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President's Message April 2016



By Harvey Gerwig

ACT NOW OR FOREVER LOSE YOUR GUN RIGHTS

This has been a very discouraging Legislative Session so far. Many of you have stepped up and sent in testimony **OPPOSED** to the many anti-gun bills being pushed by the Honolulu Police Department this year. Unfortunately, they have all passed the House and the Senate floor votes so far this year, **BUT** we are **NOT** dead in the water yet. If everyone steps up **RIGHT NOW** and continues to send in testimony directly to each Senator and each Representative we can defeat these bad bills and here is how.

The bills are in their house of origin to be considered for the **AMENDMENTS** made by the other house. If the houses **CONCUR**, the bill can move forward to the Governor for his signature and become law. If the houses **DO NOT CONCUR**, they are then scheduled for **CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**, where they will be considered by members of each committee that heard the bill

during the preceding hearings. So, if there were two committees that heard the bill in each house, that would mean that four committees heard the bill in total, and if two members are sent to the **CONFERENCE COMMITTEE** from each of the original committees, then there would be a minimum of eight (8) members on the Conference Committee, and likely even more than that.

The committees are required to be bipartisan, where possible, which is extremely difficult in the Senate where Senator Sam Slom is the **ONLY REPUBLICAN** and is out for a bypass surgery. These committees then decide whether to concur on the bills, change the bill to meet all committee concerns or to simply drop the bill for **NON-CONCURRENCE**.

If Hawaii's **GUN OWNERS** get up on their hind horses and bombard the House and the Senate members with letters insisting that they **STOP** these bills, this battle can be won.

If Hawaii's **GUN OWNERS** sit back and do nothing, these bills will be enacted into law and you will have to live with them forever.

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President's Message

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THE BILLS WE ARE FIGHTING RIGHT NOW ARE AS FOLLOWS:

HB 625: Misdemeanor harassment, such as unwanted texts, emails, and phone calls will become a disqualifying characteristic for owning or possessing a firearm. Even previous convictions for such a minor misdemeanor will become a disqualifier and cause your local Police to come and confiscate your firearms and ammunition. **(BAD BILL # 1)**

HB2629: Known as the Rap Back Bill. This puts any applicant for a firearms permit on a permanent criminal background check system that will cover all states, all the time. It creates a Federal registration of firearms owners, this is in direct violation of the 1986 Firearms Owners Protection act, which disallows the Federal Government from creating such a registry. **(BAD BILL # 2)**

HB 2632: Emergency Hospitalization (MH1 Bill). This bill allows police to pickup someone for acting a bit strange and take them to a hospital for observation and assessment for being a danger to self or others. It also allows them to immediately confiscate all that person's firearms and ammunition without the benefit of a court order or judges approval. **STATUS:** Currently in Conference Committee, reconvening on April 26. **(BAD BILL # 3)**

HB2647: Ivory Bill: Seeks to ban the sale of ivory and many other animal products in Hawaii. We asked for a specific gun and knife exemption and were told that this would be included. **IT IS NOT INCLUDED.** This bill will steal millions of dollars from collectors and dealers and will NOT save a single elephant, walrus or hippo. **(BAD BILL # 4)**

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On the SENATE side we are fighting the following bill:

SB2954: Which is the Senate version of HB2629: (RAP BACK) Known as the Rap Back Bill. This puts any applicant for a firearms permit on a permanent criminal background check system that will cover all states, all the time. It creates a Federal registration of firearms owners, this is in direct violation of the 1986 Firearms Owners Protection act, which disallows the Federal Government from creating such a registry. **STATUS:** Senate agrees with House amendments, final reading on April 25. **(BAD BILL # 5)**

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Thank you,

Harvey Gerwig

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Response Letter From Rep. Matthew S. LoPresti Regarding HB2692



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

April 8, 2016

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to contact me regarding SB2954. I encourage and appreciate constituent feedback, and it is important to me to learn and understand your perspective on issues before the legislature.

On this particular measure, I feel that there may be some misrepresentation of the bill by some groups. It may be of interest to you to know that this bill is, in fact, supported by the Hawaii Rifle Association – they submitted testimony in support of the measure during the February 8th hearing, noting that it eased moving between counties without having to re-register firearms. Additionally, the NRA has not submitted testimony opposing the bill for any reason, at any of the three separate hearing throughout February and March. Neither has the NRA, to my knowledge, raised any questions as to the constitutionality of this measure.

