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# LEGISLATIVE REPORT



By Tom Pedersen, Legislative Liaison

## SENATE DEMOCRATS UNVEIL AN ANTI-GUN BILL PACKAGE

On February 7, an anti-gun legislative package containing ten proposed bills was unveiled by Senators Darrell Steinberg (D-Sacramento), Marty Block (D-San Diego), Kevin de León (D-Los Angeles), Chair of the Public Safety Committee Loni Hancock (D-Berkeley), Hannah-Beth Jackson (D-Santa Barbara), Mark Leno (D-San Francisco), and Leland Yee (D-San Francisco). The purported aim of the legislation is to curb gun violence in California.

Here is a general outline of the ten proposed bills as outlined in a press release by Senator Steinberg. Note that as of the writing of this article eight of the ten bills are *not yet in print* and therefore are not listed in this month's Bill Status Report.

- **Fixed Magazines (Steinberg):** This bill would prohibit the future sale, purchase, manufacture, importation, or transfer in California of semi-automatic rifles that can accept detachable magazines.
- **High Capacity Magazines (Hancock):** This bill would ban possession of large capacity ammunition magazines over 10 rounds.
- **Bullet Button (SB 47) (Yee):** According to the author, this bill would close the "loophole" that has allowed the gun industry to flood our communities with modification tools to rapidly detach and replace magazines from semi-automatic rifles.
- **Shotgun Definition (Jackson):** This bill would update the definition of a banned shotgun with a revolving cylinder to include the new technology of a shotgun-rifle combination.
- **Ownership Record of all Guns (Steinberg):** According to the author, this bill would apply ownership records consistently across-the-board, ensuring all firearms are recorded, and ensuring that no firearms of any classification are legally accessible to prohibited persons or persons without a background check.

- **Ammunition Purchase Permit (SB 53) (de Leon):** This bill would expand what Los Angeles and Sacramento are already doing and require anyone wishing to purchase ammunition in California to obtain a purchase permit first, by passing a complete background check.

- **Gun Loans (Block):** According to the author, this bill would prevent unregulated gun loans (with exceptions, including hunting.) Prevent accessibility of weapons to prohibited persons or persons without a background check.

- **Armed Prohibited Persons System (APPS) Expansion (Leno):** This bill would prohibit individuals on APPS from residing in a home with any weapons and expand the APPS list by adding persons with more than two DUIs and other crimes.

- **APPS Enforcement (Leno/Steinberg):** According to the author this bill would authorize the Department of Justice to use existing Dealer Record of Sale (DROS) funding to eliminate the backlog of 19,000 individuals in the APPS.

- **Firearm Safety Certificate (Block):** According to the author this bill would establish a safety certificate for handguns, mirroring the training currently required annually to lawfully carry a concealed weapon.

## AB 134: LICENSE TO CARRY PRIVACY COSPONSORED BY CRPA AND NRA Assembly Member Dan Logue, R-Chico

CRPA and NRA are cosponsoring AB 134 to keep the personal information of license to carry applicants and holders private. The bill is in direct response to the recent on-line, newspaper publication of an interactive map showing the address and names of persons who hold a permit to purchase handguns in the New York counties of Rocklin and Westchester. Not surprisingly, some handgun permit holders had their homes burglarized shortly after the map was posted. Permit holders were stunned and outraged by the whole incident. Within days of the map's posting, the New York legislature passed a law that now protects permit

holders' names and addresses from being published under a public records act request. Prior to the newspaper taking down the interactive map, the site had received 1.2 million views.

AB 134 is authored by Assembly Member Dan Logue and was initially drafted by Logue's office to protect the addresses and phone numbers of applicants for licenses to carry a concealed handgun and holders of licenses to carry from a California Public Records Act request. Assembly Member Logue has now agreed to amend AB 134 to include protection of *names*, as well as addresses and phone numbers. The amendment to the bill will occur within the next few weeks.

### **SENATE BILL 47: "ASSAULT WEAPONS"**

Senator Leland Yee, D-San Francisco

One of the bills of great concern to firearms owners this year is SB 47, authored by Senator Leland Yee. As you probably recall, Senator Yee was the author of last year's SB 249, known as the bullet button bill. SB 47 takes another run at categorizing many semi-automatic firearms as so-called assault weapons. This bill would also change the definition of what constitutes a fixed magazine and would outlaw bullet buttons for semi-automatic firearms purchased after passage of the bill.

Under the provisions of SB 47, a semi-automatic centerfire rifle with a detachable magazine with any features listed in the bill becomes classified as a so-called assault weapon. Such features include a telescoping stock, a thumbhole stock, a grip that protrudes below the action, a flash suppressor, or a forward pistol grip. The problem is that if you own a Ruger Mini-14 Target rifle, for instance, it would be considered an assault weapon because it has a thumbhole stock. This would include a Browning BAR semi-automatic rifle if you put a thumbhole stock on it, and many other common sporting arms.

SB 47 also proposes that any person who legally possessed a so-called assault weapon between January 1, 2001 and December 31, 2013 would be required to register the firearm with the California Department of Justice no later than July 1, 2014. This is essentially an amnesty period.

In addition, the bill proposes to make purchases of so-called assault weapons illegal without obtaining a "dangerous weapons permit" from DOJ. To date DOJ has routinely denied issuance of such permits.

CRPA is strongly opposed to SB 47. It is early in the legislative session and this bill could easily be amended during the next few months. CRPA will be analyzing and closely tracking SB 47 as it moves through the Legislature and we will make every effort to stop this anti-gun bill.

### **PROFILE:**

#### **ASSEMBLY MEMBER ROCKY CHAVEZ**

(Provided courtesy of Assembly Member Rocky Chavez)

Assembly Member Rocky Chávez began his public service career immediately after graduation from California State University, Chico when he joined the United States Marine Corps. He spent more than 28 years as a United States Marine, rising to the rank of colonel and being assigned Chief of Staff for the 4th Marine Division.

Upon retiring from the Marine Corps, Rocky continued his legacy of public service by founding the School of Business and Technology, a charter High School in the Oceanside Unified School District. He served as the school's Director from 2002-2008.

In November of 2002, Rocky was elected to the Oceanside City Council. During his seven years of service he focused on economic development, public safety, and quality of life issues. In 2009, Rocky was appointed by then-Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and made the journey to Sacramento to serve as Undersecretary of the California Department of Veterans Affairs. He later served as acting secretary.

Rocky was elected on November 6, 2012 to represent the 76th Assembly District, which includes Camp Pendleton, Carlsbad, Encinitas, Oceanside, and Vista.

Rocky serves as Vice Chair of the Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee and Higher Education Committee. He is also a member of the Education, Budget, and Water, Parks and Wildlife Committees.

Rocky and his wife Mary live in Oceanside and have three children and five grandchildren. Mary studied at the University of New Orleans and also holds an M.B.A. from California State University, San Marcos. His son Temujin Tom is a physician in South Carolina. Rocky's daughter, Regina Ann Shepperson, and youngest son, Sage John, are both college graduates.

## 2013 ADVANCED HUNTING CLINICS OFFERED

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife Hunter Education Program is offering a series of advanced hunting clinics across the state again this year. Clinic topics include deer hunting, wild pig hunting, game care and cooking, hunter marksmanship, and many others. A description of two of the clinics follows.

### • **Black Powder Hunting Clinic, April 29, 2013, River Oaks Range, Winton**

Are you new to big game hunting? Or are you nostalgic and you would like to see what hunting was like in the 18th and 19th centuries? Here's the class for you...learn from the experts. We are offering this one-day clinic which will give you the hands-on information you need to get started in black powder hunting. The clinic will include both class room and live fire exercises. The classroom portion will include a short history of black powder shooting, different styles of black powder rifles used today, how to safely load and shoot the black powder rifle, laws and regulations pertaining to black powder hunting and strategies for hunting with black powder firearms. The live fire exercise will be target shooting with black powder firearms. All course material and loaner black powder firearms will be provided. This clinic is designed for all skill levels. Please do not bring any personal firearms to this clinic. Space is limited to 25 people so please register early. Cost: \$45. 16 years and younger are free but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

### • **Deer Hunting May 11 Victorville**

The Department of Fish and Wildlife's Advanced Hunter Education program, the Pacific Coast Hunter Education Association and the California Deer Association are jointly sponsoring a deer hunting clinic. The clinic will cover deer biology, hunting considerations and requirements, methods for locating deer, hunting techniques, locations to hunt, actual field dressing and care of game. This clinic is specifically designed for hunting deer in California. Space is limited to 45 people so please register early. Cost \$45. BBQ lunch available for \$10 at the clinic. 16 years and younger are free but must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Visit the Department of Fish and Wildlife website at [www.dfg.ca.gov](http://www.dfg.ca.gov) for details on all of the clinics offered and to download a registration form. Contact Lieutenant Dan Lehman at 916-358-4356 or at [dan.lehman@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:dan.lehman@wildlife.ca.gov) for more information. ✍

## 2013 FISH AND GAME COMMISSION MEETINGS

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Date	Location
<b>March 6</b> Wednesday	Mt. Shasta Hatchery Museum #3 North Old Stage Road Mount Shasta
<b>April 17-18</b> Wednesday-Thursday	Flamingo Conference Resort & Spa 2777 Fourth Street Santa Rosa
<b>May 22-23</b> Wednesday-Thursday	Los Angeles
<b>June 26-27</b> Wednesday-Thursday	Truckee
<b>August 7-8</b> Wednesday-Thursday	Long Beach
<b>September 4-5</b> Wednesday-Thursday	Sacramento
<b>October 2-3</b> Wednesday-Thursday	Ventura
<b>November 6-7</b> Wednesday-Thursday	Santa Barbara
<b>December 11-12</b> Wednesday-Thursday	San Diego

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## YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

**Question: My neighbor told me he was convicted of a misdemeanor after he was arrested during a family dispute. Is he ineligible to own a firearm?**

**Answer:** According to the California Department of Justice, "Any person who has been convicted of a felony, certain misdemeanors, certain firearms offenses, who is addicted to narcotics, who is the subject of a domestic violence restraining order, or has been committed to a mental institution pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 8100, may not possess or have under his or her control any firearm. Certain federal statutes impose lifetime and other more restrictive prohibitions on firearm possession. Additionally, certain statutory conditions exist that allow for the possession of firearms but preclude the acquisition or purchase of additional firearms, such as the subjects of certain restraining orders and those under state or federal indictment."

