3518 W. Webster, Royal Oak, MI 48073. Telephone: 248-288-4420. E-mail: echotango3@comcast.net

Attention new shooters or those who want to try Highpower but do not have Highpower equipment (a shooting jacket, mit, spotting scope and Mat). MRPA Highpower has a limited amount of equipment available at the Fort Custer matches for use on match days. The equipment can be checked out for the day and returned at the conclusion of the match. For details contact Dave Goebel, Highpower VP.

Contact:
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MRPA Highpower
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Plymouth, MI 48170
734-536-1080
E-Mail: mrpa_hp@yahoo.com

Silhouette – Dawson

Match Dates: Grayling

April 26 & 27, 2003
May 31 & June 1, 2003
July 12 & 13, 2003
September 6 & 7, 2003 – State Championship
FOR SILHOUETTE INFORMATION

Gary Dawson 1070 Woodbridge
Rochester, MI 48306 Phone 248-652-2089 gdwoodbridge@aol.com

Women On Target

Instructional Clinic is to be held at Duncan's Outdoors 501 Salzburg, Bay City at 3:00 PM on March 15, 2003.

If you are a woman and interested in the shooting sports, you are in good company. The NRA's Woman on Target program was created to offer women more opportunities to learn how to safely handle and use firearms.

Whether you are interested in learning how to load, handle and fire a firearm,

tell the difference between a pistol and a revolver, or learning about the different types of rifles, we will help. If you have never handled a firearm before or you are an accomplished shooter, this event is for you. Come out and learn the necessary skills to fire a firearm or to improve skills you already know.

All of the instructors understand what it's like to be new at the sport. They will be here to make your learning experience safe and as much fun as possible.

Refreshments will be provided along with all instructional materials and equipment. This is made possible by a grant from the NRA Foundation.

For more information contact Duncan's Outdoors. 501 Salzburg Bay City, MI, Phone 989 – 894-6691.

Pistol - Zalewski

Message from the old VP

As you are probably aware by now, I chose not to run for reelection this term. Personal commitments have chipped away at my free time and I have not been able to give this position the time it was due for the past several months. As an eminently qualified replacement was available, I was happy to pass the torch to someone who could take care of all the things that I've had to set slide.

I'd like to thank everyone in the pistol community for the opportunity to serve you for the past four years. It had been my pleasure.

Ronald S. Zalewski

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Junior - Monto

Matches

3/1 & 3/2 - Open 4P sectional - Kalamazoo

3/8 & 3/9 - 3P & 4P Sectional - Waterford

3/16/03 - Michigan Air Rifle League - Bay City

3/29 - Approved 4P Kalamazoo

4/12 & 4/13 - Junior Sectional - Waterford, Contact: Karen Gauthier 2945 Garfield, Waterford, MI 48329

4/13/03 - Michigan Air Rifle League - Bay City

May 17 & 18, 2003 Junior Outdoor 3P & Prone - Waterford, Contact: Karen Gauthier 2945 Garfield, Waterford, MI 48329

6/1 & 2/03 - NRA Junior Senior Smallbore Outdoor Position Championships - Saginaw

6/8/03 - Duncan's Junior Air Rifle Match - Bay City

8/24/03 - Junior Senior USAS Outdoor English & 3P Championships - Saginaw

10/12/03 - Duncan's Junior Air Rifle Match - Bay City

Juniors going to the Nationals at Camp Perry for smallbore position and/or prone need to contact Tom Monto for team makeup for the team and Whistler Boy matches.

Contact Thomas Monto 2401 Louanna, Midland, MI 48640-5458 989-631-3079.

Long Range - Torman

Grayling:

May 15 & 16, 2003

June 5 & 6, 2003

July 23-25, 2003

September 18 & 19, 2003

Contact: Renzo Torman 520 Misty Ln. Hastings, MI 49058. Phone 616-945-9258. E-mail: renz@voyager.net

A View From The Boardroom

By David Coy, CMA, CPA
Member - NRA Board of Directors

I begin by saying, quite simply, "You guys (and gals) are great!" Your annual meeting was terrific! I was very impressed with the quality and quantity of business MR&PA transacted at this gathering, and the positive attitudes of all members I was able to visit with. Congratulations to all of the newly elected officers and committee chairs, and best wishes for a successful year. Congratulations also, to all past officers and chairs. Your stewardship of MR&PA's resources and the work you have all done on behalf of NRA is greatly appreciated. Thank you, and well done!

