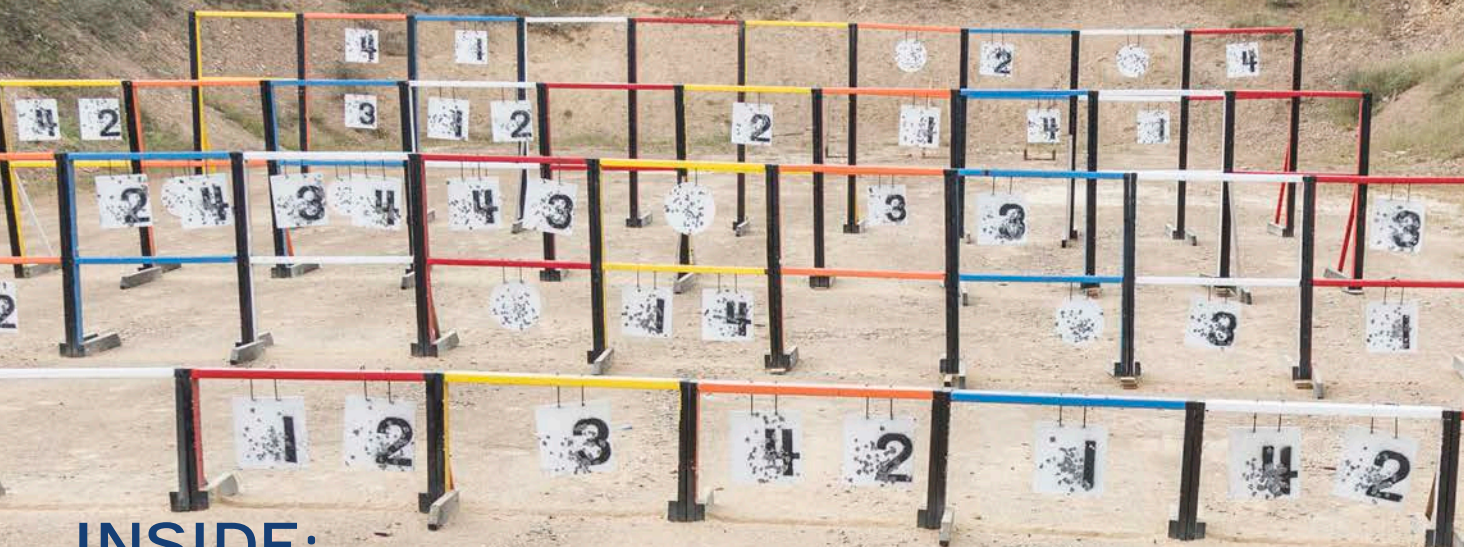




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Now Launching: **NRAWomen.com**, A Gateway To Second Amendment Freedoms

The right to protect myself and my family, and the hunting and outdoors traditions we all enjoy in America, have shaped my life since my childhood and through today. That's why I am thrilled to see a growing number of women exercise these rights and join our community of NRA women. Because bringing women together is so important, the NRA is launching a multimedia digital platform, **nrawomen.com**. It is the premier, one-stop knowledge center where you can learn more about all the exciting support that the NRA provides for women shooters (both new and experienced) and read about news regarding women who are participating in their Second Amendment rights. At the same time, women who have no knowledge about firearms will find it a wonderful place to learn more.

I am proud to be the third female president of the NRA since it was founded in 1871. The dedicated women who served in this post before me were Marion Hammer (1995-1998) and Sandra Froman (2005-2007). All three of us continue to support the NRA by giving our time and talents to defend and preserve our Second Amendment and the U.S. Constitution at this critical moment in history when our beloved American freedoms are under constant, fierce attacks.

It's no surprise that women patriots have always played an important role in this great nation. One important heroine—whom the NRA honors with a Women's Freedom Award bearing her name—is Sybil Ludington. At 16 years old, she earned her place in American history for a ride on the night of April 26, 1777, to rally patriot soldiers. A wounded messenger barely reached the home of her father, New York militia officer Col. Henry Ludington, with desperate news of a British attack on nearby Danbury, Conn. Col. Ludington turned to Sybil for help. While he organized local militia, she mounted her horse and galloped through the night in the rain. She traveled from 20 to 40 miles to rally troops from the surrounding countryside. Upon her return, hundreds of citizen-soldiers had joined to fight the British. And so to pay homage to her accomplishment and the accomplishments of modern heroines, the NRA bestows the prestigious Sybil Ludington Women's Freedom Award in her name. I was deeply honored to receive this award in 2015.

