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GRRC is ramping up for spring. There is a large number of projects in the planning stage that you might wish to put on your calendar. PLEASE mark those **membership meetings** in red; we cannot get any business done without a quorum at our meetings. We do not have an approved 2011 budget (this newsletter is being printed on surplus funds from last year.) We need **you** to make our organization viable and vibrant. The **Annual Banquet** has been moved to March 12, the **Junior Auction** is scheduled for the March GMM, and **Discipline Chair web training** is 2/14. Read on!

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Red Shed Report

Mike Kaluza reports the path on the MP firing line and down to the target holders have been cleared with one of our donated snow blowers. A path to the BP range over the foot bridge has also been cleared. If you use the foot bridge, be careful on the east end!

Repairs on a second donated **snow blower** are nearly complete. Arrangements need to be made with the combat shooters to store the second snow blower in the locked metal storage building on the pistol range before it can be delivered to the range. The **firewood supply** on MP range has been replenished. The pistol range firewood supply is adequate for the time being, however contributions would be appreciated.

Steve Marden volunteered to be the **campground coordinator**. He will be collecting dues from the owners of each camper. Larry Theis will remain campground chairman. Rich Williams gave Steve a listing of the campers. There are still two campers that have not paid for 2010. Steve will call them to get their fees.

Update on Tractor: Gary VandeKamp, as requested by the BOD, brought in an updated report on the consideration of purchasing a tractor. He has researched other brands; they are more expensive than the used Kubota tractor that he reported on in March, 2010. The BOD recommends that further work is done on looking at other used units that may come on the market.

Adding an 'All Around Match' in 2011: Motion by Rich Williams, with second by Mike Gjersvig to add this match, only open to GRRC members; will be run as a postal match.. See Rich for targets in April, with a turn-in deadline of 31 December. He asked for \$400 start-up costs for targets. Watch more details at GMM and in the Gazette.

The **GRRC Annual Banquet** is **March 12 at Kraus-Hartig VFW** with social at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Cost is \$23/pp. See Rik to make your reservations. Bring banquet money/checks to the February GMM. Rik needs a final count by **March 5**. Door prizes are still needed.

Date	Time	Location	Event	Contact
2/14/2011	1900-adjrn	Kraus-Hartig	GRRC Board of Directors Meeting	Rik Rarick
2/15/2011	1900-adjrn	Kraus-Hartig	General Membership Meeting	Rik Rarick
2/17/2011	1800-2000	Forest Lake	Junior club practice Legion Post 225	Joe Showalter
2/24/2011	1800-2000	Forest Lake	Junior club practice Legion Post 225	Joe Showalter
3/3/2011	1800-2000	Forest Lake	Junior club practice Legion Post 225	Joe Showalter
3/5/2011	0900-1730	MP	Willcocks Memorial	Gary Campbell
3/10/2011	1800-2000	Forest Lake	Junior club practice Legion Post 225	Joe Showalter
3/12/2011	1800	Kraus-Hartig	GRRC BANQUET	Rik Rarick
3/14/2011	1900-adjrn	Kraus-Hartig	GRRC Board of Directors Meeting	Rik Rarick
3/15/2011	1900-adjrn	Kraus-Hartig	Gen. Membership Meeting & JR Auction	Rik Rarick

GRRC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 1/17/2011

The meeting was called to order by the President on Monday, January 17 2011 at 7:01pm

In attendance were: Rick Rarick, Dave Newell, Laurie Pekarik, Rich Williams, Rick Loyer, Tom Torborg, Dave Secord, Kurt Borlaug, Mike Gjersvig, and Steve Marden. Excused were: Steve Shimek, Joe Showalter, Larry Sparks and Joe Groshens. Absent: Bruce Aune. Guests: Gary VandeKamp, Ed Pekarik and Mike Kaluza.

The Vice-Pres led the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence will be observed for departed members and deployed military personnel.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Kurt Borlaug, second by Dave Secord to accept the minutes from the last Board of Directors meeting as printed. Motion carried.

Executive Officer's Report: Absent.

Treasurer's Report: Motion was made by Rick Loyer, second by Tom Torborg to accept the Treasurer's Report as given. Motion carried.

There were no committee reports.

