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★ **Annual Holiday Potluck Dinner and Swap Meet:** On December 4th we held our potluck with a ham provided by the club. Nearly 40 members attended bringing a wide array of delicious desserts and sides. As per usual our holiday meeting mainly consisted of show and tell with member 1 bringing a Winchester Model 1893 pump



action 12g shotgun. According to various sources, including Doug Wickland, this was one of the first examples of a manufacture's recall since it was designed by John Browning for Black Powder 12g Shells and by 1897, higher pressure



smokeless 12g shells had entered the market. Consequently, the Winchester Model 1893 shotgun was a redesigned to handle the new ammunition and designated

the Winchester Model 1897 shotgun. Member 2 presented a Walther Model P88 semi-automatic 9mm pistol produced in 1988. What made this particular pistol interesting is that it was held by the Walther factory for in-house usage until finally released for sale in 1995 (check this date) and is so marked. Member 3 brought a Ruger 44 magnum semi-automatic rifle, produced from 1961 to 1985. It was, and still is a popular deer rifle in states that still allow semi-automatic rifles for such purposes. Member 3 presented a sporterized Norwegian Krag rifle in 6.5x55 Swede.



★ **The Election of VGCA Directors for the 2015-2017 Term.** Our January meeting may be the last opportunity you may have to question potential candidates about their ideas for the direction of the Association, instead of relying on a photo and one paragraph attachment to the ballot. Please consider if you would like to run, or if you have someone you would like to nominate to run. Our recent elections have had increasing interest and candidates, and we have been busy recruiting and signing up new members, which is a good sign. So far we have had 3 nominations for the positions but would love to have more and see the membership show their desire to serve. The current nominees are Marc Gorelick (incumbent), T.J. Parmele, and Rick Nahas.

★ **Business Meeting of December 4, 2014:** We started off the meeting in the usual fashion with the pledge led by Jim Burgess, followed by a moment of silence for our fallen comrades. New members were brought in by Larry Hare, Thomas Schrader, sponsored by Dave Litchfield, and Logan Metesh, sponsored by Phil Schreier.

President's Comments

Dear Members,

The January 22nd meeting will mark the end of my tour as President of VGCA. For the last 8 1/2 years I have served as the Deputy Security Manager, then Director and for the last three years as President. I have also been part of the Show Set team this entire time and have also served as the sign manager for the last three years. These years have been enjoyable for me as I met wonderful people and learned a tremendous amount about collecting firearms. I have recruited many new members, sold lots of show tables, planned several road trips, served as the Program Manager for lining up monthly speakers, and of course managed the execution of our monthly meetings. I formed a Rules Committee in 2012 and tasked them to review our By Laws and create an updated set for us that would support our operations for the next decade or more, and after three years they are homing in on a draft to be presented to the members. I instituted our plan of providing a VGCA patch to new members and the presentation of VGCA Pen sets as gifts of appreciation to our monthly speakers. Now I have decided it is time to step aside and allow others of you to provide leadership to the VGCA. I want to thank the many members who have served as volunteers at the shows, served as officers and board members, helped provide items in support of the meetings and otherwise gave of themselves to the VGCA. I want to acknowledge the outstanding service of Rick Nahas, Dennis Gerdovich and Emory Hackman on the Show Committee, Addison Hurst and Gary Holderman on the Evaluation Table Team, Kent Jefferies, Joe Roberts, Jim Burgess, Carl Karash, Bill York, and Art Shingler on the Security Team, and please forgive me not listing every single act of support from many of you. Maj Terry Fearnley, who is also a VGCA Life Member, and the PWC Sheriff's Office Team who have provided uniformed security for our shows also deserve our thanks. All those who agreed to be monthly presenters at our meetings and all those of you who faithfully show up for Show Set Up....you all have my sincere thanks.

Happy Collecting!
Dave Litchfield

✪ **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. We express a large thank you to Dave Litchfield for his years of service and all the wonderful things he's done for the Club. We understand that life takes unexpected turns at times and are grateful for how much of himself he has been able to give. We would also like to thank the membership for their continued support at our shows and monthly meetings.

Other News!

✪ **March Show Call for Volunteers:** If you're interested in working Security at the next show in March 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.

✪ **Request for 2015 Speakers:** We only need a few more speakers for the 2015 calendar year. We've already had some great volunteers stand up but we need more. There are only 3 months vacant at this point and we'd love to hear you speak about your own passions and collecting.

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

- **January 22:** Emory Hackman: Gun Trusts
- **February 26:** Doug Wicklund: TBD
- **April 23:** Open
- **May 28:** Steve Westbrook: American Hammer Shotguns of 1880s-90s
- **June 25:** Open
- **August 27:** Bill Troy: President Thompson Collectors Association
- **September 24:** Open
- **October 22:** Jim Burgess: Civil War Guns/Bayonets
- **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.

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

- ☞ January 24-25, 2015 - Fishersville, VA - Augusta Expoland - *C&E Gun Show*
- ☞ January 24-25, 2015 - Norfolk, VA – Norfolk Scope - *C&E Gun Show*
- ☞ January 31-1, 2015 - Manassas, VA - Prince William County Fairgrounds - *SGK Show*
- ☞ January 31-1, 2015 - Richmond, VA – Richmond Raceway – *Showmasters*
- ☞ **March 28-29, 2015 – Manassas, VA – Prince William County Fairgrounds – *Virginia Gun Collectors Association***

MARYLAND 2015

- ☞ **March 21-22, 2015 – Baltimore (Timonium), VA – Timonium Fairgrounds – *Maryland Arms Collectors***

PENNSYLVANIA 2015

- ☞ January 24-25, 2015 - Carlisle, PA – Carlisle Expo Center – *Eagle Arms*
- ☞ January 31-1, 2015 - Gettysburg, PA – All Star Conference Center – *Eagle Arms*
- ☞ February 7-8, 2015 - Allentown, PA – Roadway Inn Expo Center – *Eagle Arms*
- ☞ **February 14-15, 2015 – Allentown, PA – Allentown Fairgrounds – *Forks of the Delaware***

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Membership Renewal Request (AMR-NL-2014)
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VGCA annual membership requires yearly renewal and payment of \$30.00. Life membership is still only \$150.00. If you have paid your 2014 dues, you may upgrade to life membership during the 2015 dues cycle for \$150 (only \$120 over the cost of annual membership.) Please complete and return this renewal form with your payment. Indicate Annual, Life or that you do not wish to renew your membership by checking the appropriate box below.

Name _____
Address _____
Telephone _____ Email _____

- Enclosed is \$30.00 for CY 2015 VGCA annual membership dues.
- I wish to upgrade to Life membership in VGCA. Enclosed is \$150.00.
- Remove my name from the VGCA membership rolls.

Make all checks payable to VGCA (NO CASH PLEASE). If you have any questions contact Larry Hare, Membership Chair at (540) 946-2050 or by email at LaurenceHare@gmail.com.