Now it's **OUR** turn to shape history. We need every pro-Second Amendment, patriotic woman to take a stand during this critical election year. For those with little or no experience, but who want to learn more about gun ownership and receiving instruction in firearm

safety and fundamentals, **nrawomen.com** is an important gateway. For women who already have experience with firearms and are seeking camaraderie and support from like-minded enthusiasts, **nrawomen.com** is a go-to digital destination. On this site, women can develop a sense of belonging in an industry that has been perceived to be for the men.

More women who support the Second Amendment are getting involved in politics to fight for our gun rights. There are more than 3.35 million female gun owners in America. The National Sporting Goods Association recorded a 43.5% increase in female hunters from 2003 to 2013. In a Gallup poll of self-reported gun owners in 2011, 23% of women said they owned a gun compared to 13% in 2005. In addition, a recent study published in *Social Science Quarterly* showed that guns empower women, and this empowerment leads to women gun owners becoming more politically active. Women gun owners increasingly are contacting politicians, signing petitions, registering to vote, expressing their views on social media, voting and supporting the NRA.

For years, the NRA has been dedicated to paving the way for female gun enthusiasts. Through our targeted programs, women have the opportunity to receive firearms training by certified instructors, to join local clubs and to compete in shooting tournaments. The NRA offers: Women On Target Instructional Shooting Clinics to provide opportunities to learn about firearms; the NRA Women's Network of female gun enthusiasts; Refuse To Be A Victim, which teaches women how to avoid dangerous situations; and Women's Wilderness Escape with getaway opportunities for shooting activities and adventures.

Nrawomen.com is just the newest way to connect with and reach even more women and bring us together around the values we share.

As one who has a lifelong passion for shooting sports and as a strong political advocate for the Second Amendment, I am truly proud of women gun owners and the NRA for its many programs, awards, scholarships and certified instructors that benefit women. I strongly encourage all women to visit **nrawomen.com** and get more involved in helping defend our Second Amendment freedoms. As I've said before in this column, once you lose your freedoms, you don't get them back.

Carolyn D. Meadows



2020 NRA GOLD MEDAL CLUBS

The NRA offers special recognition by awarding Gold Medal status to NRA affiliated organizations that promote and support the purposes, objectives, policies, and programs of the NRA. Members of these clubs have united to reach a common goal. Reaching this elite level sets your club apart from others in the area. Each year numerous organizations apply to achieve the Gold Medal status; an honor presented to clubs that meet the five specific criteria.

- Be a 100% NRA Club - Becoming a 100% NRA club helps make the NRA stronger by increasing its membership numbers and providing a larger representation of the shooting public.
- Have a club newsletter – A newsletter helps the club communicate to its members. Club members are kept in the loop of club activities and community issues.
- Belong to the NRA State Association of your state – Joining NRA State Association shows support on the state level. Their mission is to promote and support the purpose and objectives of the NRA while providing programs and support to clubs on the local level.
- Have administered, or currently incorporate an NRA Youth Program within the club's agenda - Incorporating a youth program helps introduce firearms safety to younger shooters. Encouraging them to shoot at an early age will help keep the shooting sports going for future generations.
- Actively participate in NRA's Membership Recruiting Program - participating in the NRA recruiting program helps bring new members in at a reduced price, helps generate income for your club, and helps to grow NRA numbers.

Clubs that meet the criteria above will be awarded a plaque along with an inscribed bar listing the year. Current Gold Medal clubs are encouraged to renew their status every year and will be given an inscribed bar with the renewal year. Clubs that are applying for a NRA Range Grant will be given preference if they achieve and maintain Gold Medal status.

The annual deadline for the NRA Gold Medal Awards is February 15.