I certainly understand general concerns about limiting law abiding citizens' ability to own a firearm, however, this bill in no way prohibits or prevents this. It only applies to convicted criminals (specifically felons), *not* law abiding citizens. In other words, my understanding of the bill is that only those who have disqualified themselves from owning a gun by criminal conviction would be affected by SB2954. It is already the case that such convicted individuals, by law, should self-report and either turn in or turn over to someone else firearms that were up to the point of conviction legally in their possession. Their ownership of a firearm was legal at one point but because of *convicted* felonious activity, their possession is no longer legal – this has been the law of the land for a very long time. Not surprisingly, many do not self-report and do not turn over firearms that are illegally possessed. This bill merely makes it possible for law enforcement to more efficiently know if someone may be illegally in possession of a firearm by virtue of a criminal conviction; it is important to note that law enforcement already has the legal ability and duty to do this, SB2954 only gives them the human and technological resources to conduct such criminal background checks in a timely and efficient manner. Thus, to be clear, this bill merely provides law enforcement the awareness that they need to enforce current laws that they already enforce. Without this law, the illegal possession of firearms by convicted felons is practically ensured.

There has been some spreading of misinformation that SB2954 is in violation of federal law, but in fact it would utilize an existing federal program - offered by the federal government - to assist in criminal background checks. Again, the police already have the authority to do this, SB2954 simply offers additional human resources and technology to improve and facilitate to continue to do what they already do.

I thank you for your feedback. Please, as always, feel free to contact my office with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew S. LoPresti".

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HRA Response to Rep. Matthew S. LoPresti Regarding HB2692

Dear Representative LoPresti:

My name is Harvey Gerwig and I am the President of the Hawaii Rifle Association. I just received a communication from one of our members that included a letter from you to him, dated April 8, 2016. In that letter to Mr. Rice you made some assertions about our Association and SB2954 that I would like to address.

1. HRA did, in fact, click the support button on the Capitol.Hawaii.Gov website for SB2954, however we did so in error and were trying to support the bill asking to consolidate the firearm registration data bases between all the islands. Please note our comments that "it would ease moving between the counties without having to re-register firearms with each move" We DO NOT support this bill.
2. HRA and NRA have sent out multiple emails to all our Senators and Representatives expressing our opposition to this bill.
3. You are correct that we did not testify in the original hearings due to an error on our part. We did not catch that there was a companion bill to the HB2629, so we put all of our effort opposing the House bill. We OPPOSE both bills.
4. You stated in your letter that this Bill " only applies to convicted criminals (specifically felons), not law abiding citizens" This bill will enroll ALL APPLICANTS for a firearms permit in a Federal Database. No other state in the U.S. is using this database for firearms tracking.

You state that this Bill would utilize an existing Federal program, which is true, but again, no other State in the Union is using this particular Federal program for firearms tracking, we believe that using Rap Back for continuous tracking of Firearms Applicants is a violation of the 1986 Firearms Owners Protection Act, which forbids Federal databases of firearms owners. This is clearly a Federal database of Firearms Owners.

Please reconsider your position on this matter. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to speak to you directly on this issue. Please call me at your convenience to discuss our concerns.

Harvey Gerwig, President
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Turkey Fever

By Richard Hoeflinger

I have hunted upland game birds with dogs of the pointing breeds for over 65 years. In my mind, there is no greater sense of satisfaction than seeing a well-trained gundog lock up and hold a bird, and then bring the downed game to hand. In my later years, however, I have been exposed, and succumbed to ‘turkey fever’.

There is a large population of wild turkeys on both private and public land on the island of Hawaii. There is a liberal take on the birds during the fall season (November-January)--one bird of either sex per hunting day. During the spring season (March-April), two bearded Toms are allowed. Capture techniques vary by season.

In the fall general game bird season, it is not uncommon for dogs to lock up on a well-hidden turkey. Anticipating the flight of a much smaller game bird, the hunter is sometimes shocked at the spectacle of a 20-pound turkey lumbering to get airborne under the dog’s nose. Once he recovers his senses, however, that big bird presents a pretty easy target. I find spotting and stalking turkeys a more challenging fall hunting approach.