NRA's Board of Director's held its regular winter board meeting on January 18-19, 2003. From this meeting and the reports received from NRA's numerous committees and special boards (41 in total), there are several matters which may be of interest to MR&PA members. Many of these you will have already read about in NRA's Official Journals and other publications. As such, I'll try and share with you some additional items of significance that may not be covered by these publications.

International Fire Code 2000

Shooters should be alert to efforts in your respective communities to adopt as a local ordinance the provisions set forth in the "International Fire Code 2000."

This code, advocated by the anti-gun former governor of Arkansas during his tenure in White House, contains provisions hostile to re-loaders and black powder shooters having quantities of black powder over one pound and smokeless propellants in excess of 20 pounds. Any efforts to enact this code in your communities should be resisted. Unfortunately, this code is already in effect in North Carolina and Utah.

PLEASE! Do not confuse this warning about the International Fire Code 2000 with the false rumors about similar regulations being part of the Homeland Security Act. There are no such limitations contained therein. This is a completely separate issue about which we all must be mindful.

Competition Rule Changes

A variety of rule clarifications across all of the shooting disciplines sanctioned by NRA were approved. Most of these appear (at least to this Board Member) to be either technical or safety related matters. Examples of a couple of these changes are:

Law Enforcement: "That chamfered cylinders be allowed in Police Pistol Combat Rules..."

Black Powder. That Rule 3.2 (a) (2) is changed to read: "Smoothbore Flintlock Muskets that have rear sights are not permitted." Also, "That Rule 10.1.1(c) -Adjusting a wind gauge front sight may only be done from the muzzle end when the breech is open or the muzzle loader is not loaded. The sight may be adjusted from the rear only when the gun is not cocked or capped."

High Power. "That Rule 19.17(b) is modified by changing the word "recent" to "most recently reported..."

When new rule books become available, competitors might wish to review and become acquainted with the changes. Knowing the Board and Non-Board

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Members serving on this committee, I'm certain these rule changes were well and carefully considered, and that the viewpoints of all competitive disciplines were recognized. For the "tally book", the current membership of the committee is: Mrs. Edie P. Reynolds (Chair), Mr. Warren L. Cheek (Vice-Chair), Manuel Fernandez, Phillip Hemphill, D. Cynthia Julien, Bill Miller, Ernie Padgette, John C. Sigler, Patricia P. Clark, Thomas P. Arvas and George Harris.

Flying with Guns

Both the Hunting and Wildlife Conservation Committee and the Legislative Policy Committee, via committee resolutions, have expressed serious concerns about issues involving the "transit of firearms" that face competitors and hunters who need to transport their guns, including checking them as baggage on domestic commercial airline flights. Non-immigrant competitors and international hunters coming to the USA are also affected. As such, NRA's Institute for Legislative Action (NRA-ILA) will be reporting the Board at its April, 2003 meeting regarding "...actions planned and taken to resolve real or perceived problems encountered by NRA members lawfully traveling with firearms and ammunition and non-citizen sportsmen either transiting the United States with firearms or traveling to the United States to hunt or engage in legitimate shooting sports activities."

High Power Prone Competition

The following is excerpted from the Report of the High Power Rifle Committee: "*The High Power Rifle Committee approved, in concept, a new High Power Prone Competition program and draft rule book for the same. Over the next year, a High-Power Rifle Sub-Committee will be*

examining the draft rule book and talking to competitors, soliciting feedback and discussing the most appropriate means of bringing about this new competition. When appropriate, the High Power Rifle Committee will forward its recommendations in this regard to the Competition Rule & Program Committee, for review and concurrence, and to the Board of Directors for approval."

If this is of interest, please be sure to let this committee know your thoughts.

Other items from various reports:

Competitive Shooting Division: Sanctioned tournaments in 2002 exceeded the number of such tournaments conducted in 2001, due to the introduction of semi-automatic pistol as a separate classification in law enforcement competitions, and also due to continued growth in the Cowboy Action Silhouette category. Additionally, the Disabled Shooting Services Department continues to actively promote shooting sports for the physically disabled.