2020 NRA Gold Medal Club Award Winners

Airfield Shooting Club
 Alaska Interior Marksmanship Committee
 American 1800 Adventure Club
 Apple Valley Gun Club
 Arlington Rifle & Pistol Club, Inc.
 Arnold Rifle & Pistol Club
 Asheville Rifle & Pistol Club, Inc.
 Blue Ridge Cherry Valley Rod & Gun Club
 Branford Gun Club, Inc.
 Cairo Sportsman Club
 Castleton Fish & Game Protective Assn.
 Central Florida Rifle & Pistol Club
 Centralia Rifle Club
 Charlotte Rifle & Pistol Club, Inc.
 Coastal Georgia Gun Club
 Cumberland Riflemen
 Delaware State Pistol Club, Inc.
 Downers Grove Sportsman's Club
 East End Rod and Gun Club
 East Hook Sportsmen Assn, Inc
 East Monongahela Sportsmen's Assn.
 Eastern Nebraska Gun Club, Inc.
 Eaton Employee's Gun Club
 Elgin Rifle Club, Inc.
 Emerald Empire Gun Club
 Estacada Rod & Gun Club
 Factoryville Sportsman Club
 Foosland Sportsmen Club
 Forks Rifle Club
 Fort Hill Rifle and Pistol Club
 Four Corners Rifle And Pistol Club
 Franklin Revolver & Rifle Assn, Inc.
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 Monumental Rifle and Pistol Club
 Nescopeck Hunting & Rifle Club, Inc.
 New Milford Rifle & Pistol Club, Inc.
 Northern Dutchess Rod & Gun Club, Inc.
 Northwestern Gun Club
 Oklahoma City Gun Club
 Old Trails Rifle & Pistol Club, Inc
 Rappahannock Pistol & Rifle Club, Inc.
 Richwood Gun & Game Club
 Ridge Rifle Association
 Ridgway Rifle Club, Inc.
 Rochester Rifle Club, Inc.
 Sandusky County Sportmen's Club
 Scotts Valley Sportsmen's Club, Inc.
 Smith Mountain Lake Pistol
 Shooting Association
 South Jersey Shooting Club, Inc.
 Southern Chester County
 Sportsmen's & Farmers Assn.
 Southport Gun Club, Inc.
 Stone Bank Sportsmen's Club, Inc.
 Stonycreek Shooting Center Inc.
 Streetsboro Sportsman Association
 Sycamore Valley Gun Club, Inc.
 The Great Lot Sportsman's Club, Inc.
 Tremont Sportsman's Club
 Tri-State Gun Club, Inc.
 Twin City Rifle Club
 Upper Savannah Shooters Assn
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NRA Museums Honor Law Enforcement Members

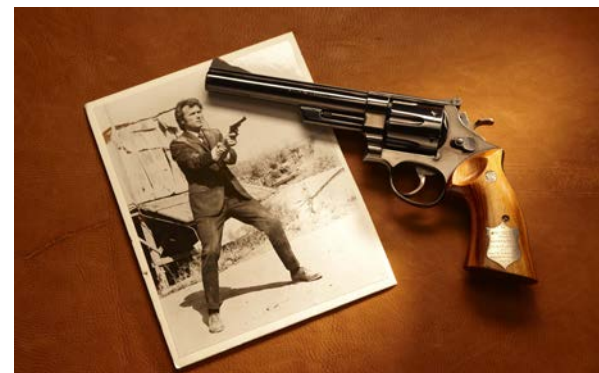
By Philip Schreier, Senior Curator, NRA Museums

For nearly 40 years, close to 40,000 Law Enforcement officers and their families have visited the Nation's Capital during National Police Week. Memorial Services and wreath laying ceremonies are just a few of the many activities planned for a week meant to honor our law enforcement professionals. In 1962 President John F. Kennedy, himself a proud Life Member of the NRA, issued a proclamation establishing National Peace Officers Day and National Police Week. He wrote: "From the beginning of this Nation, law enforcement officers have played an important role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms which are guaranteed by the Constitution and in protecting the lives and property of our citizens." For 149 years, the National Rifle Association and law enforcement has worked hand-in-glove to support LE's role in safeguarding our rights, just as President Kennedy outlined, by helping to educate and train officers and citizens alike in the safe and proficient use of firearms. The NRA continues to provide Law Enforcement professionals the finest in training, support services, and activities throughout the year. During National Police Week, the NRA staff at their Headquarters in Fairfax, Virginia cordially invite and welcome LE professionals and their families to visit the NRA HQ. There you will find the finest firearms museum in the country, the National Firearms Museum which has numerous exhibits and displays centered on Law Enforcement professionals and the tools of their trade. From duty and carry guns belonging to two of NYC's finest and recovered from the World Trade Center site to firearms used by Lawmen and outlaws in the "old west", every visitor to the NRA's firearms museum leaves with a new found