To see a list of prohibiting categories, including a list of prohibiting misdemeanors, visit the California Department of Justice website at [www.oag.ca.gov/firearms](http://www.oag.ca.gov/firearms) and enter firearms prohibiting categories in the search box.

**Question: My friend and I use ATVs to access deer hunting areas in the forest. My friend says that we can shoot a deer while sitting on our ATVs if we are not moving. I told him that I think that is illegal. Is it?**

**Answer:** You are correct – it is illegal. An ATV is a motor vehicle and it is unlawful to shoot at any game bird or mammal from a motor vehicle whether stopped, parked, or moving. It is also unlawful to pursue, drive, or herd any bird or mammal with any motorized water, land, or air vehicle. See Fish and Game Code Sections 3002 and 3003.5. ✍

## BE PROACTIVE AND GET INVOLVED Write to Your Representatives and Commissioners

Send your comments on pending legislation and regulatory actions to your legislator and/or the Fish and Game Commission. And, remember that it is just as important to send an email or letter thanking officials when they support gun owners and sportsmen. Please keep in mind the following when you write:

- State your name and address (phone number optional)
- State that you are a member of CRPA
- Be professional and courteous
- Be concise
- State what the issue is
- State your concerns or your thanks
- State what action you are requesting

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**Fish and Game Commission:** Email the Commission through the CRPA website at [www.crpa.org](http://www.crpa.org), click on "pending legislation" and scroll down to and click on "legislation and litigation related links." You can also write to the Commission at 1416 Ninth St., Rm. 1320, Sacramento, CA, 95814, or through the Commission's website at [fgc@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:fgc@dfg.ca.gov).

**Governor's Office:** Email the governor through the CRPA website at [www.crpa.org](http://www.crpa.org); click on "legislation and litigation" and scroll down to and click on "legislation and litigation related links." ✍

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# BIG WEEKEND FOR YOUR CRPA!

By John C. Fields, CRPA Executive Director

In a way, it reminds one of arranging a wedding or producing a variety show. There are months and months of planning and preparation, and then it is all over in a few hours.

After six months of planning and preparation, the "Big Weekend" started on Thursday, February 21, when your CRPA staff transported three truckloads of boxes full of prizes, decorations, paperwork, programs, supplies and equipment to the Ontario DoubleTree Hotel.

The first committee meeting kicked off at 9:00 AM Friday. This was the Nominating Committee, and they reviewed the applications of all the board members who expressed interest in serving as a CRPA officer, or as a member of the new Executive or Nominating Committees. Candidates for all offices and elected committees were selected later for election by the board.

From 10:00 AM to noon, the Finance Committee and the Investment Portfolio Review Committee met. Paul Cannon, CRPA's CPA from Goodrich, Thomas, Cannon, and Reeds, presented his report regarding the annual financial audit. In addition, Mike Myers, CRPA's portfolio manager from Morgan Stanley provided the committee with budget updates and presented a proposed budget for the coming fiscal year.

At 1:00 PM, after a brief lunch break, the Communications and

Technology Committee met, mostly discussing the development of the new CRPA website to be revealed next month. Stay tuned.

The CRPA Legislative Policy Committee and the Hunting & Wildlife Conservation Committee met together at 2:00 PM and for the next 2½ hours we heard from Tom Pedersen, CRPA's lobbyist and CRPA's litigator Chuck Michel about the deluge of new bills and lawsuits. (Check out Tom's Legislative Update on page 2).

Friday evening we kicked off the first "CRPA Focus on the Future" fundraising banquet. Although we are still working on the final tally at this writing, CRPA received *thousands* of dollars in donations. The night was full of fun and excitement...raffles, silent auction items, door prizes and a fantastic live auction.

At 8 AM Saturday morning your board of directors assembled to begin its two-day board meeting. There were elections held, reports presented, and budgets approved. Congratulations to the newly elected President, Jim Shea; Vice President, Ron Morales; Secretary, Mike Barranco; and Treasurer Arlin Penner. During my report, I announced that membership is up by 7% since December 2012, adding nearly 2,000 new CRPA members. Donations and fundraising success have dramatically increased as well.

Saturday evening included the VIP reception and the annual gala at 6:30 PM. Immediate Past President Tony Montanarella and I served as the emcees. The CRPA awarded Outstanding Peace Officer of the Year to Riverside County Sheriff Stan Sniff, and Outstanding Legislator of the Year to Assemblyman Jim Nielsen. NRA Past President, Sandy Froman served as the guest speaker and NRA President David Keene served as the keynote speaker. Both had the crowd on their feet. The last award of the evening, CRPA's Defender of Freedom Award went to NRA-ILA Executive Director, Chris Cox. David Keene accepted his awards on his behalf.

we kicked off the second half of the board meeting at 8:00 AM Sunday with the installation of the new CRPA officers. The balance of the day included more committee reports and presentations, and finally, the usual protracted debates over bylaw amendments.

On Monday the Board of Trustees of the CRPA Foundation met via conference call and elected their new officers. Congratulations to Steve Dember, President; Arlin Penner, Vice President; Ron Morales, Secretary; and Jim Shea, Treasurer, who were all unanimously elected.

What a weekend! In the end, all went extremely well and clearly there is a bright, solid future for CRPA. In this time of greatest challenge to the Second Amendment rights and firearms freedoms, know that CRPA is in good hands. It is a well-run, professionally managed association, which is healthy financially and perfectly positioned for the future. Remember: every dollar CRPA receives is for the fight in *California*. CRPA is growing stronger every day and is fighting the super majority and the anti-gun lobby with everything it has. ✍



Friday's banquet included a silent auction, games, raffles, a live auction, and dinner



Sheriff Stan Sniff, Executive Director John Fields, Rema Hasratian Fields, NRA Past President Sandy Froman, and Assemblyman Jim Nielsen



Shotgun wedding: Attendees had the opportunity to win a shotgun *and* a wedding dress!



NRA President David Keene and Special Assistant Millie Hallow



Tony Montanarella: "From my cold, dead hands!"



NRA News made an appearance at the 2013 Gala and interviewed CRPA's Executive Director, John Fields; President, Jim Shea; Past President, Tony Montanarella; Legislative Liason, Tom Pederson; NRA's President, David Keene; Past President, Sandy Froman; and CRPA Foundation Legal Counsel, Chuck Michel.



NRA President David Keene swearing in the newly elected CRPA officers: President, Jim Shea; Vice President, Ron Morales, Secretary, Mike Barranco; and Treasurer, Arlin Penner.

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# LEGAL FRONT LINES

By C.D. Michel - CRPA Foundation Legal Counsel



## POLICE TO STEP-UP GUN CONFISCATIONS FROM PROHIBITED PERSONS

Are you certain you are not prohibited from possessing firearms? As part of their recent efforts to restrict gun ownership, California politicians are focusing on people who are prohibited from possessing firearms, ammunition, ammunition components, clips, magazines, and speed loaders who might have them anyway. The numbers of prohibited persons who have firearms registered to them continue to rise due to a lack of police enforcement priority. There are only 33 agents assigned to track these guns. According to Special Agent John Marsh of the DOJ, “[t]his type of enforcement is very labor intensive. When you’re going after armed prohibited people, it heightens the level of potential violence.”

The California Department of Justice estimates that there are currently 20,000 prohibited individuals in the state possessing approximately 40,000. Every year 3,000 names are added to the list. Last year, agents recovered 2,033 guns. DOJ estimates that it would cost roughly \$25 million to collect all the guns from the known people who are prohibited from having them.

People who are suspected of illegally being in possession of firearms are tracked through the California Armed Prohibited Persons System (APPS). APPS is a database, administered by the DOJ Firearms Bureau, that cross-references individuals who have firearm restrictions against those

who have registered handguns and registered “assault weapons.” This situation affects individuals who legally bought and registered their firearms, but were then placed on the APPS prohibited list due to a subsequent criminal conviction, mental illness diagnosis, or for a variety of other reasons.

Not all persons who are prohibited from possessing guns are banned for the same reasons, and many if not most are not dangerous. Someone can be prohibited from possessing firearms for certain misdemeanor convictions, mental health commitments, certain restraining orders, and by being prohibited under federal law. Often, people do not even know that they can’t legally possess guns.

