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Camp Perry Nationals Service Rifle



The Wisconsin Juniors travelled to Ohio to compete at the National Trophy Rifle Matches at Camp Perry. We had one junior James L making the Presidents 100. James accomplished the 3 big service rifle goals in 1 year. He became a distinguished rifleman, made High master, and made the cut for the Presidents 100. Congrats James! In the National Trophy Individual match, we had 3 juniors make the cut for leg points. David H fired a nice 488-19x, first year junior Anna B was right behind him with a 485-13x, and Thomas "TK" K fired a 482-12x. Congrats juniors on receiving leg points towards becoming distinguished. Thomas M. firing a 497-25x. This score would have been a new national record, but another junior beat Thomas by a point. Congrats Thomas! That's some hard holding with a

borrowed upper. In the 2-person junior team match, Wisconsin Juniors had 3 teams place in the top 20 and receive a freedoms fire medal. Team Mozzarella came in 13th place with a 962-26x. Team members were Sam C and James L. coached by Spencer M. Team Colby came in 9th place with a 968-19x. Team members were Anna B and David H. Mike S was the coach. Rounding out our teams in the top 20 was Team Cheddar in 2nd place. Team Cheddar fired a would-be national record score of 980-38x. Team members were Thomas

M and Thomas K. Coach was Kaleb "Big Cheese" H. Congrats to all three teams! A big thank you to all the coaches, parents and volunteers that make this all possible! We had a total of nine juniors competing this year.

Team Cheddar consisted of Anna B, James L, David H, Thomas K, Sam C and Thomas M. Coached by Kaleb H and Mike S was the captain. We also fielded a put together team with some juniors from Illinois. Bryan M coached Team WI-IL and Jim S was captain. All our kids did well with some good conditions and good coaching. The highlights for the NTT were Thomas M 495-28x to make the Elihu Root Medal for being in the top 6 civilians for this match. This is Thomas's 2nd time being in the top 6. James L's 493-21x and Anna B's 492-20x this being her first time at Camp Perry, and she did outstand. David H shot a solid 487-11x. Thomas K shot a crossfire and still managed a 480-17x, Sam C fired a 476-8x. This would put Team Cheddar at a team total of 2923-105x. 25 points better than the national record. However, like in the 2-man team match, the California juniors were on fire this year, beating us by 17 points. This meant we would take home the

silver medal. Incredible shooting on our junior's part! Congratulations!

Our second team coached by Bryan M with Juniors Kacie M, Megan C and Andrew "Bobby" B. Megan C led the way with a 475-9x, Kacie M heels with a 474-13x. Kacie started shooting rifle with us 2 months ago, and Andrew B also shot well finishing at 472-9x. The National Trophy Infantry Team match, or "Rattle Battle" is 384 rounds fired rapid fire T 600, 500, 300 and 200 yards. On the 600 yards, we had 2 rifles break down. One was able to get going again and one was out for the match. So, we fired the rest of the match with only 5 of 6 shooters. The kids hammered hard, and we shot good enough to earn a bronze medal. Good shooting!



Wisconsin Firearm Owners Pistol Team at Camp Perry



Wisconsin Firearm Owners Team "Brew Crew" posing after the National Matches at Camp Perry

It was great for the competitors to be back at Camp Perry after COVID kept us away in 2020. A bunch of familiar faces who hadn't attended the National Matches came back to Camp Perry as well as most of the regulars. 2021 was the first year that CMP administered the National Pistol Matches without the NRA and the event turned out well and it was administered well. CMP wasn't able to break out the competitors by their classification for 2021 but intend to do so in the future.

With the fund-raising help of the Menomonee Falls Rod and Gun Club, Wisconsin Firearm Owners was able to field 2 National Matches State Association Pistol Teams. The team matches are fired over 3 days

with a .22 caliber phase, a Centerfire phase, and a .45

Caliber phase. Our Wisconsin teams didn't win any trophies, but our team "We're Gouda" placed an impressive 16th overall in the .22 phase, and we all had a blast.