respect for the role firearms, as well as the men and women who have used them, have played in the development of our great nation. As a Washington DC institution for the past 85 years, the National Firearms Museum has never charged admission and is open to the public seven days a week. Located conveniently off of Interstate 66 and only 20 miles away from the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, the NRA HQ also boasts a complete and modern rifle and pistol range that is open to the public as well. Parking is free and you can call 703/267-1620 for more information on the museum, 703/267-1649 for more info on NRA/LE activities and programs or visit www.nramuseums.org or <https://le.nra.org/> for info both respectively.



Pictured Above:
NYPD Officer Walter Weaver was a Life Member of the NRA when he lost his life at the World Trade Center on 9/11/01. His S&W revolver was recovered at the debris site and presented by his family to the NRA Museums where it has been on display ever since.



Pictured Left:
It's Hard to imagine a better known "Law Enforcement" Officer than San Francisco Detective Harry Callahan. Clint Eastwood's character had equal billing with his Smith & Wesson Model 29 .44 Magnum. "The most powerful handgun ever made and it will...", well you know the rest of the lines. This is one of the original three Model 29's bought and used in the first two films of the Dirty Harry franchise. Writer/Director and member of the NRA Board of Directors John Milius donated this to the museum and it remains one of the most instantly identifiable revolvers in the world.



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NRA Launches Free Experienced Hunter Education Course

FAIRFAX, Va. – Your National Rifle Association (NRA) has launched its latest contribution to the hunting community: the NRA Experienced Hunter Education Course.

"If you've taken a break from the shooting sports or haven't hunted in a season or two, our Experienced Hunter Education Course is the perfect refresher for firearms safety and safe hunting practices," explained Elizabeth Bush, managing director of NRA Community Engagement. "Best of all, we're offering this service completely free of charge."

NRA's Experienced Hunter Education Course is an online review of everything an experienced hunter should know, including a review of

firearm safety and safe hunting practices. Though not a substitute for state-mandated hunter-safety requirements, it will provide a solid foundation of the fundamentals.

"The NRA is dedicated to providing our members and supporters with the best safety training possible. Our Experienced Hunter Education Course is a wonderful addition to that commitment," concluded Bush.

Free to all, this comprehensive hunting refresher course will help hunters become safer and more confident before heading out into the field. For more information, visit www.nraehe.org and get ready for a safe and successful season.

Club Leadership Development Online Course

Is your club looking for new leadership? Are you a current club officer and need an update? Check out the NRA Club Leadership Development Online Course to obtain your NRA Approved Club Officer Certificate. The NRA Club Leadership & Development Online Course is designed to educate current and incoming club officers and leaders in club operations, programs, and membership development.

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NRA Adaptive Shooting Programs Launches Range Accessibility Subsidy

FAIRFAX, Va. –NRA Adaptive Shooting Programs has launched a Range Accessibility Subsidy Program to assist range owners and operators in making updates to their facilities and equipment to benefit the needs of adaptive shooters. The development of this program is in response to numerous communications from shooting ranges from across the country asking about best methods of making their facilities accessible to people with disabilities and potential funding to assist with these improvements.

As part of the application process, a Range Accessibility Checklist is available to assist range representatives in identifying areas for potential accessibility improvements at their facilities. It is a simple evaluation form that guides the applicant thru a series of questions, while outlining the common dimensions, measurements or clearances recommended within the Americans with

Disabilities Act (ADA). This confidential evaluation will guide the user toward the most beneficial accessibility upgrades for their facility and focus their search to obtain quotes for work needed or products to be purchased. The NRA Adaptive Product Providers database may also assist at this stage of planning. It provides links to companies and organizations offering products and services that make the outdoors and the shooting sports more accessible for people with disabilities.

The application is a simple 2-page document but the applicant will also be asked to include estimates of work, invoices for adaptive equipment costs and/or photographs of the range component to be built, modified or improved. Subsidy applications are available on a first-come-first-served basis with a maximum of \$2,500 per applicant per year. Available funds are limited. Visit <https://adaptiveshooting.nra.org/subsidy-program/> to get started today!