Observing a flock at a distance, I bring out the glasses to see if there is a nice Tom among their number. If so, it sets in motion a plan to close the distance without detection. I’m not as spry as I once was, but I can still beat feet if I need to. And when chasing a moving flock of turkeys you cannot dawdle. Turkeys have very good eyes. You need to get within gun distance quickly and without being seen. Stay low –crawl if you need to – then pick out the big Tom, and send a load of No. 4 shot in his direction.

In the spring, it’s a matter of locating a Tom by calling, then setting up a place of concealment and vocally romancing the bird to arrive within gun range – many times easier said than done. Timing is critical, and the best

prospects for success come when the hens have finished breeding and are sitting on eggs. If you can locate a randy Tom who still wants to breed, absent his hens, he will sometimes come running to your call.

After expending all that effort, it’s nice to have a reminder of your Turkey hunting success. I already have a full body gobble mount of the first Tom I called in, and an overhead flying mount of another, so nowadays I just save the beards and spurs and try to work them into attractive individual or group displays – some of which are illustrated here. Let your imagination guide you.



Memories are nice, but no substitute for the challenge of the hunt. I hope I’ll still be able to do that for many years to come. If you’ve never tried it, you might want to give it a shot. You never know – you too might catch ‘turkey fever’.

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Maui Hunter - A Class C Felony

Aloha HRA,

Recently a Maui Hunter out for his first hunt was stopped by a Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DLNR DOCARE) Officer Randy DeCambra (known as Game Wardens on the Mainland) in a public hunting area for a hunting license check. The hunter was using an AR platform rifle with a 20 Round magazine and during the check he was issued a citation for having a prohibited magazine in his possession. The officer seized the loaded magazine from the rifle, and one loaded spare 20 round mag. The hunter was also informed by the DOCARE Officer that he could seize the hunter's rifle and vehicle if he wanted to, but he was willing to give the hunter a break and just seize the magazines and issue the citation and notice to appear in court.

When the court date arrived our Maui hunter was shocked to find that the misdemeanor possession of a large capacity magazine charge (ticket) had been upgraded to a C Class felony. Needless to say this caused quite a panic for the hunter who thought he was complying with the law to begin with, let alone that the court was now charging him with the wrong statute. Due to the intervention of a good attorney who is a strong 2nd Amendment supporter, our Maui Hunters case was finally dismissed and the judge ordered that his two 20 round magazines be returned (this had not happened at the time I wrote this article).

Since this incident I have heard of several other similar incidents on all the islands involving DOCARE officers who are enforcing "high capacity magazine" bans while hunting. We discussed this issue with several attorneys, the HRA, and NRA Instructors, and DLNR Hunter Safety Instructors that are familiar with Hawaii gun laws and court cases and this is what I have been able to conclude from my research. By the way this article is not intended to be legal advice, it's just my opinion so please consult your own attorney for guidance in your situation.

1. Yes, just possession of ANY magazines over 10 rounds which are "designed for or capable of use with a pistol are prohibited and is more than likely a misdemeanor charge (Section 134-8(C)HRS) in Hawaii". You could get one misdemeanor charge for each magazine in your possession (Five 20 round AR magazines = 5 misdemeanor charges). I can already hear the "but, my gun store sells 30 round AR magazines", "some rifle manufactures ship 30 round magazines with new rifles to Hawaii" - all correct. But

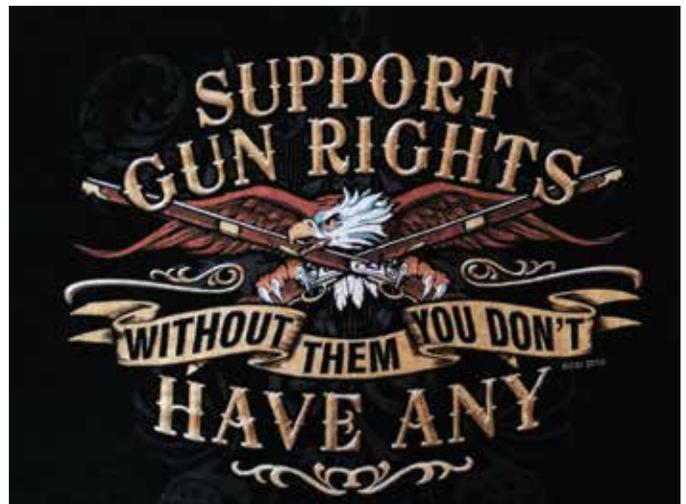
again, I'm talking about hunting in Hawaii and enforcement by DOCARE officers.

