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✪ **February 26th Meeting on The Finest in Firearms:** Doug Wicklund, the curator of the NRA Museum came and gave a talk on some amazing historical firearms. Details will be available on the website.

✪ **The Election of VGCA Directors for the 2015-2017 Term.** At our February meeting Secretary Richard Pripeton gave the results of the elections for Directors. Four people, Rick Nahas, Marc Gorelick, T.J. Parmalee and Rob Becker ran for three positions and in a close race, Rick, Marc and T.J. were elected.

Larry reminded members that the next election will include the President's position.



✪ **Business Meeting of February 26, 2015:** Acting President Jim Burgess brought the meeting to order. Since Treasurer Shannon Zeigler was not there to give a report, Jim covered some of the monetary items. The Board approved the



expenditure of \$2,250 for a Colt Kitteridge revolver that will be donated to the NRA Museum. The historic revolver will be displayed at the Museum in Virginia and in Missouri. The Club spent \$600 for ballots for the election of three directors. And we expect to spend more money on advertising and promoting the Gun Show. The Board approved the expenditure of up to \$1,500 to support the VGCA display at the NRA Convention.

Jim stated there were only five unsold tables for the show, next month. He encouraged people to consider doing a display at the show and reminded them that display tables are free for members. He also said that he will need volunteers to help with judging displays.

Membership Chairman Larry Hare announced there were no new prospective members present to be voted on. He also reminded annual members to pay their dues, noting that we had included notices in previous newsletters. Jim noted that the Gun Show would be held at the end of March and the Show Security Manager reminded members that we need volunteers for security and set-up. Jim also mentioned that former President Dave Litchfield had volunteered to be sign manager. Finally, Jim asked people to take and distribute show flyers in order to get the word out about the show.

Acting President's Comments

Dear Members,

We've had another successful show and you will hear the details at our next meeting on Thursday, April 23. Many people contributed to this success and I want to especially recognize Show Manager Rick Nahas, Show Security Chief Kent Jeffries, former Director John Babey and Treasurer Shannon Ziegler for all their hard work in coordinating everything. Many members, too numerous to mention here, volunteered their time for set-up, tying guns and providing security at the doors, judging displays, as well putting together some excellent educational displays. The National Firearms Museum's display of Colt firearms which included the percussion revolver recently donated by VGCA was also a big hit and greatly appreciated. Once again our evaluation table proved to be a highly popular attraction.

Despite all the help that we had, we could always use more. Many hands make light work and the show becomes that much more enjoyable for everyone. If you couldn't help out in March, please consider volunteering a few hours of your time at our November show. We want to maintain certain member benefits such as free show admission and free display tables but with insufficient volunteers those perks could go away.

We just learned that a rare pistol in the VGCA sponsored exhibit of Radom firearms at the NRA Annual Meeting in Nashville last week was awarded a silver medallion. There will be more on this at the meeting. Speaking of which, Bob Hart's presentation on European and American single shot target pistols this month should be a winner as well. I hope to see you all there!

Jim Burgess

✪ **Comments from the Board of Directors:** The Board has already had a meeting and Jim Burgess will be filling in as the temporary President after the January Meeting. We will be looking for a member willing to help and step up into this highly needed position by the next election cycle. If you or someone you know is interested please have them contact a member of the Board of Directors or email us at web@vgca.net.

Other News!

✪ **Fall Show Call for Volunteers:** If you're interested in working Security at the next show in November WE ALWAYS NEED VOLUNTEERS especially if we want to grow our show and provide more for you all. Please contact Kent Jefferies at KAJefferies@aol.com and remember that working on the Security or Setup teams gets you one free admission to the gun show for the weekend. If you're interested in volunteering in other ways please contact Rick Nahas whose contact information is provided above.

✪ **Current Speaker List for 2015:** What follows is our current sign up for speakers for the 2015 calendar year.

- **April 23:** Bob Hart (European Single Shot Target Pistols)
- **May 28:** Jim Burgess: Civil War Guns/Bayonets
- **June 25:** Rob Becker: SKS Family of Rifles
- **August 27:** Bill Troy: President Thompson Collectors Association
- **September 24:** Marc Gorelick
- **October 22:** Steve Westbrook: American Hammer Shotguns of 1880s-90s
- **December 3:** Holiday Dinner/Show & Tell/Swap Meet

✪ **Continued Call of Articles for the Website:** We are making a call for articles for the website. They must be about guns or gun collecting not shooting sports or hunting. No political articles will be used. Articles may be

about modern or antique firearms and may be historical and/or technical in nature. Detailed guidelines will be available on the website. Please fact check and proofread your own work. All articles may be submitted to Marc or Richard at web@vgca.net. Official Guidelines for articles may be found on the education page of the VGCA site.

Show and Tell

Member #1 displayed an excellent M-1 Carbine. It was made by Winchester and shipped from the Red River Army Depot in Texas. It came with two magazines and a sling.



Member #2 presented a rare Colt percussion Model 1861 or 1865 Pocket Navy Revolver. It was .36 caliber with a 5-shot rebated cylinder. The Model 1861 has the same frame as the Model 1849 Pocket revolver. The rare piece came with a powder flask, caps and other accessories, and could shoot either round or conical balls. Member #2 explained that in 1861 Colt began marking the caliber on the trigger guard some Colts will be marked for .31 caliber.

Member #3 showed an interesting Swedish Husqvarna Model NR rifle. This rifle, in .22 short caliber, was made between 1884 and 1907 and used for indoor 15 meter matches. It has a variation of the Rolling Block action. Member #3 remarked that when he purchased the gun, it had the second worst bore he had ever seen.



Upcoming Events and Shows

PLEASE NOTE: There are sometimes changes in schedules by gun show promoters or errors on websites. Members are strongly encouraged to *verify before driving to a show*. These dates have been published as of this writing, but are not guaranteed. If you have a favorite show you would like to tell other members about, please email the Editor with a short review, including the show content, i.e., modern, new, collectible or antique, and I will include it as room permits. **Yellow** = Collector organizations.

VIRGINIA 2015

- ⇒ May 16-17, 2015 - Richmond, VA - Richmond Raceway – *Showmasters*
- ⇒ May 23-24, 2015 - Fredricksburg, VA – Expo and Convention Center - *SGK Show*
- ⇒ May 30-31, 2015 – Virginia Beach, VA – Convention Center - *SGK Show*
- ⇒ June 5-7, 2015 - Chantilly, VA – Dulles Expo Center – *Nation's Gun Show*
- ⇒ June 20-21, 2015 – Manassas, VA – Prince William County Fairgrounds – *SGK Show*

MARYLAND 2015

- ⇒ June 13-14, 2015 – Baltimore (Timonium), VA – Timonium Fairgrounds – *The Gun Shows*

PENNSYLVANIA 2015

- ⇒ May 9-10, 2015 – Allentown, PA – Allentown Fairgrounds – *Forks of the Delaware*
- ⇒ May 16-17, 2015 - Allentown, PA – Roadway Inn Expo Center – *Eagle Arms*
- ⇒ June 13-14, 2015 - Gettysburg, PA – All Star Conference Center – *Eagle Arms*
- ⇒ June 19-21, 2015 - Harrisburg, PA – PA Farm Complex – *Showmasters*

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