Law Enforcement Activities Division: 457 Security agencies are currently affiliated with the NRA, an 8.5% increase over 2001. Police Competitions Department sanctioned 694 tournaments for 2002, compared to 486 for 2001.

Community Service Programs Division: The National Sheriff's Association endorsed the *Eddie Eagle GunSafe® Program* during 2002. This endorsement has proved to be an invaluable promotional tool. A new brochure entitled *Refuse To Be A Victim®, Your Key to Crime Prevention and Personal Safety*, was released. It is available in both English and Spanish, and it promotes the co-ed nature of the program as well as current safety information.

National Firearms Museum: Donations to the Museum's collection exceeded 300 firearms during 2002. 125

of these guns came from a gift from a Pennsylvania NRA member. Additionally, a collection of 80 commemorative firearms was donated by a Massachusetts NRA member. Also donated was an operational M-60 machine gun used by Arnold Schwarzenegger and Sylvester Stallone in several movies. Last, but certainly not least, the Museum's accreditation process is well on its way and is proceeding smoothly.

The NRA Range: The range at NRA Headquarters now has more than 30,000 members qualified to use the range. Many groups regularly use the facility, with the Boy Scouts leading in both visits and organized shoots. A number of law enforcement organizations regularly use the range for training activities. Some of these are the U.S. Mint, U.S. Border Patrol, INS, U.S. Air Marshals, DIA, Department of the Army and some local private security companies.

Often times, it seems that all NRA does is "legislative stuff." While this is vital to preserving our right to keep and bear the private arms of our choice, there is still a great deal of importance given by NRA's Board and Senior Management to all of the other things the Association is tasked to do. It is hoped that this brief overview of some of NRA's non-legislative activities assists MR&PA members in understanding how these other responsibilities are being handled.

Similarly, please know that all of the work performed by State Associations like MR&PA, and by individual volunteers like you, is greatly appreciated. You are, indeed, the NRA. Thank you, for all that you do!

If at any time you have questions for me, or there is some way you think I can be of assistance with matters involving NRA, please feel free to contact me. I am at your service.

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MRPA Telephone

The new MRPA telephone number is: **269-781-1223 or 888-655-MRPA.** Please use this number when you need to contact our office. The old numbers are no longer in service.

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Black Powder Director – John Green

Memorabilia

We have a supply of hats (\$5.00) and pins (\$3.00), sweatshirts (\$20.00), and tee shirts (\$10.00). Other items such as polo shirts and jackets are also available on special order.

Miscellaneous:

Range Conference: The NRA's Range Department is conducting Range

Development & Operations Conferences with business planning in 2003. These conferences are designed for public, private, law enforcement and government ranges. For more information contact RTTA, Thomas Monto P.O. Box 2577 Midland, MI 48641.

If you are involved with operating a range in Michigan, or belong to a club, I strongly urge you to contact the NRA Range Department and have a RTTA visit the range for an evaluation. The cost is VERY reasonable (\$100 per day plus expenses.... no, we don't get paid a cent, only reimbursed for our expenses) and we provide a valuable service to range operators.

If you need further information on the program, please contact me, or the NRA's Range Department.

Dehydration: the dangers of not drinking

Fluids and shooting performance

Even small degrees of dehydration can increase heart rate, decrease the ability to perform physical exercise, slow reaction times, adversely affect judgement, decision making and mental awareness; and affect vision. For these reasons shooters must remain well-hydrated – particularly during competition.

Many competitors believe that hydration is only important when training or competing in hot and humid conditions. Test results from the Great Britain squads this year have shown otherwise: dehydration can cause performance-related problems even in temperate conditions.

Dehydration – and hence a loss of

shooting performance – can be avoided by using these simple tips:

- Drink plenty of fluids throughout the day, everyday (not just on competition day)
- Do not wait until you are thirsty. By the time you are thirsty, performance will already have been affected
- Get into the habit of carrying a drinks/water bottle around with you at all times and sip from it throughout the day
- Avoid too many caffeinated drinks such as tea, coffee, chocolate and colas
- When travelling, bear in mind that the opportunities to drink may be limited so plan ahead and take fluids with you on the journey
- Remember alcohol is a diuretic and can lead to dehydration
- Before and during competition there are benefits from using an isotonic sports drink. Experiment in training first and remember that excessive and inappropriate use could cause weight gain
- Check the colour of your urine. Producing large volumes of pale, odourless urine is a good indication of adequate hydration. If you can not remember the last time you passed urine – you are dehydrated.

