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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY CHUCK MICHEL
CRPA PRESIDENT
& GENERAL COUNSEL

As CRPA has warned for years, gun control laws are part of an anti-gun-ownership strategy to pile so much incremental legal and regulatory red tape on top of gun possession that the right to keep and bear arms is impossible to exercise.

In February, Sacramento politicians took a big step in that direction. A bill was introduced in Sacramento that, if passed into law, **would have totally banned the sale and use of ALL lead ammunition at all public and private shooting ranges.** Assembly Bill 3071, introduced by Assembly Member Mullin and co-authored by Senator Wieckowski, would have made it impossible for ranges to operate or for folks to afford to practice shooting and marksmanship. The impact on youth shooting, sport and Olympic shooting and hunter education would have been devastating.

Fortunately, thanks to vocal opposition to the proposal, but largely due to the suspension of the legislative session as part of the response to the coronavirus, the bill has been pulled *for the year*.

Unfortunately, the bill is not completely dead, and this is still an existential threat. And even as the legislature backs off for now, the Cal-EPA and local regulators are still



attacking ranges. Ranges need to organize.

CRPA is helping them do that by organizing members, supporters, clubs and ranges across California to fight back against attacks on the shooting sports and the facilities we use to enjoy them. It's time for every range and club in California to step up and stand with CRPA to stop this latest effort. Take this magazine to your range or club and ask the leaders what they are doing to help. Send an email to ranges@crpa.org for more.

The fearmongering about the health hazards of lead bullets has always been a lie. Lead exposure at both indoor and outdoor ranges is entirely manageable. Using alternate metals just creates a different set of problems—the anti-gun-owner crowd knows this.

In fact, fearmongering and scare tactics are part of their plan. Their goal is and has always been to stop you from being able to exercise your rights in California. I've been watching their incremental strategy develop for almost 30 years. If it weren't for the efforts of groups like CRPA, NRA and GOC, they would have succeeded by now.

I've been warning for years that California's gun control efforts are more about eliminating the "gun culture" that enables people to choose to own or practice with a gun, or even assemble to talk about gun rights. To get there, gun shows, gun ranges, gun stores, youth programs, etc., need to be shut down.

We have several articles about it in this issue. Please read up and take the action steps we've listed.

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MEMBERS' VOICES

An Earlier Mass Shooting

Regarding the Law and Politics article on page 18 of the January/February 2020 ["What Beto Says, The Police Will Enforce," Issue 1045] issue of your fine magazine, there was at least one mass shooting prior to the 1980s.

Howard Unruh's rampage was not during the 1950s, it was in 1949. Howie went walking around his neighborhood in Camden, NJ, with a Luger [pistol], no doubt a bring-back from WWII where good ole Howie had kept a record of how many Germans he had killed while there during WWII.

Reading the Wikipedia article about good ole' Howie, I doubt that he actually was in combat. There is no mention of him receiving the CBI and by the time he was in Germany, he would have been awarded it if he had actually been engaged in combat.

My personal opinion is that Howard Unruh was one of those unfortunate individuals who show no signs of psychosis until in their 20s, when their life just goes off its tracks much to the dismay of their parents, siblings and friends.

Howie kept a list of the folks he wanted to shoot in his neighborhood whom he suspected of saying things about him behind his back.

Howie killed 13 people during his brief stroll down the streets of Camden. Three of those were children. Unruh didn't even know some of the people he killed. He shot indiscriminately while walking down the street. Howie is credited with being the first mass killing shooter in the U.S.

I remember the 3-inch high headline letters in the Evening Bulletin the day of Unruh's spree. There were other headlines following about his mental state and stories about his victims.

He never was tried but spent all of his life in an insane asylum as medicos

declared him insane. He died in 2009 while still in confinement. He was 88 years old.

Unlike today there was no outcry to blame Lugers or bring back weapons. Several million G.I.s served overseas, and the biggest percentage of them brought back souvenir firearms in working condition. Strangely, out of millions, Howard Unruh was the only one to go on a shooting spree.

I thought you might appreciate the clarification. The news certainly was broadcast nationwide. Of course, television was just getting started in those days. I don't believe we had a TV in 1949.

—C.E. Voigtsberger, Ventura, CA
Interesting. Thanks for that.

In-Home Gun Accidents

As a father and grandfather, my heartfelt sorrow goes out to the Carpenter family depicted in the article "In the Face of Death" [January/February Issue 1045]. As a strong believer in the Second Amendment and a card carrying member of the NRA, I am sympathetic to the family's desire to help prevent this from happening again. But, there are some common sense things that must be faced. Asking a teenager to pick-up a gun and kill someone is asking a lot. I was trained by the USMC in the 1960s to do just that at the age of 18. I can attest to you, killing is not that easy. The need for violent killing comes quickly and with a rush of adrenaline making it hard to focus and perform as trained. To think that a young teenager would be able to kill on instinct is an incredibly optimistic viewpoint. Let's say that the gun had been accessible and the attacker was wounded or killed. The effects on the youngster would be long lasting. Millions of Korean, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan veterans suffer from the horrors of

witnessing bloodshed. Many, many gun accidents in the home result in the death of our children, not to mention the suicide rate of young people in our country. Not all gun laws are bad laws. Locking guns away from our children is a good idea. Not all violent crimes against our families can be prevented by open access to a gun. I will pray for your loss. No one will ever understand your grief. But, we can prevent others from grieving by being smart, forward thinking members of the NRA.

—Sam Schrader, Antelope, CA

We hoped the article would make people think about these very things. You are absolutely right that not every soul will be able to pull the trigger on another, no matter how justified. But the Carpenter children had been trained by their father, so they were ready and (faced with their siblings being methodically slaughtered) willing—just not able, thanks to California storage laws. The point is mandatory locked storage can kill innocents. Sometimes responsible storage, which CRPA preaches, does not mean completely inaccessible to youths or others. Individual circumstances vary; there is no one-size-fits-all safety program. Politicians refuse to accept this. But having access gives victims a chance—even if they need counselling after they have to take an evil life to save a loved one. Suicides are a different issue. Once someone makes that decision they can find a way.

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(PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, CONT.)

Five years ago, I volunteered to serve as President of the California Rifle & Pistol Association without pay. I stepped up because I believe that the right to keep and bear arms is a cornerstone of a free republic. Without the Second Amendment, it's just a matter of time till the "progressives" send the freedom-loving country that I grew up in off the socialist cliff. California politicians have made great "progress" advancing their socialist agenda here, and they are pushing their agenda nationally. I could see we needed a bigger, better and more effective CRPA to fight back.

Five years later, CRPA is the oldest (145 years this year!) and by far the largest and most effective grassroots group in California. CRPA now has 22 employees, a training center, tens of thousands of members and supporters, hundreds of business affiliates supporting our efforts, dozens of safety, shooting and training programs and dozens of CRPA Chapters engaging across the state. CRPA affiliates are doing their part to protect the right to choose to own a gun for sport or self-defense. CRPA's legislative advocacy and litigation programs are having more success than ever, even in this rigged state. No other group does as much as CRPA does. They don't even try.

We've taken some hits, but we never give up fighting, and we never give up hope. Sadly, California politics is so obviously rigged

that some gun owners have lost hope. But hope is on the horizon! The Supreme Court *will* issue a decision that restores the Second Amendment and invalidates many of California's unconstitutional gun laws. It could come as soon as June.

Meanwhile, President Trump, for all his flaws, is still one of the strongest pro-Second Amendment presidents to ever hold office. And he has appointed so many judges to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals that the odds of winning a Second Amendment challenge to a gun ban there have increased dramatically. The alternative, whether Bernie Sanders or Joe Biden, will mean an administration more hostile to our rights.

We can't let that happen. CRPA is working to win critical state and federal elections, get good judges appointed, challenge bad laws in court, defeat bad ideas in the Legislature and mobilize grassroots gun owners at the local level. With the help of a growing volunteer force, we can recruit new shooters, stop ill-conceived gun laws and turn back the effort to demonize and shame gun owners for choosing to own a gun for fun, sport or self-defense.

Other groups may claim to be in the fight, but no one can match the expertise, knowledge and sheer numbers of staff and supporters that the CRPA has in California. Thank you for being a part of this movement, and I hope to see you in a CRPA t-shirt at a CRPA meeting or event soon!

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RED COATS TO RED FLAG LAWS TO BLOODY RED REVOLT

BY DAN GIFFORD

Every picture tells a story, and the one on the seal of Union County, NJ, tells a deadly one.

It depicts the 1780 cold-blooded murder that ignited righteous anger of New Jerseyans and colonists at large and caused the fence sitters among them to take up arms against their own government, the British Crown. It's also a murder that foolish contemporary politicians and activists seem determined to have

repeated with their advocacy of "red flag laws" that allow government a pretext to send its armed agents to seize one's firearms and other property at gunpoint without much, if any, due process.

The seal scene shows a "Red-coat"—a British soldier—shooting a woman whose hands are raised in surrender. The name of the soldier isn't known, but the woman's is. She was Hannah Caldwell, wife of Presbyterian minister James Caldwell, widely known as "the fighting parson" for his spiritual leadership, sermons and writings in support of

individual liberty and what we now call the American Revolution. That's not what King George III and his British and Hessian military officers called it, though. To them it was the "Presbyterian Rebellion."

Caldwell's Presbyterianism was not the namby-pamby variety of today. It was the "redneck" (English slang for Presbyterians then), undiluted, anti-episcopacy, Presbyterian polity variety that had fought a 5-year war along the border of Scotland and England against the Crown's demand that bishops be placed in the Scottish Presbyterian church. That

► **OPPOSITE:** The Union County seal depicts a murder scene with a British Revolutionary War soldier firing on an innocent woman.

bishopless Presbyterian polity that rejects top-down hierarchy formed the basis for the relationship of the American states to the federal government and institutions such as the Electoral College. As such, Crown loyalists agitated for both Reverend Caldwell and his family to be arrested or be made assassination targets of the Crown. Reverend Caldwell was murdered 1 year after his wife.

Unlike the seal picture, a witness said Hannah was actually in her bedroom shielding her children from a soldier who had left the ranks of a Hessian and British troop column led by General Wilhelm, baron von Knyphausen and who was marching by to walk over to her house. Accounts of the time say she thought she'd be safe since she was friends with many British officers and had even hosted a tea for several at her home earlier that day. If that sounds odd, it's because on paper, the etiquette of civilized warfare among European armies then forbid atrocities against non-belligerent women and children. That's on paper. In practice, rape by soldiers—especially gang rape—was used as a weapon of terror by British and Hessians alike.

So, according to the manners of period warfare, Hannah's murder was considered beyond the pale. Historian Charles Shallcross says, "It was a terrible shock to the public, and it galvanized them against the British." It certainly strengthened the resolve of my war ancestors like Captain William Gifford of the 3rd New Jersey Regiment. His resolve and that of others were doubled after Hannah's murder by the actions of General von Knyphausen's troops at nearby Elizabethtown (now Elizabeth), NJ. They had orders to search the town for rebels and guns. During that process, the Hessians became a



► A reduced image of the New Jersey Union County seal.

mob that fought among themselves for looted valuables before setting fire to the houses, town buildings and church. People then remembered that. Those in Union County still do and so should we because that looting, property destruction and murder of Hannah Caldwell hold lessons today about red flag laws for those "woke" enough to learn them.

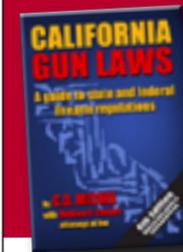
RED FLAG LAWS

The red flag gun confiscation laws (aka "extreme risk protection orders") that essentially skirt due process increase the likelihood that what happened in 1780 Union

County will be happening more often during our time as mendacious gun control activists prod police into SWAT raid searches, seizures and confrontations with Second Amendment defenders. Not because they are actual threats, but because said activists, like Caldwell's enemies, want to shut them up or vilify them with grandstand publicity tactics that scare the public as police are known to do.

That will likely mean more murders by police like those committed by the FBI of the Branch Davidians and more dead Vicki Weavers, the woman gunned down by an FBI snip-

The bottom line is that the red flag image of Hannah Caldwell being shot could be your wife or other family member no matter how chummy you may be with police or how often you have served them tea at your home.



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er at Ruby Ridge, ID, while holding her baby. Both incidents started as gun control police publicity funding scares about unconventional-lifestyle people with firearms who were then demonized via false allegations of child abuse, racism and other incendiary rhetoric having nothing to do with guns.

The bottom line is that the red flag image of Hannah Caldwell being shot could be your wife or other family member no matter how chummy you may be with police or how often you have served them tea at your home. If deadly redcoats, looting Hessians or any of the other mentioned events seem over-the-top or unlikely to happen, please read about the increasing number of gun owners who have already been killed by police in red flag confrontations or other deadly encounters that may well have been prompted by personal animosity or political payback having nothing to do with guns.

Read the accounts of those whose homes were ransacked and virtually destroyed by police with warrants issued on false evidence who cannot be held liable.

Read why the U.S. 9th Circuit Court ruled the Fresno cops who Micah



(SHUTTERSTOCK)

Jessop says stole \$225,000 from him during a search cannot be sued because of police qualified immunity and his lack of “a clearly established Fourth or Fourteenth Amendment right to be free from the theft of property seized pursuant to a warrant” no matter how dubious the evidence was for its issue. It didn’t matter that Jessop was cleared of the allegations that were the basis for the raid.

Read the accounts of those who have had police guns shoved into their face at 4 a.m. as happened to political strategist Roger Stone by the FBI lackeys of his political enemies who framed him for perjury. An insider tipped CNN to be at Stone’s home and broadcast what those enemies wanted to be his humiliation and possible death on national TV, according to my Washington sources. “It’s a message for everyone,”

adds retired FBI supervisory special agent Todd Hulse. “They are saying, ‘we are going to get you.’ And it’s going to be an unpleasant arrest.”

Finally, read about those who have been murdered by government agents, as was Donald Scott in Ventura County, CA, during a bogus drug raid after he refused to sell his property to Uncle Sam. Yes, Uncle got Scott’s property.

At present, 17 states have laws that allow police, family members or others to ask courts to take weapons from people they claim may be dangerous. In many of these states, political groups that were fully aware that the concept behind red flag laws can be easily expanded and weaponized to their advantage led the drive to pass the legislation.

States define *red flags* differently, but they largely follow the same process. In most states, family or com-

munity members can petition a court to have someone’s guns confiscated by claiming that a person exhibits erratic behavior or has expressed some intent to hurt themselves or others. That’s a pretty vague standard. And it gets fuzzier when put into the hands of former spouses, lovers or revenge seekers.

If those sorts of events continue, and it appears they will because of the enabling effect of red flag laws, we will find out whether Americans still have the backbone of their colonial predecessors or whether their spirit of liberty and justice has been replaced by a squishy spine. **CRPA**

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THE LESSON OF THEODORIC THE GREAT

BY K. LLOYD BILLINGSLEY

The California law requiring background checks for ammunition purchases kicked in on July 1, 2019. Since that time, 101 purchases were prohibited, and 62,000 buyers legally entitled to buy ammo were denied or rejected. Those denied include a sheriff's deputy who wanted to buy shotgun shells to hunt ducks. State officials attribute the problem to database discrepancies, but apologists say the law is working as intended. It restricts law-abiding citizens from the exercise of their rights and does not track the way

criminals obtain ammunition.

Similarly, regarding recent firearm ownership and acquisition in California, findings from the UC Davis 2018 *California Safety and Wellbeing Survey* show that Californians own nearly 20 million firearms, including 8.9 million handguns; these firearms were "purchased primarily for protection against people." The study, however, cites only a "perceived need for self-protection" among gun owners and does not account for the way criminals acquire firearms. Second Amendment advocates might wonder about the ultimate purpose of the survey and gun-control laws in general.

As Stephen P. Halbrook noted in *Gun Control in the Third Reich*, the Ger-

man National Socialists used registration records of the Weimar Republic to track down and oppress Jews and other disfavored groups. Similarly, the Ottoman Turks disarmed the Armenians, which made it easier to oppress and kill them. The practice of disarming potential victims goes back a long way.

As Edward Gibbon noted in *Volume Four of The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, the Gothic conqueror Theodoric the Great "condescended to disarm the unwelcome natives of Italy, interdicting all weapons of offense, and excepting only a small knife for domestic use." Theodoric made himself king and ruled Italy from 493 to 526. Had the



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vulnerable Italians possessed firearms, Theodoric would have grabbed those as well.

By heavily restricting firearms and ammunition purchases by law-abiding gun owners, California politicians are following the examples of Theodoric, the Ottoman Turks and the German National Socialists as well. It facilitates draconian action against people while leaving them more vulnerable to violent criminals, who do not follow the law. If the people believe the ultimate intent of gun and ammunition restrictions is to oppress and inflict harm, it would be hard to blame them. **CRPA**

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CCW RECORDS ARE "PUBLIC" RECORDS

BY MATTHEW D. CUBEIRO

According to a recent CRPA information bulletin dated January 30, reports have circulated that several California law enforcement agencies were recently contacted by Joaquin Palomino, a reporter with the *San Francisco Chronicle*, requesting records pursuant to the California Public Records Act.