Correspondence: Receipt of annual dues notice from MN Rifle and Revolver Assoc. Motion by Kurt Borlaug, second by Tom Torborg to renew this membership. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Campgrounds: Steve Marden volunteered to be the campground coordinator. He will be collecting dues from the owners of each camper. Larry Theis will remain campground chairman. Rich Williams gave Steve a listing of the campers. There are still two campers that have not paid for 2010. Steve will call them to get their fees. Discussion ensued about re-alignment of the camping year to the GRRC fiscal year. Recommended that this matter be moved to Old Business for future discussion.

Update on Tractor: Gary VandeKamp, as requested by the BOD, brought in an updated report on the consideration of purchasing a tractor. He has researched other brands; they are more expensive than the used Kubota tractor that he reported on in March, 2010. The BOD recommends that further work is done in looking at other used units that may come on the market.

Research on Red Shed Attendance: Laurie researched all the attendance for each member during the months of June, July,

August and September, 2010. Members living within a 20-mile radius of the range were closely looked at in this study as there are 158 members within that locale. 64% of the members, as a whole, do not attend meetings at the Red Shed, while 65% of the members within that 20-mile radius do not attend at all. Because 3 out of 4 GMM at the Red Shed did not have a quorum in 2010, the BOD recommends not holding GMM during the months of June, July and August of 2011, and that the September GMM be held at Kraus-Hartig VFW. Further research is continuing on this subject.

Annual Banquet: Because of a scheduling conflict at Kraus-Hartig VFW, the banquet has been rescheduled to **Saturday, March 12**. Same cost with the same menu. Watch the newsletter for more details.

NEW BUSINESS

Future BOD meetings: Dates will be Feb 14, Mar 14, July 18 (tentative) and Oct 17.

2001 Budget: Ron Schwachtgen presented the budget for consideration. After presenting the recommendations, a motion was made by Mike Gjersvig, second by Dave Secord, that the Juniors' budget line item be overseen by the Treasurer, that the Juniors will have their own checking account under the name of GRRC; the Juniors Program and the Juniors' chair would have the ability to sign checks and pay bills. Following discussion, the motion carried.

Add-on to storage shed at KD range: Motion by Kurt Borlaug, second by Dave Secord, to expand the size of the KD range shed to 20' x 24', with an expense up to \$10,000. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Waiver of Late Membership Renewal Fee: Joe Showalter submitted a motion to waive the late fee for one member whose envelope was postmarked on Jan 3. Second by Tom Torborg. There were actually three members whose mail was postmarked Jan 3. After discussion this motion was defeated. Motion by Tom Torborg, second by Dave Secord to waive the late fee for the three members who had Jan 3 postmarked envelopes. Motion carried.

Waiver of Late Fee Due to Deployment: Motion by Kurt Borlaug, second by Rick Loyer to waive the late fee on another member's 2011 renewal due to deployment in the near future. Discussion. Motion carried.

Tree Cutting on North End of KD Range: Motion by Kurt Borlaug, second by Rich Loya to remove trees at the north end of the KD range on the east and west sides so all targets had the benefit of sunlight during matches. A long and arduous discussion ensued. Motion carried.

Chisago County Sheriff Department: Due to the recent election of a new sheriff in Chisago County, the Secretary will make contact with that office to confirm the gate combination assigned to the Sheriff's Department.

Moving Calendar Date for Annual Picnic: Motion by Rick Loya, second by Mike Gjersvig to move the date of the annual picnic to September 11, 2011. Motion carried.

Adding an 'All Around Match' in 2011: Motion by Rich Williams, with second by Mike Gjersvig to add this match, only open to GRRC members; will be run as a postal match.. See Rich for targets in April, with a turn-in deadline of 31 December. He asked for \$400 start-up costs for targets. Watch more details at GMM and in the Gazette. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

The next BOD meeting, 14 Feb at 1900 hrs at Kraus-Hartig VFW
The next GMM, 15 Feb at 1900hrs at Kraus-Hartig VFW

A motion to adjourn was made by Kurt Borlaug, second by Steve Marden at 21:56hrs. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Laurie Pekarik, GRRC Secretary

GRRC Membership Minutes 1/18/2011

The President called the meeting to order on 18Jan 2011 at 7:10 pm. **A quorum was not present.**

The Vice-President led the Pledge of Allegiance; a moment of silence was observed to honor absent companions and those serving in the military. Voting on the Minutes from the last GMM was deferred until the next GMM as a quorum was not present. Highlights of the BOD meeting held on 17 Jan 2011 were read. Without a quorum, items normally taken up under the regular order of business were deferred to the next GMM.