Wisconsin Firearm Owners Team "We're Gouda" after their .22 team match.



The 4 shooters on the right are the Wisconsin "Brew Crew" team



Scoring at the 2021 National Matches



Some of the Wisconsin Team stay at the Camp Perry Huts where we fly the Colors for Wisconsin. The camaraderie and team spirit of the Wisconsin group is the envy of the teams at the National Matches.

There is still time to reserve a spot for the Wisconsin State Pistol Championships Aug 28 & 29



Competitors on the firing line at Beloit Rifle Club's fantastic pistol range.

There are still open spots for this year's Wisconsin State Outdoor Pistol Championships at Beloit Rifle Club. Simply email Jon Nortemann at <u>inortemann@charter.net</u> for entry and match information. Three-peat winner Scott Soik will be competing for 4 state titles in a row. We have capacity for 40 shooters each day with .22 EIC, Service Pistol EIC, and Distinguished Revolver Matches each day. We hope you can join us!

Holding back the Anit- Gun People

Many of the anti-gun people are becoming frustrated with the federal government inability to pass more restrictive gun laws, even with a Democratic majority in the US House and Senate. So, they are passing laws at the state and local levels to restrict firearms. Illinois just passed a law that will require background checks on all firearm sales, Colorado passed a bunch of new laws this year with one being a red flag law, along with others. Now on August 6th they are introducing a new bill to the US House of Representatives. It is H.R.4953. You can find the link at: <u>https://www.congress.gov/bill/117thcongress/house-bill/4953?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22H.R+4953%22%5D%7D&r=1&s=1 It would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to subject to the requirements of the National Firearms Act any semiautomatic rifle that has the capacity to accept a detachable magazine.</u>

Anti-Gun groups like Every Town for gun safety (A Bloomberg organization) is already pledging three million dollars to train its volunteers to run for office. With a goal of 200 people getting elected in the next election cycle and claim in the last election cycle they had a success rate of 43%. You can read more about this at this link: <u>https://www.nytimes.com/2021/08/10/us/politics/everytown-for-gun-safety-campaigns.html</u>. We need good pro-gun people to counter this and run for office. This is a fight we are all in and need to stand strong.

We need to stay strong and contact all our representatives to make our voices be heard. The Second Amendment needs to be protected so we can pass it on to the next generation.

The ATF still needs a director, but David Chipman is not at all a good pick. It looks like he has no chance of getting this position, but we need to still make sure our voice is heard.

If we all continue to contact our legislators and keep the pressure on them, we will win this fight. David is a very far left person from the Gifford Group (an anti-gun group). Action is still required to make sure he is not nominated.

Contact our states Senator on his nomination. The contact for your Senator is listed below. Tell them you do not want David Chipman to be the director of the ATF. Make sure you are civil and polite when contacting your legislators. You can contact Tammy Baldwin at: <u>https://www.baldwin.senate.gov/</u> and Ron Johnson at: <u>https://www.ronjohnson.senate.gov/</u>

On the new bill H.R.4953 contact your House of Representatives to tell them you do not support this bill and urge them not to either. You can find all your state representative here: https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/WI#representatives

Wisconsin Firearm Owners Upcoming Events and News

Wisconsin Firearm Owners election will be coming up quickly and we are going to be looking for some good people that are interested in defended the Second Amendment to put on our board of directors. We will have four seats up for reelection. If you are interested, please contact James Melville via email: james@wisconsinforce.org





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Wisconsin Firearm Owners (WFO)

Mission

To promote and support the purpose and objectives of the National Rifle Association, while protecting and defending the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Wisconsin.

Securing Our Rights

The assaults on the rights of today's firearms owner have never been

stronger. These attacks on our civil rights come from anti-hunting, anti-gun, and anti-civil rights organizations. We must stand together to preserve the rights guaranteed to all free citizens under the Second Amendment, the U.S. Constitution, and the Wisconsin Right to Keep and Bear Arms. WTO has a constant presence in Madison helping to ensure your voice is heard. Whether it is the right to selfdefense, micro stamping or hunting regulations, we are involved. Combine your voice with that of thousands

like you in Wisconsin; our united voice cannot be ignored.