While the extent of Mr. Palomino's request is unclear, he appears to have sought CCW permit records regarding current CCW holders, pending CCW applicants and CCWs that have otherwise expired. Pursuant to existing California law and the Public Records Act, those law enforcement agencies contacted by Mr. Palomino have released the requested information. Some of these law enforcement agencies have also notified those affected of the request.

CRPA shares the concerns of its members who have been affected by Mr. Palomino's request. Although the paper's Editor-in-Chief has publicly stated they do

not intend on publishing the personal information of private citizens, it remains unclear why the information was sought to begin with.¹

CRPA members and gun owners should be aware, however, that CCW records are in fact "public" records under existing California law. In the early 1980s, CBS filed a lawsuit challenging then Los Angeles County Sheriff Sherman Block's refusal to allow inspection and copying of CCW records. The case eventually made its way to the California Supreme Court. In 1986, the court

issued a decision which held that the names of CCW holders and the reasons claimed in support of issuing their CCWs are disclosable under the Public Records Act.²

Fast forward to 2010 when another California sheriff, this time former Ventura County Sheriff Bob Brooks, refused to produce CCW records following a Public Records Act request. Ventura was also sued for refusing to provide the records. In the proposed order and judgment, the court noted the "striking similarity" to the CBS case,

stating that "the public was not in a position to judge whether the responsible county officer was properly exercising his discretion in issuing concealed weapons permits without being able to review the reasons why the concealed weapons permits were sought, and why they were granted or denied."³ And while recognizing the competing privacy concerns of individuals applying for such permits, the court ultimately concluded that "there is a low expectation of privacy in persons applying for these permits, and additionally a low

invasion of privacy when appropriate redactions are instituted."

CCW applicants and permit holders should also be aware that the standard CCW application itself requires applicants to acknowledge that "pursuant to the Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250, et seq.), I understand that information contained in this application may be a matter of public record and shall be made available upon request or court order."⁴ This was also considered by the court in the Ventura lawsuit. As a result, the court issued an order which held the following:

INFORMATION SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE:

- Pages 11 and 13 of each CCW application; and
- A copy of all CCWs, CCW amendments and/or denial letters issued to applications.

INFORMATION THAT MUST BE REDACTED:

- Home and business addresses;
- Home and business telephone numbers;
- Business names;
- Social security numbers;
- Physical descriptions;
- Times and places as may appear on page 13 of the CCW application;
- Firearm information;
- Date of birth;
- Age;
- Driver's license number;
- Driver's license restriction;
- Mailing address;
- Spouse's name and address;
- List of previous homes;
- Fingerprint impressions;
- Medical and psychological histo-

¹ "Sutter County Sheriff Alerts CCW Permit Holders About Public Records Request from SF Newspaper;" CBS Sacramento, [sacramento.cbslocal.com/2020/01/28/ccw-permit-sutter-county-sheriff-alert-sf-chronicle](https://www.cbsacramento.com/2020/01/28/ccw-permit-sutter-county-sheriff-alert-sf-chronicle) (Jan. 28, 2020).

² *CBS, Inc. v. Sherman Block*, 42 Cal.3d 646 (1986).

³ *Calguns Foundation, Inc. v. County of Ventura*, Case No. 56-2010-00383664.

⁴ BOF 2012: Standard Initial and Renewal Application for License to Carry a Concealed Weapon, California Department of Justice, Bureau of Firearms (Rev. 11/2012), available online at sdsheriff.net/licensing/ccw_app.pdf.

ries; and

■ Information related to where the applicant is potentially vulnerable to attack.

Any other information not expressly required to be redacted must generally be disclosed, including the name of the applicant and the status of their CCW. At least one agency listed the following information as being released to the *San Francisco Chronicle's* reporter:

- Name;
- Dates application was received, approved and/or expires;
- Whether the application is an initial or renewal;
- Which agency approved;
- City and zip code of permit holder;
- Status of application; and
- Reasons for denials.

Given the current uncertainty about the status of personal information obtained by the reporter, those affected may wish to take additional steps to protect their identity and credit profile. To do so, you can monitor your credit reports to determine whether any of the personal information released has been used to engage in fraudulent credit transactions. You can learn more about how to monitor credit reports by contacting any of three credit reporting agencies identified below:

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GUN CONFISCATIONS "R" US

CALIFORNIA COUNTY PROPOSES NEW GUN REMOVAL TEAM

BY KAT AINSWORTH

According to *SFGate*, a site that bills itself as the Bay City News Service, a proposal has been put forth by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors to facilitate gun confiscation.

Now, it's important to note the proposed gun law applies specifically to people who have had restraining orders (ROs) and temporary protection orders (TROs) taken out against them.

SFGate reports as follows:

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday will consider funding a new team specifically

aimed at getting guns out of violent hands.

Board president Cindy Chavez will introduce a proposal to earmark nearly \$430,000 to support a "gun team" tasked with removing guns from repeated domestic abusers and people with temporary restraining orders against them.

"It is a lethal combination where there's a case involving domestic violence and a court order to remove a gun from a person with a restraining order against them, particularly if it's not enforced," Chavez said during a Monday news conference.

So where is that nearly half-a-million initial investment of funds coming from?

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Authorizing and funding law enforcement to put together a team to go in and take guns away is an iffy proposition at best.

County general fund money would pay for a new criminal investigator and attorney for the county gun team. Several other positions would be funded by grants from the Bay Area Urban Areas Security Initiative.

Sounds like a good gun law, right? People known to be violent will have their guns confiscated thus protecting the victims of their abuse.

The current methodology in the Golden State is that if you have a restraining order issued against you, you have to turn in your own gun. As [court.ca.gov](https://www.court.ca.gov) states:

"If the law enforcement officer does not take your firearms [when you are served], you have to turn them in to the police or sell them to, or store them with, a licensed firearms dealer." (Respond to a Request for Firearms Restraining Order, [courts.ca.gov/33680.htm?rdeLocaleAttr=en](https://www.courts.ca.gov/33680.htm?rdeLocaleAttr=en))

WHAT COULD POSSIBLY GO WRONG?

Coming at this as someone who has had to take out a restraining order against a violent ex gives me a unique perspective, but it probably isn't the one you'd expect. This particular attempt at forming a gun

confiscation team is being presented with the claim of being for violent offenders and people with active restraining orders against them.

Looks good on the surface, right? Finally, a common-sense gun law! Guess again.

Gun confiscation is a slippery slope. Authorizing and funding law enforcement to put together a team to go in and take guns away is an iffy proposition at best. It might be starting with people—including the occasional woman—who've had a restraining order issued against them, but where does it end? And what about the restraining orders that are wrongly put in place?

If the 21 days pass between the TRO being issued and the court date, and the judge decides it should never have happened, is the person going to get his or her guns back? Good luck with that. I seriously doubt it.

The gun confiscation team isn't a perfect solution; it's more like a wolf in sheep's clothing. For an added touch of irony, Deputy District Attorney Marisa McKeown said "... the very voluminous California laws on guns mean nothing if we don't adequately and smartly enforce them."

Exactly. Law enforcement can

already take firearms from people when they serve a firearms-specific restraining order, so why do they need a dedicated team? They don't. Enforce the existing gun laws—of which there are far too many in California already—and move on.

Two thumbs way, way, down for this one, California (as with the vast majority of your gun laws). If you're being abused, defend yourself. Get a restraining order—yes, really, get one—and get yourself armed and trained. You know the drill; say it with me: "When seconds count, law enforcement and all associated gun laws are only minutes away."

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ANATOMY OF A GUBERNATORIAL RECALL ELECTION IN CALIFORNIA

BY SAM PAREDES

Since 1911, Californians have attempted to recall 32 governors with only a single success, when in 2003, the voters of California recalled Governor Gray Davis.

A recall is an official process where voters can remove a governor from office before the end of his or her term.

The process is long and tedious, and no doubt it was meant to be very difficult to accomplish.

Voters are required to file a Notice of Intention to recall the governor with the Secretary of State. Upon certification of the Notice of Intention, proponents are permitted to proceed but must include the reasons for the recall and the governor's response on the petition.

The proponents are then allowed 160 days to circulate the petitions in at least five California counties.

Proponents must gather enough valid voter signatures that are equal to or more than 12% of the number

of votes cast for the office of governor in the most recent election. In 2020, 1,495,708 signatures are required to recall Governor Gavin Newsom.

Completed petitions are submitted to local county elections offices in the county where the petitions were circulated. Once the proponents have submitted at least 10% of the required number of signatures, it is then the responsibility of the county elections officials to verify the signatures and report them to the Secretary of State.

Since the governor is the subject of the recall, he cannot set the date of the recall election if a sufficient number of signatures have been submitted. The responsibility falls to the lieutenant governor. Depending on the timing of the submissions and verifications of the ballot signatures, the lieutenant governor will be required to call for the election between 60 and 80 days after qualification but has some flexibility as to whether it should be combined with the next statewide election or call for a special election.

The recall ballots have two ques-

tions: first, should the governor be recalled from office; and second, is there an opportunity to vote for someone to replace the governor should the recall effort be successful?

In the case of recall elections, limitations on campaign contributions do not apply.

If the recall is successful, the newly elected governor will complete the unexpired term of the recalled governor. County elections officials have up to 28 days to complete their work and submit information to the Secretary of State for publication of the final results. Upon certification by the Secretary of State, the new governor will be sworn in to begin his or her term. **CRPA**

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Q&A WITH ARTIST OWEN YORK

A NEW FACE IN FIREARMS ART

BY CRPA STAFF

In light of recent positive media attention for his firearm-related artwork, CRPA staff spoke to Nashville-based Owen York, a self-professed conservative, “gun-toting” Fine Artist about his work and ideas on American culture. With a career spanning over 20 years, he is also the founder and owner of the Gun Industry Marketplace.

What is your background? What first attracted you to art?

My background is in painting, drawing and writing, mostly. Also, some acting and music. The common thread has always been painting. I've been in the arts one way or another my entire life. I don't know that anything particularly attracted me to art originally. It's just what I did. It was my natural direction. I knew at a very young age what I was going to do. There was never any question.

Where did you study art?

I was originally self-taught. For college, I went to the American Academy of Art in downtown Chicago. Out of my other options, this place was more my vibe. Some big names came from the Academy—Alex Ross of comic book fame, John Tobias who made “Mortal Kombat,” I heard even Kanye West did a short stint. I got a lot of experimentation and



► gemaltes Porträt Kriminalmodell (OWEN YORK)

experience in a short amount of time. Overall, it was a good experience.

What is your favorite type of art and why?

Impressionism has been my fave for a long time. In my own work you'll see me using lots of lights, lots of darks, lots of color, very high contrast. I love to create the illusion of something using color or light or line. I still give the impression of something, rather than a photorealistic representation. Though my art is not traditional impressionism by far, I still consider it a form of impressionism. It's just a very highly stylized and more modern version.

Are you inspired by any person or thing specifically?

For sure. It can be random. I've had a photo spur some idea that had little to do with the photo. A lot is right out of my imagination—my own stories, characters, creations, opinions or thoughts. Modern life has a big impression on me right now. Global events. On the reverse, it can be a very simple thing. I once saw a light and dark pattern that I liked. It inspired a painting, and that painting turned into my first internationally sold painting. People loved it.

What made you decide to create “Hashtag”? What do you see as the take-away from this portrait?

I came up with “Hashtag” in 2017. These are just such crazy and fascinating times. I've never seen it this way before. “Hashtag” is a snapshot of the times. A Portrait of American Life circa 2020. It's a historical document. I mean, really—politics, gun control, mass shootings, Trump love/hate, donkeys, elephants, socialism is in our elections, the 80s are back in style ... it's crazy right now. For what looks like a clear-cut representation, there's a lot going on here on a subjective level. The takeaway is gonna be vastly different. If a leftist sees it, they may think it is a Trump-bash. Someone on the right may see it as a pro-Trump or pro-2nd

► Owen York in his studio with his most recent paintings. (OWEN YORK STUDIOS)



Amendment piece. When I revealed it, one person couldn't tell if I was pro- or anti-Trump. A firearms enthusiast may simply say, "Cool HK. Good trigger discipline." Personally, I'm a giant 2A supporter. Without the 2nd Amendment, America would have been gone long ago. I like Trump. I think the guy cares about America. Can you imagine the tough, razor's edge decisions he has to make? But that doesn't mean that's what the painting is about. People are so divided. I'm sick of it. Honestly, I'm guilty of it, too. Who isn't? The truth is we need to stop pointing the finger at each other and start pointing at who is doing the dividing. I have good friends who are, "on the left." I'm more conservative. So what? This is a free country. That doesn't mean we're mortal enemies. We're all Americans. I'm trying to say a lot with this painting.



► **Hashtag** (OWEN YORK)

What has been the reaction to "Hashtag" and what are your feelings about the feedback?

So far the reception has been great. Trump, despite the media bias, is crazy popular. Even though it is "ambiguous" with no face, a friend of mine said to me, "Gee, that really looks like Trump." When I started the painting, my 3-year-old son said it looked like Donald Trump. I guess I did my job if my 3-year-old could tell, even if it was minus a head. So I think it's pretty clear who it is supposed to represent. People have been very complimentary about it. Personally, I was expecting a lot more negative. There's always that. I was prepared for both, but so far it's been very positive.

How do you see the movement surrounding artists changing?

There hasn't been an art movement since the '60s. A real one, I mean. My theory is that the lack of a real movement follows the infiltration of Communism into the arts (look it up). With ZERO intention of pitting the left versus the right, I do think



► **An Unknown Soldier** (OWEN YORK)

that the arts in modern day do in general have more of a leftist bent. Hollywood, obviously, is an example. But not every single person in Hollywood is a Democrat or a socialist. But I do think a movement of conservative artists is in order. A peaceful one, for example, like the recent peaceful protest in Virginia where they even picked up their own trash after themselves like

responsible adults. Artists of all methods can do some real magical things. I think we're gonna see more of this. It's already happening in the country in general. I think it's gonna be the same in the arts and other industries. It is a movement.

What is it like to be a gun artist and what has the reaction to the subject matter been?

I love guns. It is not all I paint, but it's a subject matter that I like and probably will continue. Old advice for writers is to write what you know. I think that can apply for a Fine Artist, too. Firearms are modern marvels of engineering, and some of them are works of art themselves! I had an idea once to do some custom-edition firearms—like an Owen York "signature series" that I design, direct the engraving or cerakoting, etc. Like literally have them signed and numbered like Fine Art. Maybe I will one day. Anyway, the reaction overall has been well-received. I'm know there's some who don't like it, or "downvote" me. I'm sure I'll lose the interest of a gun-free zone gallery or 10 (probably already have).

I'm an avid 2nd Amendment supporter. I love the firearms industry and the people in it. It's a great group, and I know them very, very well. Great people. I don't know if it is a huge art collecting crowd, but I'm sure they're out there. Who doesn't like cool art?

How do you wish to inspire other artists?

At the moment, I would tell artists to just start speaking up. Not some stupid rant or pompous show. I mean, let's have a real go at it. Be a professional.

Have manners. Show respect. Be a nice person. Get educated. Use reason—not force. Don't divide—unify. Learn your craft and do it amazingly. Don't be a faker and make pretentious work and try to pawn it off on some poor misled investor. Let's do the real thing. If you're a conservative, and you stand for family—great. Stand for it. Like guns? Great! Stand for it. Don't give in because "the galleries only want ... whatever." The best artists were never agreed with at first. I love my Constitution. I love the freedom of speech, religion, the right

to bear arms. If it costs me a sale, oh well. At least I didn't compromise with my own values. People will catch up. In the meantime, I can sleep at night. I like people. I'm a family man. I'm a conservative, liberty-loving, freedom-seeking, gun-toting, American Fine Artist. It's very funny to me that that's a controversial thing these days.

Do you have plans to extend your ideas into other art mediums?

Sure. Every painting is a new experiment. I'm working on one now with materials I've used for 15 years, but I'm using them in a new way. It's a total experiment, but it is turning out really cool. I have some others on track with other types of mixed media incorporated into them. I like to try new things and keep the work evolving.

What are you currently working on?

Right now I'm working on a series of 15 to 20, or maybe more, original paintings for an upcoming exhibition I'm planning. It's mixing some old me with new me, some more "Portraits of American Life," and more from my imagination. I'm really pumped about this wave of work. In "Hashtag," I used a Heckler & Koch HK45. I just finished another painting called, "gemaltes Porträt Kriminalmodell (Painted Portrait Criminal Model)," which features a Walther PPK/S model. There's another painting in progress that is most likely going to have an ArmaLite worked into it. Every painting I do won't have a firearm in it, but with my future work, firearms actually fit in very well with some of the planned subject matter.