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CMSA'S BUSY 2020 SCHEDULE

Despite the pandemic, this year's schedule of events for the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association should still see competitors blazing away all over the United States!

Each year the Cowboy Mounted Shooting association, better known as the CMSA, holds major events in various parts of the country. However this year, barring any event changes due to the Corona Virus and the rulings made by the CDC, the CMSA will be covering much more territory. This will give mounted shooters greater chances to attend major events. Two stellar matches have already been held, with the CMSA Bishop's Trailer Sales Winter US Championship taking place in Queen Creek, Arizona, this past February 19-22, and the February 19-22, and the Rodeo Houston Shootout 1, (Houston, Texas) which just ran March 6.

Despite the temporary nationwide shutdown, the rest of the year still looks bright for horseback sixgunners, rifle and scattergunner contestants. CMSA's National Championship, in Tunica, Mississippi, has unfortunately been cancelled, because of the pandemic. However as of this writing, a brand new addition to the mounted shooting venue, the CMSA Appalachian Mountain Championship, scheduled for June 24-27, in Lexington, Virginia. This competition will premier a major mounted shoot in a totally new area on the east coast, and should be a winner.

With Las Vegas, Nevada still virtually completely closed down, CMSA officials are waiting to hear if the ever-popular CMSA Western US Championship, at the South Point Arena and Casino, this coming July 22-25 can be held. This is one of the most popular CMSA matches because of its location in the city of lights, great restaurants, and shows, for all the posse to attend in their off time! The CMSA Western is still scheduled to be followed up just two short months later in September 4-12, at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, when the CMSA Eastern US Championship takes place.

As it has for the past quarter of a century, the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association will proudly hold its biggest event of the year with the CMSA World and AQHA (American Quarter Horse Association) World of Mounted Shooting Horses. Held every October with this year's event running from the 13th through the 17th, in Amarillo, Texas. As one of the highest attended and most anticipated matches, the CMSA World, along with the AQHA mounted shooting championship promises to be another must-attend event!

The 2020 schedule promises to be an active year. For more updated information, go to: www.cowboymountedshooting.com. If you like watching fast horses, straight shooting cowboys and cowgirls, you'll definitely want to add one or more of these exciting championships to your traveling schedule.

By Phil Spangenberg
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THE GRAY WOLVES ASSOCIATION

By Bob Hofmaster

The deranged and evil set the time and place for violence, never the victim. One Sunday in a crowded church in Texas a deranged man fired his shotgun killing two parishioners. Within the six seconds it took for this horror to occur Security Guard Jack Wilson took out the killer with one shot to the head from fifty feet away. If Jack Wilson had not prepared for that single moment in time only a nightmare could picture what would have happened.

Just like the other 70+ year old members of the Gray Wolves Association, Jack Wilson is seventy two. The Wolves mantra is, regardless of age, consistent training is the key to being a top defensive shooter. The Grays are proud to say our 96 year old former West Point Pistol Team member is still a crack shot with his 1911 pistol! This is why the Gray Wolves recruit older shooters of good character having a valid CCW License. Our training ranges from Basic to Steel Challenge, IDPA, Tactical Practical, and The Air Marshal Course. Come, join us.

For further information about forming an NRA Affiliated Gray Wolves Pack in your community contact:

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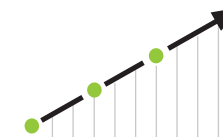


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Crazy Quail Smart Clay Target Throwers

By John Parker

Photos by Jesse Snyder

By combining a drone brain with a hi-tech target throwing machine, Crazy Quail's easy-to-use clay target systems are changing the way ranges are handling shotgun sports.

We've all struggled with a certain presentation while shooting clay sports. What if there was a way to just tell the clay thrower how to throw the same target over and over until you've mastered it? Well, Crazy Quail's line of portable, automated target delivery systems are just what the doctor ordered, and then some—using a mobile app, robust wireless technology and high-quality hardware.

At the 2019 NRA World Shooting Championship, all the shotgun stages used the Crazy Quail automated clay target thrower, including the Mini. The system is quite impressive—with a wireless connection and an app, you can control not just the number and angle of thrown clays, but also build full sets of repeatable positions. You can even set up games and tournaments where every shooter gets the same exact set of clays to compete with. The design of the system is scalable for using multiple units from a single mobile device. And since it's on wheels, the Crazy Quail Mini is portable.