2. In the Maui case upgrading the mere possession of a 20 round AR magazine while hunting to a Class C felony was just wrong, Hawaii law applies only to those having a large capacity magazine (any magazine over 10 rounds) inserted in a pistol (20 Round AR-15 magazine + an AR15 pistol "assault pistol" per Section 134-1 HRS).

3. Some in the Hawaii legal community believe that Prosecutors could NOT prove their cases if taken to a jury trial as they would have to prove beyond a doubt that a person in possession of a large capacity magazine is also in possession of a banned assault type pistol that fits the magazine in question. Examples would be a person has a 30 round AR magazine, so the Prosecutor would need to prove that the defendant also possesses an AR 15 type pistol in Hawaii, or in the case of a 15 round 30 Caliber M-1 Carbine magazine (very common in Hawaii), the defendant is also in possession of a Carbine pistol (Plainfield Enforcer - also illegal in Hawaii), or possession of an AK-47 30 round magazine, the defendant would need to be in possession of an AK-47 pistol (also illegal in Hawaii).

Now all that said, do you really want to risk being arrested or cited while hunting with a 20 or 30 round AR magazine? Having to hire an attorney at great expense and take time off from work to try and prove they are

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Maui Hunter

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wrong and you are right - I don't think so. Also be aware that if HB2631 goes into law (RAP BACK system) and you are arrested for a Class C felony, the RAP BACK system will alert your local law enforcement agency who WOULD THEN show up at your door and seize all your firearms and you may end up with a lifetime prohibition from ever owning or possessing firearms again.

What am I going to do while hunting deer with my AR rifle in Hawaii? What I have always done, use 5 or 10 round magazines. They provide you better off hand shooting stability anyways, lighten the weight of your rifle, easier to sling carry, and I doubt you are at risk of your hunting blind being attacked by waves of hostile Axis deer.

On another note, I recently heard a story from a student who moved to Hawaii from the mainland with his Glock handgun. He had all the magazines blocked so that they could not hold more than 10 rounds per Hawaii state

law before he arrived in Hawaii. When he went to register his handgun all his magazines were seized as they were stamped as 15 round magazines, and it was apparently assumed the block could be reversed. So hot tip here - "you never need to take magazines, (rifle or pistol magazines) to the police station for any reason". Leave them at home, or in the trunk of your car while you are registering your guns. I'm sure most of you have heard the story (Urban Legend?) about the recently retired veteran who moves to Hawaii and dutifully goes to the police station to register his father's Browning High-Power Pistol, the clerk notices the factory issued 13 round empty magazine inserted in the magazine well and the vet is charged with a Class C felony (high capacity magazine inserted in a pistol). So please do not just hand the police a class C felony - leave the magazines at home.

Fairness - no, of course this is not fair and I truly believe it is an infringement of our 2nd Amendment rights.



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545 vs. 300,000,000 People

Charley Reese's final column for the Orlando Sentinel.

He has been a journalist for 49 years.

He is retiring and this is HIS LAST COLUMN.

Be sure to read the Tax List at the end.

This is about as clear and easy to understand as it can be. The article below is completely neutral, neither anti-republican or democrat. Charlie Reese, a retired reporter for the Orlando Sentinel, has hit the nail directly on the head, defining clearly who it is that in the final analysis must assume responsibility for the judgments made that impact each one of us every day. It's a short but good read. Worth the time/worth remembering!

By Charley Reese

Politicians are the only people in the world who create problems and then campaign against them.

Have you ever wondered, if both the Democrats and the Republicans are against deficits, WHY do we have deficits?

Have you ever wondered, if all the politicians are against inflation and high taxes, WHY do we have inflation and high taxes?

You and I don't propose a federal budget. The President does.

You and I don't have the Constitutional authority to vote on appropriations. The House of Representatives does.