For more information on Owen York, see Owen York Studios at owenyork.com. **CRPA**

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GUN-CONTROL EXEC SAYS ATTEMPTS TO SELL GUNS TO MINORITIES, WOMEN “INCREDIBLY DANGEROUS”

The CRPA thanks The Washington Free Beacon for this contribution.

BY STEPHEN GUTOWSKI

The leader of a gun-control group decried efforts to sell firearms to minorities and women as “incredibly dangerous” on Monday.

“Gun makers are softening their image to ‘put a better face in front of people’ and ‘ramp up its appeal to women, children and members of minority groups,’” Igor Volsky, executive director of gun-control activist group Guns Down America, said in a tweet. Volsky, who is also a former vice president of the Center for Amer-

ican Progress, was commenting on a *New York Times* story about firearms marketing.

“That’s right,” Volsky continued. “Gun makers are increasingly advertising to WOMEN, CHILDREN and MINORITY COMMUNITIES. [The] firearm industry realizes that to survive into the future it must ‘broaden its reach beyond the aging white men who have been its core customers’—and so they’re now trying to sell their products to other demographics. This is incredibly dangerous.”

The comments caused a backlash among female and minority gun-rights advocates who said Volsky’s rhetoric harks back to the racist history of gun control in America. Maj Toure, head of the Black Guns Matter Tour that provides firearms training

to African Americans in urban areas, told *The Washington Free Beacon* Volsky was “uninformed” about past attempts to deny black Americans their Second Amendment rights.

“The overt racism of gun control rears its ugly head again,” Toure said. “Imagine being either so uninformed on the racist roots of gun control or so full of yourself that you would not only think but also believe that melanated [sic] Americans owning guns would be incredibly dangerous. I wonder what he thinks of the thousands of melanated [sic] law enforcement officers and military personnel that [sic] carry firearms to protect life as well?”

Female activists also took issue with Volsky’s patronizing language. Robyn Sandoval, executive director of A Girl and A Gun Women’s Shooting League,

said increasing gun ownership among women promotes safety.

“Self-defense is a basic human right regardless of gender or ethnicity,” Sandoval told the *Free Beacon*. “To suggest that minorities and women are less capable of making good decisions or do not have the same need to keep their families safe is condescending and irrational.”

Sandoval also said the growth in female-focused products and marketing is a response to women wanting to own firearms.

“Gun manufacturers aren’t luring

The growth in female-focused products and marketing is a response to women wanting to own firearms.

more women into gun ownership,” she said. “Rather, the demand by women interested in self-defense, hunting and sport allows opportunities for manufacturers to provide firearms that meet women’s needs and goals.”

Dianna Muller, founder of the all-female gun-rights group DC Project, also called Volsky’s remarks “condescending.” She added that “The Second Amendment is for everyone” and that “Perhaps the women are going to the manufacturers and asking for specific features that suit their

(SHUTTERSTOCK)



needs.”

Volsky did not elaborate on why selling guns to women or minorities is dangerous in his initial Twitter thread and did not respond to a request for comment.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), the firearms industry’s trade group, said the gun control proposals backed by Volsky would deprive women and minorities of their gun rights.

“It’s appalling that Igor Volsky would pursue racist and misogynistic policies to deprive women and minorities of their full rights as law-abiding adult Americans,” NSSF spokesman Mark Oliva told the *Free Beacon*. “The true danger is the bigotry Guns Down America is perpetuating by chasing gun-control laws that have their roots in racism.”

Oliva said the gun industry’s efforts to reach out to women and minorities—some of the industry’s fastest-growing customer groups—are nothing new. He said the industry has long worked to accommodate users of every background based on feedback from shooters. The growing popularity of shooting among women has led companies such as Smith and Wesson to shape recoil-spring tension, stock length and magazine design to meet the demands of female shooters.

“The firearms industry is proud to empower women and minority communities that are embracing the full spectrum of their rights,” Oliva said. “We are honored to earn their trust and know we provide the firearms they choose to best meet their needs for lawful self-defense, hunting and recreational shooting.”

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“Gun manufacturers aren’t luring more women into gun ownership ... Rather, the demand by women interested in self-defense, hunting and sport allows opportunities for manufacturers to provide firearms that meet women’s needs and goals.”



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GUN CONTROL IS THE MODERN TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT

BY THERESA INACKER

One hundred years after Prohibition, it's still a doomed proposition.

There is an uncanny parallel between anti-gun rights groups like Moms Demand Action, which continually seeks more ineffective gun control laws and the infamous women of the temperance movement, which brought about the failed experiment of Prohibition.

In 1920, Prohibition outlawed the sale, manufacturing and transport of intoxicating beverages enjoyed by most of the population. Women led the charge for temperance reform starting in the 1800s. The women who campaigned for Prohibition focused on men's alcohol abuse and proclaimed that it harmed women, children and families. Stories of women using hatchets, rocks and axes to break whisky bottles in saloons painted a visual of sometimes radical and extreme tactics.

Moms Demand Action and similar groups irrationally claim that guns and Second-Amendment-guaranteed rights are the cause of mass murders and violent crime. These anti-rights groups insist more gun control is the necessary solution. Gun control advocates ignore the



► Prohibition agents stand with a still and mason jars used to distill hard liquor in Wash. D.C. area. Nov. 11, 1922. (EVERETT HISTORICAL/SHUTTERSTOCK.COM)

multitude of existing, ineffective gun control laws, yet clamor for still more. Their appetite for restrictions on gun rights is insatiable.

Coyly, anti-rights gun control fanatics claim they are not interested in banning all guns—after all, they purport to be for “common sense” gun control. However, no one is buying it. We know that they will not stop until every last firearm is banned, and the Constitution is torn to pieces.

This incremental shift is not novel; it is actually quite familiar. As Melissa Strong wrote in *Women and the Temperance Movement*:

At first, the temperance movement sought to moderate drinking, then to promote resisting the temptation to drink. Later, the goal became outright prohibition of alcohol sales.

The women of the temperance movement sought to vilify and criminalize a lawful activity. There were

instances of alcohol abuse, of course, yet it was a failed route of reform to insist on a ban of alcohol for everyone. We all know it missed the mark. The results of Prohibition are well-known. Organized crime flourished, “gun violence” soared, and the 18th Amendment was ultimately repealed December 5, 1933, via the 21st Amendment.

Just as the temperance reformers wanted to force their ban on everyone, anti-gun advocates want to turn

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lawful firearm owners into criminals. The anti-rights types, of course, ignore the thousands of instances in which firearms have been used in defensive situations. They likewise ignore the ubiquitous mental health issues of those behind mass murder sprees, as well as facts such as the reality that more children drown in pools annually than die by firearms.

Whether you focus on the inanimate bottle of whiskey or a scary looking firearm, both will fail to change human behavior. They will fail to effectuate the change desired.

Just as Prohibition was a failed American experiment, gun control efforts will also continue to be a failure. The “good guys” with guns are coalescing like giants awakening from their slumber ready to stop the likes of Moms Demand Action and Everytown for Gun Safety.

Undeniably, Second Amendment sanctuaries are cropping up all across the country, and Virginia gun owners have beaten back some recent attacks by leftist gun grabbers.

Anti-gun prohibitionists should take a lesson from the failure of alcohol Prohibition 100 years ago. The nation's population of lawful gun owners is not going to divest itself of their legally-obtained firearms or forgo their Second Amendment rights simply to make you feel safer, or because you insist on it.

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ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS THREATEN RANGES

**KNOW THE RULES AND GET
EXPERT HELP TO FOLLOW THEM**

BY W. LEE SMITH

AB 3071 got a lot of attention as the latest assault on California shooting ranges. It was a high-profile legislative attack, and ranges responded with appropriate alarm. That's a good thing, but shooting ranges have been under attack from government agencies, bureaucrats, politicians, environmental organizations and NIMBYs (not in my backyard) for years. Whatever form and voice the anti-gun / anti-range sentiment takes, the challenges remain consistent with legal claims typically including nuisance (noise), range safety (design), land use (zoning/permitting) and environmental (contamination).

The most pressing current challenge for ranges comes from state and local environmental regulatory agencies' coordination efforts often lead by zealous bureaucrats who sometimes are doing the dirty work for anti-gun groups and NIMBYs. These agencies include the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), the Regional Water Quality Control Boards (RWQCBs) and the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) (aka County Health Departments). These regulatory agencies singularly, or in concert, have been actively regulating and

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enforcing increasingly stringent laws against both outdoor and indoor ranges. The enforcement branch for these agencies has been very active

and aggressive in confronting ranges with inspections and enforcement actions.

The increased scrutiny by these regulatory agencies should be a real concern for every range, even without the direct legislative threat of AB 3071 looming. Ranges need to get together and fight back. CRPA, working with GOC, NSSF, NRA and others, can help them do that. Now is the time.

The following is a summary of the most active of the agencies and their role in enforcing regulations against ranges.

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THE CERTIFIED UNIFIED PROGRAM AGENCY (CUPA)

Regulatory scrutiny of ranges increasingly begins with the local arm of the regulatory enforcement matrix. The CUPAs are the individual county Health Departments, typically under the Hazardous Materials or Environmental Division. Local CUPAs have been coordinating their efforts statewide to emphasize regulatory enforcement against shooting ranges.

Recently, increased regulatory inspections, along with corresponding notices, are being issued for violations and have occurred in several counties, including San Diego, Orange, Santa Clara, Sacramento and Stanislaus.

Most CUPA inspections are surprise visits where inspectors show up and ask to view the range. These no-notice visits typically result in the issuance of Notices of Violations (NOVs) that carry a demand for corrective action, along with potentially heavy fines and penalties.

So far, the inspections have over-

whelmingly involved indoor ranges under the guise of human health risk concerns. Primarily, improper lead management and disposal are the number one concern for the CUPAs and the justification for the inspection.



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THE DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL (DTSC)

The ultimate authority for environmental concerns at shooting ranges is the DTSC. California is a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)-certified state, so the DTSC steps into the shoes of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as the lead agency for the managing and disposing of hazardous waste (e.g., lead).

The big problem in California regarding lead is that the DTSC does not completely follow the EPA's guidance manual, *Best Management Practices for Lead at Outdoor Shooting Ranges*, ostensibly because it applies only to the Military Munitions Rule (MMR). The MMR allows ranges to return residual soil to the location from where it came after spent lead bullet reclamation (i.e., mining the backstops or shot fall



zone). The DTSC claims that the MMR does not apply to non-military ranges, as the EPA guidance manual is merely guidance and is technically not a binding federal regulation under the RCRA. Therefore, the DTSC claims that California, as a RCRA-certified state, is precluded from enforcing EPA regulations that are less strict than the RCRA statute under

federal preemption.

Under California law, the scrap metal recycling exemption states that once the lead-impacted soil is lifted (literally) to separate the spent lead from the soil, the facility has technically generated the residual soil as waste. The recyclable waste (lead) can be removed to reclaim it, but the remaining lead-impacted soil would require sampling to determine whether it is hazardous. If hazardous, the soil cannot be replaced to where it came and requires proper disposal at a hazardous waste facility. Accordingly, California's law contradicts the EPA guidance manual, and it is a counterproductive approach to the lead reclamation process because it discourages ranges from recycling spent lead.

The DTSC provides the CUPAs with the guidance on these laws for the CUPA's stepped-up range inspection and enforcement actions.

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REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARDS (RWQCBS)

The RWQCBs have co-jurisdiction over shooting ranges. Wherein the DTSC deals with land-side issues, RWQCBs deal with water quality issues. One of the RWQCBs' primary responsibilities is regulating stormwater runoff.

Since California is a certified Clean Water Act (CWA) state, it takes on the EPA's responsibilities in the state for dealing with CWA enforcement. In California, the State Water Board has an Industrial General Permit (IGP) program that requires certain potentially polluting industries under an SIC Code (specifying the specific industries) to obtain a permit and comply with the IGP regulations for stormwater discharge. This program is enforced by the various local RWQCBs in the state.

Shooting ranges are not listed under an SIC Code and, thus, are not required to obtain a permit and comply with the regulations. But RWQCB Region 5, which stretches from south of Bakersfield to north of Redding, has begun inspecting ranges to evaluate stormwater and water quality issues. This program is run out of the RWQCB Redding office, wherein it has identified 65 ranges in the region that require inspections.



The RWQCB IGP program is evaluating shooting ranges to determine whether or not they are a threat to water quality due to potential lead-contaminated stormwater migrating off the shooting range (i.e., being carried off the range in run-off).

Stormwater discharge management at California shooting ranges is challenging but very doable. As many ranges are located in canyons, and rain tends to come in deluges, bare soil on backstops, range floors and shot fall zones are places where stormwater can cause problems during storms. But that stormwater can be contained and run-off minimized or eliminated if proper Best Management Practices (BMPs) are used.



BE ALERT

Be advised ranges and clubs! Not only are shooting ranges under attack from biased, anti-gun politicians (e.g., AB 3071), but they are also facing increasing regulatory oversight by the CUPAs, DTSC and RWQCBs. Even without a new law, it is under the current regulatory climate and the coordination of regulatory oversight that California ranges are threatened.

The most effective defense for shooting ranges is to become knowledgeable of the regulatory matrix and its requirements and to be prepared for potential encounters with these regulatory agencies. **CRPA**



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AB 3071 BAN ON LEAD AMMO? THE FIGHT FOR SAFE SHOOTING SPACES

Sacramento is taking the next big step to make it impossible for you to recreate and practice

your rights! First, it was the ban to hunt big game with lead ammunition, "in the interest of wildlife." Next, there were ammunition background checks, "to keep ammunition out of the hands of criminals." Both these efforts were dismal failures and not necessary. Only a false front for their true agenda!

Now, there is Assembly Bill 3071, a total ban of the sale and use of lead ammunition at California ranges! Why? We are waiting for the answer they come up with this time. The fact of the matter is this measure will make it all but impossible for many to afford to practice shooting sports in a safe, controlled environment. Shooters will instead seek areas of National Forests and public lands to practice shooting skills. These locations are often prone to trash, unsafe shooting practices and afford no opportunity for lead recovery! The impact on youth shooting sports and hunter education alone will be devastating.

CRPA stands united with gun owners of California, the National Rifle Association, National Shooting Sports Foundation and many other NGOs to fight this bad legislation to the end!

Please understand that at time of writing, this bill was very early on in

the legislative process. This bill cannot even be heard for 30 days after introduction. Often bills are amended several times before we face them



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in committee. However, we greatly appreciate your interest—STAY MAD and STAY INVOLVED; this bill is as bad as it gets! Let your voice be heard! If the anti-Second Amendment group has not got you angry yet, now is the time! This is another classic example of Sacramento coming up with a solution for a problem that does not exist! Take a stand and tell Sacramento, "Enough is enough!"

AB 3071 FACTS

Author: Democratic Assembly-member Kevin Mullin, Speaker Pro Tempore, representing District 22, San Mateo, CA.

Timeline: Introduced February 21, 2020, AB 3071 cannot be heard in committee for at least 30 days after date of introduction. We will keep you updated on our website as it moves through the process.

AB 3071 IMPLICATIONS AS INTRODUCED:

- Greatly impact recreation shooting sports and youth education;
- Make it impossible for California to host Olympic shooting events;
- Further drive the cost of non-lead ammunition sky-high;
- Force shooters to non-regu-

lated, potentially unsafe shooting locations;

■ Make the current best practices of lead recovery and recycling impossible;

■ Greatly impact law enforcement's ability to train and significantly impact budgets;

■ Once lead is abolished, copper could be next, as it is worse than lead in the environment;

■ Increase risk of wildfires from using steel core ammunition; and

■ Prohibit individuals' ability to use antique/historic firearms that cannot fire lead-free ammunition.

BILL LANGUAGE AS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 21, 2020:

AB 3071: Mullin: Lead ammunition: shooting ranges.

This bill would prohibit a sport shooting range or an indoor shooting range, as defined, from selling or giving away ammunition unless that ammunition is certified as non-lead ammunition by the California Fish and Game Commission. The bill would also prohibit patrons or employees of a sport shooting range or an indoor shooting range from firing ammunition unless it is non-lead certified and would require a sport shooting range and an indoor shooting range to post a specified sign to that effect.

For the latest information on AB 3071 and to register in opposition go to ranges@crpa.org. **CRPA**

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

REPORT

NEW BILLS SHOULD ANGER YOU



BY ROY GRIFFITH
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Just days after this article was written, many things changed. COVID-19 changed all our lives and has challenged our nation to the core. The California Legislature is on recess until, at last report, April 13 and likely all summer. All bills are on hold. All credible sources indicate that when the Legislature returns, they will only be hearing bills deemed critical for recovery or COVID-19 related. Please remember two things: “they” have the majority in California, and until “we” change that, they make the rules. NONE of this bad gun legislation is going away; it will be back next session, at the latest. All COVID-19 did for us on the legislative front is kick an ugly can down the road! We have an opportunity to change that in November ... VOTE! Thank God we have a president who is not afraid to take decisive action and made decisions that saved thousands of lives. Let’s keep it that way! Together we will prevail!

