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Election Results

- I am serving as TEMP Secy. till we get all the post election results sorted out. Please send all information for future newsletters to Con Rice at above email address. *Addison Hurst*
- Larry Hare was elected to be Secy. to fill Mike Vargosko's slot. We owe a lot to Mike for the fine job he did for the past four years. The Board appointed Con Rice to fill Larry's slot as a board member until the next board election. Con will do the newsletter and Larry will be recording secy and will continue to manage the membership committee as he has been doing so well for some time... Pres. (Addison Hurst), Vice Pres. (Jim Burgess), and Treasurer (Ed Costello) were all reelected for another two year term. All three of us were unopposed. I guess we three all owe the membership a thank you for your vote of confidence....however only about a third of you voted....for reasons I cannot understand.....we went to a lot of trouble to enable you **ALL** to vote. Regardless, the newly elected officers and Board members will continue to do our best to manage your club—at least till the next election. (Officers on even years and Board of Directors on odd years. Con will serve out the vacated Board position of Larry Hare).

Annual NRA Meeting April 16-18 in Pittsburgh PA

- We are going to display .22 training arms at the NRA Annual Meeting.
- If you have any U.S. military training arms, manuals, charts etc., rifles, pistols, machine guns, please send me a list of what you would be willing to lend us for the display. If any one has any manuals on the .22 trainer assembly for the Browning M 1919 MG - Please let me know!!! Obviously, condition and rarity are major concerns. Send your list with serial numbers, markings, cartouches, or other important data to Vince Rausch at vincentrausch@cox.net. We are sticking to US .22 training rifles and pistols and MGs. Vince is looking for early Navy conversions of the Remington 1870 Navy RB rifles converted to .22We will take good care of your babies. Vince will contact you if we can use your materials. Any Class 3 arms to be taken to Pittsburgh require ATF permission. Contact me if this is an issue. *Addison Hurst*
- We will be sending six persons to the Annual Meeting. Only lodging and gas will be charged for reimbursement. The persons going: Vince and Charlie Rausch; Addison Wright and myself; Jim Burgess; Ed Costello. We will do our utmost to well represent VGCA.. We will take lots of photos of everything!
- Phil S and the NFM are donating to VGCA the two expensive 10x10 booths at the Annual Meeting. ***Thank Phil when you see him.***

We had a board meeting this past week. If you have issues or suggestions, please feel free to send them to any board member—in writing or by email.

VGCA and NORVA member George Hagn suffered very serious injuries in a recent car accident due to icy roads. Your prayers would no doubt be helpful. Will have an update at the meeting.

Please let Pete Roberts or any board member know if you would be interested in a VGCA table cover for your tables at the show. I think the cost is somewhere about \$70-75 dollars each. They are being sold essentially at cost. Any proceeds will go to the club. Pete's telephone number is 540-659-6422. His cell number is 540-295-6178. His email is peterob@erols.com.

Please be aware that due to the incredible cost of liability insurance at the shows, it appears that the price of tables at the September show may have to go up to recover the costs over which we have absolutely no control. These increases will simply have to be passed along, as we can no longer afford, as a club, to continue to absorb these increasing costs. Truly a sad situation but we have to have insurance to rent Hugo's for the shows. No insurance....no shows. It is as simple as that. The increased fees will be as small as we can make them. The premiums keep increasing.

If you have items for sale or items you wish to buy, send them to Con and he will insert them in the flyer on a space available basis. See you on the 26th at 7 ---NOT 7:30 Addison Hurst

Please send your thoughts and information for future flyers to Con Rice or to me at our email addresses listed above. Telephone us if absolutely necessary but we would ***much*** prefer emails as they are not so intrusive. We are both very busy and I have an office at home and the number of club related calls I receive is beginning to interfere with my work. If you do need to call, please leave a msg. or call early am or later in PM. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Meeting and Event Calendar

Programs/Events for 2004. **ALL WILL START AT 7 PM—NOT 7:30 AS BEFORE.** Please note the following. All are held at the NRA Auditorium except the shows and the picnic. Food provided as usual. We are looking at changing the menu somewhat....possibly pizza for April.

Feb. 26- British Martini Rifles by John Appleton.



- Following the break—we will have a focused show and tell---Bring in anything with the name Winchester on it! Gary Holderman will lead the discussions.
- We will need to discuss the show of course.
- As February will be the last meeting before the show, please attend and let us know if you can lend a hand in set up, show committee etc. Gary will make photo ID badges as usual.

March 18, 2004 6:00 to 8:30 PM (business attire) will be a reception at the Hdqt at NRA and will honor the newest display at the Ruger Gallery in the Museum (NFM). We can send two members (at VGCA cost). If you would like to go and represent VGCA, let me know. The subject of all this is "Thompsons: On the Side of Law and Order". It will be a sneak peek at the latest display of Thompson SMGs. From what I understand, the display will be breath taking!!

March 27-28 The show at Hugo's. Will need your help. Baltimore show is 20-21

- Always keep your eyes open for possible alternative show locations...We could lose Hugo's in the stroke of a pen as it now for sale and not for just lease as in the past.
- I have been sending flyers to folks who I know are reliable and will distribute them at gun shows, hardware stores, barber shops, gun shops etc. If you could help and you have not already received flyers, please call me and I will send you some. I have only a couple of thousand left.

April 22- Carlos Davila will present Latin American Mauser Rifles. Don't miss this one.

May 27-NRA/VGCA joint presentation. Speaker to be announced. Don't miss this one. Always outstanding.

June 12-Picnic for VGCA members at the NORVA range at Star Tannery VA. Ed Johnson et all will be cooking and there will be lots of shooting going on as well. Rain or shine!

July—No meeting due to vacations

- I have heard some comments that we should have a meeting in July. Your thoughts on this????

Aug. 26-NRA/VGCA presentation. Speaker to be announced. Always outstanding.

Sept.25-26 Show at Hugo's. Again, we will need your help

Oct. 28 -NRA/VGCA joint presentation. Speaker to be announced. Again, always outstanding.

Dec. 2—Swap meet or mini gun show. (Combined Nov. and Dec. meetings)
PLEASE CHECK THE WEB PAGE (VGCA.ORG) IN CASE THERE IS A QUESTION ABOUT CANCELLATION DUE TO THE WEATHER. THERE WILL BE A FLASHING NOTE IF THE MEETING IS CANCELLED.