Club and Range Support

We are the experts in the State advising the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, clubs, and businesses in upgrading, improving, and the design of ranges.

Competitions

Matches and events are listed on our calendar. Match Directors can also utilize our on-line registration. NRA discipline championships are authorized and promoted by WTO. **Please join us today!**

- Advancing hunter rights and mentored hunting in Wisconsin.
- As your NRA and CMP State Association, WFO sanctions State Championships for multiple shooting disciplines.
- Our lobbying efforts have helped to clean up Wisconsin's handgun restrictions.
- We are the only NRA State Chartered Association in Wisconsin.
- WFO and the NRA led the lobbying efforts for Right to Carry and The Shooting Ranges Protection Act.
- WFO provides Club and Range support for those looking to expand and improve their ranges.
- Wisconsin Firearm Owners gives <u>you</u> a voice in Madison to protect your <u>Second</u> <u>Amendment Rights</u>.

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THE ACLU SHOULD END THE CHARADE OF PROTECTING AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES

By Larry Keane JULY 29, 2021

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) needs to change their name. At this point, it's false advertising. The ACLU recently argued that, "anti-Blackness determined the inclusion of the Second Amendment in the Bill of Rights, and has informed the unequal and racist application of gun laws." That's plainly arguing that the Second Amendment was included in the Bill of Rights as a tool of racist control of slaves. The posting by communications intern lnes Santos was an introduction to a podcast that included opinions from several professors who wholeheartedly agree the Second Amendment is racist and is a tool to deny civil rights to African-Americans.

It's clear the ACLU is a shadow of its former self. It's not the bastion to protect God-given liberties, but to drive special interest agendas. The ACLU's disdain for the Second Amendment as a foundational and individual right isn't new, but it is an attempt to flip it on its head. The ACLU's argument that the Second Amendment is a tool of oppressors doesn't just ignore history. It is rewriting cold, hard facts.

Backlash

The criticism over the outlandish claims was as quick as it was severe. The Twitter-sphere lit up with reactions denouncing ACLU for peddling falsehoods.

Boston Globe columnist Jeff Jacoby noted the irony that the ACLU was denouncing the Second Amendment at a time when African-Americans are claiming their gun rights in record numbers. "The ACLU has completely lost the plot. Meanwhile, the [sic] National African American Gun Association, which began in 2015 with a single chapter in Atlanta, now comprises more than 75 chapters with 30,000 members," Jacoby tweeted. NSSF's own retailer surveys in 2020 showed African-Americans were buying guns at a 58 percent increased rate over 2019. At the same time, Hispanic-Americans were buying guns at a 49 percent increased rate and Asian-Americans at a 43 percent increased rate.

National Review writer David Harsanyi lambasted the claims as "nonsense," and linked to a previous article where he debunked the same claims pushed by the 1619 Project as "wishful thinking." Harsanvi refuted the theories, pointing out that John Adams, Benjamin Franklin and Samuel Adams were abolitionists who argued against slavery and for the right to keep and bear arms. Harsanyi pointed out the ludicrous presumption that if African-Americans are being denied their rights, then that right must be stripped of all Americans.

"We don't attack the idea of free speech simply because people are denied its protections," he wrote. "That fact only accentuates its importance. For most of our history, self-defense was also seen as an immutable right that existed with or without the sanction of the state."

Real Racist Roots

Maj Toure, founder of Black Guns Matter, told The Daily Caller in his usually blunt fashion that claims the Second Amendment is racist is an attempt to, "brainwash black people into believing that having the means to defend themselves is nefarious. I think gun control is racist, not the Second Amendment."

Toure explained to The Daily Caller these attempts to twist history are exactly why he and his organization are dedicated to educating the public about their rights.