BILL	POSITION	DESCRIPTION
OPPOSE: ASSEMBLY BILLS		
AB 2362: MURATSUCHI: FIREARMS DEALERS: CONDUCT OF BUSINESS	OPPOSE	This is a 2019 session AB 1064 “do-over.”
AB 3071: MULLIN: LEAD AMMUNITION: SHOOTING RANGES	OPPOSE	
AB 3058: CHU: FIREARMS: VEHICLE STORAGE		This is a 2019 session AB 688 “do-over.”
OPPOSE: SENATE BILLS		
SB 281: WIENER: COW PALACE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY	OPPOSE	This is a 2-year bill from the 2019 session.
SB 1041: HUESO: HUNTING: DEER: USE OF DOGS	OPPOSE	
SB 1175: STERN: ICONIC AFRICAN SPECIES PROTECTION ACT	OPPOSE	This is a 2018 session SB 1487 “do-over.”

I hope this article finds you enjoying another beautiful California spring, because unfortunately what I have to share here is not so beautiful! At the time of writing this article, we are very early on in the 2020 legislative session. We really do not know exactly what bills we will be ultimately facing. I am closely monitoring the highest number of spot bills I have seen. (A “spot bill” is a bill which is basically non-substantive but gets the author a bill in before bill deadline. This provides a vehicle for the bill to be amended at a later date.) The bills we do face will likely be amended before they appear in committee about a month from now. Below is a partial list of what we know so far. Be advised, the formal positions of oppose versus support have not been approved by the CRPA Board at the time of writing, and we are monitoring too many bills to list here.

As usual, we are facing some repeat bills from previous sessions. For now, I want to focus on two of the worst “new” bills we are looking at in the 2020 session, AB 3071 and SB 1041. Well, hate to open with “we told you so,” but WE TOLD YOU SO! When they went after all lead ammunition for big game hunting many of you who do not hunt were not concerned. CRPA said then that shooting ranges were next, and many scoffed, but here we are with AB 3071 calling to eliminate the sale and use of all lead at shooting ranges in California! This bill will devastate, if not end, youth, Olympic and recreational shooting sports in California as we know them. It is such a threat to our community that I was asked to cover AB 3071 in a stand-alone article in this publication (see “AB 3071: Ban on Lead Ammo? The Fight for Safe Shooting Spaces” on page 39).

When they eliminated hunting bears with dogs, many of you said, “not a bear hunter, doesn’t impact me.” Now, SB 1041, which was introduced by Senator Hueso of Imperial County, is yet another

BILL	POSITION	DESCRIPTION
SUPPORT: ASSEMBLY BILLS		
AB 2299: GALLAGHER: FREE HUNTING DAYS	SUPPORT	
AB 2106: AGUIAR-CURRY: WILDLIFE HABITAT: NESTING BIRD HABITAT INCENTIVE PROGRAM	SUPPORT	
AB 2523: GRAY: FISH AND GAME COMMISSION: YOUTH HUNTING PROGRAM: SPECIAL HUNTING PERMITS	SUPPORT	
AB 3022: OBERNOLTE: JUNIOR HUNTING LICENSES: ELIGIBILITY: AGE REQUIREMENT	SUPPORT	

Well, if what I have shared in this report doesn’t make you angry, I do not know what will.

attack on our incredible hunting heritage and goes back to the very origin of mankind’s relationship with dogs. This bill would make it unlawful to use any dog for the purpose of hunting deer at any time. SB 1041 as introduced will authorize the department to capture or dispatch a dog being used to hunt deer! Yes, dispatch equals kill your dog on the spot! Additionally, the department employee shall face no criminal or civil liability as a result of enforcement of this section. Man and dog have hunted together since the beginning of time! To this day, dogs play a critical role in the location and recovery of downed game. I genuinely hope that at this point there are not any of you out there who are saying; “Well, that does not impact me, I just hunt upland game or waterfowl.”

Bird hunters, IF you think this is not going to impact you, reread the “WE TOLD YOU SO” above, because YOU ARE NEXT!

Alright, how about some good news? There are still some incredible representatives in the Capital who stand up to protect your Second Amendment rights and author legislation to protect and enhance our incredible hunting heritage. Below are listed four efforts I will be recommending CRPA formally support this session. I will be discussing each bill in greater detail in following reports.

Well, if what I have shared in this report doesn’t make you angry, I do not know what will. How many times have you heard me use the line: “I hope they woke the sleeping giant this time?” Hopefully this has. All I can say is I received more calls and texts the day after AB 3071 was introduced than I have on any single bill since I took this position. Folks are mad and surprised the lead ban has extended beyond hunting! My advice: stay mad but focus that anger and energy on your ballot. VOTE, get your neighbor to VOTE, your friends, family, anyone who will listen to you. Get involved and stay involved. It’s going to be a long session! **CRPA**

LITIGATION REPORT

IS IT A FEE OR AN ILLEGAL TAX?

BY ALEX FRANK

While 2020 will likely see some important activity for gun rights cases at the federal level, there are also some very important California state cases seeking to protect the interests of California gun owners. One of them is *Gentry v. Becerra*, which involves a nuanced technical question about the intersection of taxation and firearms acquisition—two critical subjects. This case is currently on appeal and will be heard later this year. *Gentry* challenges the California Department of Justice’s (DOJ) imposition of the DROS (Dealer Record of Sale) fee on the basis that the fee is really an illegal tax. The core issue of *Gentry* is whether the DOJ can essentially bypass the state constitution and treat gun purchasers as an ATM that they can unilaterally

extract fees from to use for unrelated activities with impunity. With CRPA’s support, the *Gentry* plaintiffs have argued that the DROS fee is an unconstitutional tax and does not fall within the exception for permissible regulatory fees that the DOJ argues it does.

At the time this case was filed, the DOJ set the DROS fee at \$19.00. But thanks to some legislative sleight of hand in the form of Assembly Bill 1669, the fee today stands at \$31.19, subject to increase per the Consumer Price Index. One of the reasons the DOJ identified for this fee is “enforcement activities” (i.e., all the police work related to guns that the DOJ already does). AB 1669 even authorizes the DOJ to further increase the DROS fee to fund any firearms activity required of the DOJ. So while the stakes were high when the case began prior to AB 1669, they are even higher now.

The gun control advocacy groups and their governmental allies here in California will use any tool they

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can to suppress the exercise of Second Amendment rights. One of those tools is making firearms acquisition a mess of bureaucratic hoops and burdensome fees that they have no right to impose. If the DOJ is allowed to essentially impose unconstitutional taxes on people seeking to acquire firearms, then spend that money however it likes, there is no reason why the DOJ will

not seek to impose “fees” on all Second Amendment activities. There is no doubt that the DOJ will abuse its power in the future. The end result is fewer gun purchases by people who don’t want the hassle and who are dissuaded by the increased fees. Such a regressive tax impacts the most vulnerable people the hardest and compromises their ability to exercise rights guaranteed to them

under the U.S. Constitution. With some luck, the California Court of Appeals will agree that the DROS fee is a tax masquerading as a fee and will issue a decision that protects Californians’ interests in freedom from illegitimate taxes and from burdens on their Second Amendment rights. **CRPA**

CALIFORNIA AND 9TH CIRCUIT LITIGATION MATTERS

This report provides an overview of just some of the efforts being taken to protect the rights of California gun owners. Although litigation plays an extremely important role in the fight for the right to keep and bear arms, there are many other tremendous and equally important endeavors throughout California and across the nation.

Protecting the Second Amendment requires an enormous amount of resources and involvement in all levels of California’s government, including all 58 counties, all 482 municipalities and all state and local agencies tasked with enforcing the myriad of complex and ever-expanding gun laws.

The digital version of this report, complete with links to relevant documents and additional information, can be found on NRA-ILA’s California web page at standandfightcalifornia.com and CRPA’s web page at crpa.org.

ISSUE	CASE NAME	CASE STATUS	WHAT’S NEXT
CHALLENGE TO CALIFORNIA’S AMMUNITION SALES RESTRICTIONS	<i>Rhode v. Becerra</i>	The case was filed on April 26, 2018, in response to Proposition 63 and Senate Bill 1235’s restrictions regarding the sale and transfer of ammunition in California. The lawsuit challenges these restrictions as a violation of the Second Amendment, Commerce Clause and Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution, as well as a violation of the Firearm Owner’s Protection Act.	The State filed a motion to dismiss, which the district court denied. The case is now in the discovery phase of litigation. In August 2019, plaintiffs asked the court (Hon. Judge Benitez) to preliminarily enjoin the new ammo laws. Judge Benitez has not yet ruled.
CHALLENGE TO CALIFORNIA’S “ASSAULT WEAPON” RESTRICTIONS	<i>Rupp v. Becerra</i>	The case was filed on April 24, 2017, in response to SB 880 and AB 1135. It challenges California’s entire “assault weapon” ban as violating the Second Amendment and due process and takings clauses of the U.S. Constitution. Plaintiffs filed a preliminary injunction motion to prevent the State from requiring individuals to provide the date they acquired their firearms and the name and address of the person from whom they acquired them, as a condition of registration, but that motion was denied on May 9, 2018.	Plaintiffs and the State filed cross-motions for summary judgment in late March 2019. The federal court heard oral argument on May 31, 2019. Plaintiffs also filed multiple motions to disqualify several of the State’s expert witnesses. However, on July 22, 2019, the court granted the State’s motion for summary judgment, ending the case in the State’s favor. Plaintiffs appealed to the 9th Cir. on August 27, 2019. Plaintiffs filed their opening appeal brief on January 27, 2020.

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CHALLENGE TO CALIFORNIA'S BAN ON STANDARD CAPACITY MAGAZINES	<i>Duncan v. Becerra</i>	The case was filed in response to SB 1446 and Prop 63. It challenges California's ban on the acquisition and possession of magazines over 10 rounds. On June 29, the district court granted plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction, halting enforcement of the newly enacted possession ban while the case is litigated. The State immediately appealed the injunction order. In July 2018, the 9th Cir. upheld the issuance of the injunction.	The federal district court, where Judge Benitez presides, granted plaintiffs' summary judgment motion, which permanently enjoined Penal Code Sec. 32310 on March 29, 2019. This legalized the acquisition of standard-capacity magazines. However, the court entered a stay of the injunction, effective 5:00 p.m. on April 5, 2019. The State appealed its loss to the 9th Cir., and all parties have submitted their briefs. Oral argument is currently scheduled for April 2, 2020, in Pasadena.
CHALLENGE TO DOJ'S RECENTLY ENACTED "ASSAULT WEAPON" REGISTRATION REGULATIONS	<i>Villanueva v. Becerra</i>	The case was filed on September 8, 2017, in response to California DOJ adopting regulations concerning newly classified "assault weapons" under SB 880 and AB 1135. It challenges the regulations under California's Administrative Procedure Act because they were enacted without legislative authority and without any input from members of the public.	On May 30, 2018, the court issued an order upholding the regulations as valid. Plaintiffs appealed and filed their opening brief in California's 5th District Court of Appeal in late March 2019. Parties have submitted their appeal briefs and are awaiting scheduling of oral argument.
CHALLENGE TO CA AND LOS ANGELES FIREARM CARRY RESTRICTIONS THAT PROHIBIT BOTH OPEN AND CONCEALED CARRY	<i>Flanagan v. Becerra</i> (Formerly <i>Flanagan v. Harris</i>)	The case was filed on August 17, 2016, as a direct response to <i>Peruta</i> . It seeks to force the court to decide whether it is willing to uphold a complete prohibition on the right of law-abiding citizens to carry a firearm for self-defense. The parties filed cross-motions for summary judgment. In May 2018, the court issued a decision granting defendant's motion for summary judgment.	The 9th Cir. rejected the State's petition to have the case heard initially by an 11-judge <i>en banc</i> panel along with the <i>Young v. Hawaii</i> lawsuit. However, instead of allowing the case to proceed, the 9th Cir. stayed the case on July 30, 2019, pending the outcome of <i>Young v. Hawaii</i> .
CHALLENGES DOJ'S USE OF DROS SURPLUS TO FUND APPS AS AN ILLEGAL TAX	<i>Gentry v. Becerra</i> (Formerly <i>Gentry v. Harris</i>)	Plaintiffs filed an amended complaint alleging that the DROS fee is an invalid tax. On August 9, 2017, the district court issued a ruling granting plaintiffs' request to prohibit DOJ from using DROS fees to fund unrelated law enforcement efforts and requiring DOJ to perform its statutorily required review of the current \$19 fee to determine whether it is "no more than necessary to fund" DOJ's costs for processing DROS transactions.	Trial was held in January 2019. The court recently entered an order that will be incorporated into a forthcoming final judgment upholding the DROS fee as a legitimate regulatory fee. Plaintiffs argue that the court's finding contradicts established law regarding regulatory fees. Plaintiffs appealed on June 4, 2019, and submitted their appeal brief on February 7, 2020.
VAGUENESS CHALLENGE TO (AB 962'S "HANDGUN AMMUNITION" SALES REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT AND MAIL ORDER BAN	<i>Parker v. California</i>	In December 2016, because of Prop 63, the California Supreme Court dismissed its review of a Court of Appeal opinion affirming the trial court's order striking down AB 962. The Court of Appeal's decision is now the final opinion, and plaintiffs are seeking their attorneys' fees against the State.	After the trial court partially granted the plaintiffs' motion for attorneys' fees for work in the trial court, parties negotiated an agreement regarding a total fee award. In September 2019, plaintiffs received \$433,860.20 from the State.
CHALLENGE TO LOS ANGELES' REFUSAL TO DISCLOSE PUBLIC RECORDS REGARDING FIREARMS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT CUSTODY	<i>CRPA v. City of Los Angeles</i>	CRPA filed a lawsuit challenging Los Angeles City's refusal to disclose records related to secretly obtained disposition orders used by LAPD to justify the destruction of firearms in its possession. Rather than litigate, the City agreed to settle the lawsuit and turn over the records to CRPA.	The City agreed to pay \$35,000 to cover CRPA's attorneys' fees as a result of the lawsuit. The case is now closed.

CALIFORNIA AND 9TH CIR. AMICUS OR CONSULTING SUPPORT

NRA and CRPA also provide consulting advice and prepare amicus curiae or "friend of the court" briefs in firearm- and Second Amendment-related cases.

ISSUE	CASE NAME	CASE STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
CALIFORNIA HANDGUN ROSTER	<i>Pena v. Lindley (Horan)</i>	The federal district court upheld the Roster in 2015. Plaintiffs appealed, and oral arguments were held on March 16, 2017. NRA and CRPA filed an amicus brief in the case on July 27, 2015. On August 3, 2018, the 9th Cir. upheld the Roster.	Plaintiffs docketed their petition for writ of certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court on January 3, 2019. It is now up to the Supreme Court to determine whether it will take or decline the case.
1ST AMENDMENT CHALLENGE TO HANDGUN AD PROHIBITION	<i>Tracy Rifle and Pistol v. Becerra</i> (Formerly <i>Tracy Rifle and Pistol v. Harris</i>)	In July 2015, the district court denied a request to prohibit enforcement while the case proceeds. That decision was appealed, and in February 2016 the 9th Cir. upheld the lower court's order within 2 weeks of oral arguments. However, following the appeal of the preliminary injunction, the district court issued a permanent injunction.	As a result of the permanent injunction, California is now prohibited from enforcing its arbitrary and ineffective handgun ad ban.
STATE COURT CHALLENGE TO CALIFORNIA'S MICRO-STAMPING REQUIREMENTS	<i>NSSF v. California</i>	In December 2016, the California Court of Appeal issued a ruling in favor of NSSF, allowing the lawsuit to proceed in the lower court. But in June 2018, the California Supreme Court reversed, upholding the trial court's judgment in favor of the State. NSSF petitioned the Supreme Court to reconsider its opinion, but that petition was denied in August 2018.	As a result of the California Supreme Court opinion, the case is now closed. Another case challenging the microstamping requirement/ roster, <i>Pena v. Lindley (Horan)</i> , may be heard by the Supreme Court.
CHALLENGE TO SAN JOSE'S REFUSAL TO RETURN SEIZED FIREARMS	<i>Rodriguez v. City of San Jose</i>	Following the City of San Jose's refusal to return firearms seized by law enforcement, a lawsuit was filed alleging violations of the Second, Fourth, Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments. In September 2017, a federal district court upheld the City's refusal as constitutional. Plaintiff has appealed, with CRPA filing an important amicus brief on March 6, 2018.	On January 14, 2019, the 9th Cir. heard oral argument. On July 23, 2019, the 9th Cir. affirmed the district court's summary judgement ruling in favor of the City of San Jose. On September 24, 2019, the court denied plaintiffs' application to have the case re-heard <i>en banc</i> . Petitioners filed their certiorari petition on February 21, 2020.

NATIONAL CASES WITH CALIFORNIA INTEREST

NRA and CRPA also litigate and assist in critical Second Amendment cases across the country that could set precedent for future challenges to California gun laws.