Crazy Quail Mini

At its heart, the Crazy Quail Mini is an automated clay-target throwing machine. Using three 12-volt brushless motors along with precise braking control, the unit can rotate a full 360 degrees, roll from -30 to 30 degrees, and pitch and elevation can be set between 40 and 60 degrees. The motors themselves are powered via dual H-bridge drivers, similar to those commonly used in home appliances. Put simply, the Mini is designed for heavy-duty use. What's more, watching the system in action is pretty cool, even before you factor in the aforementioned mobile app control.

Available for both Android and iOS, the Crazy Quail app is both easy to use and feature rich. The app adds all sorts of capabilities to the system, from individual speed control for each motor, to positional control and even a few quick commands. Users can change target direction, speed, the number of clays and more. This is in addition to the "build and play" function, where full sets of repeatable positions can be built using a real-time recording system that's quite similar to a video editor, allowing you to play and record presentations for fine-tuning. It's as easy as tapping a spot on a circle on your phone or tablet, and setting up a clay to be thrown with the exact rotation, roll and tilt that you choose.

Crazy Quail's Gateway is a controller that makes communication between the mobile app and machine easy, as well at distances greater than Wi-Fi or Bluetooth can accomplish on their own. It can also be scaled up to handle more shooters—up to 256 different throwers can be controlled by one mobile device and one or more Gateways. After the Gateway is synchronized with your Mini, you can access basic functions of the Gateway without having to use a mobile device.

Drone Brain

So it's not exactly a drone brain, but close. The Crazy Quail Mini uses a customized PCB that sports the Atmel SAM3X8E ARM Cortex-M3 32-bit processor, the same that's used in the Arduino Due microcontroller that's popular with many hobbyists. The Due (or clones) is sometimes used for the electronic brain that controls consumer-level drone craft. But, this custom PCB ups the specs a bit for the needs of this machine, specifically 900 MHz RF capability, which provides powerful communication capability between the app, the gateway and the thrower—up to 2½ miles. In rural areas with good line of sight, the Gateway and Mini can theoretically connect at up to 9 miles.

Starting at \$8,500 for a Crazy Quail Mini package, this state-of-the-art clay-target thrower system doesn't come cheap. However, deep-pocketed shooters can buy one and expect to have everything they need for success. A more realistic scenario—clubs and ranges choosing to



upgrade their existing systems to Crazy Quail, because the opportunities are virtually limitless. And a smart business decision, because once again, you can pretty much set up any kind of game you want with just a few units.

Plus, Crazy Quail backs up all of its products with a 2-year factory warranty for throwers and a 1-year full warranty on the Mini's base and the electronics housed inside it.

Crazy Quail offers a few different packages that you can view at www.crazyquail.com.





Everything You Ever Wanted To Know About Metal Madness

Since we first reported on Metal Madness back in 2017, it has exploded in popularity. There is a good reason for that—Metal Madness is one of the most fun shooting disciplines around. Built around accuracy and speed, the sport has kept itself fresh—thanks to the diligence of its founder, Ed White, as well as participants who provide valuable input on how to expand it. (Watch the video above for an in-depth look at the history of Metal Madness.)

Each lane has four square numbered 12x12-inch shoot plates and a round 12-inch stop plate. The shoot plate numbers must be hit in numerical order and are randomized for each lane. Shoot plates can be reassigned before a match. (Photo by Jesse Snyder.)

Most importantly, Metal Madness has grown over the years with an emphasis on leveling the playing field. This certainly helps to keep it family friendly, which is one aspect that makes this sport appealing to wide swaths of firearms enthusiasts.

"Metal Madness is very family driven," said Ed White. "Nobody has to sit on the bench."

While it looks easy, Metal Madness can quickly become a challenge to just about any competitive shooter—especially if you have someone in the lane next to you that is posting sub two-second scores. What's more, there are not many things in life that are as satisfying as the ding heard after a successful impact on a plate. "Paper is just not as fun as steel," added White. "[But], we never had any inkling that Metal Madness would go all the way to the NRA World Shooting Championship." Metal Madness founder Ed White.