You and I don't write the tax code, Congress does.

You and I don't set fiscal policy, Congress does.

You and I don't control monetary policy, the Federal Reserve Bank does.

One hundred senators, 435 congressmen, one President, and nine Supreme Court justices equates to 545 human beings out of the 300 million are directly, legally, morally, and individually responsible for the domestic problems that plague this country.

I excluded the members of the Federal Reserve Board because that problem was created by the Congress. In 1913, Congress delegated its Constitutional duty to provide a sound currency to a federally chartered, but private, central bank.

I excluded all the special interests and lobbyists for a sound reason. They have no legal authority. They have no ability to coerce a senator, a congressman, or a President to do one cotton-picking thing. I don't care if they offer a politician \$1 million dollars in cash. The politician has the power to accept or reject it. No matter what the lobbyist promises, it is the legislator's responsibility to determine how he votes.

Those 545 human beings spend much of their energy convincing you that what they did is not their fault. They cooperate in this common con regardless of party.

What separates a politician from a normal human being is an excessive amount of gall. No normal human being would have the gall of a Speaker, who stood up and criticized the President for creating deficits. The President can only propose a budget. He cannot force the Congress to accept it.

The Constitution, which is the supreme law of the land, gives sole responsibility to the House of Representatives for originating and approving appropriations and taxes. Who is the speaker of the House? Paul Ryan. He is the leader of the majority party. He and fellow House members, not the President, can approve any budget they want. If the President vetoes it, they can pass it over his veto if they agree to.

It seems inconceivable to me that a nation of 300 million cannot replace 545 people who stand convicted -- by present facts -- of incompetence and irresponsibility.. I can't think of a single domestic problem that is not traceable directly to those 545 people. When you fully grasp the plain truth that 545 people exercise the power of the federal government, then it must follow that what exists is what they want to exist.

If the tax code is unfair, it's because they want it unfair.

If the budget is in the red, it's because they want it in the red.

If the Army & Marines are in Iraq and Afghanistan it's because they want them in Iraq and Afghanistan .

If they do not receive social security but are on an elite retirement plan not available to the people, it's because they want it that way.

There are no insoluble government problems.

Do not let these 545 people shift the blame to bureaucrats, whom they hire and whose jobs they can abolish; to lobbyists, whose gifts and advice they can reject; to regulators, to whom they give the power to

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regulate and from whom they can take this power. Above all, do not let them con you into the belief that there exists disembodied mystical forces like "the economy", "inflation," or "politics" that prevent them from doing what they take an oath to do.

Those 545 people, and they alone, are responsible.

They, and they alone, have the power.

They, and they alone, should be held accountable by the people who are their bosses.

Provided the voters have the gumption to manage their own employees.

We should vote all of them out of office and clean up their mess.

Charlie Reese is a former columnist of the Orlando Sentinel Newspaper.

What you do with this article now that you have read it is up to you. This might be funny if it weren't so true. Be sure to read all the way to the end:

Tax his land,
Tax his bed,
Tax the table,
At which he's fed.

Tax his tobacco,
Tax his drink,
Tax him if he
Tries to think.

Tax his tractor,
Tax his mule,
Teach him taxes
Are the rule.

Tax his cigars,
Tax his beers,
If he cries
Tax his tears.

Tax his work,
Tax his pay,
He works for
peanuts anyway!

Tax his car,
Tax his gas,
Find other ways
Taxes to pass

Tax his cow,
Tax his goat,
Tax his pants,
Tax his coat.

Tax all he has
Then let him know
That you won't be done
Till he has no dough.

Tax his ties,
Tax his shirt,
Tax his work,
Tax his dirt.

When he screams and
hollers;
Then tax him some more,
Tax him till
He's good and sore.

Then tax his coffin,
Tax his grave,
Tax the sod in
Which he's laid...

Put these words
Upon his tomb,
'Taxes drove me
to my doom...'

When he's gone,
Do not relax,
Its time to apply
The inheritance tax.

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FUNNY?

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What in the heck
happened? Can you spell
'politicians?'