CHALLENGE TO FEDERAL FIREARM RESTRICTION DUE TO NON-VIOLENT, DECADES-OLD FELONY CONVICTION	<i>Sessions v. Hatfield</i>	Having suffered a lifetime firearm restriction due to a non-violent felony, plaintiff filed suit challenging the restriction as unconstitutional. On April 26, 2018, a federal district court struck down the restriction as unconstitutional as applied to the plaintiff. The government has appealed, with CRPA filing an important amicus brief on October 12, 2018.	The 7th Cir. Court of Appeals issued an opinion on June 6, 2019, reversing the district court's favorable ruling. On August 7, 2019, the 7th Cir. denied plaintiff's petition to re-hear the case <i>en banc</i> . It is uncertain whether the plaintiff will petition the Supreme Court to hear the case.
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ISSUE	CASE NAME	CASE STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
WHETHER THE CITY OF NEW YORK'S BAN ON TRANSPORTING A LAWFULLY OWNED HANDGUN TO A HOME OR SHOOTING RANGE OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS IS CONSISTENT WITH THE SECOND AMENDMENT, COMMERCE CLAUSE AND RIGHT TO TRAVEL	<i>New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. City of New York</i>	The case is fully briefed at the U.S. Supreme Court, with oral argument scheduled for December 2, 2019. This is the first Second Amendment case to be heard in nearly a decade, with the potential to have significant impact on the scope of the right to bear arms.	The case comes to the High Court on somewhat unusual footing, because the Supreme Court may not actually have jurisdiction to make a ruling on it anymore due to New York's underhanded efforts to make the case "moot." Expect that issue to be a core aspect of the Court's eventual disposition of the case.
IS THE FEDERAL LAW THAT PROHIBITS CONSUMERS FROM ACQUIRING HANDGUNS OUTSIDE THEIR HOME STATE CONSISTENT WITH THE SECOND AMENDMENT AND THE EQUAL PROTECTION CLAUSE OF THE FIFTH AMENDMENT'S DUE PROCESS CLAUSE?	<i>Mance v. Barr</i>	Plaintiff's petition for writ of certiorari is pending before the U.S. Supreme Court.	The Court will either grant cert, deny cert or let the case sit without any action.
CHALLENGES MASSACHUSETTS' "MAY ISSUE" PUBLIC CARRY LICENSE FRAMEWORK	<i>Gould v. Lipson</i>	The petition for certiorari is currently pending before the U.S. Supreme Court. The last activity in the case occurred in June 2019, but the Court has taken no actions since then that indicate whether it is going to reject or grant the application.	The Court will either grant cert, deny cert or let the case sit without any action.
THESE CASES BOTH CHALLENGE NEW JERSEY'S "MAY ISSUE" PUBLIC CARRY LICENSE FRAMEWORK	<i>Cheeseman v. Polillo</i> & <i>Ciolek v. New Jersey</i>	These cases both have petitions for certiorari pending before the U.S. Supreme Court. The last activity in these cases occurred in October 2019, but the Court has taken no actions since then that indicate whether it is going to reject or grant the applications.	The Court will either grant cert, deny cert or let the cases sit without any action.
THIS IS A CHALLENGE TO THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S BUMP STOCK BAN ON TECHNICAL ADMINISTRATIVE LAW GROUNDS	<i>Guedes v. ATF</i>	This case was distributed for conference at the U.S. Supreme Court for the third time on January 24, 2020.	On March 2, 2020, the Court denied certiorari. The decision of the lower court upholding the ban shall stand.
CHALLENGE TO MASSACHUSETTS' BAN ON THE POSSESSION OF "ASSAULT WEAPONS" AND STANDARD CAPACITY MAGAZINES	<i>Worman v. Healey</i>	This case was distributed for conference at the U.S. Supreme Court on January 10, 2020.	The Court will either grant cert, deny cert or let the case sit without any action.

ISSUE	CASE NAME	CASE STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
CHALLENGES NEW JERSEY'S "MAY ISSUE" PUBLIC CARRY LICENSE FRAMEWORK (FEDERAL COURT)	<i>Rogers v. Grewal</i>	The petition for certiorari is currently pending before the U.S. Supreme Court. The last activity in the case occurred in May 2019, but the Court has taken no actions since then that indicate whether it is going to reject or grant the application.	The Court will either grant cert, deny cert or let the case sit without any action.
CHALLENGE TO MARYLAND'S "MAY ISSUE" PUBLIC CARRY REGIME	<i>Malpasso v. Pallozzi</i>	This case was distributed for conference at the U.S. Supreme Court on January 24, 2020.	The Court will either grant cert, deny cert or let the case sit without any action.
CHALLENGES ILLINOIS POLICY OF REFUSING CARRY PERMITS TO MOST NON-RESIDENT APPLICANTS	<i>Culp v. Raoul</i>	This case was distributed for conference at the U.S. Supreme Court on February 21, 2020.	The Court will either grant cert, deny cert or let the case sit without any action.
THIS CASE ASKS A TECHNICAL QUESTION ABOUT THE ROLE OF LEGAL FIREARMS IN THE CONTEXT OF WARRANTLESS SEARCHES. IT IS A 4A CASE WITH POTENTIAL 2A IMPLICATIONS	<i>Baker v. City of Trenton, MI</i>	This case was distributed for conference at the U.S. Supreme Court on February 21, 2020.	Certiorari petition denied on February 24, 2020.
CHALLENGE TO "ASSAULT WEAPONS" AND STANDARD CAPACITY MAGAZINE BAN	<i>Wilson v. Cook County, IL</i>	Petition for certiorari filed on November 27, 2019.	The Court will either grant cert, deny cert or let the case sit without any action.
CHALLENGES 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(4) WHICH PROHIBITS FIREARM POSSESSION FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLUNTARILY COMMITTED TO A MENTAL INSTITUTION	<i>Beers v. Barr</i>	Petition for certiorari filed January 9, 2020.	The Court will either grant cert, deny cert or let the case sit without any action.



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GUN RIGHTS "ESSENTIAL" WHEN EMERGENCY DECLARED

BY TIFFANY D. CHEUVRONT

As we have all seen throughout the coronavirus crisis, local engagement is what truly affects our daily lives. With the state and local orders to shelter at home during the COVID-19 pandemic, we quickly saw how local jurisdictions made arbitrary determinations as to what is or is not considered an "essential service" that can continue doing business. Of course, we all know that the right to buy a gun and ammunition to defend yourself and your family is essential, so gun stores should be able to stay open. The need to be able to choose a gun in order to be prepared for emergencies is never truer than when you are in uncertain times when the economy is failing and resources are scarce.

Prohibiting firearm and ammunition sales from taking place during crises serves to jeopardize public safety by failing to provide a means in which lawful firearm transactions can occur. It also cuts off police, private security companies and even some in the

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National Guard or military from being able to access the things they need to do their jobs.

Some cities tried to shut down gun stores anyway. CRPA and its legal team were on top of this from the very first week. CRPA came out with

an Informational Bulletin that was shared with gun stores, FFLs, local law enforcement, sheriffs and local elected officials to inform them of the rights that people enjoy especially during times of crisis. We even had calls with the White House on these and other issues affecting Californians locally.

We warned local officials of unlawful confiscation of firearm schemes that were so prevalent during the Hurricane Katrina crisis and that the federal government moved swiftly to avoid in the future. California enacted similar legislation in 2007 through government Code Section 8571.5, which prohibits the seizure or confiscation of any "firearm or ammunition from any individual who is lawfully carrying or possessing the firearm or ammunition, or authorize any order to that effect, provided, however, that a peace officer who is acting in his or her official capacity may disarm an individual if the officer reasonably believes it is immediately necessary for the protection of the officer or another individual. The officer shall return the firearm to the individual before discharging the individual, unless the officer arrests that individual or seizes the firearm as

evidence pursuant to an investigation for the commission of a crime.”

Both federal and state law protect against confiscation of firearms in emergency situations. This is something that local officials didn't realize. CRPA made sure to tell them through local advocacy to ensure they have the correct information to make decisions.

Just as important as prohibiting seizures is the ability to process transactions and keep gun stores open. We all were thrilled when the state Legislature shut down for the session because we would not see any anti-gun legislation coming our way, but that shut-down only served to highlight the ill-conceived decisions being made by many at the local level by politicians with their own anti-gun agenda. The fight moved from a more centralized focus in Sacramento to the more than 50 counties across the state—each with their own view of whether purchasing a gun is “essential” and must be allowed. CRPA again answered the call, and immediately began getting in touch with our network of local officials and sheriffs to make sure that as many gun stores stayed open as possible. We asked those local officials to deem gun stores “essential services” so they could continue operations, and many did. CRPA staff worked with the officials and our local Chapter leaders on the ground in many locations getting the word out.

CRPA Chapters are a great way to fight back locally. Our Chapters work to establish relationships with local officials, attend meetings, advocate for Second Amendment rights of our members and to get important information out both during crises and non-crises times. Being a part of a like-minded group in your own area that shares information and engages the elected officials is critical. CRPA also monitors local activities and stands ready to provide talking points on issues, attend meetings, send out

meeting information for local members and have our attorneys draft legal opinion letters to jurisdictions to put them on notice that their actions may be unconstitutional. All of this occurs in a streamlined process that CRPA has been doing for years with success. All of this also plays into future litigation in that CRPA and its members can be considered a “catalyst” for changing local policies.

We hope that the turmoil of the past few months has brought to light the importance of voting for local politicians and knowing their background, creating

relationships with those local officials so that at times like these you have a connection that gets your voice heard above all the others and that you are driven to be even more engaged in Calls to Action and Local CRPA Chapters. CRPA is always willing to get a new Chapter going in your area and to support those Chapter leaders to get them established. Please continue to follow CRPA on all social media and read the emails that come out with updates and reports. We need you as we push forward, hold the line and defend the Second Amendment! **CRPA**

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LOCAL ADVOCACY REPORT

BY TIFFANY D. CHEVRONT

The **Local Advocacy Project** actively monitors all of California's 58 counties and 482 municipalities to support or oppose any proposed ordinance, law or policy likely to impact Second Amendment rights. Local efforts include developing and working with a network of professionals, citizens, local government officials and law enforcement professionals to effectively oppose local threats to California gun owners. These efforts also serve as the foundation for litigation efforts against municipalities that enact anti-gun-owner legislation.

JURISDICTION & ISSUE	DESCRIPTION	LOP RESPONSE	STATUS
DEL MAR FAIRGROUNDS MORATORIUM ON GUN SHOWS	For months the Del Mar gun show has been under siege from groups seeking to end the show. On September 11, 2018, the Del Mar Fair Board of Directors voted to institute an up to 1-year moratorium on gun shows beginning in 2019 while they “study the safety” of the gun show.	Additional legislation has been introduced at the state level that would prevent gun shows from occurring at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. CRPA is currently a named plaintiff in a federal lawsuit against the fairgrounds in an effort to protect your right to come together with others in the gun culture and hold lawful and safe events on public property. More information on the lawsuit can be found at michellawyers.com/b-l-productions-inc-et-al-v-22nd-district-agricultural-association-et-al	CRPA will continue to monitor the legislation and provide updates on the progress of the legal challenge. For now, the federal courts have ordered that the gun shows may continue at the Del Mar Fairgrounds while the litigation progresses; the next gun shows will be in 2020.
VENTURA COUNTY FAIR BOARD CONSIDERS GUN SHOWS	In May 2018, the Ventura County Fair Board considered contracts for upcoming gun shows in 2019 and 2020. They approved the remaining 2018 shows to move forward. At the September 25, 2018, Board meeting, in a room of more than 100 gun show supporters, they considered the future of gun shows at the Ventura Fair facility.	This is a concerted effort by anti-gun groups to end gun shows in California. They are working with the national groups to make a statement that “we just don't need” gun shows. CRPA is fighting against these groups and the false narrative. Over 100 members and supporters of the Second Amendment flooded the Board room and provided testimony and written comments to the Board.	The Board voted to approve gun shows going forward but may try to place more restrictions on them. CRPA attorneys drafted a letter to the Board concerning the constitutional issues these types of restrictions may bring. Please watch for calls to action and future meeting announcements.
COW PALACE GUN SHOWS DALY CITY	At the state level the California Legislature passed a bill in 2018 that would ban gun shows at the Cow Palace state venue as part of the concerted effort by opposition groups. This bill was vetoed by then Governor Brown. The pending legislation to stop gun shows and dismantle the Cow Palace authority has been dropped; however, this came with the condition that the Cow Palace Board would stop holding gun shows in the future.	CRPA drafted a prelitigation letter to the Board of the Cow Palace to inform them of pending legal action should they persist with denying gun shows access to state property. The Board has reopened its discussion regarding banning gun shows and is currently discussing the matter in committee. Please watch for further calls to action.	The Board voted in November to re-consider their stance against gun shows given the possible constitutional violations that have been outlined by the federal courts on this subject. CRPA will continue to monitor the situation.

JURISDICTION & ISSUE	DESCRIPTION	LOP RESPONSE	STATUS
ORANGE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS	For months the Orange County Fair Board has considered the future of gun shows at the venue.	CRPA alerted members to attend a meeting and voice opposition. Submitted letters of opposition informing the Fair Board of the serious legal issues with discriminating against a segment of the population just because some do not like the legal activity.	In October, the Fair Board met to discuss the approval of 2020 contracts for gun shows. Thanks to CRPA members and business affiliates showing up; we were able to get a positive win. Gun shows will be returning to the Orange County Fairgrounds in 2020!
STATEWIDE PUBLIC RECORD REQUESTS	CRPA regularly seeks and obtains public records in connection with any anti-gun efforts in California. Such efforts include proposed anti-gun ordinances, gun buyback programs and other anti-gun regulatory enforcement issues.	Responses to these requests often yield valuable results, such as which members of a local government entity are working with anti-gun groups, sources of funding and other important information.	Ongoing. CRPA attorneys monitor and review thousands of pages of public records requests each month.
CITY OF MORGAN HILL	City of Morgan Hill recommends drafting ordinances on duty to report theft or lost firearms, a safe storage ordinance while in home, prohibit possession of LCMs and require a permit to conduct retail sales.	CRPA attorneys submitted a letter in advance of actual ordinance language being introduced to inform the City of the problems with the proposal. In August 2018 there was no action on agenda. In November 2018 the ordinance passed the City Council.	The City was alerted to its unconstitutional actions, and members at the meeting in opposition to the ordinance far outweighed those in support of it. The City moved forward with the ordinance in November 2018. NRA and CRPA filed legal action against the City. More information regarding the litigation can be found at michellawyers.com/kirk-v-city-of-morgan-hill
CITY OF LOS ANGELES BLACKLIST	The City Council passed an ordinance that would require all current and potential contractors to disclose under affidavit their affiliation with the NRA.	NRA and CRPA submitted letters and warned the City attorney of the legal ramifications of blatantly attacking the freedom to associate and speak against government. The City passed the ordinance by calling NRA members "white supremacists" who "peddle in violence." There was no comment from other Council members regarding the outright falsehood of these statements.	HUGE WIN FOR GUN OWNERS—The federal court awarded the NRA an injunction which prevented the City from enforcing this unconstitutional law. The City of Los Angeles entered into settlement and has agreed to remove the ordinance as it is non-enforceable.
CITY OF ALAMEDA	The City Council passed gun control in March 2020 including: video recording of all firearm purchases, mandatory locked storage of all firearms in the home and 24-hour theft reports (already being challenged in another city).	CRPA sent notification to members and the local chapter and drafted a letter alerting the City Council to all of the potential constitutional violations.	The City is considering additional measures such as mandatory training for gun owners and telling stores where they can place guns within their stores. Please watch for additional calls to action.
CITY OF SAN JOSE	The Mayor for the City of San Jose wants to push mandatory insurance for all gun owners in the City as a way of paying for criminal violence that occurs in his City.	CRPA sent a letter previously on this same issue when the Mayor tried to make this a priority for the City.	The City is now waiting for research being done by the County on the feasibility of the issue. CRPA is monitoring the issue.



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CRPA PROGRAMS UPDATE

BY CRPA STAFF

LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

CRPA maintains relationships with county sheriffs and local law enforcement across the state. We work with law enforcement to provide training on new firearm laws and provide publications to the men and women who serve our communities. We are honored to have many of the sheriffs and law enforcement (both active and retired) serving on our Law Enforcement Program Support Committee where we identify areas of policy on which we can jointly work together.

TRAINING PROGRAM

The CRPA Training and Education Program gets more people pulling triggers by teaching them the basics of being a responsible gun owner all the way up to advanced courses and range safety officer courses. CRPA believes that all gun owners can benefit from the trainings offered from the young and new gun owners to the more experienced. Make sure to check out CRPA.org for more information on all the upcoming trainings.

OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY PROGRAM

Chapters are a way for CRPA to bring influence to the local level of engagement. Our chapters work to educate, volunteer and attend local meetings to speak to Second Amendment issues in their own communities. Volunteers are the life-blood of CRPA. Volunteers are all across the state and assist in educating the public, working gun shows, sharing memberships with others and generally are an amazing group of people giving back to the Second Amendment every day.

The Business Affiliates Program engages pro-2A businesses and turns them into Second Amendment Action Centers where their customers can learn more about engaging in the fight to protect their constitutional rights in California. Businesses have the opportunity to offer "round up" programs to customers, membership in the CRPA to join in the fight and conduct fundraisers and open houses with CRPA on-site. If you are a business and are interested in more information, please call the CRPA at 714-992-2772.

The Local Advocacy Program works to track anti-gun legislative action across the state at the local level. We find that many of the anti-gun politicians try to make a name for themselves at the local level through passing bad and unconstitutional legislation which imposes arbitrary laws on law-abiding citizens. CRPA tracks these issues, attends meetings, submits letters of opposition and even challenges many of these local issues in court.

RANGE SHIELD PROGRAM

The CRPA Range Shield Program is a way that CRPA works every day to preserve and protect the many shooting ranges we have across the state. We work with range-certified experts and our legal team to be preemptive in helping range owners recognize compliance and environmental issues that may become a problem for them in the future. We work with those ranges to help them get into compliance and hopefully prevent more ranges from being forced to close their door. The more ranges that are out there, the more places for gun owners, new and old, to get out and enjoy their sport or take in more training.

SHOOTING PROGRAM

CRPA is the sanctioning organization for state championships in the state of California. Each year we work with multiple disciplines, numerous ranges and members to bring state championship matches to areas across the state. Many of these participants are good enough to make it to the national championships at Camp Perry—a time-honored tradition for competitive shooting. Visit CRPA.org for more information on all of the shooting sports programs.

HUNTING AND CONSERVATION PROGRAM

CRPA is the premier group in California leading the way in developing hunting policies with industry partners through a coalition of organizations that are concerned about management of the environment through healthy hunting policies. CRPA works at the state level to protect the right to hunt, protect the openness of public lands and promote hunting to the next generation through our youth hunt camps and pheasant shoots.

WOMEN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

CRPA is empowering the next generation of women and youth who are educated, understand firearm safety, participate in the shooting sports and hunting and want to share their love of the shooting sports with their family and friends. One hundred years ago, women and youth as young as 9 years old knew how to handle firearms and provide for their families. This program is a tip of the hat to our heritage and a vision of the future as CRPA works with women and youth to bring back this love of shooting.

SPOTLIGHT ON BYRAN DUNCAN

CRPA RECRUITER, CIVIL WAR REENACTOR, COMPETITIVE SHOOTER

BY CRPA STAFF

My name is Byran Duncan, and I have been a volunteer CRPA recruiter for the past 4-plus

years. I enjoy volunteering because I am meeting great people and working as part of a team that benefits society. I am passionate about recruiting because it is bringing other like-minded 2A people onto the same team, making the CRPA better and stronger to stand up for our constitutional rights. As Thomas Jefferson once said, "The laws that forbid the carrying of arms ... disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes..."

Firearms have been part of my life for as long as I remember. My first "gun" was given to me for my second birthday. It was an official Dick Tracy "Tommy" Gun with working charging handle that allowed the gun to make a "rat-a-tat-tat" sound when the trigger was pulled. Then, there is the "me in diapers" photo a little earlier. I was shooting a semi-auto pistol, earmuffs almost as big as my head, and my dad squatted close behind me. By 10 years old, Christmas and birthday toy guns evolved into real firearms, starting with a 12-gauge shotgun, followed by pistols and a rifle. Living in rural northern Siskiyou County, we hunted deer, quail, chukar, pheasant, and ground squirrels and fished a lot.

I have had the pleasure of participating in many shooting disciplines with many different hand-shoulder firearms. Around age 12, I began compet-



► October 31, 2006, Sgt Byran W. Duncan. (BILL DUNCAN)

ing in civilian 3-gun composite pistol shooting in Barstow, which included our local gun team traveling to many of the southern California competitions.

ARMY LIFE

During my last year of high school, I enlisted in the California Army National Guard-123rd Maintenance Company of Barstow. I joined for the combined reasons of patriotism, the unit was going to Germany and to shoot on the pistol team, captained by my dad.

School finished with "Grad Night" at Disneyland, followed by an air trip to Fort Dix, NJ, where I began digging foxholes. I did well in the rifle and grenade course (the latter was probably attributed to throwing rocks at lizards at home; I never hit one, but I was always close, and that counts great for grenades). My MOS (military occupation school) was fitting; I was trained as an armorer. Through the military, the team did .22 caliber and air-gun postal shoots, traveled to other states, such



► June 4, 1976, Byran's 8th Grade Graduation. (DARLENE DUNCAN)

as Arkansas, to participate in both composite and combat pistol competitions with Army Guard, Reserve and regular units from all 50 states and territories or attended weapon classes and range officer training. At times, I subbed in on the biathlon team (summer/winter), the machine gun team and rifle team as a firing member or a coach. In short order, many calibers (.22 to .50) of machine guns, rifles, grenade launchers, rocket launchers and pistols/revolvers were in my repertoire of firearms that we trained others to use safely and accurately. Of course, this makes watching some military shows tough on my wife when I keep saying, "that weapon can't do that" or something similar.

Two great eye-openers in the Army were standing at the Berlin Wall during Reforger 1980 in Germany and traveling No Man's Land during Team Spirit 1986 in Korea. Both are nations that have suppressed private gun ownership and made me feel blessed that I was fortunate to be born and raised in the USA. It is disputed whether Isoroku Yamamoto, Fleet Admiral and Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial Japanese Navy (IJN) during World War II,

wrote a letter that contained "You cannot invade the mainland United States. There would be a rifle behind every blade of grass." Either way, I believe it is a true statement and important to warding off foreign invasion today.

WAR REENACTMENT

Overlapping this, the CRPA had a great rapport with the DCM (Department of Civilian Marksmanship). In the 1980s and 1990s, through the high-power rifle competition program, I qualified for a surplus WWII M1 Garand rifle, which I purchased and enjoyed. WWII reenacting was in its infancy, so I first did medieval, where I favored archery, catapults and jousting (against targets) on horseback. It hurts too much to fall off a horse. Soon, I was into American Civil War reenacting as line infantry, sharpshooter, horse-mounted and artillery for either side. I enjoy history, and in many ways, the fight between states' rights and national rights still exists today. The organization is educational with in-class presentations and in-the-field school days. The high point of reenacting was when my daughter and many friends attended the 150th Gettysburg Anni-

versary reenactment as a confederate horse-drawn battery with a 3-inch Ordnance Rifle (cannon). The time with my daughter was special, especially while moving the cannon with horses on the field of battle.

If you have not surmised, I have been single through most of these adventures—just me, my Labradors, my best friend, AKA dad, and a handgun. Through reenacting, I met my lovely wife, Nancy. We have a beautiful daughter, already mentioned, and a great son-in-law. Both have given us our first grandchild a year ago. For Valentine's Day, my wife was gifted with a CRPA Life Membership and a new revolver, both of which she loved. The family enjoys shooting on our 255-yard range. My brother and mom, life CRPA and NRA members, live next door. My brother enjoys shooting on his pistol range, from his wheelchair. Our granddaughter is in diapers, and we'll have her shooting soon.

CRPA FOUNDATION

Most recently, I worked with the CRPA Foundation to obtain a grant to assist the Yreka High School Trap Team. The team is sponsored by the Yreka High School. Last year, the 17 students attended the State Championship and were selected for and attended Nationals in Mason, Michigan. The students will letter in the sport, just like any other school sport. This year, I am the armorer and junior coach of the team. We have 32 students on the team. Shotguns don't leave brass to pick-up, right?

In closure to this bragging "me" story, I enjoy shooting, coaching and assisting others to be safe and shoot well. We do other things, too. We have an HO scale model railroad, horse ride and drive (carriages), volunteer as members of the Yreka Elks Lodge #1980, assist the local veterans' office at times and do volunteer maintenance for the Siskiyou County Museum. **CRPA**

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- Help with fundraisers
- Work on political campaigns or elections
- Voter registration drives
- Assist with youth/women's events / RSO
- Assist with training events / RSO
- Assist with hunting events
- Be a CRPA membership recruiter (earn \$)
- Liaison with local authorities and council members
- Teach firearm safety and proficiency classes
- Monitor/promote social media
- Promote CRPA/RKBA messaging/PR campaigns
- I am down for whatever to help the cause
- Other:

THANK YOU!

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CRPA is looking for men and women to join the fight for our rights as a CRPA volunteer or grassroots activist. You can feel good about being part of the solution, meet new friends, learn about guns and politics and get free CRPA swag! For more information, fill out and send in the volunteer form (page 56), email us at volunteers@crpa.org or call (714) 992-2772.

Because of CRPA's tremendous growth, and with the support of our members and like-minded organizations, CRPA is expanding its involvement in local campaigns and elections and sponsoring and participating in more events. CRPA has made a substantial investment in grassroots/volunteer coordinating, local election messaging technologies and added staff to manage volunteers and events.

CRPA Chapters and affiliated groups maintain their independence, but work with CRPA and get access to: (1) real-time legislative information from our legislative advocates in the Capital; (2) CRPA/NRA campaign finance and PAC lawyers; (3) CRPA/NRA firearms lawyers who answer questions, fight for local FFLs and ranges in your area, oppose local gun control ordinances and file lawsuits; and (4) regular communication among coalition partners and other local groups to learn from each other and build a stronger network of activists. CRPA needs volunteers to work as Chapter Leaders; Government Liaisons (i.e., candidate development and local issues and ordinances coverage); Retail/Ranges Liaisons; Volunteers and Events Liaisons; and CCW Liaisons, among other things.

CRPA invites individuals as well as local 2A groups, clubs, ranges and FFLs to be a part of the effort in your county. Join us!

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EVENTS & TRAINING

EVENTS

MAY

May 2-3 CROSSROADS VENTURA GUN SHOW

Ventura, CA
crpa.org/events

May 2-3 CODE OF THE WEST VALLEJO GUN SHOW

Vallejo, CA
crpa.org/events

May 8-9 WEST COAST HISTORICAL MILITARIA COLLECTORS SHOW

Pomona, CA
crpa.org/events

May 16-17 CROSSROADS DEL MAR GUN SHOW

Del Mar, CA
crpa.org/events

May 29-31 NEW RENO GUN SHOW

Reno, NV
crpa.org/events

JUNE

June 5-7 RAAHAUGES SHOOTING SPORTS FAIR

Corona, CA
crpa.org/events

June 13-14 COMPTON YOUTH EXPO

Compton, CA
crpa.org/events



► Gary Brennan and Dina Hartsell signing up CRPA members at the Del Mar Gun Show. (JACOB RAMIREZ, CRPA STAFF)

June 27-28 LANCASTER GUN SHOW

Lancaster, CA
crpa.org/events

JULY

July 11-12 VALLEJO GUN SHOW

Vallejo, CA
crpa.org/events

July 11-12 CROSSROADS DEL MAR GUN SHOW

Del Mar, CA
crpa.org/events

LOCATION KEY

- NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
- CENTRAL CALIFORNIA
- SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
- OUT OF STATE

July 18 RAAHAUGES YOUTH SAFARI DAY

Corona, CA
crpa.org/events



► Volunteer Dina Hartsell with 2A advocates in front of Crossroads Del Mar. (JACOB RAMIREZ, CRPA STAFF)



► Range Specialist Eric Johnson teaching participant to shoot .22 at Raahauges Make a Wish Day. (JACOB RAMIREZ, CRPA STAFF)

TRAINING

MAY

May 6-7 NRA PERSONAL PROTECTION IN THE HOME

Fullerton, CA
2 nights / 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
crpa.org/events/training-and-education

May 9 ONLINE AND FOLLOW-UP HUNTER EDUCATION

Fullerton, CA
crpa.org/events/training-and-education

May 16 NRA BASIC PISTOL

Fullerton, CA
crpa.org/events/training-and-education

JUNE

June 10-11 NRA BASIC RIFLE

Fullerton, CA
2 nights / 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
crpa.org/events/training-and-education

June 27 NRA SHOTGUN

Fullerton, CA
crpa.org/events/training-and-education

NRA COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

NRA PERSONAL PROTECTION IN THE HOME

The NRA Personal Protection in the Home course teaches the basic knowledge, skills and attitude essential to the safe and efficient use of a handgun for protection of self and family and to provide information on the law-abiding individual's right to self-defense. This is an 8-hour course. Students should expect to shoot approximately 100 rounds of ammunition.

Go to crpa.org/events/training

NRA BASIC PISTOL

The NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting is intended for all individuals regardless of previous shooting experience or NRA-affiliation and is available for delivery in two ways. One option is the traditional, instructor-led course where you will receive direct instruction from an NRA-certified instructor from

beginning to end. The other option has two components: a self-study or "eLearning module" which is completed online in your own timeframe and a hands-on practical portion conducted in a classroom and shooting range with an instructor. This course may be completed in a single-day format or over several days with smaller blocks of instruction.

Go to crpa.org/events/training

NRA BASIC RIFLE

The NRA Basic Rifle course teaches the basic knowledge, skills and attitude necessary for the safe use of a rifle in target shooting. This course is at least 14 hours long and includes classroom and range time learning to shoot rifles. Students learn NRA's rules for safe gun handling; rifle parts and operation; ammunition; shooting fundamentals; range rules; shooting from the bench rest, prone, sitting, standing and kneeling positions; cleaning; and

continued opportunities for skill development.

Go to crpa.org/events/training

NRA BASIC SHOTGUN

The NRA Basic Shotgun course teaches the basic knowledge, skills and attitude for the safe and proper use of a shotgun in shooting a moving target. This course is at least 10 hours long and includes classroom and range time learning how to shoot shotguns at moving targets. Students learn NRA's rules for safe gun handling; shotgun parts and operation; shotgun shell components; shotgun shell malfunctions; shooting fundamentals; range rules; shooting at straight away and angled targets; cleaning; and continued opportunities for skill development.

Go to crpa.org/events/training

To inquire about summer classes, call 714-992-2772 or email jclark@crpa.org.

Stay tuned to the online calendar for additional upcoming training events.



► **From left:** Logan Bonivert, Aaron Hoverston, Logan Michael, Rachel Brandt, Morgan Vander Linden, Lilly Polakovic, Cooper Michael, Carleton Liden and Alex Watts are there to support Cooper for his birthday. (RYAN WATTS)

CRPA MATCH RESULTS

LINCOLN RIFLE CLUB'S JR. PRECISION TEAM SCORES MAJOR SUCCESS

BY RYAN WATTS

The Lincoln Rifle Club's Jr. Precision Team has had an exciting start to what promises to be a great season.

They kicked off the season in October 2019 with Best in the West and CRPA Standing Air Rifle State Championship matches. The first day was the CRPA

Standing Air Rifle State Championship, where 40 competitors shot for the coveted CRPA California Bear trophy. Tori Watts was able to put up the winning score of 584-36X. Followed by Lilly Polakovic with a 574-26X and Logan Michael with a 571-29X. The next day of competing was 3-Position Air where Morgan Vander Linden put up a monster score of 593-42X. She was followed closely by Logan Michael

with a 589-35X and Tori Watts coming in 3rd with a 586-40X. Ultimately, it was a great weekend for Lincoln, taking the top three spots on both days.

The first part of December was especially exciting for four of our kids. Morgan Vander Linden, Lilly Polakovic, Tori Watts and Carleton Liden all traveled to the Olympic Training Center (OTC) in Colorado Springs to compete in the first round of the Olympic try-



► **Carleton, Morgan, Lilly and Tori** at the OTC for the Olympic tryouts, December 2019. (RYAN WATTS)

outs. They had 2 days of shooting (all off-hand) and were up against several hundred of the best shooters from around the country. And while we are not yet sending any of our shooters to the Olympics, it was a great experience for the kids to compete at the OTC and literally be on the firing line with Olympic Gold Medalists.