That used to be the role of the ACLU – to educate the public and defend civil liberties from government infringement. The Second Amendment is a second-class right in their estimation, though. The ACLU doesn't agree with the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark 2008 Heller decision that affirmed the Second Amendment as an individual right. They contend, still today, that owning a gun is a governmental matter.

"Given the reference to 'a well regulated Militia' and 'the security of a free State,' the ACLU has long taken the position that the Second Amendment protects a collective right rather than an individual right," the

ACLU website states.

The ACLU isn't just ignoring a Supreme Court ruling that's over a decade old, they're ignoring legal history that's nearly 400 years old. That's the racist history of gun control laws. Gun control is literally rooted in slave codes and Jim Crow laws. Some of those laws - like requiring local sheriffs to approve handgun sales - still exist in North Carolina. The Atlantic, a liberal news publication pointed out that in 1640, Virginia already had laws on the books preventing Blacks from owning guns. In 1712, a law for a total ban on black gun ownership was enacted to prevent slave revolts. Slave Codes were renamed Black Codes after the Civil War.

Even as late as 1994, the Clinton administration "introduced H.R. 3838 to ban guns in federal public housing. which would have affected 3 million individuals."

Attempts to twist history to fit a particular narrative aren't in anyone's interest, least of all when those who would do it pretend it is for greater good. Nothing is further from the truth. The Second Amendment clearly isn't a white right, or a Black right. It is a God-given right of all Americans to freely exercise at their choosing. If the ACLU can't defend that, they need to change their name.

Mexico sues US gunmakers in unprecedented attempt to stop weapons crossing border

- Country seeking up to \$10bn in damages in Massachusetts lawsuit
 - US-made weapons used in cartel battles and attacks on civilians



Smith & Wesson Corporation is among the manufacturers being sued by the Mexican government. Photograph: Bloomberg/Getty Images

David Agren in Mexico City and Amanda Holpuch in New York Wed 4 Aug 2021 16.42 EDT

The Mexican government has launched legal action against US gunmakers in an unprecedented attempt to halt <u>the flow of</u> <u>guns across the border</u>, where US-made weapons are routinely used in cartel gun battles, terror attacks on civilians – and increasingly to challenge the state itself.

The Mexican government is suing six gun manufacturers in a Massachusetts court, alleging negligence in their failure to control their distributors and arguing that the illegal market in <u>Mexico</u> "has been their economic lifeblood".

'They're culpable': the countries supplying the guns that kill Mexico's journalists Announcing the suit on Wednesday, the foreign minister, Marcelo Ebrard, alleged that units of Smith & Wesson, Barrett Firearms, Colt's Manufacturing Company, Glock and Ruger have catered to the tastes and needs of Mexican drug cartels and depend on illegal Mexican sales to boost their bottom lines. The lawsuit alleges that gun companies openly pandered to Mexican criminals, citing Colt's special edition .38 pistol, engraved with an image of the Mexican revolutionary Emiliano Zapata. One such weapon was used in the 2017 murder of the <u>Chihuahua journalist Miroslava Breach</u>, who investigated links between politicians and organised crime and was shot dead while taking her son to school. "We're going to litigate in all seriousness and we're going to win at trial and we're going to drastically reduce the illegal weapons trafficking to Mexico, which cannot remain unpunished with respect to those who produce, promote and encourage this trafficking from the United States," Ebrard said.

The Colt .38 special edition with an engraved image of Emiliano Zapata. Photograph: Handout "The companies must immediately stop negligent practices, which cause damage in Mexico and cause deaths in Mexico." Mexico is seeking up to \$10bn in damages, as well as better safety features on guns and tighter controls on sales.

Mexican officials said there were legal precedents for the suit, including a recent offer by Remington to pay nearly \$33m to families to



settle lawsuits claiming that its marketing of firearms contributed to the 2012 Sandy Hook school massacre in Connecticut, where 26 people died.