Koko Head Skeet Club (KHSC)



By Laughlin Tanaka

12 ga. Tournament April 3, 2016

Hi Shooters:

April Fool's day came suddenly and without incident and shortly thereafter, our April 12 ga. tournament was underway. Sunny skies and gusty winds were peeking through some billowy clouds and set the stage for a tough tournament day. Earle Char, president of KHSC welcomed 20 shooters. Among the shooters, we were pleasantly surprised to see some members who have not previously shot in tournaments begin their hand with the 12 ga. event. Fantastic! Welcome to the world of skeet tournaments.

Squads were lined up for the first group to start at 8:30am that fine Sunday morning and Mike Yoshida called first squad to the pads, looked at the targets and away we went. Yours truly was with first squad and my thought centered around making a good showing from the dismal showing last month in the 20 ga. tourney, and you know what they say, when you think too much on performance, you sometimes put yourself into a hole, and a hole is what I dug...a big one with foot in mouth.

I struggled in the first round like a bat in hell and not in good way...way too many targets were having their way with me. I was a victim of "thinking too much on outcome" rather than relaxing and thinking of taking the very next target. I tried to correct mistakes on the tournament field, and that led to frustration and second-guessing myself. I am definitely in a slump...well, that is my excuse. The other members of the squad were doing a little better than I was, but I have to admit that scores for the 12 ga. event were surprisingly low. What gives? Anyway, that was how the day would end up for yours truly, way short, a little embarrassed, and I asked myself, "Am I having fun? I was delirious with fun...hum?"

Now let's talk about the good shooting performances that were evident that fine day. There were four shooters who shot in the 90's, and considering the scores that day, it was terrific that some of the shooters were holding their game together. Overall high score of the day came from our own Kelly Ogawa (Class A), a long time shooter who has not been on the practice field of late, but still put in a great performance with a score of 93. The other three shooters who shot in the 90's, and they were all 91's, were Roy Enomoto (Class A), Paul Seo (Class D, pushed up to Class C), and Cory Chock (Class E). Paul Seo went to Class C because he had two wins in his class and was advanced to

the next higher class. A note on Cory Chock, he shoots a 870 pump shotgun, and isn't that telling you something when all others shoot over-unders, semi-autos. It sheds new light gentlemen on the old phrase, "it ain't the arrow but the injun..."

The day would come to an end with the traditional hotdogs and smoke sausage. The banter around the skeet house after the shoot is always filled with poking fun at less than stellar shooting performances and the mantra of having to take up some new endeavors. Mine was crochet....but I was reminded that it took special skills to do that and would I have what it takes...ha! Never a dull moment and such willing companions to cheer you on. It was all in good-natured fun and that is the essence of skeet...the camaraderie that is shared with others.



Kelly Ogawa, Class A Winner



Denny Sadowski, Class B Winner

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Special thanks go out to all the hands that prepared the food at the end of the tournament, and to all the people who helped score and pull targets, a great big mahalo to all those individuals. Without these helpful souls, the tournament could not proceed, so thank you very much.

Below are the scores of the contestants and the respective class winners. Congratulations to all the class winners and hope to see you at our next shoot! The next shoot will be 100 targets 20 ga. on May 1st. See you then!



Cory Chock
Class E Winner



Paul Seo
Class D Winner



Mike Cullen
Class E 2nd place

April 3, 2016 12 ga. Tournament Scores

Class	Name	Scores				Total
A	Roy Enomoto	23	22	24	22	91
	Kelly Ogawa	23	23	24	23	93
C	Alden Almeida	24	19	19	22	84
	Denny Sadowski	24	22	21	22	89
	Ted Guillermo	21	21	22	22	86
	Stuart Wolfe	20	22	22	24	88
D	Laughlin Tanaka	19	20	19	22	80
	Paul Seo	25	23	21	22	91
	Walter Frieszell	19	21	21	18	79
E	Greg MacPherson	22	17	21	20	80
	Tommy Kushima	22	21	20	20	83
	Neal Yoshimura	23	22	22	19	86
	Randy Suzuki	18	18	19	16	71
	Mike Cullen	20	22	21	23	86 2nd
	Louise Mott	23	20	19	22	84
	Cory Chock	23	25	23	20	91 1st
N/C	Keith Yugawa	11	17	16	20	64
	Clyde Nishimoto	19	21	22	20	82
	Brad Wong	16	18	18	15	67
	Ross Putnam	21	19	20	23	83



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