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Susan, Alex and Deb:
NSSF Bullet Points E-mail Alert has nationwide and beyond distribution. It's reach is huge. The publication of the P-R grant program serves as great publicity for the VT F&W Dept. grant program that came into being due the action of then-Senate President Peter Shumlin. Thanks, Evan Hughes



BULLET POINTS

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This Week:	2011 Summit			
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Help Shape Future of Hunting and Shooting

REGISTER FOR NSSF'S 2011 SUMMIT; EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT AVAILABLE UNTIL MARCH 31 . . .



From its beginning in the early 1990s, NSSF's Shooting Sports Summit has attracted key decision makers from all segments of the firearms industry, conservation community and state wildlife agencies. Today, many programs now exist that were born from an idea, a conversation or a need identified at the Summit. NSSF will be hosting its 2011 Summit June 7-9 at the Louisville Marriot Downtown in Louisville, Ky. All leaders from throughout the industry and the shooting and hunting communities are encouraged to attend this year's Summit, where the goal remains the same: to continue to increase participation in hunting and the shooting sports. Registration is up and running at nssf.org/summit. An early bird discount is available to those who register by March 31. [Registration](#) | [Sponsorship Opportunities](#) | [Speakers](#) | [Hotel Information](#)

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NSSF Blog

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SHOT Show Blog

Stay current on news and information about NSSF's SHOT

- **3Q FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION EXCISE TAX FIGURES RELEASED**

. . . The latest firearms and ammunition excise tax collection report released by the Department of the Treasury indicates that firearm and ammunition manufacturers reported tax liabilities of \$104.32 million in the third calendar quarter of 2010, down 9.93 percent over the same period in 2009. The report, which covers the time period of July 1 through Sept. 30, shows that \$25.7 million was due in taxes for pistols and revolvers, \$33.94 million for firearms (other)/long guns and \$44.68 million for ammunition (shells and cartridges). Compared to the same period in 2009, tax obligations were down 13.91 percent for pistols and revolvers, down 8.48 percent for firearms (other)/long guns and down 8.61 percent for ammunition (shells and cartridges).



Show -- the shooting, hunting and outdoor industry's largest trade show.

- **PRESIDENT SIGNALS SUPPORT OF REPEALING REPORTING REQUIREMENT** . . . In his State of the Union address, President Obama signaled that he would support a repeal of the 1099 reporting requirement. "If you have ideas about how to improve this law by making care better or more affordable, I am eager to work with you. We can start right now by correcting a flaw in the legislation that has placed an unnecessary bookkeeping burden on small businesses." Scheduled to take effect in 2012, the new IRS reporting requirement would force businesses to provide a 1099 to vendors from whom they buy goods totaling \$600 or more annually. Small businesses will need to issue hundreds or even thousands of forms each year, track cumulative payments to vendors and obtain tax identification information from each vendor. And the "vendor" could be a gun owner who sells used firearms to a retailer.

SHOT Show

- **ADDRESSING RUMORS AFFECTING SHOT SHOW EXHIBITORS** . . . In a post today on the SHOT Show Blog, NSSF's Chris Dolnack addresses a few exhibitor-related rumors making their way around regarding next year's SHOT Show. These rumors are in response to changes to the show's space-selection process as well as speculation on the elimination of certain segments of the show. [Read the blog post.](#)



News of Note

- **BUDWEISER NAMES CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR . . .**
Joe Hamilton, founder of the Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA), has been named [Budweiser Conservationist of the Year](#). The award includes a \$50,000 grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, which Hamilton has chosen to give to the organization he founded in 1988 -- QDMA -- to ensure the future of white-tailed deer, wildlife habitat and America's hunting heritage.
- **USDA SECRETARY ANNOUNCES NEW CRP SIGNUP . . .**
Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, at the Pheasants Forever National Pheasant Fest, [announced plans](#) for a new Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general signup from March 14 to April 15. The plan calls for targeting up to 4 million acres for acceptance, while wishing to maintain a 32 million-acre cap. Set-aside CRP lands provide several benefits to the environment, not the least of which is preserved habitat for wildlife.
- **VERMONT FISH AND WILDLIFE MAKES RANGE GRANTS AVAILABLE . . .** Shooting clubs, sportsmen's groups and government agencies involved in operating shooting ranges within the state have until 4:30 p.m. on April 1 to [submit applications for grants](#) from the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. The Shooting Range Improvement Grant Program was developed in 2010 to encourage the improvement of shooting ranges and to enhance their safety and operation, with funding from federal excise tax on hunting, shooting and fishing equipment.

NSSF Membership

- **SPECIAL \$50 NSSF MEMBERSHIP OFFER FOR RANGES AND RETAILERS . . .** NSSF is extending its special 50th anniversary rate of \$50 for the first two levels of range and retailer membership, which includes businesses that have up to \$10 million in annual sales. Businesses that take advantage of this offer will become members through Dec. 31, 2011, for just \$50. This offer does not apply to multiple store locations. [Apply online](#) or download a [PDF application](#). Questions? E-mail bswann@nssf.org or cbrutting@nssf.org or call 203-426-1320.

Jobs

- **INDUSTRY CAREER CONNECTION . . .** Visit www.nssf.org/jobs for current employment opportunities in the shooting, hunting and outdoor industry. Employers: [Log in](#) to post a job opening.



NSSF's Mission

"To promote, protect and preserve hunting and the shooting sports."

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