After the debut of the Metal Madness mobile range in December 2017, the sport really took off. With a platform that allowed Ed White and company to demo Metal Madness across the U.S., the floodgates were wide open. Ranges across the country expressed interest in adding Metal Madness to their existing disciplines. And, a key partnership with Tippman Arms provided

a dedicated rimfire rifle for the sport. By 2019, Metal Madness was popular enough to be included as a side match at the NRA World Shooting Championship. The NRA has been a strong supporter of the sport, noting its appeal to both beginning and advanced shooters, regardless of age or gender.

"Metal Madness is a game for everybody," said White. "We have 48 percent female participation, and a rapidly-growing youth league that teaches gun safety, hand-eye coordination and motor skills—all while having a blast doing it and not breaking the bank." American Hunter magazine's Digital Associate Editor, David Herman, had the opportunity to try out Metal Madness for the first time at the 2019 NRA World Shooting Championship. He gives praise to the fact that it's a great way for anybody to improve their shooting skills.

"Metal Madness provides a great atmosphere for shooters, young and old, to push their skills. Whether a beginning or experienced marksman, owner Ed White's colorful commentary and easygoing advice creates a fun atmosphere allowing anyone to have fun with their shooting. The layout of the event, meanwhile, means that target transitions can be practiced in an environment of friendly competition that is safe, yet still challenging."

Learn more about Metal Madness by visiting mmssa.net.
Lead photo by Jesse Snyder.

Pictured Below:
SSUSA Executive Editor John Parker with Ed White at the 2019 NRA World Shooting Championship. Along with Damien Orsinger, Parker traveled to Kentucky in 2017 to see Metal Madness for the first time. (Photo by Jesse Snyder.)



Pictured Above:
Ed White came up with Metal Madness while sitting on a bucket in his backyard on a hot summer day. This is the original range (Grand Rivers) in his backyard.

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Eddie Eagle at Great American Outdoor Show

The nine-day Great American Outdoor Show in Harrisburg, PA held in early February was another record-breaking year of almost 180,000 attendees from all over the country. This year's Great American Outdoor Show was also a record event for National Rifle Association's Eddie Eagle GunSafe® Program!

Created in 1988 by former NRA President Marion P. Hammer, the Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program is a firearm accident prevention program developed by a task force made up of educators, school administrators, curriculum specialists, urban housing safety officials,

footballs, fidget spinners, pens, coloring mugs, light up bracelets, Eddie Eagle color changing cups, and more!

It's a fantastic area that kids enjoy and that families can learn about safety and how to introduce the topic at home, said NRA Community Outreach Manager Eric Lipp.

Throughout the year, the Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program will continue to spread its mission of teaching children Stop! Don't Touch. Run Away. Tell a Grown Up, including at many local events throughout the country!

The Eddie Eagle Program relies heavily on its national grassroots network of volunteers to promote and teach the program in their communities. With the help of these volunteers and more than 26,000 schools, law enforcement agencies, and civic organizations, Eddie Eagle's message has reached over 32 million children, making it the most widely taught firearm accident prevention program in the world. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for the Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program or think your organization or club could partner well with the program, please contact us at eddie@nrahq.org or call (800) 231-0752.



clinical psychologists, law enforcement officials, and National Rifle Association firearm safety experts. The program was founded with one mission: to teach children four simple, easy to remember steps so they know what to do if they ever come across a firearm -- Stop! Don't Touch. Run Away. Tell a Grown Up.

The Eddie Eagle Kid Zone had their largest space yet at Great American, with over 4,800 square feet of space! The Eddie Eagle Kid Zone included activities and games such as basketball, skee ball, arts and crafts, toys, playgrounds, and even two face painters!

Along with these fun games and activities, many kids took home over 5,000 Eddie Eagle Prizes including: Eddie Eagle backpacks and

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For the full Eddie Eagle experience visit

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NRA Refuse To Be A Victim Collegiate Edition

On November 14th, University of Mary Washington (UMW) in Fredericksburg, VA held its first Refuse To Be A Victim (RTBAV) Collegiate Edition seminar. Hosted by The Firearms Club of UMW and taught by Executive Counselor Ed O'Carroll and Certified Instructor and UMW 2019 Alum Natalie Johns, a dozen students attended this hour long seminar to learn how they can be safer on a college campus.