None of the companies named in the suit made any immediate public response. Mexico has been plagued by violence for the past 15 years, since the then president, Felipe Calderón, deployed troops to fight a militarized "war on drugs". Much of the violence has been perpetrated with weapons originally sold in the US and smuggled into Mexico, according to analyses of firearms recovered from crime scenes.

A study by the Mexican government found that 2.5m weapons had been illegally smuggled into the country over the past 10 years, including military-grade weapons such as 50-calibre Barrett rifles capable of taking down helicopters.

Organised crime factions have become increasingly audacious as they confront rivals in battles over territory and even challenge security forces in pitched battles. In October 2019, <u>cartel gunmen with</u> <u>machine guns and armoured trucks overran the city of Culiacán</u>, forcing the military to release Ovidio Guzmán, son of the imprisoned cartel boss Joaquín "El Chapo" Guzmán.

After Ovidio Guzman López was captured by troops in 2019, heavily armed cartel gunmen overran the Mexican city of Culiacán Photograph: STR/EPA Adam Winkler, a law professor and gun policy expert at the University of California, Los Angeles, told the Associated Press the lawsuit was part of a recent wave of efforts to work around <u>immunity laws</u>, which shelter gun companies from litigation by victims.

But he warned that the action was a "long shot".

"Even if this lawsuit moves forward, it will be extremely difficult for Mexico to win because it will be hard to show that this distribution process or their distribution practices are a manifestation of negligence on the part of the gun makers," he said.

John Lindsay-Poland, coordinator at Stop US Arms to Mexico, a project at the human rights group Global Exchange, said that even if the lawsuit does not succeed in bringing damages, it could expose the financial calculations gun companies make regarding gun imports to Mexico. "There is no way the gun companies don't know that their guns are purchased en masse and being trafficked illegally across the border to be used in violent crime," he said.

US weapons in Mexico are not only obtained through illegal trafficking. Last month, the arms maker Sig Sauer sought approval to sell \$5m in automatic assault rifles to Mexico's military.

"US weapons are essential to Mexican drug cartels," said Falko Ernst, senior Mexico analyst at the International Crisis Group. A successful lawsuit and stopping US weapons "would make a deep dent, at least in the short and medium term", Ernst said.

"But the question is whether alternative supply lines would eventually evolve if US weapons were unavailable," he said, pointing to the staggering number of weapons "lost" by the police. Some Mexican victims of violence expressed skepticism that the lawsuit would change anything. "Good luck with that," said Carlos, whose partner was abducted at gunpoint in the border city of Reynosa in 2014 and has not been seen since. "I understand why they're doing it. But Mexico is drawing attention away from the fact that Mexico is at fault for its own mess."

Julián LeBarón,whose relatives were among <u>nine Mormon women and children massacred in 2019</u>, described the lawsuit as "the stupidest thing in the world" and called instead for Mexico to relax its strict gun laws.

"We would have loved to have had guns to shoot back when they were killing the women and children," he said.

On paper at least, legal weapons can be bought only at a single store on an army base in Mexico City. The Mexican government has long demanded US action on stopping guns from crossing the border. Calderón pleaded his case in Congress to no avail. Ebrard raised the possibility of suing gunmakers after the <u>August 2019 massacre in a Walmart store in El Paso</u>, in which the gunman targeted Mexicans.

The lawsuit announcement came a day after the two-year anniversary of the crime. "Given the US government's total lack of action [on guns], it's a reasonable action," said Tom Long, international relations professor at the University of Warwick. "We have a decade and a half of interagency 'cooperation' that at best nibbles at the margins."

Gema Kloppe-Santamaría, a Mexican crime investigator at Loyola University Chicago, said: "The initiative and timing are politically charged. It's to see if Mexico gets more promise of a change via this lawsuit than it has gotten via diplomatic/bilateral efforts to pressure the US government into changing its gun control policies."

The suit comes as Mexico suffers spasms of violence and drug cartels acting increasingly brazen in their battles with rivals and security forces alike.

