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This is an election year with three Congressional house seats up for grabs. The First Congressional District is an open district with Jim Hansen's retirement. There are primaries in the First and Second Congressional Districts. By the time you receive this Newsletter, the primary results will have been announced. I hope that each of you took the time to vote. It is absolutely critical that you remain vigilant and carefully consider the voting records and positions each of the candidates took and will take on your Second Amendment rights. Remember it is you who elect the candidates. Every two or six years you have the opportunity to assess your Congressional delegate's support or lack of support for the issues you consider important, and, if necessary, vote for a change.

For those of you living in the First Congressional District, you may or may not know that Rob Bishop has been the lobbyist for the Utah Shooting Sports Council. He has worked tirelessly on your behalf to preserve your firearms rights in the State Legislature, and will continue to do so if he is elected to Congress.

We continue to ask each of you to send to Darlene Benard, our membership secretary, your e-mail address. Over the next few months we will work on putting the quarterly newsletter on our web site, and will e-mail it to each of you if we have your address. Mrs. Benard's e-mail address is usrpa@aol.com. This is an expense reduction effort and we ask each of you for your help.

Maintenance work is needed at the Elsinore and Centerville, Utah ranges. Will Smith will coordinate the work at Elsinore. The next scheduled work day will be on July 19, 2002, the day before the State Service Rifle High Power Championship on July 20, 2002. Please plan on going down the day before and helping get the range in shape.

Bud Benard will coordinate the work at Centerville. Anyone with information on dozer availability please contact Mr. Benard. The 600 yard backstop berm needs to be pushed back on to City property before 600 yards can be fired again at this range.

Several members have been traveling to Wendover from time to time to work on reopening the old military rifle range. The pistol range is currently being used by law enforcement, and with a little work, could be configured to accommodate standard bullseye pistol competitions. Ten rifle range target carriers have been rehabilitated and are currently functioning. Three more need to be completed rehabilitated, and an additional two need pulleys and cables attached. Tooele County obtained 24 targets from the Tooele Army Depot, 21 of which need major repair work. This is slow work and at least 10 people are needed to complete this project on a Saturday. It will likely take two weekends to put in new number boards in front of the pits to identify each firing position. A crew of at least 10 people per day is needed for this effort. I will coordinate this effort. Our next scheduled work Saturday will be August 24, 2002. Please plan on meeting at the airport office at 9:00 a.m. If you would like to car pool out, please contact me.

As soon as Tooele County gets its front end loader running, this machine is available to move dirt to put in the 800, 900, and 1,000 yard firing lines. If any of you are heavy equipment operators now is the time to volunteer 1 day of your time to operate this equipment. Call me with your availability.

Ralph Schamel and Marks Brooks need help at each of the Crossroads Gun Shows soliciting NRA memberships. This is a major funding source for your Association. Please lend them a hand.

Enough said.

Woody

