From the Publisher's Desk

Welcome to the June/July 2026 issue of Bird Dog & Retriever News. Thank you: subscribers, advertisers, organizations and others.

Well, we made it through spring and summer is in front of us. Time to get out and get some training done. Also now is when the bird count for this fall is determined. If we have massive rains over Memorial Day weekend, nests will flood and chicks will be lost. Some birds will renest, a dry weekend will produce more birds. Watch the weather.

I'm doing a lot of work on Bird Dog & Retriever News as of late. As you may know our web provider got hacked a few months ago. I told them to put up the archive from last week. The said ARCHIVE?

So we are working at reloading everything online with a new provider. Our Guldans.com store also got hacked we are working on that for this fall too.

We are still looking for a retired Vizsla to give a home to. We miss having a Red Dog around. And it sure is nice in the woods when they go on point to verify there is a shell in the chamber before they get up. Springers don't grant you much time.

So what's issue? I got se emal frrhe huting/gun lobby in MN that said they could use some help on some legislation. Amazingly they only contact me when they want something.

This year there was another bad bill that went to 67 v 67 tie. One changed vote and it would have been passed.It is getting pretty ugly. The Left knows it won't hold up in court but they can go home and say: "Look what I Did!" As the killing in the streets continue.

And you can quote me! So keep your powder dry and you and your dog in hunting shape!

See you next issue!

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Politicians & Gun Control

Get Involved

By Dennis Guldan

How many times have you heard it: No talking politics, let's be friends.

I don't buy that for one second. If you REALLY are serious about: dogs, hunting and the future of our sport you should welcome it.

Fifty years ago, Speaker of The House Tip O'Neil and POTUS Ronald Reagan would lock themselves in the oval office after hours and drink a bottle of California Wine or three. It was just those two. After an hour or two of drinking the most serious problems this country had, were solved.

Yes, they would yell at each other and of course drink too much. But they respected each other enough they would not take cheap shots and most importantly they would LISTEN to what the other had to say and decide for the good of the country what an acceptable solution for all would be.

Maybe we need more of that today.

I have a friend David that has an incredible knowledge of Italian Wines and always brings over the good stuff. David will tell you he does not share his great wine with relatives because they do not appreciate great wines. David is a Democrat; I assume lifelong. I am for the most part a Republican. But my philosophy can be stated in a sentence, I don't know WHICH party it belongs to.

My philosophy that a large number of people agree with is:

I want the government to keep the bad guys and snow off my roads, spend No More than they need to and other than THAT LEAVE me alone.

Some may call that Libertarian, but they can never get out of the starting box.

One of the most interesting political discussions I can have, are with David. We value both each other's friendship but also each other's knowledge on subjects and we each LEARN from our discussions. Yes, as with Ronald & Tip wine does help the discussion.

I really wish more people could discuss and learn from the debate. I have found only people that can't hold up their portion of the argument don't want discussion.

Why is all this important?

In the last few weeks, the MN House closed session with a 67-67 tie on a gun ban vote. I have the text at the end of this at the end of the article. All it would have taken is one more vote to pass some MAJOR gun law changes.



Ban most semi-automatic rifles, pistols, and shotguns based on a single common feature (there goes Deer & Rabbit hunting)

Ban every magazine that holds more than 17 rounds (Most murders are done with less than 5)

Force every existing owner to register their firearms and magazines with the BCA and renew every three years, with felony penalties for failing to comply (do you trust the government THAT much?)

Strip the long-standing exception that lets permit holders drive onto school property with a firearm locked in their trunk (I have taught Hunter Safety in schools)

Hand $500,000 in taxpayer money to an anti-gun research group to produce material aimed at restricting our rights further (NO COMMENT)

This is the type of legislation that is getting EVER SO CLOSE to being passed.

Some say, let them pass it and then it will get thrown out by the courts. If every judge was on a two-year term and had to reface voters and if what happened in NYC and Seattle did not affect us hunters/gun owners, I might agree. But I simply do not trust the courts anymore.

So, what can YOU do?

This is simple. This is the June/July issue of BD&RN. The next issue is in August maybe late waiting for the bird counts. A good portion of the local festivals might be over by then. What I want you to do is simple.

Walk up to the elected or person seeking office.

Introduce yourself: I'm George Smith I live on Wilson Road in Rozellville

Do you represent my area?

What is your stand on Gun Control?

Then stand back and watch them squirm and listen if you desire. But FORCE them to publicly address the issue.

What it will do, is force them to think before they automatically agree to what they are trying to do. And you are obligated to nothing, you can respond I just wanted to know your stand before I need to vote again. And I DO VOTE!

It may not make a world of difference and yet ONE VOTE would have pushed these new gun laws through.

Do your sport and the future a favor and get involved!

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