The Collegiate Edition of RTBAV, launched in August of 2017, has been taught to over 7,500 students across the country. Based off the award-winning RTBAV crime prevention program, the collegiate edition takes the same tips and techniques taught in RTBAV and makes it applicable to life on college campuses. The program aims to teach methods to improve personal safety by increasing awareness, avoiding dangerous situations, and preventing criminal confrontations. The collegiate seminar also covers topics like social media, living on campus, student life, and more!

The heavy demand for this course has been reinforced by the overwhelmingly positive response from students, instructors, and campus staff.

Glynnis Farleigh, President of The Firearms Club of UMW, decided to host this campus wide event because she believed that "it would be an excellent way to host a personal safety course." "The course was easy to set up, as our main instructor Ed O'Carroll, was friendly and easy to work with", she said. With an increasing number of college and university personnel becoming certified instructors at no cost, most of these Collegiate Edition RTBAV classes are held for free!

One of these recently certified RTBAV Instructors is Sgt. Lewis of UMW Campus Police, who attended the event to answer and clarify campus-specific safety questions. She decided to become an instructor because she believed that the course "is a great way to inform [campus] students about what safety measures they can take to protect themselves and be more aware of their surroundings".

Students who attended the course reported how they learned new safety techniques that they have now implemented into their daily lives. Sebastian, a 20 year old sophomore, said how he now "always makes sure to be off my phone

and not listen to music when walking around campus" to make sure that he's aware of his surroundings. Molly, a 19 year old sophomore, said that she "adopted making eye contact and walking with a purpose" since completing the course. She reported how taking this course helped her "open her eyes to the potential dangers" on college campuses.

After the course, participants are given a pamphlet of all of the information taught during the course to reference if needed, which Molly said having on hand "to look back on is very helpful"! Sebastian, who enjoyed how engaging the course was said he "highly recommends this course to anyone and believes it should be taught in any school".

With the success of UMW's first RTBAV Collegiate Course, Sgt. Lewis plans to "teach at least one course per semester to inform our students ways to protect themselves to help lower what little crimes we do have on campus" she said. Thank you to The Firearms Club of UMW and University of Mary Washington for teaching college students how they can refuse to be a victim!

If you are college/university campus police or personnel, you are eligible to become a certified RTBAV instructor for free along with receiving free materials to teach at your local campus. For more information, visit <https://rtbav-college.nra.org/> or contact us at refuse@nrahq.org or 800-861-1166.



Pictured on article header: Group photo of students, including RTBAV instructors Natalie Johns, Sgt. Tegan Lewis, and Executive Counselor Ed O'Carroll

Pictured Below: University of Mary Washington students participating in the campus' first RTBAV Collegiate Edition seminar



NRA-ILA UPDATE

Election 2020: Voter Contact in a World of Social Distancing

Studies have shown that the most effective methods of communicating with voters about an upcoming election involve person to person interaction. But what can we do when attending events, going door-to-door, and having one-on-one conversations isn't possible? Rest assured your NRA-ILA Grassroots team has been working to find creative, effective, and innovative ways to communicate the importance of this upcoming election with likeminded voters, and we could use your help. Below are some of the ways that we are reaching out to remind everyone of the importance of the Second Amendment during these uncertain times.

Making Phone Calls: Now that more of the population is choosing to spend time at home, we are reaching out to them over the phone. Our goal is to remind everyone that with all of the declarations of state of emergencies, now is an important time to stay vigilant in defense of our Second Amendment Rights.

Sending Text Messages: One method of reaching out to voters that is relatively new in our Grassroots toolbox is to send text messages. Using a number of different systems, we are able to give volunteers log in credentials and then assign a list of voters to communicate with. The best part about this type of

peer-to-peer text messaging is that you can actually see who responds to your message, and if the voter has questions, you can answer them in real time!

Hosting Web Based Meetings: Another relatively new technology that your Grassroots Programs and Campaign Field Operations Division has used to expand our reach is our web based meeting software. We have been able to hold virtual meetings in an effort to help educate and train new volunteers and campaign staff all across the country, and have taken steps to better utilize this software to stay connected during these uncertain times.

If you would like to get involved in any of the efforts mentioned above, please reach out to your Grassroots Field Coordinator. Phone calls and text messages can be done from anywhere into any of our election priority states, and we can use the web based meetings to show you how step-by-step.

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