In many cases, courts and/or attorneys fail to inform individuals of their firearm restriction, particularly when it’s a misdemeanor conviction. Often people get a temporary felony conviction as part of probation, and then neglect to reduce the conviction to a misdemeanor when they complete probation. Even if a person was charged with a felony that was later reduced to a misdemeanor, some misdemeanor convictions come with a firearms restriction under state or less-known federal laws. For example, people convicted of misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence do not always know that their crime carries a lifetime firearm restriction under federal (but not state) law. Hospitals often fail to make certain mental health patients aware of their firearm restriction upon discharge. Individuals are not always aware

that a court-issued restraining order carries with it a firearm ban. Given the complexity of the laws, many folks do not know they have a firearm restriction until law enforcement knocks on their door. At that point the person faces the loss of a valuable collectible or family heirloom, not to mention prison time. I go into much more detail on who is prohibited from possessing firearms (and how to restore firearm rights) in my book, *California Gun Laws*, which can be ordered through the CRPA store.

Amidst the recent barrage of gun ban law proposals, California politicians are trying to funnel millions of dollars into the APPS program. After Stephen Lindley, Chief of the Bureau of Firearms for the DOJ, testified that his office lacked sufficient money for staff to confiscate weapons from those convicted of certain offenses and the mentally ill, lawmakers introduced a bill that would raid other special accounts for that purpose. Senator Mark Leno is proposing to siphon money from the Dealer Record of Sale (DROS) account that collects \$19 for background checks on each gun purchase and use it to confiscate firearms. The DROS account has a \$20 million *surplus*, the result of *overcharging* gun buyers for their background checks. By raiding the money in this DROS account, the state could hire more agents to confiscate guns.

In other words, politicians want to pay for a problem that should be paid for from the state’s general fund through the pockets of firearm owners who legally got their

firearms through a licensed dealer. Big problem with that: it's an after-the-fact tax, prohibited by the constitutional protections of the Second Amendment.

If you have any doubt about your ability to possess firearms, links to California Department of Justice forms used check your eligibility status-and assign someone power of attorney to transfer your firearms on your behalf if you are prohibited-can be found at our website, CalGunLaws.com, along with other articles on this topic.

If law enforcement comes to your door without a warrant, you and your spouse are *not* required to let them in or consent to a search. Make sure your spouse is aware of this, because consent from one spouse is treated as consent from the other. This is true even if law enforcement threatens arrest; you are *not* required to consent to the search of your home.

Still got a question? E-mail [legalquestion@michellawyers.com](mailto:legalquestion@michellawyers.com)

## **ENVIRONMENTAL EXTREMISTS' LEAD BULLET BAN + ATF'S "ARMOR PIERCING" AMMO BAN = TOTAL AMMUNITION BAN?**

There are two more regulatory storm fronts moving in that may make it difficult or impossible to get the ammunition that firearm owners need to defend themselves and their families, and to engage in the shooting sports. The uncoordinated attacks come separately from neo-enviro groups and from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. But taken together, these two separate proposals from these two separate groups create a perfect storm that could potentially result in an absolute ban on almost all ammunition.

How?

The extremist environmental groups are trying to ban lead ammunition. Federal law already bans the use of lead ammunition to take waterfowl, but these groups will not be satisfied until *all* lead ammunition use is prohibited. They claim that the minuscule levels of lead introduced into the environment by hunters causes harm to persons and wildlife (most notably the California condor). This junk science resulted in the state Legislature passing a ban on lead ammunition in central California. Not content with leaving ammunition banned within California borders, the groups have expanded their push to ban lead ammunition into other states and at the federal level.

The groups pushing for bans on lead ammunition argue that there are less toxic substances than lead available to make bullets. In making this push they suggest that ammunition should be made from alternate materials such as tungsten alloys, bismuth, steel, iron, brass, copper, or bronze instead of lead.

Meanwhile, the second front against ammunition comes from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), and stems from its attempts to determine whether certain types of ammunition are "armor piercing" under the law. The problem? Many, if not all of the alternate metals that the neo-enviros want the bullets to be made from can fall under the "armor piercing" ammunition definition due to the hardness of the "green" non-lead metals.

ATF is also reviewing what types of ammunition are "primarily intended to be used for sporting purposes." ATF could use that determination to ban any ammunition that isn't

suitable for "sporting purposes." What is suitable for sporting purposes? Lead ammunition, the very ammunition that the neo-enviros want to ban.

Ammunition consumers are caught in the middle between the neo-enviro's push to ban lead ammunition, and the ATF's pending re-characterization of "armor piercing" ammunition and ammunition not for "sporting purposes" to mean all non-lead ammunition. If both sides get their way, there could be nothing left. A comprehensive memo on these topics is posted at CalGunLaws.com.

<http://www.calgunlaws.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/Environmental-Extremists.pdf>

## **BAN ON CARRYING LONG GUNS IN PUBLIC**

Assembly Bill 1527 was signed by Governor Brown on September 28, 2012, and went into effect on January 1, 2013. AB 1527 is effectively a general ban on the carrying of unloaded "firearms that are not handguns" (presumably long guns) outside of a vehicle in most public places. AB 1527 is a follow-up to last year's AB 144, which prohibited the open carry of unloaded handguns in most public places. After AB 144 was enacted, people protested by carrying unloaded rifles and shotguns in public places, which remained legal after AB 144. AB 1527 was passed in response, intending to prohibit such activity.

CRPA's lawyers at Michel & Associates, P.C. have posted an explanation of the law's requirements at [www.CalGunLaws.com](http://www.CalGunLaws.com) <http://www.calgunlaws.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/Effective-January-1-2013-Ban-On-Carrying-Long-Guns-In-Public.pdf>. 

# BULLET TAX WILL BACKFIRE

By George Runner

If you want to grow government these days, it seems the fashionable thing to do is invent new taxes. Two years ago, legislators conjured up an illegal fire “fee.” Last year, they invented a confusing new lumber tax. Two voter-approved multi-billion dollar tax hikes later, and the politicians still want more of your money. This time they want to tax your ammunition.

Two lawmakers, Assemblymembers Roger Dickinson (D-Sacramento) and Rob Bonta (D-Alameda) are authoring legislation to impose a nickel-per-bullet tax on the sale of ammunition in California. Apparently they couldn’t agree on where to spend the revenue, so each lawmaker is introducing his own measure.

A nickel per bullet may not sound like much, but it will mean that each box of 100 shells purchased by a hunter or recreational shooter will cost \$5 more. Double that number if both proposed bills pass.

Guns and ammunition are a convenient scapegoat for the tragic loss of life in recent shootings. But more gun laws and higher taxes won’t stop crime. In fact, increased laws and taxes could backfire by leaving law-abiding citizens defenseless and creating a lucrative new source of revenue for criminal gangs.

Consider cigarettes, for instance. Taxes may have discouraged smoking, which is a good thing, but they’ve also created a huge market for smugglers. A recent study by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy found that more than one third of cigarettes smoked in California were

smuggled into our state. Not coincidentally, the state with the highest cigarette taxes, New York, had the highest smuggling rate: 60.9%.

The social costs of smuggling include health and safety risks, increased law enforcement expense and higher crime.

An ammunition tax will backfire, and the reason is simple: evading a new tax on bullets will be a piece of cake. California consumers will simply stop buying ammunition at local gun stores and instead start buying it online from out-of-state stores that don’t have to collect California taxes.

True, these consumers will still owe use tax on these purchases, but few will pay it—and enforcement will be difficult and, in most cases, cost-prohibitive.

State coffers will see little to no additional revenue, but many California small businesses will suffer greatly as ammunition sales shift to their out-of-state competitors.

It won’t be the first time a new tax fails to yield the promised revenue. Supporters projected that a 2008 malt liquor tax would raise \$41 million for the state. Actual revenue was less than \$200,000, because most manufacturers simply reformulated their products. Tax policy has consequences.

Another reason to oppose new taxes and fees is that California already has too many. As a taxpayer advocate and elected member of the State Board of Equalization, I oversee the administration and collection of more than thirty tax

and fee programs—like sales taxes, fuel taxes and tire fees—that impose upon nearly every aspect of life. Each new tax or fee inevitably grows the state workforce and costs millions of taxpayer dollars to administer and enforce. Speaking of enforcement, California already has some of the strictest and most complicated gun laws in the nation. The problem is we don’t do a very good job enforcing those laws with the billions in taxes Californians already pay.

At a recent legislative hearing, the Attorney General’s office reported that it lacks the resources to enforce existing laws prohibiting felons and other dangerous individuals from owning weapons. Nearly 20,000 people identified by the Armed Prohibited Persons System are in illegal possession of firearms, but there aren’t nearly enough investigators to keep up. And the backlog grows daily.

It’s not a question of whether Californians are paying enough taxes—we clearly are. It’s the state’s spending priorities that are out of whack.

We don’t need a bullet tax, and we don’t need more and tax and fee programs. Legislators simply need to stop enacting new laws that chase law-abiding taxpayers and jobs out of our state, and instead start prioritizing the enforcement of laws we already have on the books.

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# ANNIE GET YOUR GUN

By Denise P. Kalm

If you're like most of us female CRPA members, you were introduced to guns by a man in your life. It might have been your father, a brother, an uncle, a friend or a boyfriend. Few women get into guns by themselves unless they first become a crime victim. Whether it is cultural, psychological or developmental, it is the truth. Most women find their way to self-defense, sport and hunting through men.

Ladies, since when did we start waiting or relying on men to help us take positive steps in our lives? Each of us knows the security, confidence and yes, the pleasure of gun ownership. Why aren't we sharing these laudable outcomes with our friends? Gun-owning

women are the most powerful advocates to help other women understand the value of being trained and armed.