Executive Officer's Report: There are a few copies of the 2011 Range Schedule available. Most of the recent corrections were to the HP schedule. See Bruce if you have questions.

Chief Instructor's Report: no report

1st Readings: Matt Busse, Elk River, Jaemus McNeerney, Mpls, and Ryan Johnson, Monticello. **2nd Readings:** Seth Poundstone, Prior Lake, Phillip Kirby, Lindstrom. The President requested the Sergeant at Arms to lead the guests, 1st and 2nd Readings and non-members from the room. The Treasurer gave a brief synopsis of the financial condition. With no quorum, voting on the Treasurer's Report was deferred until the next GMM. Due to the lack of a quorum, voting on accepting the Second Readings as a group; to accept the group as members of GRRC was deferred until the next GMM. The Sergeant at Arms brought the applicants and visitors back into the meeting room. The Second Readings were excused from attending the next GMM, when their applications will be voted on. See the Secretary after the meeting to pay your fees.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (Committees not listed had no report).

Black Powder: The Willcocks Shoot and Picnic will be the 1st Saturday in March.

BP Cartridge: "Freeze Your Parts Off Shoot" was 8 Jan with 13-14 attending. The wood supply is very low at the range, so it is a good idea to bring firewood with you if you want to warm your houses in the winter. The wood box at the meadow is empty. "BS" flowed freely and everyone enjoyed the wonderful food.

By-laws: Bill Prock made a suggestion to suspend the summer GMM at the Red Shed. NAT.

Campground Coordinator: Steve Marden reported that all have paid their campground fees except one. He will be in contact with that person in the near future.

F-Class: Kurt indicated that Jay Eller is replacing Marc Schoess as discipline chair

Facility Management: Les said that the roads at the range are in pretty good driving condition.

Finance: Ron presented the 2011 Budget. Highlights were that 2010 came out in the black, the 2011 Budget has been approved and we should be in good shape for the coming year. He indicated that if spending stays within the budget, we should come out ahead at the end of 2011.

Juniors: Joe reported that the new season is well underway. They still need help with scoring on Thursday nights at the Forest Lake Legion. They are okay on equipment. Ten new shooters started in January. **The Juniors Auction will be after the March GMM.** He encouraged everyone to bring items to auction; of course, to stay and bid like crazy to help support the Juniors.

Legislative: Steve said that there is a lot of activity right now in Congress due to the recent shootings in Arizona. Be sure to watch your news media and your e-mails for items that you can voice your opinions to your Congressmen/Senators opposing 2nd Amendment Rights proposals.

Membership: Renewals continue to come in. Laurie said there are 47 on the Waiting List, 12 Regulars moved to Seniors; and there is no indication of how many open slots there will be until all renewals are processed.

Newsletter: There have been about 50 new requests come in with membership renewals. Dave reported that the percentage that receives the e-version is about 50% of the total membership.

PALMA: Kurt reported that he has received clearance for adding an event on 3 Sept 2011.

Pistol: Ed reminded shooters using the Pistol Range in the winter to use a tarp to collect brass.

Tuesday Night Practice: Mike has two copies remaining of the reloading handbook.

Website: Our new website is getting 75-150 hits per day. Dave has received 26 e-mails inquiring about future events. He plans on being at the State Fair Gun Show in March.

Good & Welfare/Correspondence: Laurie said a lovely Thank

You note received from Karen Newell for the green plant sent because her unfortunate fall on ice that resulted in a broken right arm. Everyone is happy that she is well on her way to recovery.

OLD BUSINESS

Campgrounds: See notes under "Campground Coordinator"

Red Shed Research: Results of the analysis of attendance for the summer months at the Red Shed were given. A suggestion was made for more research on attendance for the entire year.

Annual Banquet: Rik announced that due to a scheduling conflict at Kraus-Hartig VFW, the **Banquet date has been changed to March 12th**. All other details remain the same. He still needs door prizes.

NEW BUSINESS

2011 Budget: See the Finance Committee report for details.

Ideas on how to add on to the **storage shed at KD range** were presented by Kurt. The expansion is needed because two new disciplines have added to the storage needs in that building. The old shed has reached its storage capabilities. NAT.

Improving sight lines to targets on KD range was discussed and the need to clear wooded and brush areas east and west of the north end of the KD pits. NAT.