Symptoms of Dehydration

- Thirst
- Headache

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- Nausea and vomiting
- Faintness
- Profuse sweating.

Remember that a good fluid strategy and proper hydration should form an integral part of training and competition preparation.

Reprinted from Great Britain Shooting web site

- **ATF TO IMPLEMENT SAFE EXPLOSIVES ACT . . .** On January 24, 2003 ATF will officially begin implementation of the Safe Explosives Act of 2002. This new statute imposes additional controls on the sale and possession of explosives used for commercial purposes. These changes do not affect the current requirements for the acquisition of black and smokeless powder. Permits are not required for the purchase of smokeless powder used in small arms ammunition. In the case of black powder, permits are not required when it is being used for cultural and or sporting purposes and the purchase involves quantities of less than 50 lbs. On January 24th, additional categories of persons prohibited from possessing explosives, including illegal aliens and non-immigrant aliens, go into effect. Effective May 24, 2003, persons desiring to acquire commercial explosives intrastate will be required to obtain and have in their possession a new limited user permit or other user permit,

both of which are issued by ATF. The new limited permit restricts the holder to six receipts of explosives in a calendar year. Those receiving explosives more than six times per year are required to obtain the regular users permit authorized currently by law. For additional information, check the ATF Web site at www.atf.treas.gov, or contact ATF's Public Safety Branch at (202) 927-7930.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY: HOME OF THE ANTI-HUNTING SPARTANS? . .

. Officials at Michigan State University (MSU) have balked at requests by the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance and Michigan sportsmen to stop operation of the Animal Legal and Historical Center. The school is partnering with the Animal Legal Defense Fund which provides legal services to animal rights extremists. "It really disturbs me that public dollars would be used in something as political as this," said State Representative **Susan Tabor** (R-Lansing). MSU receives \$654 million, or 45% of its budget from taxpayers. Tabor has called on MSU President **Peter McPherson** to meet to discuss the issue. Sportsmen can contact McPherson to voice their concerns at (517) 355-6560.

ATF Creates A New Form for Nonimmigrant Aliens Temporarily Importing Firearms and Ammunition for Sporting Purposes

ATF has created a new form for nonimmigrant aliens temporarily importing firearms and ammunition. These temporary importations must be to hunt or to attend a competitive target shooting event or sports/hunting trade show, sponsored by a national, state, or

local firearms organization devoted to the collection, competitive use, or other sporting use of firearms. The new form is called ATF Form 6NIA (Application and Permit for Temporary Importation of Firearms and Ammunition by Nonimmigrant Aliens). Nonimmigrant aliens must use this new form, rather than the ATF Form 6 Part 1 (Application and Permit for Importation of Firearms, Ammunition and Implements of War).

The new form eliminates provisions from the ATF Form 6 Part 1 that are not applicable to nonimmigrant aliens making temporary imports for sporting purposes. It also includes provisions to ensure nonimmigrant aliens fall within an exception to the general prohibition on nonimmigrant aliens possessing firearms and ammunition in the United States. Accordingly, the new form should simplify the importation process for nonimmigrant aliens temporarily bringing firearms and ammunition into the United States for hunting or other lawful sporting purposes.

If you are in contact with a nonimmigrant alien who wants to temporarily import firearms or ammunition for sporting purposes, please let them know about the new form. The form may be downloaded from the ATF website at www.atf.gov. The ATF Distribution Center also will mail out copies of the form upon request (the Distribution Center number is 703-455-7801). The ATF Web site has a "Frequently Asked Questions" section discussing nonimmigrant issues and the new form. If you have any questions regarding importation of firearms, please contact the ATF Firearms and Explosives Imports Branch at 202-927-8320.

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2003 MEMBERSHIP DUES FORM

Name: _____ MRPA Membership No: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____ Plus 4: _____

Telephone: () _____ E-mail address: _____

[] Adult (\$20.00) [] Junior (\$10.00) [] New Member [] Renewal

Area of Interest:

[] Smallbore; [] Highpower; [] Silhouette; [] Pistol; [] Junior; [] Legislative; [] Blackpowder [] High Power - Long Range

Complete and send with appropriate fees to: Membership, MRPA P.O. Box 71 Marshall, MI 49068-0071

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