How do you get started? One afternoon, a few of us novices met up in Vacaville, where a local indoor range rents a variety of guns. We had a chance to test out various options and find what felt best to us, while also making a few holes in a target. After a few hours, we moved on to the Outlet Mall nearby. "Shoot and Shop" – the perfect antidote to a dreary February afternoon.

Invite a friend to join you at your local range. Make it a party by inviting a group including novices and more experienced women. Look

for an NRA training event. Certified instructors volunteer to work one-on-one with you and your girlfriends and everyone can refine their gun handling and accuracy. It's a great way to get better.

We show our friends our latest jewelry or shoe purchases. Why not show them your favorite gun? People (not just women) may have a negative view of gun owners. Show them the face of a real female gun-owner; truth trumps stereotypes.

Be a good friend and share your hobby, your enhanced security and your values with your friends. No gift could be more important. ✍



# ONE WOMAN'S NEW EMPOWERMENT

By Stephanie Tripicchio

On Saturday, February 16th I ventured off to an eight hour pistol class (Defensive Pistol Level 1) that I had been invited to by a long-time friend. He had been explaining to me for some time the importance of gun training and the importance of awareness and self-protection. I never felt the need to own or know how to operate a firearm, but with possibility of the 2nd Amendment being infringed, I was motivated to understand from a firsthand what that right involved. I felt it was important to be able to determine my own position on these controversial issues based on facts rather than rely on the biased media.

When I arrived I had no idea what to expect and was observing everything going on around me. I did my administration duties as a student, watching people have their firearms checked in as I was issued a pistol and gear for the day, a 9mm Glock 19. At that point I could feel anxiety start to set in. I sat down and began to converse with fellow students in the class with one eye fixed on all of the firearms on the three rows of tables. After a brief round table introduction instruction began and the day was outlined. The class would consist of a half-day of gun safety, pistol operation procedures, tactics and techniques, and the CAR (Center Axis Relock) system, entirely all with unloaded guns. It was made very clear that safety was the number one priority and there was a no tolerance for two

items: negligent discharge and a loaded firearm being out of the holster unless you were on a firing line or in the "hot box." The instructors bordered the perimeter of the student seating area and had their eyes on everyone which gave me a high comfort level as I began my training. Safety, form, operation, and the vital reasons for gun protection were taught in those first three hours of the day. I hadn't paid such close attention that morning to anything than I did on that day in some time; awareness was impressed upon as a vital skill. While a portion of this "dry" training period was just lecture, the majority was broken into smaller teaching circles with more personal attention from instructor teams. I found it extremely helpful because we were taught verbally, given demonstrations, and then walked through the procedures as we did them ourselves. After dry practice we broke for lunch and I was confident and excited that I would be able to put those skills into use. It was all about muscle memory, and steps that needed to be taken when a firearm is in your possession; simple, logical, and safe.

Lunch finished and the 33 students were broken into two groups for firing line rotation. I was put in the first group and was in position 6 in a line of 16 people, each about four feet apart from each other. We straddled the firing line and I was instructed to load my gun, as was everyone else. Now loaded and holstered, we put our arms up in

"standby" position awaiting command. Instructors began yelling out the commands for the standard five-point draw procedure and our pistols were brought up on target. My heart was racing at 200 beats a minute as "shoot" was yelled, and I froze. Everyone discharged three rounds as instructed and I was frozen and shaking with my gun pointed at my target. The sound of dozens of rounds being fired within feet of me was intense, overwhelming, and a completely foreign experience to me. An instructor came over to me and walked me through firing my first three rounds. I was trembling for the next ten minutes thinking I couldn't finish the class. I was allowed to switch to the second shooting group to buy myself a few extra minutes of breathing while I considered thoughts of quitting. I assessed my fears and realized that it was not based on anything factual or rational. I knew I could handle the gun and the noise. I decided that my fear of the gun in my own hands was exponentially less than the fear of a gun in someone else's hands.

As the day progressed I followed the instruction of procedures and tactics that were taught. With every round I fired, I felt more comfortable and more in control of my own safety. At one point my gun jammed due to a double-feed. My pulse raised a little as I could not remember the procedure for fixing it. An instructor quickly saw that I had a problem and came over to

me and talked me through how to fix the issue very calmly. They made me do it myself so I was able to fix the problem fairly easily and continue firing. By the end of our shooting session I had successfully worked out issues with pistol manipulation, trigger control, shot placement and how to move with a firearm. The tactical training given by the instructors was first rate with impeccable detail. I learned defense moves that can be used with or without having to fire a gun, and most importantly that if you shoot a gun you have to be 100% positive in your intent, aware of your surroundings and never relax until you are absolutely sure a threat is neutralized.

I finished the day with a true sense of empowerment, wishing that the class had been longer. I could not believe that four hours earlier I was so crippled by fear that part of me wanted to just leave. I now have the knowledge to identify whether or not a person knows how to properly handle a gun safely. The training I was given made me more aware in general and genuinely feel that I am in control of my own safety, a priceless feeling for any women in today's world. I no longer fear firearms; I respect them. I am proud to say that I made up my mind on many gun control issues based on my own experiences and I am confident that the 2nd Amendment is a right that every American should have without exception. Anyone that opposes it should take a firearm class (I recommend the one I took) and put some substance to their opinion rather than base it on an ignorance or prejudice. I feel much safer knowing that I can handle a gun in a world where criminals won't hesitate to. I plan to attend many more with Civilian Arms Training to further my abilities and knowledge. ✍



## Women



## Empowerment



# CRPA 2013 International Air Pistol State Championship

By John Bickar, Liz David, Gill Lane, and Steve Lum (PAR&GC),  
and Robert Cabez, CRPA Airgun Committee Chairman

The Palo Alto Rod & Gun Club's 8-point, indoor shooting range was the site for the CRPA's 2013 International Air Pistol State Championship, making this the sixth consecutive year for this championship at this venue. Five relays were held over the weekend on January 12-13, with 38 competitors attending. This year's championship had 12 juniors competing, which was unprecedented and exciting to see. Juniors from Eureka and an adult competitor from Redding made the journey to participate.

International air pistol competition is an Olympic sport, with competitors firing a .177 caliber (4.5mm) pellet gun, single shot, held with one hand, at a target 10 meters distant. A maximum score of 10 points is achieved if the outside edge of the pellet fired touches the outer edge of the 11.5mm diameter 10-ring, which is no easy feat. Competitors have 105 minutes to shoot an unlimited number of sighter shots followed by 60 record scoring shots. Once a competitor has started shooting record shots, no further sighter shots can be taken.

The PAR&GC has been diligently working to improve its facility to accommodate the increase in both air rifle and air pistol shooting. They have incorporated a Gehmann target carrier and hand crank system at each firing point, which enables the shooter to remain in position and set/retrieve targets by using his or her non-gun hand to operate the carrier's transport mechanism.

Modern air pistols are powered by compressed air cylinders, charged to near 3000 psi, and good for about 100-120 shots. This is quite an evolution to the older spring-piston or pneumatic pistols, and those powered by CO2 cartridges. The grip is usually customized through grinding or adding putty to ensure a tight, good, and comfortable fit in the shooter's hand. Plus, the gun's position relative to the grip can be adjusted to provide the best position to optimize sight alignment as the gun is raised to sight in on the target.

Additionally, each pistol must undergo and pass equipment control where the trigger weight (500 grams, minimum), overall pistol weight (1,500 grams, maximum) and the gun's dimensional parameters

(length-400mm, width-50mm, and height-200mm, all maximums) conform to the rules. The grip cannot wrap around the hand or touch the wrist.

Optical sights are not permitted on the gun. Competitors however can wear eye covering to block out views. Special iris attachments exist that can attach to specially designed frames or directly to one's glasses that, when reduced to make a small viewing aperture, will increase the depth of field for the wearer. This enables the shooter to see the sights and target clearer. Also, side blinders block the unwanted distraction of other shooters moving or changing targets. All shooters wear hearing protection to muffle the sound and aid in improving concentration. Safety glasses are an additional safety requirement mandated by the PAR&GC for anyone shooting at their facility.

Competitors placed their shot targets on a chair behind their shooting position. The range safety officer would periodically collect these targets and pass them to the scoring officials. This enabled scores to be shown on the monitor in the ready room for family, friends, and other competitors to see the results for each 10 shots fired from those shooters on the firing line. Two record shots were fired on each target, which made scoring easier but required competitors to change targets 30 times during the event.

After each relay, when the targets have been scored and the scores posted, competitors have 20 minutes during the challenge period to review their targets to validate the scoring accuracy and correctness. It is always wise for a competitor to check his or her targets and verify the accuracy of the score as scoring and computational mistakes sometimes happen. If an error is perceived, the competitor can ask the scoring officials to rescore the target as an official challenge. The cost for a challenge is \$1, which is returned to the competitor if the challenged score is increased.

Coach Darrin Smith brought some cadets from Eureka High School's JROTC program who have taken up air pistol shooting to come and hone their shooting skills in a shoulder-to-shoulder competition with other juniors from different organizations. A different group of

Eureka High School JROTC cadets won the CRPA's Three-Position Sporter Air Rifle State Championship a few years ago and were also coached by Darrin. No doubt with his excellent coaching his air pistol competitors will be a force to be reckoned with.