A suggestion was made to move the date of the **Club Picnic** to 11 Sept as Labor Day weekend is the last weekend of the summer for family vacations. NAT.

MN Gun Club Association: Rick Loyer and Bruce Aune attended the organizational meeting for the MGCA. The Association is looking for members on their Steering Committee. Four GRRC members volunteered.

Rich Williams talked about his proposal for an "**All Around Match**". See the BOD minutes from 17 Jan for details.

Ed Pekarik spoke to the need for a **parking lot at the Pistol Range**. Its location would be between the maintenance bridge and the biffs to the east of the walk path to the range.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A quantity of the large GRRC embroidered patches has been recovered from the old record storage. They will be for sale at the end of the meeting at \$25 each. See the Secretary to purchase.

Next GMM: Tuesday, 15 Feb 2011, 1900hrs, Kraus Hartig VFW
Next BOD meeting: Monday, 14 Feb 2011, 1900hrs, Kraus-Hartig VFW

The GMM closed at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Laurie Pekarik, GRRC Secretary

GRRC at MWCA Show 3/19-20
Calling All Disciplines!



The **Minnesota Weapon Collectors** famous March Minnesota State Fair Coliseum Gun show is just around the corner, on March 19-20. Once again, GRRC will be renting a couple of tables. This is our one chance a year to get the word out about the great events happening at our club. Each discipline should consider making a flyer containing event dates and information that can be handed out to people during the show.

We also need people to work the tables. Tom Torborg would like to get enough people so we could have a couple of shifts. This way no one has to work the entire show. Believe me, listening to everyone's gun show BS gets pretty tedious after a few hours. The more people helping out at the table the merrier! If you are interested in helping out, or you have a flyer to hand out, please contact Tom Torborg or Dave Newell. See you at the show!

Treasurer's Report: Richard Williams

The new **Match Report forms** are ready and will be available to Match Directors starting at the February meeting. Karen will post them on the web page for those who wish to download the form in .pdf format.

The 2011 budget is ready and waiting to be approved by the club. **It takes a quorum to approve it before we can start** to allocate the money. So if you want the club or your discipline to be able do anything this year, **come to the meeting and vote**.

While on the subject of the budget I would like to **thank Ron Schwachtgen** for all his work assembling the budget and doing the year-end audit. Many of you don't know Ron, but his behind-the-scene work every year is what helps keep our club on a sound financial footing.

This year as my first year end as treasurer he made the budget and audit a painless process for me. Painful for *him* no doubt- guiding me through the process and giving me the guidance to understand. The club is lucky to have a man with his expertise and experience willing to donate the time to oversee our finances. Again, Ron, thank you for all your help and guidance.



President's Report: Rik Rarick

Over the past year GRRC has been experiencing a drop in attendance at the monthly General Membership Meetings. Many times this has **prevented us from having a quorum**. If we do not have a quorum we cannot conduct any business such as approving new memberships or new projects, such as improvements for the range.

If projects don't get approved in a timely manner the coordinator loses a month or so in preparation time, which could have an affect on the project itself. We realize that it's not possible for everyone to attend all the meetings all the time and that in today's lifestyle, families are very busy. But if GRRC is to continue to grow and be able to maintain its fine facility we really need the support and input from its club members. So if it's at all possible for some of you to find a little extra time in your busy schedules to attend a couple of extra meetings during the coming year, it would be greatly appreciated by all.

Reminders: The **GRRC Annual Banquet** will be held on March 12th at Kraus-Hartig, if you plan to attend contact me at 320-629-6620, the cost is \$23.00 per person. The **deadline** for signing up is March 5th.

The **Junior Shooters Auction** will be held after the March 15th General Membership Meeting. Hope you can attend and or donate items for the auction.

- Rik Rarick, GRRC-President

New in 2011: Members-Only All Around Match

Starting this year there is going to be a club members-only **All Around Match**. It is going to be a postal match, except for one round of trap. All of the final details are still being worked out but the basics are as follows:

- It will be a postal match consisting of both rifle and pistol targets which can be fired anytime before Dec 31st.
- One round of trap fired any Wednesday night the trap range is open.
- There will be opportunities for members of all skill levels.
- This will be a match for some club bragging rights, camaraderie, and fun friendly competition.

Even if you don't normally participate in competitive shooting, plan to join in on this match. Watch the Gazette for more information next month- or better yet, come to the meeting to get the latest updates.

