

# **HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION NEWS**

# October 2020

### **President's Letter**

Out Special Event for this month is the Annual Clay Shoot. Bryan Dowd and his committee have begun working on the 2020 Clay Shoot. Be sure to reserve your team's slot. As this is our most popular year end event.

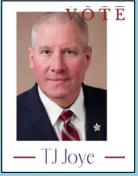
Your board has worked very hard on a number of political items throughout the year. We are always open to any new ideas, suggestions and help that our membership feels will better position this association for the future. We have accomplished a lot but the political machine never takes a day off, nor shall we. Remember this is your association, get involved and let's make a difference!

#### See you at the Membership Meeting!

Eric Blackburn 2020 President of HBA of the Greater Pee Dee

#### Home Builders Association of the Greater Pee Dee

# **October General Membership Meeting**



Thursday, October 15

11:30 Codes Meeting 12 Noon Lunch 12:15 Meeting



Guest Speakers: Florence County Sheriff Candidate \*\*Democratic Candidate Darrin Yarborough spoke at August Meeting RSVP Required text 843-250-5885 or email <u>cheryl@hbapd.com</u>

# 2020 Calendar of Events HBA Greater Pee Dee

#### %October%

13 HBA Board of Directors HBA Office @ 12 Noon

15 General Membership Meeting



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS THOUGHTS AND NOTES: VOTING: A FORGOTTEN PRIVILEGE?

Voting is at the heart of democracy. A vote sends a direct message to the government about how a citizen wants to be governed. And yet, only 48.8 % of eligible voters actually cast their ballots in the 1996 presidential election. That figure represents the lowest general presidential election turnout since 1824. In off-year elections (those when the president is not running) the statistics are even worse. Why don't people vote?

Aside from voter attitudes, there are institutional barriers that could be impacting voter turnout. Among the most commonly cited examples are the following: **1. Difficulty of Registration.** 

About a hundred years ago, both political parties were caught stuffing ballot boxes with bogus votes, and the states decided to make it more difficult for a person to vote. So most of them set up a host of voting requirements, including registration at least 10 to 30 days before an election. Most other democracies make it much easier for a citizen to vote. For example, some countries automatically register their citizens to vote. In the United States, the citizen is responsible for his or her own registration. States that have permitted same-day registration have seen slightly higher voting rates than other states.

#### 2. Difficulty of Absentee Voting.

Even if you remember to register ahead of time, you can only vote in your own precinct. If you are going to be out of town on Election Day, you have to vote by absentee ballot. States generally have stringent rules about voting absentee. In some, you have to apply for your ballot in person.

#### 3. The Number of Offices to Elect.

Americans elect more people to public office than do citizens of any other democracy. For example, in Britain the only national vote cast by citizens is for their representatives to Parliament. In the United States, we vote for Representatives, Senators, as well as the President and Vice-President. We also vote for Governors, Senators, and Representatives on the state level. In some states, a citizen may vote for many other state officials, such as Lieutenant Governor, Judges, and State Commissioners. And we have special local elections for school board, Mayors, and City Council members. With so many elections and candidates — largely due to our system of federalism — elections are frequent. Someone is being elected to some office almost every week in United States. Such frequent voting can depress turnout. **4. Weekday Voting.** 

In many other democracies, elections take place on weekends. By law, national general elections in the United States are held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November in even-numbered years. Most state and local elections are also held during the week. Many people find it difficult to get off work in order to go vote. **5. Weak Political Parties.** 

In many countries, parties make great efforts to get people to the polls. Even in earlier days in the United States, parties called their members to ensure that they registered and voted. Parties also would often provide transportation to the polls. American political parties today are not as strongly organized at the "grass roots" — or local — level.

#### The Motor-Voter Law

How can the United States improve its voter turnout? A major reform of recent year aims at the difficult registration process. In 1993, Congress passed the National Voter Registration Act, more commonly known as the "Motor-Voter" Law. The act requires states to allow people to register to vote when applying for a driver's license. The legislation took effect in 1995, but it did not improve voter turnout in the 1996 presidential election.

However, its supporters estimate that an additional 50 million people will eventually be registered as a result of the law. Critics say that it will increase voter fraud and that it will be expensive for the states to implement.

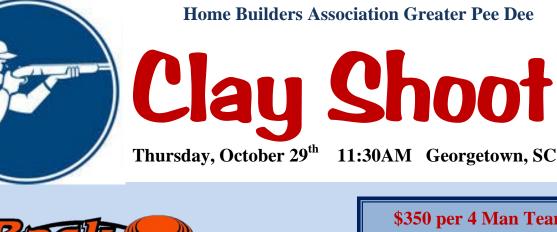
Perhaps the medium that could herald the greatest change is the Internet. The connected world of cyberspace allows for the potential of easier registration, more convenient voting, and a host of new ways of participating in the American democracy.

## 2020 Fall Clay Shoot Team Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am Registration

## TEAM

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Thursday October 29th11:30AMGeorgetown, SC647 Hemingway LaneGeorgetown, SCTel: 843.546.1466

# **Clay Shoot Details:**

- Registration Starts at 11:30 am
- There are 14 Shooting Stations with 6 8 rounds each (120-Shells Minimum Per Person 7.5 or 8 Shot Size)
- Four (4) person teams
- No two traps are the same, so if you are a seasoned shooter or a first-timer, you will enjoy the activities, prizes and networking opportunities
- You Provide Your Own Shotgun & Shells, Ear Plugs and Glasses or Protective Eyewear
- Golf Carts are not required, but recommended. Lots of walking with guns and shot for you to tote.
- Steak Dinner & Door Prizes to follow Shoot!
- Youth 1<sup>st</sup> Place Prize

## Sponsorship Opportunities Available!

Contact: Bryan Dowd, BHD Builders 843-687-3483 Richard Smith, Hopkins Builders 843-616-0966

Email or Call Registration Information To <u>Cheryl@hbapd.com</u> or 843-250-5885

\$350 per 4 Man Team **Dinner Following Shoot** Shoot Station Sponsor **\$50.00 & Door Prize HBA Clay Shoot Registration: Company NAME: Station Sponsor: Contact Phone: Team Shooters:** 2 3 Δ 39 Teams Maximum Golf Carts can be rented or Bring your **Own Golf Cart!**