Local BSA Venturing Crew 76, lead by Crew Advisor Andrew Cromarty, fielded six junior competitors. For those that may be unfamiliar with Venturing, the following excerpt from the BSA's Venturing web site will be helpful. "Venturing is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women who are 13 and have completed the eighth grade, or age 14 through 20 years of age. Venturing's purpose is to provide positive experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults. Venturing is based on a unique and dynamic relationship between youth, adult leaders, and organizations in their communities. Local community organizations establish a Venturing crew by matching their people and program resources to the interests of young people in the community. The result is a program of exciting and meaningful activities that helps youth pursue their special interests, grow, develop leadership skills, and become good citizens." Crew 76 is unique in that its sole focus is on the shooting sports, with air pistol being one of many disciplines where training, skill building, and competitions develop their expertise.

The winner of this year's championship was no surprise, as John Bickar of Menlo Park, with a score of 570, added another CRPA Bear Trophy to his growing collection. Second place went to George Martin (Danville), with a score of 557 who edged out Randy Moller (Redding) by two points. Elizabeth David of Mountain View was the highest scoring women's shooter this year with a score of 508 and also claimed that honor last year. The Junior State Champion Plaque went to Andrew Reeder of Santa Rosa, who bested 11 other juniors with a score of 487. He also won this title last year. In addition to the CRPA awards, all winners received awards from the PAR&GC.

There were enough competitors that four adult and four junior three-person teams were formed to compete. PARG Black (John Bickar, Liz David, and Alejandro) was the top adult team scoring 1626. The highest scoring junior team was Venturing Crew 76-1 (Kelby Senter, Gillian King, and Simon Cromarty) with a score of 1221.

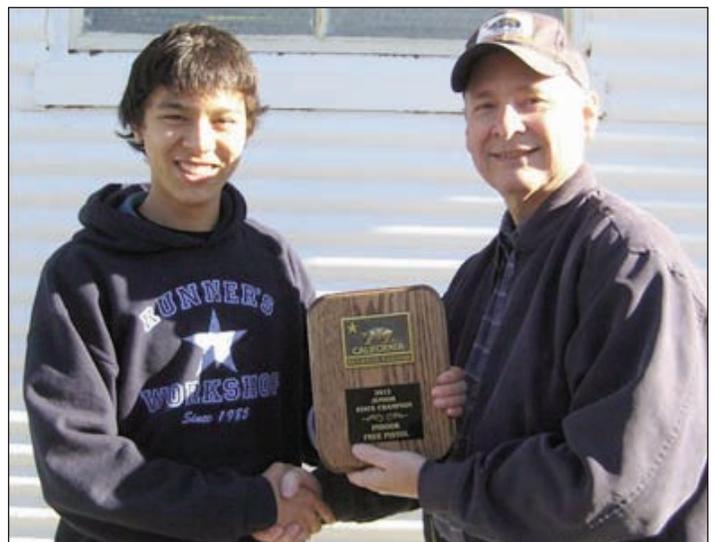
The PAR&GC would like to thank all of the participants and club members who helped make this championship a record-breaker for the number of competitors. This championship is gaining in popularity, with the number of competitors increasing annually, for both adults and juniors. Further, to help encourage and engender participation in this sport, the PAR&GC has and will continue to hold local air pistol and air rifle competitions. ✍



John Bickar (left) receives the CRPA State Champion Bear Trophy from Robert Cobe, CRPA Airgun Committee Chairman.



Liz David accepts the CRPA Woman State Champion award. (Photo courtesy of Tom Jung.)



Andrew Reeder is presented the CRPA Junior State Champion award.

# MY KID WAS DESTINED TO BE A SHOOTER THE DAY SHE WAS BORN

By Kathleen Lynch

When the CRPA put out a special request to hear from women who shoot I thought *that's me...* what shall I write about? Well, I can't think of anything better than something every mom likes to talk about, her kids. It is appropriate for this purpose to write about my kid because she is a woman and she shoots. She was destined to be a shooter the day she was born, May 25, 1984. My husband celebrated her birth by presenting me with diamond earrings and by purchasing her a Remington Model 700 .250 caliber rifle!

Her progression in shooting began the day her father put a cut-off stock BB gun in her hands in our backyard. She held it just like she had seen us do many times. I was behind the camera to capture the moment. It wasn't long before she was accompanying us to the woods with a Winchester Model 63. Sitting on the ground with her elbows propped on her knees she spent target practice time plinking away at Pepsi cans. She started going with us into the hunting field as an observer as soon as she could walk, then advanced to being our bird dog. She took her hunter safety course at age 10. It was a traumatic event in her young life the day her hunter education instructor told her she would have to take the test again...the next time she passed. There is a bit of irony here, as you will see if you endure to the end of this story.

As she was slight of build, we did not encourage her beyond the .22 until one late afternoon in September, when out in the cow pasture, our friend handed her his 12 gauge and said, "Shoot that dove!" The bird fell to the ground thus initializing her career with a shotgun. Her shotgun of choice became her grandfather's Model 12 20 gauge which she took to the field to bag upland game birds of all species.

She competed with us every summer in the local gun club's trap league, earning her way each year into the next class. Before long it was time to get her a trap gun...her first shotgun, a Beretta 390, took her to the next level in competitive shooting.

The three of us would travel to registered Amateur Trapshooting Association events in Northern CA. Soon she was breaking more targets than me and then, one day it happened... she out shot her father! Her dresser drawer began to fill with silver buckles and trophies.

I called in her first turkey one sunny, spring morning. We sat with our backs propped up against a couple of oaks, decked out in camo she sat perfectly still with a gobbler coming in. This is a challenge for most youth, but having been on many hunts with us she knew what to do and walked out of the field with a turkey slung over her shoulder.

At an NRA Annual Meeting in Reno she joined the ranks of 2nd Amendment proponents signing up for a NRA Life Membership.

She honed her rifle shooting with the Model 63 on cottontail and ground squirrels and became our "demo girl" at our Women's Shooting clinic each year. She showed the women that even "a little girl" with spindly arms could hold up a rifle and shoot it with accuracy. She would sit in a chair, her feet placed on paint cans aiming down range at plastic milk jugs filled with water. She fired a .22 Short first, "Plop," water would ooze out of the jug, then a .22 Long, and "Splat" water would spurt out. Then the .250 would hit with a "Crack," and the jug would explode to the applause from her amazed audience.

At the age of 13 she was out in the woods deer hunting with us, her .250 in a sling over her shoulder. The extreme excitement she showed when she emerged from the brush after coming face to face with her first buck was priceless. In our local California deer zone the success rate is pretty poor. It was becoming difficult to get her out of bed early on those going hunting mornings especially when she had gone several years with no luck, so we put in for an X Zone which was her first experience with hunt camp. We hiked all over the Warner Mts.

where she was able to experience spotting lots of deer, though none with antlers. She brought her school work with her on her first out-of-state hunt to southern Oregon for mule deer. We camped in a tent in the woods and still hunted together. I was with her when she spied a buck walking through a clearcut. She quickly set up behind a log with a good rest and squeezed off a round. Her excitement turned to disappointment when the buck bounded off unscathed. She did not give up and was back out the next morning. She was the only one to bring home venison...that is another story.

At a local Friends of the NRA dinner, a friend won a trip to the NRA Whittington Center Adventure Camp in Raton, New Mexico. Since he did not have any kids, he gave the trip to us for our daughter. This was her first time on an airplane by herself, away from home. At camp she was introduced to long range rifle shooting and muzzleloaders. She won prizes for her shooting abilities and was asked to come back to the camp the next year as a counselor in training, which she did.

Every Christmas holiday for many years she and her father would make their annual father-daughter trip to the high desert of Nevada to call coyotes. I tagged along one time with a video camera planning on capturing it all on film, but every time the coyotes would come in I would get so excited I would forget to turn the camera on. Needless to say, they did not invite me again.

As a junior in high school she applied for the NRA Y.E.S. (Youth Education Summit) Program and was accepted. Shooting once again provided her the opportunity to travel...off she went to

Washington, DC and NRA headquarters. As a result of that opportunity, and her contributions to the shooting sports, along with good academics, she was awarded a \$10,000 NRA scholarship.

One day prior to her senior year she asked us if she could start a shooting team. So we looked into what might be available for youth shooting programs in our area. We heard about the Scholastic Trap Program, a nationwide youth clay target program that was just completing their first year in California. We wondered if we could find five kids that would want to shoot trap and asked our local gun club for support.

Today we have over 100 youth on the team participating in a program administered by the California Youth Shooting Sports Association. The trap squad that she and four other boys shot on won the state championship in their division that year. She was awarded at the California State ATA shoot the Trapshooting Hall of Fame scholarship for her shooting abilities and academics. Her squad went on to place third at the national competition in Vandalia, Ohio, only 3 targets out of a National Championship!

Wow, where did the time go? All of a sudden we were looking at colleges. Where should she go? Her top priority, a school where she could shoot...that left out California and most Western states. So why not go to a school that held the National Collegiate Clay Target title, Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana? She felt right at home with her fellow shooters on the Purdue trap and skeet team.

At college she learned how to shoot skeet and sporting clays as well as the international games of

trap and skeet. It was time for a new shotgun, a Beretta 682. Her first year, she competed at the National Collegiate Championships in San Antonio, Texas helping her team win yet another national title. She selected a major in wildlife biology with a minor in political science, a perfect fit.