- Rich Williams Match Director

Workers Needed at MWCA Event 3/19-20

A large part of the GRRC membership is made up of seniors. Seniors aren't required to do work days, but if truth be known, they do a huge amount of range work that has made our range what it is today. The GRRC club table at the upcoming MWCA show is a way that you can help the club. We need several members to come for 3-4 hours and answer general questions. Handing out 2011 schedules and talking about the 250 plus shooting events we put on every year is a critical part of getting new shooters coming to our events. Contact Dave Newell or Tom Torborg if you can help.

Attention All Discipline Chairs:

Website Training 2/14 at Kraus-Hartig

Discipline Chairs who are involved with organizing matches should plan to attend the February Board of Directors Meeting at Kraus-Hartig February 14. [We realize that this is Valentine's Day, but the date was set at the January Board of Directors Meeting.]

Lisa Clemons, GRRC's web designer, will give a very basic workshop regarding posting pictures and text to GRRC's revamped website. It is very important to communicate your match information in a timely fashion, and Lisa can show you how easy it can be to make GRRC look terrific to our readers.

The website's largest user group is the **US Military** deployed worldwide. We know from the number of hits each week that our servicemen and women are reading us and "touching home" by contacting our site. We know from the number and kinds of e-mails generated from the **Contact Us** link that these folks are interested in us and our reports. We have great connections to the various websites of shooting sport organizations. These servicepeople may be future members.

Plan to attend the Board meeting and learn about possibilities for your discipline. You can meet **Kim Frick** who has volunteered to be a resource/contact person to help place your information and pictures. You are not in this alone. Karen will also help with your reports and articles. If you wish to e-mail current information to her, she will place it...but **you have to send it**.

Come learn how the website works, and build the skill-set to tell your discipline's story.



Gopher Gazette Via E-Mail

To sign up for your e-version of this splendid newsletter, just click on "**contact us**" tab at the top of the GRRC website, or send your request to pekarik1911@q.com. Please provide your member number, name and e-mail address, being sure to enter your request prior the end of any month, so the database can be updated for the next issue. As an example, to receive the March issue via e-mail, send your information prior to the end of February. Money saved on postage and printing adds up, and you are taking a small step to making GRRC more efficient and green..... and it's in color.

- Dave and Karen Newell

MN Forestry Service Celebrates 100 Years



This information was taken from the MN Forestry Service's website, a gem in the MN DNR's public service initiative:

In 1911 the legislature established the **Minnesota Forest Service**, a precursor to the **Division of Forestry** as the result of the 1910 Baudette-Spooner Fire that destroyed both towns and killed at least 42 people.

The **Minnesota Forest Service** started with 21 staff members whose main responsibilities were to enforce new, strict laws governing slash removal, regulate railroads to prevent sparks caused fires, require burning permits, and to create Forest Ranger districts. Offices were located in St. Paul and in 15 northern Minnesota cities. In 1931 the growing Minnesota Forest Service changed its name to the Division of Forestry. We now have more than 400 full-time, part-time, and seasonal staff members with 58 offices across the state. The main responsibilities have evolved to protect, manage, and educate the public about Minnesota's forest resources.

After the **Great Hinckley Fire** of 1894 destroyed the town of Hinckley and killed 418 people, the legislature authorized the appointment of a chief fire warden to enforce fire laws. The fire laws were passed to preserve forests and prevent and suppress forest and prairie fires. General C.C. Andrews, the first chief fire warden, organized a system of non-salaried township fire wardens that extended over most of the forested area of the state.

More than 2,500 fire wardens assist forestry staff in providing open burning permits. Burning permits are required prior to igniting any fire that is not a recreational campfire. Fire wardens write tens of thousands of these permits every year. The dedication of these volunteers to the burning permit program is a huge service to the state and its citizens. Some of these fire wardens have devoted 60 years or more to the program.

Today, the Division of Forestry uses a wide range of education, information, and communication techniques to create an educated citizenry who understands the role of forests in our ecosystem and economy. The **Private Forest Management Program** works with landowners and urban homeowners to provide land management assistance and tree care advice. Through **Project Learning Tree**, **School Forest Program**, and **Arbor Month**, teachers are supported with forestry-focused activities that address graduation standards. **Smokey Bear**, **Firewise**, and other fire prevention efforts promote individual responsibility and have helped reduce wildfires. DNR foresters engage landowners, educators, students, and business leaders to manage forests sustainably and promote wise use of the resource. Diverse partnerships with city, county, and federal natural resource agencies and organizations have greatly expanded the reach of all our education programs.