President Andrés Manuel López Obrador promised a security policy of "hugs not bullets" while campaigning for office, but he has largely turned to the military to calm the country. Mexico's homicide rate has remained stubbornly high, however, at 29 per 100,000 – little different from when he took office in December 2018.

Six Olympic Medals for USA Shooting, Best Performance Since 1964

USA Shooting earned a grand total of six medals at the 2020 Summer Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan, making this their best performance at the games since the 1964 Tokyo Olympics.

USA Shooting athletes won three gold medals in Men's Air Rifle (William Shaner), Women's Skeet (Amber English), and Men's Skeet (Vincent Hancock), two silvers in Mixed Team Air Rifle (Mary Tucker, Lucas Kozeniesky) and Women's Trap (Kayle Browning), and one bronze in Mixed Team Trap (Maddy Bernau, Brian Burrows).

"I'm proud of the contributions made by every member of this team. In a period when training and competitions have been disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, our shooters came prepared to compete and win," said Matt Suggs, CEO of USA Shooting.

This summer's performance marks the third time USA Shooting has won six medals since 1964. In 1984 the U.S. Team won three gold, one silver and two bronze in Los Angeles, and in 2008 the Team won two gold, two silver and two bronze medals at the Beijing Games.

"It's been an incredibly difficult year for our coaches and athletes to prepare for these games. We had to make some difficult decisions about which competitions to shoot and which ones to forego. Our national team coaches, Jay Waldron, Jason Turner, Dan Durben, and the rest of the staff made the right decisions balancing the risks of travel abroad with the need to prepare, and that paid off for us in Tokyo," added Suggs.

Shaner won the first gold for USA Shooting in Tokyo in Men's Air Rifle. At age 20, he is the youngest USA Shooting athlete to medal in an Olympic rifle event and the only gold medalist in that event in history for Team USA.

English won gold in Women's Skeet immediately followed by Hancock's gold, marking a gold medal Team USA "sweep" in the Shotgun Skeet Event. This is Hancock's third Olympic Skeet title.

After making the finals and finishing 6th individually, Tucker and Kozeniesky teamed up to win silver in Mixed Team Air Rifle.

Browning fought hard and jumped from 9th place to 5th during the Women's Trap Qualification to secure her spot in the final and ultimately win silver.

Finally, Bernau and Burrows took Bronze in the new Trap Mixed Team event in a thrilling shoot off after battling in the bronze medal match against the formidable team from Slovakia. Bernau leaves Tokyo with two personal bests, a 119 in Women's Trap Qualification and 75 straight in Mixed Team Qualification.

In addition to the six Olympic Medals, USA Shooting had outstanding performances across all events. Three shotgun shooters missed the event finals by a single target, rifle shooters saw three 6th place finishes and a 5th place finish, and in Men's Air Pistol James Hall finished 10th overall, just one point from the final.

USA Shooting departs Tokyo with the following 2021 World Rankings:

•Women's Air Rifle #1: Mary Tucker

Men's Air Rifle #1: Will Shaner

Men's Air Rifle #3: Lucas Kozeniesky

Men's Skeet #3: Vinny Hancock

Women's Skeet #3: Amber English

• Women's 50M Rifle #5: Sagen Maddalena

• Women's 50M Rifle #7: Mary Tucker

- •Women's Air Rifle #8: Ali Weisz
- Women's Trap #9: Kayle Browning
- Men's Air Pistol #10: Nick Mowrer
- Women's Trap #11: Maddy Bernau
- Women's Skeet #11: Austen Smith

"While the focus has been rightly placed on the tremendous success of our athletes, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our coaches, physical therapists, USA Shooting staff, and our Diplomatic Security Service Agent for their efforts in support of the team," said Suggs. The rest of the 2021 season includes Junior World Championships, September, in Lima, Peru; USA Shooting Shotgun Nationals, this September in Hillsdale, Michigan; and USA Shooting Rifle and Pistol Nationals, October, in Ft. Benning, Georgia.