In 2006 she graduated in the top 10% of her class and was out to Phoenix for a job interview before she had flipped the tassel on her mortarboard. With her experience in the shotgun shooting sports she landed a job with the Arizona Game and Fish Department as the Shooting Sports Coordinator, running their statewide youth clay target program.

Her time off from work was planned around the hunting seasons. For her graduation we gave her her first guided hunt, a mule deer hunt in Nevada. We watched as she put the crosshairs on a large 3x3 with high eye guards at over 300 yards and calmly squeezed the trigger.

The next season she hunted solo in New Mexico for elk. Then father and daughter were off on a Colorado drop camp bull elk hunt. Again she was the only one to bring home the meat. The next September we were in Wyoming on BLM land searching for pronghorn...the three of us all connecting on bucks the first day. We spent the remainder of our time in Wyoming fishing, providing us with our first wild surf and turf dinner, Green River trout and antelope backstrap! That same year a successful draw for mule deer in Nevada found us on horseback riding 8 miles up the Ruby Mountains to our camp. She and I hunted together every day. We sat huddled together under a pine watching

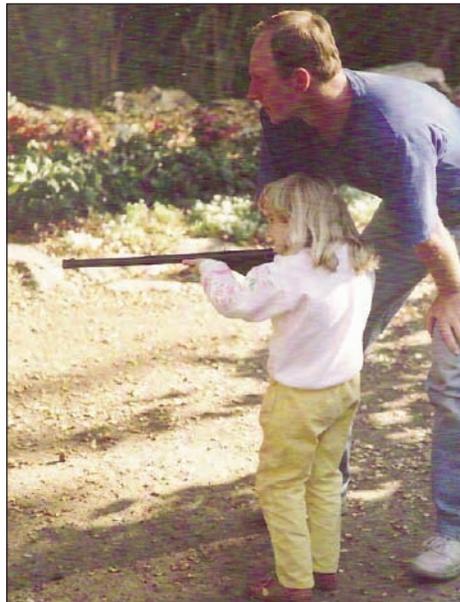
deer in a willowed flat as the snow swirled around us. Her shot later in the hunt on a 3x4 far below camp terminated in a test of physical endurance.

This past hunting season we were drawn again for mule deer in Nevada. I think putting her name as our party leader must have something to do with our luck! We put up our tent at a pristine lake situated in the shadow of the mountains at 9,300'. On opening morning we were out at 5 am, headlamps glowing. This time I followed her. We climbed up the steep, narrow trail, 26 switchbacks to the crest of the mountains. The full moon was just going down and the snowcocks were whistling a morning tune. Before we went over the top we stopped to catch our breath, loaded our guns, and with a hug we parted to find a place to sit and watch. Sitting alone, glassing, she spotted a buck and made her shot. I knew at the report of the gun that it was her. I anxiously awaited her call on the radio, "I got my buck, I got my buck," came loudly through. The remainder of the hunt she spent tending camp for her parents, how nice was that! Fourteen days of Ruby Mountain Wilderness was just what she needed for her soul and psyche.

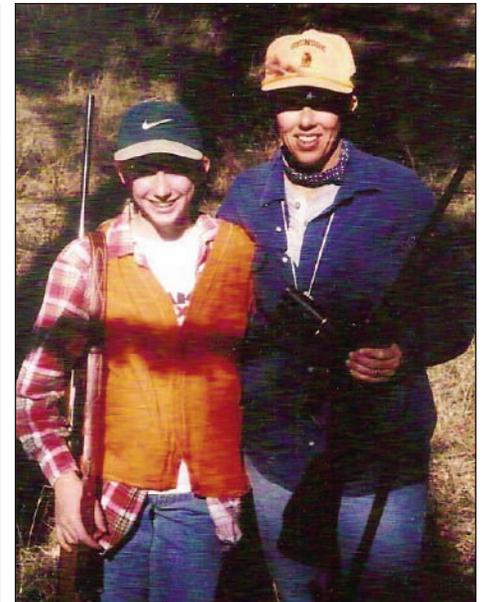
Today she is the Hunter Education Coordinator for the Arizona Game and Fish Department. She trains volunteer hunter education personnel and organizes HE classes across the state. Recently she updated the HE manual. The title reads, "Today's Hunter in Arizona." On the cover is a picture of a father hunting with his young daughter. The caption reads, "The purpose of Arizona's Hunter Education Program is to promote safe, knowledgeable, and responsible hunter conduct; emphasize the importance of wildlife management, laws, and regulations; and encourage the safe handling of firearms..."



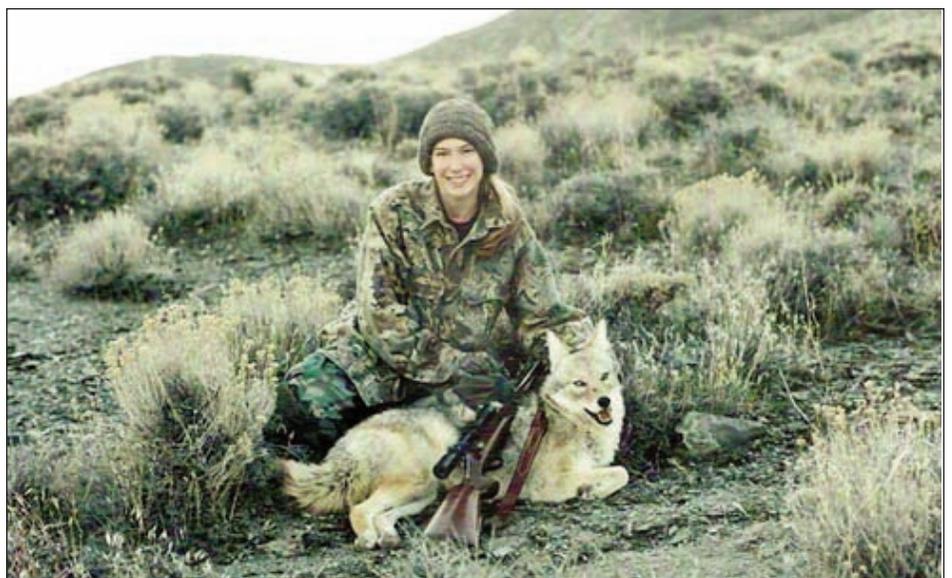
Family antelope hunt 2010



Daughter with BB Gun



Mother and Daughter hunt 97



Father daughter Coyote hunt

# The Shepherds

By By Maryann Butterfield

Once upon a time a great nation existed upon this earth. The main goal of the leader of this nation was to increase the number of sheep. He left this work for his many shepherds. Here is a tale of two of the shepherds.

One shepherd, located north and east of the center of the nation, took his flock of a hundred ewes and one ram to a pleasant forest meadow in the spring where the ewes could eat the nourishing green grass and drop their lambs during the good weather of spring. He had five sheepdogs to guard his sheep and keep them from straying.

A second shepherd, in the center and south of the nation, took his flock to a meadow quite similar to the first. He also had a hundred ewes, a ram and five sheepdogs. These sheepdogs guarded the sheep and kept them in the large meadow. They also fought any wolves intent on killing a tasty ewe or tender lamb.

It wasn't long before the wolves of the forest found the flocks. Still hungry from winter the wolves attacked the sheep. The heavy coats of the unsheared adult sheep prevented the fangs of the wolves from damaging their bodies, but they managed to bite the legs and faces of the ewes and were able to kill and drag off a few lambs. The sheepdogs of both flocks attacked the wolves but were not able to keep the packs of ten wolves from damaging the sheep.

Each shepherd saw the slashed legs and faces of the ewes and noted the loss of lambs.

The northeastern shepherd believed, as did most of the shepherds from that region, that the sheepdogs broke their training and attacked the sheep. He needed those sheepdogs to keep the sheep from straying out of the meadow, so to prevent further damage to his flock he pulled the fangs of all five of his sheepdogs. This resulted in even more wounded or lost sheep or lambs, and two of his sheepdogs disappeared.

The southwestern shepherd believed, as did all the shepherds from that region, that wolves were attacking his flock. He sent one sheepdog to the town with a message to send him ten more sheepdogs. When those

sheepdogs arrived he had fifteen to protect his sheep from the ten wolves. He no longer had a wolf problem; all the wolves migrated to the northeastern region.