To learn more about the Minnesota Division of Forestry, visit their website at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/anniversary/beginning-now.html>

Spring Work Days: Tree Management

Spring work day this year will have an emphasis on tree management on the range. We will need chain saws, pickup trucks, 4-wheelers, wood splitters, and many workers to operate the equipment. Our plan is to remove trees around the pit area and canvass the range area for dead-falls and branches that need trimming. If any member has access to an aerial bucket for high overhead work- this would be wonderful. Our goal is to safely remove shade from the KD targets and to trim and preserve as many of our quality shade trees as possible.

Spring Workdays: 2011 MP Range Projects

Not in priority order, but here are some projects to start thinking about while the snow is deep and you are longing to be warm:

1. Finish roof over the trailer patio
2. Install safety signs
3. Complete overhead track installations on garage doors
4. Complete the trim around garage doors
5. Rethink and rearrange items in garage storage|
6. Complete range rules signage
7. Secure target bunker with new hasp and lock
8. Inspect and replenish all first-aid cabinets on all ranges
9. Re-engineer Red Shed wood box, move outside with inside access
10. Complete the chimney with new insulated thimble
11. Install railing system on bridge between MP & BP ranges

We always have a host of small projects around the Harris site. If a member can't make the scheduled work days call Rik or Dave and we will find projects that can be done at other times.

Gopher Nostalgia on Sale



About 20
7 x10 inch
old-style
Gopher Patches
have been found.
They are on sale
at
GRRC Member-
ship Meetings
only.
\$25

GRRC needs five members to join the Single Shot Rifle Association (ASSRA) so be can get our Club affiliation. See Bruce Peglow or Dave Newell.

Legislative Report: Steve Marden

Washington, D.C. > The chairman of the House Judiciary Committee on Friday rejected a request from Democrats to hold hearings related to gun safety in the aftermath of the shootings in Tucson earlier this month.

All 16 Democrats on the committee, which has jurisdiction over firearms laws, sent a letter to Rep. Lamar Smith, the Texas Republican who recently took charge of the panel, asking him to convene hearings on the use of high-capacity magazines and improving background checks to prevent the mentally ill from obtaining guns.

"It is more important than ever that we examine our gun safety laws and regulations," said Rep. John Conyers of Michigan, the top Democrat on the committee. "It is simply common sense to limit the availability of high-capacity magazines, and ensure that individuals banned by law from owning firearms are, in fact, prevented from buying guns."

But Smith, in a statement released by the committee, said any such hearings could prejudice the upcoming trial of the shooting suspect, Jared Lee Loughner.

In the letter, the Democrats noted that the assault weapons ban that expired in 2004 would have banned the magazine Loughner allegedly used to kill six and injure 13, including Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, outside a Tucson supermarket Jan. 8. "It has been widely reported that Mr. Loughner used a magazine that allowed him to fire over 30 rounds and that only when he attempted to reload was he able to be subdued," they said. The issue "should be reviewed," the Democrats said.

Democrats also suggested that at least 1.6 million "disqualifying" records of mentally ill people are missing from the national database used by firearms dealers to check the backgrounds of gun buyers. Because Loughner "may have had mental health issues," the letter said, the database's effectiveness should be examined, the Democrats said.

Smith, in his response, said the committee should review the database, known as the National Instant Criminal Background Check System "at the appropriate time." But hearings now might affect criminal proceedings in which Loughner's "mental status is likely to be a key issue," he said.

"Jared Loughner has not been found to be mentally ill," Smith said. "It is inappropriate for Congress to hold hearings on NICS that presume otherwise while Loughner is facing trial."

Since the expiration of the assault weapons ban, gun-control efforts on Capitol Hill have been lonely endeavors. Republicans, along with an increasing number of Democrats, have embraced gun rights and resisted most attempts at regulation.

After their colleague, Giffords, was shot, some House Democrats introduced bills that would ban high-capacity magazines and close a loophole in background checks relating to gun shows, but that legislation isn't expected to go forward.

Members of the California delegation who signed the letter included Reps. Howard Berman, Zoe Lofgren, Maxine Waters, Judy Chu, and Linda Sanchez.

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