Following the holidays, the kids headed up to the Twin Cities Rod and Gun Club in Yuba City, CA, where they shot over two weekends in the Junior Olympic qualifiers. Out of the 11 kids from the Lincoln Rifle Club who tried out for the Junior Olympics, nine of them qualified (the most Lincoln has ever sent to the Jr. Olympics at one time). For the Air Rifle Qualifier, Tori shot a 587, Morgan shot a 581 and Lilly shot a 579, all automatically qualifying and taking the top three spots in the state. But, as it stands, Lincoln will be sending Aaron Hoverston, Carleton Liden, Logan Michael, Rachel Brandt, Lilly Polakovic, Dylan Tonel, Morgan

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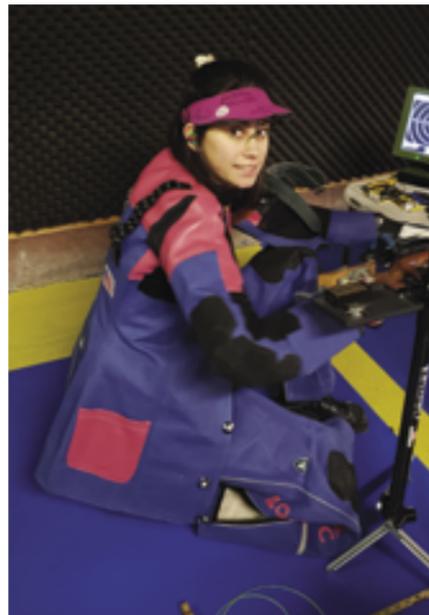
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► From left: Morgan Vander Linden, Lilly Polakovic and Tori Watts. (RYAN WATTS)

Vander Linden, Alex Watts and Tori Watts to the Air Rifle Junior Olympics! Additionally, Logan, Lilly, Morgan and Tori also qualified in Small Bore for the Jr. Olympics. They will be spending a WEEK at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs shooting, competing and potentially learning from Olympians.

Recently, the kids competed in Knights Landing for the NRA Open 4-Position Sectional. And with Lincoln's past records, the kids did not disappoint; many of the kids shot personal bests. Morgan shot a 791-53X, Aaron Hoverston shot a 778-46X but shot 200 in sitting, with 14 X's as well. Then there was Carleton Liden who shot 785-54X and a 200-16 in kneeling; the National Record is 200-18 for kneeling. Tori Watts shot a 798-65X, which is a NATIONAL RECORD!!! Tori's scores are being submitted for National Recognition in the following areas:

- Intermediate Jr. Sitting:** 200-19
- Open 20 Standing:** 200-16 (+10/X)
- Women's 20 Standing:** 200-16 (+10/X)
- Intermediate Jr. Standing:** 200-16 (+10/X)



► Aaron Hoverston practices his aim. (RYAN WATTS)

Civilian Aggregate: 798-65 (+10/X)
Intermediate Jr. Aggregate: 798-65 (+10/X)

All in all, the Lincoln Rifle Club's Junior Precision Team is doing very well, and I am looking forward to what the future has in store for all of them. Each of these kids puts in 2 to 3 nights per week practicing and honing their skills. Their love for the sport and each other is unparalleled and ultimately is the secret to their success! **CRPA**

Shooting and outdoor activities are Ryan Watts' passion. At the age of 20, he joined the Marine Corps, serving for 9 years as a Radio Operator. He has been a husband for 23 years, and his daughters are 19, 15 and 13. Two are Junior Olympians, and the 15-year-old holds a 2nd place CMP National Championship. In addition to hunting as a family, Ryan is a rifle coach and spends several nights per week with his family training on the line.



FROM THE RANGE DESK

HAVE YOU REVIEWED YOUR SOP?

(SHUTTERSTOCK)



BY ERIC JOHNSON
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Well, we are rapidly approaching springtime and by the time this article is published, it is likely outdoor ranges will be knee high in lush green vegetation with splashed pallets of color from blooming flowers.

Gophers, ground squirrels and various stinging and biting insects will be out in force

running the gauntlet between target lanes, and snakes will be causing chaos in the parking lots. With that beautiful picture painted, I must snap the Range Operators and Club Presidents awake and into the black and white pages of your Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) manuals, employee training, ongoing in-service training and employee certifications. Yes, it's a headache, and no one, and I mean no one, enjoys the process, but it must be done to protect the visitors, employees and business from outside interferences.

GOLDEN RULES OF GUN SAFETY

- 1. ALWAYS** treat all guns as if they are loaded.
- 2. ALWAYS** keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
- 3. ALWAYS** keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
- 4. ALWAYS** keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.
- 5. ALWAYS** know your target, its surroundings, and beyond.
- 6. ALWAYS** know how to properly operate your gun.
- 7. ALWAYS** be sure the gun is safe to operate.
- 8. ALWAYS** use only the correct ammunition for your gun.
- 9. ALWAYS** wear eye and ear protection.
- 10. NEVER** use alcohol or over-the-counter, prescription, or other drugs before or while participating in shooting sports.



For more information and training, please contact the California Rifle & Pistol Association: (800) 305-2772 | CRPA.org

UPDATING SOPS

So just when was the last time you reviewed or updated the SOPs for your facility? Not that it needs to be re-written every year, however, I suggest the SOPs be reviewed and updated at least every 2 years, then annually linked with supplements as the ever-changing firearms laws continue to grow in California.

If you don't have SOPs in place, no worries, it can be accomplished. Whether an indoor range or outdoor, documentation is a major component for a safe and successful operation.

My suggestions are employee and volunteer training should be covered annually and supplemented with specialized range-specific topics monthly. Annual in-service training and monthly in-service training puts everyone on the same page regarding setting goals and expectations, providing opportunities to establish clear lines of communication between the experienced and new hires and sharing their experiences and challenges.

The documentation associated with this training should include date, start and end times, topics, attendance log and a question and answer (Q&A) period. It is cumbersome in the beginning; nonetheless, once established, it is easy to keep the momentum going.

Several factors need to be considered based on the type of range you operate whether it is indoor, outdoor, large- or small-sized, and range designations of pistol, rifle, shotgun, short-range, long-range and the various disciplines. These are but a few examples that may need to be explored for specific employee training.

Provided is a partial list of suggested employee trainings, which may grow depending on your needs:

- First-aid training covering the mundane to the critical that might happen at your facility. Run practice scenarios relevant to your facility.
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training. Run practice scenarios relevant to your facility.
- Bloodborne pathogen training.
- Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) training. Run practice scenarios relevant to your facility.
- Gunshot Wound (GSW) training. Run practice scenarios relevant to your facility.

EMERGENCY KITS

What type of emergency response kit will be needed to sustain life until emergency medical services arrive? A basic home first aid kit or automotive-type



CRPA SPORTS

(SHUTTERSTOCK)

kit **WILL NOT** meet an active shooting range's need. **Spend the money—get the training and practice!**

■ Emergency action plans should cover: who makes the call to 911; employees' roles or their positions (locations) in the facility; where the first aid kits are located; and which person will take the lead in the event of an incident. In my past life, I was the first on scene who would take charge and then would defer to others who had supplemental training or more experience. This must be worked out beforehand and practiced with all staff members.

■ Accident and Incident report training with the how and why. This becomes critical in the event of potential legal action or where an investigation might occur. If you don't have these forms, I suggest you create them. The

Checklists are needed at all levels of your operation to assure your employees and you are kept informed as to the condition of your facility.

difference between an accident report form and an incident report form is an accident report notes when and how someone is injured, and an incident report is used when corrective action is taken or equipment is damaged.

■ Range Safety Officer (RSO) training, Chief Range Safety Officer (CRSO) training, rifle instructor training, pistol instructor training, shotgun instructor training—many of these certifications are 2-year certifications; however, suggest all employees review at minimum the RSO course materials as a mandatory refresher annually.

■ General range rule review with reasoning and universal enforcement practices. Run or practice scenarios relevant to your facility from the obvious to the strange that have been experienced.

- Site-specific range rule review with reasoning and universal enforcement practices. Run or practice scenarios relevant to your facility from the obvious to the strange that have been experienced.

- Personal protection equipment (PPE) training, both general and job-specific.

- Fire extinguisher and operation training. Do you have the correct type of fire extinguisher for the correct application? A broad-spectrum extinguisher such as an ABC, might not be the best option for some applications.

- Respiratory training, to include physical exam and fit testing if applicable.

- Best Management Practices (BMPs) in hygiene for lead training.

- Electrical equipment lock-out, tag-out training if applicable.

- Hearing and eye protection training.
- Ladder safety and operation training.

- Emergency eye wash station operation.

- Hazmat training designed for your facility needs.

- Environmental hazard training for heat, cold, inclement weather, wildlife, insect and others if applicable.

- Equipment operation and inspections training if applicable.

- Media relations training for whoever represents your business—what to say and not to say.

- Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) location and training.

- Other.

INSPECTION FORMS

Let's delve into facility inspection forms and what they might look like. A daily inspection form should cover all aspects coming from a safety standpoint. The form should list the date of inspection, the items you desire to be inspected and the assigned employee or volunteer to review and assure

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items are in place and in operational condition. Example inspection items include: fire extinguishers in place, charged and ready for use; first aid kit stocked and available at designated locations; AED checked and ready for operation; emergency exits clear of obstructions; minimum clearances around electrical panel boxes maintained; restrooms clean and stocked; bullet traps and target impact areas in good condition. Are signs posted clean and legible and in the proper location? These are but of a few items for a daily inspection log and are the short list. You and your staff can best determine the parameters for your facility and what intervals of inspection will best meet your needs. Take note: some items may need to be inspected several times throughout the day at various intervals to assure your business or club is providing the best experience for your visitors.

In the likelihood a general inspection does not occur, be sure to fill out the

form with the reasoning for this and complete the inspection at some point during the day. Provide an explanation as to why the inspection did not occur at its usual inspection time. It could be as simple as, "Eric was unaware that Jerry was not coming in today." At the very least, it demonstrates a concerted effort in assuring you are following to the best of your ability the SOPs. If the item to be inspected is **safety-related**, it must be done prior to operation of the facility.

The second part of the equation is what happens to the form? Who will review and accept the responsibility to make or take corrective measures? What good is an inspection form if **no one** in management or someone in the position to address issues never sees the form? These form reviews must become routine in nature for management; it is a quick review and must be done by a person who has the authority to address issues.

Weekly and monthly inspection forms for items should have sign-offs on fire extinguisher tags, for example. In short, checklists are needed at all levels of your operation to assure your employees and you are kept informed as to the condition of your facility.

Please take the time to look over these suggestions, build a program for your facility and **follow through with documentation**.

Even if nothing happens, keep the records of your trainings and inspections. Why, you might ask? "It's just more work." And my answer is: in the unlikely event an accident/incident occurs, you will be able to demonstrate your proactive stance protecting all who enter your facility.

If you would like to speak with CRPA about how we can assist your range, please call 1-800 305-2772 or email me at ejohnson@crpa.org. 



► Long-range winners Samuel Berg, Martin Tardif, Nick Landry, Christine Harris, Matt Early, Kurt Ingham and Randy Teissedre. (SCOTT HARRIS)

2019 STATE LONG-RANGE RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIPS

BY MIKE BARRANCO

The 2019 California State Long-Range Championship was held on the first weekend of November, as is customary. What was different this time was that over 80 people made the trip to Coalinga to attend the 1,000-yard match, the largest group in the last few years.

Half of the competitors this year were shooting in the F-Class: 13 in the Target Rifle (F T/R) category, where rifles are limited to .223 and .308 calibers, and 31 in the Open category, where the caliber is not restricted and front and rear rests are allowed.

The weekend started with two 20-shot warm-up matches on Friday. Leading the F T/R group was Niklas Montin with a 392-15X out of 400 possible. Mark Virtue won the Open class with 397-16X. Among the traditional "sling" shooters, Curtis Gordon took the lead by dropping only one point, 399-30X.

Saturday's course had three matches, 20 shots each, for a possible score of 600. At the end of the day, Matt Early led with a 594-27X, followed closely by Bob Gill and Randy Teissedre, both at 592. Scott Harris led the F T/R class with a 587-17X while Gary Childs led the Open class with a 588-28X.

The course Sunday had two more 20-shot matches. Curtis Gordon shot a 399-21X to beat Allen Thomas by an X in the sling category. In the F T/R class, Matt Thompson won with a 391-13X. Christine Harris fired a 397-16X to win the Open class.

When the scores from Saturday and Sunday were tallied, it was evident that the competition had been close. The four top shooters in the sling category were separated by only three points: Randy Teissedre at 988, Curtis Gordon at 989, Allen Thomas at 990 and the 2019 Champion Matt Early at 991-49X. The F-Class Open category champion was Christine Harris, with a 984-42. Peter White and Martin Tardiff were close behind at 982 and 981. The T/R category champion was Niklas Montin. His 977-33X edged out Scott Harris' 977-29X.

The championship recognized several category winners, including: High Junior Samuel Berg, 983-45; High Senior Randy Teissedre, 988-42; High Grand Senior Kurt Ingham, 975-46; High Senior F T/R Nick Landry, 950-17; High Senior F Open Martin Tardif, 981-39; and High Grand Senior F Open Peter White, 982-39.

Thanks to all the folks who helped run the matches: Brian Lok, Curt Gordon, Dennis Van Lier and Bob Gill. And thank you to everyone who came to shoot the matches.

Jim O'Connell directed the 2019 championship as he has held every CRPA state rifle championship at Coalinga Rifle Club for more than 20 years. In 2000, Jim was writing and distributing the programs, handling the entries,



▶ Jim O'Connell with his new Coalinga Orange Competition Machine rifle chassis. (NICK MONTIN)

tallying the scores (on his proprietary computer program, which I suspect is written in Pascal) and doing most of the work that leads to a successful match. How many years had he been doing it by that time? No one remembers anymore. Besides the four CRPA championships (now five) held each year, Jim ran the two well-attended NRA regional championships at Coalinga and ran the series of long-range and Palma matches at Sacramento which, along with our Fullbore and Palma events, have come to be known as March Madness. I suspect he has something to do with the high power matches at Richmond's East Bay clubs and maybe some others. Besides organizing and running these matches, he won many of them.

This year, Jim is handing over the conn to some of the shooters who have been helping at Coalinga for years, including Bob Gill and Curt Gordon.

The CRPA is indebted to Jim for his decades of service to our high power rifle competitors, for his promotion of competitive shooting and for the work he has done to make the California

Grizzlies juniors and the Coalinga Rifle Club teams so successful.

At the conclusion of this year's match, the shooters presented Jim with a custom powder-coated rifle chassis by Gary Eliseo's Competition Machine, Inc.

"I think the biggest winner was me. I came away from the match with something I've wanted for a long time—an Eliseo stock in Coalinga Orange. You guys are pretty good at keeping secrets. Thank you."

Thank you, Jim. We look forward to seeing you on the range. **CRPA**

Mike Barranco serves on the board of directors of the CRPA and has competed in NRA High Power Rifle for 20 years. He earned both the Distinguished Rifleman and Distinguished Pistol Shot badges and High Master classification with the AR-15 service rifle. He is a shooting sports and hunting enthusiast who joined CRPA in 1980 with an interest in protecting our firearms civil rights. Mike is a graduate of U.C. Irvine in mechanical engineering and resident of Irvine.



THE R3 PROGRAM CALIFORNIA'S PLAN TO REINVIGORATE THE HUNTING, FISHING AND SHOOTING SPORTS

Over the last 5 decades we have seen hunting and fishing license sales in California drop precipitously; participation in hunting and fishing is at an all-time low. In fact, participation in hunting and the shooting sports have shown a decline



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across the nation. To reverse this trend, various entities (federal and state resource agencies, Tribes, Legislatures, conservation organizations, related business interests and academic institutions as well as private individuals) have teamed up in a nationwide effort called "R3" or the "Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation Program." As the name implies, the objective of this program is simple

and obvious: Get new people to join, keep them involved and get those back who have left.

Hunters and shooting sport enthusiasts are the primary source of funding for wildlife conservation in America. Through self-imposed excise taxes under the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (or Pittman-Robertson Act), monies from the sale of firearms and ammunition are matched with state sales of hunting licenses to fund conservation efforts that help to maintain and protect our precious renewable wildlife resources. To ensure that wildlife and its habitats continue to thrive we need to revive and increase participation in the shooting sports in order to "make hunting great again!"

R3 EFFORTS

To that end, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) initiated its R3 efforts within its Office of Communication, Education and Outreach. Beginning in 2017, CDFW created an Executive Task Force that

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coordinated its efforts with the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation, the California Sportfishing League and the California Hunting and Conservation Coalition. Eight subcommittees targeting critical areas of importance were formed and had members that represented the agencies and dozens of non-government (NGO) conservation orga-



nizations and shooting advocacies. By early 2018, it hired a full-time, statewide R3 coordinator, Ms. Jennifer Benedet to oversee these efforts, and by January 2019, the R3 Program developed an action plan that outlined a strategy and a road map to “... increase statewide hunting and fishing participation by collaborating with diverse stakeholders to transform barriers into opportunities.” By December 2019, the **“Statewide R3 Implementation Strategy”** was completed and submitted to the Executive Task Force for approval. While many important program elements had already sought funding in the governor’s proposed budget (see article in the *California Firing Line* by Roy Griffith, “Full Steam Ahead on California’s R3 Plan Implementation,” Issue 1046, March/April 2020 Issue), the December report was still under review. But by February of this year the report was finally approved by the Executive Task Force, and the internal rollout of this strategy has begun!