Dear readers, the United States has within its populace sheep, wolves, and a few sheepdogs. I consider myself a sheepdog and I have fangs. My guess is that all of you are sheepdogs, too, but we need more fanged sheepdogs in our human population. ✍

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## Bill Status Update - MARCH 2013

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BILL NO./AUTHOR/E-MAIL	CRPA's POSITION	PRESENT STATUS
<b>AB 48 Firearms: ammunition: sales</b> (Skinner, D-Berkeley) <a href="http://www.asmdc.org/members/a15/assemblymember.skinner@assembly.ca.gov">http://www.asmdc.org/members/a15/assemblymember.skinner@assembly.ca.gov</a>	Oppose	<b>2/4/13 amended;            2/5/13 referred to            Assembly Committee            on Public Safety</b>
<p><b>PURPOSE: AMMO REGISTRATION, RETAIL AMMO SALES BAN, AND HIGH CAPACITY MAGAZINE POSSESSION BAN.</b> This bill would make it a misdemeanor to knowingly manufacture, import, keep for sale, offer or expose for sale, or give or lend any device that is capable of converting an ammunition feeding device into a large-capacity magazine. The bill would revise the definition of "large-capacity magazine" to mean any ammunition feeding device with the capacity to accept more than 10 rounds, including a readily restorable, as defined, disassembled large-capacity magazine, and an oversize magazine body that appears to hold in excess of 10 rounds. This bill would also restrict ammunition purchases and require all ammunition purchases to be reported to the California Dept. of Justice; peace officers are exempted from this provision. Purchase of unspecified amounts of ammunition, within a five-day period, would be required to be reported to local law enforcement by the Department of Justice, and ammunition vendors would be required be an authorized firearms dealer. This bill does not apply to the possession of a readily restorable disassembled large-capacity magazine or an oversize magazine body that has been permanently altered so that the magazine cannot accommodate more than 10 rounds by a person who lawfully possessed the magazine prior to January 1, 2014. This bill contains other related provisions.</p>		
<b>AB 134 Public Records Act: applications for licenses &amp; licenses to carry firearms</b> (Logue, R-Chico) <a href="http://arc.asm.ca.gov/member/AD3/assemblymember.logue@assembly.ca.gov">http://arc.asm.ca.gov/member/AD3/assemblymember.logue@assembly.ca.gov</a>	CRPA/NRA Sponsor/Support	<b>1/24/13 referred to            Assembly            Committees on            Judiciary and Public            Safety</b>
<p><b>PURPOSE: FIREARMS OWNERS PRIVACY.</b> This bill would provide that the California Public Records act shall not be construed to require the disclosure of the home address and telephone number of applicants that are set forth in applications to carry firearms or of licensees that are set forth in licenses to carry firearms, as specified. Note: The author has agreed to amend AB 134 to include the protection of names as well. This bill contains other related provisions.</p>		
<b>AB 169 Unsafe handguns</b> (Dickinson, D-Sacramento) <a href="http://www.asmdc.org/members/a07/assemblymember.dickinson@assembly.ca.gov">http://www.asmdc.org/members/a07/assemblymember.dickinson@assembly.ca.gov</a>	Oppose	<b>1/31/13 referred to            Assembly Committee            on Public Safety</b>
<p><b>PURPOSE: PEACE OFFICER HANDGUN TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS.</b> This bill would prohibit peace officers that purchase handguns that are not on the DOJ approved list from transferring those handguns to anyone other than another peace officer.</p>		
<b>AB 170 Assault weapons and .50 BMG rifles</b> (Bradford, D-Inglewood) <a href="http://www.asmdc.org/members/a62/assemblymember.bradford@assembly.ca.gov">http://www.asmdc.org/members/a62/assemblymember.bradford@assembly.ca.gov</a>	Watch	<b>1/31/13 referred to            Assembly Committee            on Public Safety</b>
<p><b>PURPOSE: RESTRICTS PURCHASE OF SO-CALLED "AWs" TO INDIVIDUALS ONLY.</b> This bill would define "person" as an individual for permit purposes for assault weapons, .50 BMG rifles, and machineguns, and other purposes related to the regulation of assault weapons and .50 BMG rifles and would prohibit sale to corporations and partnerships.</p>		
<b>AB 174 Weapons: grandfather clauses</b> (Bonta, D-Alameda) <a href="http://asmdc.org/members/a18/assemblymember.bonta@assembly.ca.gov">http://asmdc.org/members/a18/assemblymember.bonta@assembly.ca.gov</a>	Oppose	<b>May be heard in            committee on 2/24/13</b>
<p><b>PURPOSE: FIREARMS SEIZURE.</b> Note: This is a spot bill and serves as a place holder for the author to add specific language at a later date. Existing law prohibits the possession of various weapons. Under existing law, certain of these bans exempted from their scope weapons that were possessed prior to the ban, if prescribed conditions met, are authorized. This bill states that it is the intent of the Legislature to subsequently amend this bill to include provisions that would end all of those exemptions.</p>		

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<b>AB 176 Family law: protective and restraining orders</b> (Campos, D-San Jose) <a href="http://www.asmdc.org/members/a27/assemblymember.campos@assembly.ca.gov">http://www.asmdc.org/members/a27/assemblymember.campos@assembly.ca.gov</a>	Watch	<b>2/7/13 referred to Assembly Committee on Judiciary</b>
<b>PURPOSE: RESTRAINING ORDER ENFORCEMENT.</b> This bill would provide that when there are both civil and criminal orders an officer must enforce the order that is more restrictive in relation to the restrained person. This bill would also make related, conforming changes.		
<b>AB 180 Ammunition</b> (Bonta, D-Alameda) <a href="http://asmdc.org/members/a18/assemblymember.bonta@assembly.ca.gov">http://asmdc.org/members/a18/assemblymember.bonta@assembly.ca.gov</a>	Oppose	<b>May be heard in committee on 2/24/13</b>
<b>PURPOSE: AMMO TAX.</b> Note: AB 180 and AB 187 are spot bills and serve as a place holders for the author to add specific language to each bill at a later date. This bill states that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would establish a tax on all ammunition sold in retail stores and gun shows in the state and direct tax revenue to a fund to prevent crime in high-crime areas of the state.		
<b>AB 187 Ammunition</b> (Bonta, D-Alameda) <a href="http://asmdc.org/members/a18/assemblymember.bonta@assembly.ca.gov">http://asmdc.org/members/a18/assemblymember.bonta@assembly.ca.gov</a>	Oppose	<b>May be heard in committee on 2/28/13</b>
<b>PURPOSE: AMMO TAX.</b> Note: AB 187 and AB 180 are spot bills and serve as a place holders for the author to add specific language to each bill at a later date. This bill states that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would establish a tax on all ammunition sold in retail stores and gun shows in the state and direct tax revenue to a fund to prevent crime in high-crime areas of the state.		
<b>AB 202 School security: School Marshal Program</b> (Donnelly, R-San Bernardino) <a href="http://arc.asm.ca.gov/member/AD33/assemblymember.donnelly@assembly.ca.gov">http://arc.asm.ca.gov/member/AD33/assemblymember.donnelly@assembly.ca.gov</a>	Support	<b>2/7/13 referred to Assembly Committees on Education and Judiciary</b>
<b>PURPOSE: SCHOOL MARSHAL PROGRAM.</b> This bill would establish the School Marshal Program. The bill would define a school marshal as a school employee who, in accordance with the Gun-Free School Zone Act of 1995 and pursuant to locally adopted policies, is authorized to possess a firearm at a school site or designated school activities.		
<b>AB 231 Public safety: gun violence</b> (Ting, D-San Francisco) <a href="http://asmdc.org/members/a19/assemblymember.ting@assembly.ca.gov">http://asmdc.org/members/a19/assemblymember.ting@assembly.ca.gov</a>	Oppose	<b>May be heard in Assembly committee on 3/8/13</b>
<b>PURPOSE:</b> This is a spot bill and serves as a place holder for the author to add specific language at a later date. The author has indicated that AB 231, when amended, will require firearms owners to obtain liability insurance. This bill states that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would ensure that Californians are not at undue risk of gun violence.		
<b>AB 232 Tax credits: gun buybacks</b> (Ting, D-San Francisco) <a href="http://asmdc.org/members/a19/assemblymember.ting@assembly.ca.gov">http://asmdc.org/members/a19/assemblymember.ting@assembly.ca.gov</a>	Oppose	<b>May be heard in Assembly committee on 3/8/13</b>
<b>PURPOSE: GUN AND HIGH CAPACITY MAG BUYBACK.</b> Note: This is a spot bill and serves as a place holder for the author to add specific language at a later date. This bill states that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would create the California Gun Buyback Incentive Program, which would consist of legislation authorizing a personal income tax credit for persons who voluntarily surrender a firearm or large capacity magazine to a local government entity that is conducting a gun buyback program.		
<b>AJR 5 Firearms: assault weapons</b> (Gomez, D-Sacramento) <a href="http://asmdc.org/members/a51/assemblymember.gomez@assembly.ca.gov">http://asmdc.org/members/a51/assemblymember.gomez@assembly.ca.gov</a>	Oppose	<b>1/24/13 referred to Assembly Committee on Public Safety</b>
<b>PURPOSE: FEDERAL GUN BAN RESOLUTION.</b> This measure would urge the president and congress of the United States to support and pass Senator Dianne Feinstein's proposed legislation prohibiting the sale, transfer, importation, and manufacturing of assault weapons and large-capacity magazines.		

