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Dear Al and Members of the Board of Directors:

On behalf of the students and faculty of our course, Hunting and Fishing Traditions, I would like to thank you, your Board of Directors, and the membership of the Bald Eagle Sportsmen's Association (BESA) for providing access to your Hugo firing range during this past fall semester. Our course introduced a small class of university students to the safe handling of firearms and the basic principles of marksmanship with rifle, pistol and shotgun. Your organization provided a vital civic service in the training of these students in a friendly, secure and esthetically pleasing environment.

BESA hosted our class at the range on six occasions during the term. We spent two afternoons each on basic rifle and basic pistol safety, handling and shooting. Students participated in the NRA shooting sports qualification, achieving rankings ranging from Marksman up to Sharpshooter--Bar One, for smallbore rifle. Our students also did their final field day checkout for their Minnesota Firearms Safety course at the BESA range. Finally, Curt Hanke and Al Savage provided instruction and an introduction to trap and skeet shooting. Students fired a total of 7 rounds of skeet and 8 rounds of trap on their final day at the BESA range.

Eight students were enrolled in the firearms handling portion of the course. These young adults were unanimous in voicing their thanks to BESA for allowing us to use your range. All were impressed with the club's generosity and the respectful and welcoming attitudes of BESA members who we met at the range. We are greatly indebted to your club for the role you played in introducing these students to the opportunities for a lifetime of safe and rewarding participation in the shooting sports.

Very truly yours,



George R. Spangler,
Professor

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