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<b>SB 47 Assault weapons</b> (Yee, D-San Francisco) <a href="http://sd08.senate.ca.gov/senator.yee@senate.ca.gov">http://sd08.senate.ca.gov/senator.yee@senate.ca.gov</a>	Oppose	<b>2/7/13 re-referred to Senate Committee on Public Safety</b>
<p><b>PURPOSE: BAN ON SEMI-AUTO FIREARMS WITH DETACHABLE MAGS.</b> Under existing law, "assault weapon" means, among other things, a semiautomatic, centerfire rifle or a semiautomatic pistol that has the capacity to accept a detachable magazine and has any one of specified attributes, including, for rifles, a thumbhole stock, and for pistols, a second handgrip. This bill would revise these provisions to mean a semiautomatic, centerfire rifle or a semiautomatic pistol that does not have a fixed magazine but has any one of those specified attributes. This bill would also define "fixed magazine" to mean an ammunition feeding device contained in, or permanently attached to, a firearm in such a manner that the device cannot be removed without disassembly of the firearm action. This bill would exclude from those provisions a person who possessed an assault weapon prior to July 1, 2014, if specified requirements are met. Existing law requires that, with specified exceptions, any person who, prior to January 1, 2001, lawfully possessed an assault weapon prior to the date it was defined as an assault weapon, and which was not specified as an assault weapon at the time of lawful possession, register the firearm with the Department of Justice. This bill would require that any person who, from January 1, 2001, to December, 31, 2013, inclusive, lawfully possessed an assault weapon that does not have a fixed magazine, as defined, and including those weapons with an ammunition feeding device that can be removed readily from the firearm with the use of a tool, register the firearm before July 1, 2014, with the Department of Justice.</p>		
<b>SB 53 Ammunition: purchase permits</b> (de Leon, D-Los Angeles) <a href="http://sd22.senate.ca.gov/senator.deleon@senate.ca.gov">http://sd22.senate.ca.gov/senator.deleon@senate.ca.gov</a>	Oppose	<b>1/10/13 referred to Senate Committee on Public Safety</b>
<p><b>PURPOSE: AMMO PRUCHASE PERMIT.</b> This bill would, commencing June 1, 2014, require a permit issued by the California Department of Justice in order to purchase any type of ammunition. This bill would establish an annual fee and application process that would require a background check. This bill would provide that the permit authorizes the holder to purchase ammunition from an ammunition vendor.</p>		
<b>SB 108 Firearms: lending and residential storage</b> (Yee, D-San Francisco) <a href="http://sd08.senate.ca.gov/senator.yee@senate.ca.gov">http://sd08.senate.ca.gov/senator.yee@senate.ca.gov</a>	Oppose	<b>1/24/13 referred to Senate Committee on Public Safety</b>
<p><b>PURPOSE: MANDATORY STORAGE AND LENDING RESTRICTIONS.</b> This bill would provide that no person who is 18 years of age or older and who is the owner, lessee, renter, or other legal occupant of a residence, shall, while outside of that residence, keep in that residence a firearm that he or she owns or has lawful possession of unless the firearm is stored in one of certain specified ways, including in a gun safe or by using a firearm safety device.</p>		
<b>SB 127 Firearms: mentally disordered persons: possession</b> (Gaines, R-Fair Oaks) <a href="http://arc.asm.ca.gov/member/AD6/senator.gaines@senate.ca.gov">http://arc.asm.ca.gov/member/AD6/senator.gaines@senate.ca.gov</a>	Oppose, unless amended	<b>1/31/13 referred to Senate Committee on Public Safety</b>
<p><b>PURPOSE: REMOVAL OF COURT AUTHORITY.</b> Existing law prohibits a person who has been adjudicated by a court of any state to be a danger to others as a result of a mental disorder or mental illness, or who has been adjudicated to be a mentally disordered sex offender, after October 1, 1955, from receiving or possessing any firearm or any other deadly weapon unless the person has been issued a certificate by the court of adjudication stating that the person may possess a firearm or any other deadly weapon. A person who violates or attempts to violate this provision is guilty of a felony or a misdemeanor. This bill would prohibit persons adjudicated to be a danger pursuant to the above provisions after January 1, 2014, from receiving or possessing any firearm or any other deadly weapon and remove the authority of a court to issue a certificate for that person to possess a firearm or any other deadly weapon for life.</p>		
<b>SB 140 Budget Act of 2012: firearms</b> (Leno, D-San Francisco) <a href="http://sd08.senate.ca.gov/senator.leno@senate.ca.gov">http://sd08.senate.ca.gov/senator.leno@senate.ca.gov</a>	Oppose	<b>2/7/13 referred to Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review</b>
<p><b>PURPOSE: REDIRECTION OF DROS FUND MONIES.</b> This bill would amend the Budget Act of 2012 by revising an item of appropriation for the Department of Justice relating to the Armed Prohibitive Persons System (APPS). This bill would authorize the use of Dealer Record of Sale (DROS) monies paid by firearms purchasers for background checks. The bill would authorize DROS monies to be redirected to the Dept. of Justice for the purpose of seizing firearms from prohibited persons. This bill contains other related provisions.</p>		

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<b>SB 175 State game refuges: possession of weapons</b> (Fuller, R-Bakersfield) <a href="http://cssrc.us/web/18/">http://cssrc.us/web/18/</a> <a href="mailto:senator.fuller@senate.ca.gov">senator.fuller@senate.ca.gov</a>	CRPA/NRA Sponsor/Support	<b>2/14/13 re-referred to Senate Committees on Natural Resources and Wildlife and Public Safety; pending in Committee on Natural Resources and Wildlife</b>
<p><b>PURPOSE: EXCEPTION FOR LICENSE TO CARRY IN STATE GAME REFUGE.</b> Existing law generally prohibits the use or possession is in a game refuge of a firearm, BB device, crossbow, or bow and arrow capable of being used to take birds or mammals. However, existing law permits the possession of a firearm, BB device, crossbow and bolts, or bow and arrow by a person when traveling through any state game refuge when the firearms are taken apart or encased and unloaded and the bows are unstrung or stored separately from any arrow or bolt. Existing law requires that when the traveling is done on a route other than a public highway or other public thoroughfare or right of way, specified notice be given to the Department of Fish and Wildlife at least 24 hours before that traveling. This bill would exempt certain peace officers, whether active or honorably retired, and any person licensed to carry a concealed firearm from the above travel and notice requirements as they relate to a firearm.</p>		
<b>SB 293 Firearms: owner-authorized handguns</b> (DeSaulnier, D-Concord) <a href="http://sd07.senate.ca.gov/">http://sd07.senate.ca.gov/</a> <a href="mailto:senator.desaulnier@senate.ca.gov">senator.desaulnier@senate.ca.gov</a>	Oppose	<b>2/7/13 referred to Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review</b>
<p><b>PURPOSE: CONVENTIONAL HANDGUN-BAN - "SMART HANDGUN" OWNER RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY.</b> This bill would provide that commencing 18 months following the Attorney General's reporting that owner-authorized handguns are available for retail sale, as specified, a handgun would be unsafe if it was not owner-authorized, as defined, and would provide an exception to these provisions for the sale, loan, or transfer of handguns manufactured in or imported into this state prior to that date, as specified. The bill would specify requirements that owner-authorized handguns would be required to meet in order for the Attorney General to determine that owner-authorized handguns are available for retail sale, and in order to comply with certain safety standards, as specified. The bill would require the Attorney General, commencing July 1, 2014, and every July 1 thereafter through July 1, 2019, to report to the governor and the Legislature regarding the progress made on the availability for retail sale of owner-authorized handguns, as specified.</p>		
<b>SB 299 Firearms: lost or stolen: reports</b> (DeSaulnier, D-Concord) <a href="http://sd07.senate.ca.gov/">http://sd07.senate.ca.gov/</a> <a href="mailto:senator.desaulnier@senate.ca.gov">senator.desaulnier@senate.ca.gov</a>	Oppose	<b>May be acted upon on or after 3/21/13</b>
<p><b>PURPOSE:</b> This bill would require every person, with exceptions, to report the theft or loss of a firearm he or she owns or possesses to a local law enforcement agency in the jurisdiction in which the theft or loss occurred within 48 hours of the time he or she knew or reasonably should have known that the firearm had been stolen or lost, and requires every person who has reported a firearm lost or stolen to notify the local law enforcement agency within 48 hours if the firearm is subsequently recovered. The bill would make a violation of these provisions an infraction punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100 for a first offense, an infraction punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 for a 2nd offense, and a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding 6 months, or by a fine not to exceed \$1,000, or both that fine and imprisonment, for a 3rd or subsequent offense. The bill would make it a misdemeanor for any person to make a report to a local law enforcement agency that a firearm has been lost or stolen, knowing the report to be false.</p>		
<b>SJR 1 Firearms control</b> (Wolk, D-Davis) <a href="mailto:senator.wolk@senate.ca.gov">senator.wolk@senate.ca.gov</a>	Oppose	<b>Set for hearing on 2/26/13 in Senate Committee on Public Safety</b>
<p><b>PURPOSE: FEDERAL GUN BAN RESOLUTION.</b> This measure would urge the President and the Congress of the United States to develop a comprehensive federal approach to reducing and preventing gun violence, promptly place assault weapons and high-capacity assault magazines under the scope of the National Firearms Act, and require a universal background check through the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) for the transfer of all firearms. This measure would additionally urge the president to take steps to ensure all states and applicable federal agencies are reporting all necessary records to the NICS.</p>		
<b>More information at <a href="http://www.crpa.org">www.crpa.org</a> under 2013 Bill Status Update.</b>		
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# FOCUSED ON THE FUTURE



Focused on the Future – CRPA's new youth outreach program needs your help!

Focused on the Future is the newest program of the California Rifle and Pistol Association, and is specifically designed for the youth of California, ages 3-20.

Opportunities will be provided throughout the year for our youth to experience shooting in various types of events and outreach programs. Focused on the Future is dedicated to informing, educating and involving youth to passionately protect their rights in California, while experiencing the fun and discipline that shooting can offer.

We will focus on multiple areas of opportunities for youth ages 20 and younger to try target shooting (handgun and rifle), clay target shooting and shotgunning in a safe, fun environment. Additionally, hunter safety courses will be offered to CRPA junior members throughout the state. Look for scholarship offerings to California high school seniors in the near future!

We anticipate great areas of growth within our new program! Remember, you can donate youth memberships for those who cannot afford to join!



Thank you for your support of the CRPA's newest program Focused on the Future! If you have any questions, please e-mail CRPA Field Rep. Dave Halbrook at [dhalbrook@crpa.org](mailto:dhalbrook@crpa.org).  
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