The plan incorporates thousands of hours of stakeholder involvement and input and has been summarized into four main categories:

1. **Marketing and Outreach**
2. **Programs and Education**
3. **Modernization and Technology**
4. **Evaluation and Metrics**

Within each of these broad categories contain numerous principal recommendations that have met five important criteria. Those **SMART** items must be:

- **Specific**
- **Measurable**
- **Achievable**

- **Realistic and relevant**
- **Time-frame specific**

And under each main category the list of action items is divided into two areas of responsibility: 1) CDFW and 2) the NGO stakeholders. Furthermore, the Plan encourages the NGOs to implement each of their tasks commensurate and compatible with their own organization’s mission and membership; to collaborate and share resources and ideas with all

of the stakeholders, agencies and NGOs alike; and to contribute to a positive, socially acceptable, publicly supportive and encouraging environment (directly and through social media) that fosters the acceptance of fishing, hunting and the shooting sports. To see the entire list of action items please go to nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=177571&inline.

Because the R3 Program is a collaborative effort, stakeholders such as CRPA and other shooting and conservation organizations also have a list of actions that are compatible, supportive and complementary to those of CDFW. CRPA has implemented and continues to implement many of those actions. Following is a short list of the responsibilities the NGOs will take on:

- Integrate each NGO’s electronic resources available to the public with the CDFW’s webpage; evaluate, improve and digitize all printed hunting and fishing resources. Create a position or designate an existing volunteer or staff to coordinate these activities with the R3 program and have this person be trained or capable similarly to CDFW R3 staff.

CRPA IS PROUD TO BE A LEADING MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA HUNTING & CONSERVATION COALITION

California Hunting and Conservation Coalition (Coalition) members include all the major hunting and natural resource conservation groups in California. Coalition members are united to ensure a strong future for wildlife conservation by protecting and expanding hunting and fishing opportunities throughout California and supporting wildlife management decisions based on the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation. The Coalition works to make sure these decisions are based on the best available science and sound management strategies.



The Coalition’s primary goal is to ensure that wildlife populations thrive in perpetuity and that our traditional hunting and fishing heritage will be guaranteed for all Californians, for generations to come.

Coalition efforts are badly needed in these times of great challenges to our hunting heritage but also in times of great opportunities.

CDFW GOALS

Following is an abbreviated list of goals set for the CDFW. Within many of these items there are even more specific tasks that need to be done to accomplish the objectives.

- Create a marketing campaign with a focus on wild food to reach non-traditional hunting and fishing audiences.
- Create marketing and outreach materials that more fully embrace the shooting sports—archery, target shooting, rifle, shotgun and pistol ranges, youth shooting leagues—as worthwhile, valuable and important.
- Generate statewide maps to show where shooting sports occur.
- Use existing social media and online resources (YouTube, Facebook, etc.) to help initiate and recruit new participants.
- Evaluate existing print and electronic CDFW hunting and fishing resources and change to improve effectiveness, relevancy, inclusivity, appeal and user-friendly aspects.
- Develop and expand outreach efforts to major metropolitan areas. Work closely with media outlets to get the message out.
- Expand educational and access programs to the public.
- Develop a public target range grant program utilizing existing and new funding resources to modernize, enhance, develop and improve safety at target ranges, public and private.
- Increase the amount of new hunter education instructors and increase the number and the availability of courses geographically. Offer more Advanced Hunter Education courses to include “how-to” subjects.
- Expand the Fishing in the City Program: expand to new waters, increase events and fish stocking numbers, adjust programs to appeal to all age groups and work closely with aquaculture facilities to establish a reduced-cost method of acquiring warmwater fish species.
- Pursue efforts to open additional lands to public access for hunting and fishing. Identify city, county, state and federal lands not currently accessible to the public for hunting or fishing and identify barriers that could be overcome to open these lands. Develop a prioritized list of those potentially opened lands. Initiate the appropriate regulatory process to open identified lands.
- Improve the CDFW Lands Viewer program aimed at hunting opportunities.
- Shift license pricing and product mix to the Fish and Game Commission; explore license pricing and product mixes against other alternatives aiming to achieve increased participation and added value for the customer; shift to a 365-day fishing license; implement more mobile licensing apps that improve purchasing, validating, reporting, etc.

THE CORE PRINCIPLES OF NAM

Proper ecological stewardship and natural resource management through hunting, trapping and strategic depredation efforts are critical components of maintaining ecological balance. Hunters and anglers provide the vast majority of funding for natural resource conservation efforts through license fees and federal excise taxes paid.

The traditional science-based and experience-proven North American Model (NAM) of Wildlife Conservation approach to natural resource management has been used to successfully maintain balanced population levels of diverse wildlife species for many decades. Consistent with NAM, hunters and anglers obey conservation regulations, adopt safe practices and adhere to a code of ethics.

Animal rights extremist groups that oppose hunting (see humanewatch.org and huntfortruth.org) advocate abandoning the NAM in favor of an unbalanced and unscientific approach to species management that would deliberately make hunting unsustainable. These groups promote a model that would encourage predator species populations to explode. These unchecked predator populations would decimate game species and endanger suburban neighborhoods.

Through education, mentorship and example, CRPA supports and promotes the NAM. CRPA opposes the ongoing duplicitous efforts of animal rights extremist groups and fights the unscientific and unbalanced approach they advocate at the Capital, the California Fish and Game Commission and in the courtrooms!

- Wildlife belongs to the people and is held in the public trust. It is managed in trust for the people by government agencies.

- It is illegal to sell the meat of any wild animal in North America.

- Laws developed by people and enforced by government agencies ensure the proper use and conservation of wildlife resources.

- Every law-abiding citizen has the right and privilege to hunt and fish and should have the opportunity.

- Humans can legally kill certain wildlife for legitimate purposes under strict guidelines for food and fur, in self-defense or property protection. Laws are in place to restrict casual killing, killing for commercial purposes, wasting of game and mistreating wildlife.

- Because wildlife and fish freely migrate across boundaries between states, provinces and countries, they are considered an international resource.

- The best science available will be used as a basis for informed decision-making on wildlife management.

- Recruit adults new to the sport via a beginner-oriented, closed adult onset Facebook group that is politically neutral and inclusive.

- Create a webpage that links to CDFW website that promotes conservation and how that organization contributes to the R3 effort; integrate NGO calendar of events with CDFW calendar; allow access reciprocally.

- Share any and all of the CDFW (and other NGO) resources via media outlets and social media.

- Collaborate with and use CDFW programs and outreach materials to cross-promote events and R3 efforts.

- Conduct at least two adult onset events each year.

- Monitor trends and demographics within the organization and share

on a regular basis with CDFW and other stakeholders to assist in improving programs and R3 efforts.

- Participate in an inter-governmental agency's team to identify federal, state, county and city lands not currently accessible to the public for hunting.

- Continue to work closely with all other R3 stakeholders.

Many of these activities are already being done by CRPA and other conservation organizations. What is needed is expansion on these and to continue with an open mind and innovation. Coordination with all stakeholders is key as well as sharing resources and being supportive of every organization's R3 efforts. The future of our way of life—our shoot-

ing, hunting and fishing heritage—is in our own hands. Do your part, too! Participate in a shooting or conservation group of your choice, support youth and adult onset programs to get more involvement, contribute with your time and personal resources if you can, be vocal and demonstrative in your social circle, and, of course, always vote and support those elected officials who champion our causes and implement good programs. Pursue your hunting, fishing and shooting tradition with passion and share it with someone new!

For more information on the R3 Program go to wildlife.ca.gov/R3.

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► Liz Smith with a 4.56-pound bass and Rod Smith with a 30-pound catfish. (ROD & LIZ SMITH)

LAKE BERRYESSA BASS FISHING

BY ELIZABETH Q. SMITH

Readers may be wondering why they're seeing a fishing article in a gun-related magazine such as *California Firing Line*. Well, many of the anglers I fish with are not only gun owners but hunters as well as fishermen. You may have noticed that there are some politicians who are hell-bent on silencing Conservatives by seizing all of their firearms and ammunition. It's prudent for both



► **Lake Berryessa.** (CA FISH & GAME)

gun enthusiasts and anglers to make a united front against these overbearing government individuals who would steal our Second Amendment rights, hoping that it would cut the legs from beneath us and leave us defenseless as did the dictators in the past such as Hitler, Mao and Stalin.

In case you're not familiar with Berryessa, it's one of the largest lakes in Napa County also known as Wine Country of Northern California. With a good rainfall, the lake covers 20,000 acres. This makes Lake Berryessa approximately 15.5 miles long but 3 miles wide. Unlike some lakes that are "round," Berryessa has "fingers" which lead into numerous coves. Primary inflows are known as Putah Creek, Pope Creek, Capell Creek and Eticuera Creek. The primary outflow is Putah Creek. The maximum depth of Berryessa is 275 feet.

The lake is known to hold approximately 521 billion gallons of water, but what happens afterwards when it reaches its capacity? In 2017 and 2019, the Bay Area experienced torrential rains that filled up the lake. Water rushed through the bell-shaped spillway known as the "Morning Glory Hole." Water hadn't flowed through the "Glory Hole" (as we locals prefer to call it) since 2006 due to the extensive drought we were experiencing. When engineers



► **The Glory Hole** taken by CA Fish & Game. (CA FISH & GAME)

built the Monticello Dam in 1957, the spillway was constructed to be 72 feet in diameter. The "pipe" has a straight drop of 200 feet; the diameter then shrinks to 28 feet. Rushing lake water then flows downstream into Putah Creek and makes its way into the Yolo Bypass.

Hunting is allowed in the Knoxville Wildlife Area. The area covers 21,500 acres which is a combination of the 300,000-acre Blue Ridge/Berryessa Natural Area of Napa, Lake, Colusa and Yolo Counties. It's always prudent to check with the Department of Fish and Game for hunting permits and open hunting seasons for specific

game. Since this area is heavily wooded, there is abundant game consisting of deer, turkey, quail, rabbit, gray squirrel, dove, pigeon and bear.

Last summer, we attended one of our monthly bass tournaments on Lake Berryessa. It tends to heat up very fast during the summer, so as a club, we decided to launch at 6 a.m. from Capell Cove and return for the weigh-in at 1:00 p.m. That would help the fish avoid being overly stressed in the live wells. As bass tournament rules dictate, each team must catch a limit of five live bass, no shorter than 13 inches in length. The objective for each team is to bring in the most

weight (heaviest sack) and hopefully, a big fish. There is a deduction in points for each dead fish brought in—that gives everyone the incentive to work really hard to keep their fish thriving in the live wells in the boat. Bass boats are equipped with aerator systems that circulate oxygen in the water to keep the bass healthy and animated.

My husband Rod and I caught most of our fish by 10:30 a.m. The water temperature was approximately 75 degrees, and the fish were considered shallow at 7 feet. The air temperature was 86 degrees with very little breeze. I put my hand into the water to test it out; it felt like bath water. Because of the heat, the fish were sluggish. My fish were caught with Yamamoto

Senko rigged, weightless, wacky style lure and dead sticking. For those of you who aren't familiar with dead sticking, it means you don't twitch your plastic bait but allow the water current to move it. In other words, be very patient and try not to take a nap!

We were able to cull the smaller fish at least three times. My "Big Fish" weighed in at 4.56 pounds, but the largest bass I've caught on Berryessa was 6.03 pounds. However, the most ginormous fish was a 30-pound catfish that Rod had to help me get into the boat. We net our fish to prevent them from being harmed by falls, but that catfish barely fit into the net!

It was a lot of fun to get some fresh air, admire a pair of nesting Osprey (we could hear their chicks demand-

ing to be fed) and win the tournament with the Big Fish and heaviest sack. I hope this article will encourage other anglers to join the CRPA. We all want to keep the open spaces available for our future generations, but we can't do that if we can't spread the word.

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NEW CALIFORNIA LAW HAMMERS POACHERS

I am sure many of you have heard the story about William Valden, an El Dorado County resident recently fined \$20,000 for illegally baiting and taking a trophy deer on his property.

In addition to the fine, Valden will serve time through a work project, be wearing an ankle monitor, ordered to surrender his rifle and game camera and is under a 3-year probation in which he is not allowed to hunt! Rather than focus on the facts of how this incredible case was made, I'd like to focus on the rest of the story and how it is that poachers are finally receiving penalties deserving of the crime! As many of you know, I dedicated a career to the protection of California's incredible wildlife resources. Therefore, I have a very short fuse for individuals who feel that the rules just do not apply to them.



BY ROY GRIFFITH
CRPA
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► Weapons used to poach wild animals. (ROY GRIFFITH)

for the most part only misdemeanors, greatly restricting judges' ability to impose the fines these actions deserved. Now, when an illegally poached animal meets the criteria as outlined in California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 748.6 and implemented by Fish and Game Code Section 12013.3, judges shall fine an individual not less than \$5,000 and up to \$40,000! The CRPA proudly supported AB 1162 in 2012 and is equally proud today to see it being implemented and hitting poachers where it hurts, in the pocketbook!

However, one needs to understand it is not just about the money!

Poachers screw things up for everyone—nature lovers and hunter conservationists alike. They typically take these animals when they are most vulnerable at night, during the rut, on private property and other areas closed to hunting. These trophy class animals are a loss to the genetic diversity of the herd and stolen from law-abiding hunters who dream of the opportunity to harvest one. Additionally, each year, access to huntable land is lost as more landowners grow tired of the actions of poachers and have just had enough. It only takes the illegal actions of just so few to give thousands of law-abid-

ing hunters a bad name!

I recently had the opportunity to talk to Warden David Moskat who made this incredible case. This successful prosecution resulted from a lengthy investigation starting with observations he made while in the area investigating, YES, another deer poaching case! Warden Moskat told me, "Sadly, this is not a unique case; these violations are committed regularly throughout California. We need more citizens to get involved and take action when they see something out of place." Warden Moskat praised El Dorado County Deputy District Attorney Erin Tognetti saying, "Her tenacity in seeing this case through makes me want to work that much harder. We have not historically received that kind of support." Warden Moskat added, "I am very fortunate to work in a County where

I have a very short fuse for individuals who feel that the rules just do not apply to them.

we have the support of both the District Attorney's Office and the County Fish and Game Commission."

Fact is wardens like David Moskat

are just spread too thin in California to cover the hundreds of miles of coastline, thousands of lakes, millions of acres of land and networks of waterways. They need your help—violations can be reported 24 hours a day via CALTIP (1 888-334-2258); or anyone with a cell phone may send an anonymous tip to CDFW by texting "CALTIP," followed by a space and the message, to 847411. Or download the free CALTIP Smartphone app via Google Play Store and iTunes app store.

Besides protecting your wildlife and the habitat they need to thrive, wardens keep California's water safe to drink. So, hats off to Warden Dave Moskat and his fellow California wardens for being out there, risking their lives and protecting our incredible wildlife resources for generations to come! **CRPA**

HUNTERS' CODE OF ETHICS

- Follow the rules of firearm and hunting safety. Insist that fellow hunters do the same.
- Respect the environment and wildlife. Study the ecosystem. Tread lightly. Leave no trash behind.
- Do not waste game or fish. Make full use of any animal taken. Take only what you will use, even if it is under the legal limit.
- Use only fair and humane methods of taking wildlife. Develop your hunting and shooting skills as necessary to ensure clean, sportsmanlike kills.

- Know your fitness, skill and equipment limitations. Hunt within those limits.
- Obey all hunting regulations. Hunt with the appropriate license and tags only in allowed areas during designated times and seasons. Obey bag and possession limits. Use only legal hunting methods and equipment. Report game law violations immediately.
- Ask landowner for permission to hunt and respect the land. Close any gates you open. Say thank you.
- Be considerate of non-hunters'

sensibilities. Strive to leave them with positive images of hunting and hunters.

- Don't flaunt your kill. Be as discreet as possible. Treat game carcasses in an inoffensive manner, particularly during transport.
- Generally conduct yourself in a sportsmanlike manner. Hunt according to "fair chase." Require the same of your hunting partners.
- Support NAM wildlife conservation programs and urge policymakers to support strong NAM-based conservation initiatives.
- Teach others the skills, techniques, rules and ethics of hunting. Pass these ethical hunting practices along to younger hunters.

BEAR

THE MALIGNED FOOD SOURCE

The past 50 years of hunting and conservation have been witness to a wide variety of pendulum swings on the subject of carrying capacity which is roughly defined as how many of a particular animal population can the land sustain without damage.



BY RICK TRAVIS
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

In the case of bears and California, the capacity was reported to be around 28,000. Current estimates from various sources put the number in the low-to mid-30,000 range and climbing. This in itself is not good for bears as a species. The over-carrying capacity is largely due to what causes the pendulum to swing wildly—social capacity.

Social capacity is how society in general is directed by, historically and currently, less than 5% of the general public to feel on any issue.

In the case of bears, society over the past 500 years has revered them as almost human to seeing them as the harbinger of all things evil. The truth is that bears are a beautiful part of our natural resources and need to be managed. In order to do that we as conservationists need to educate the public about the truth about bears in California.

HISTORY OF BEARS IN CALIFORNIA

The bear is arguably the most iconic animal in California thanks to our state's history as the short-lived "Bear Republic" and now our state flag. There are some myths that have passed down through the years about the California Grizzly. The California Grizzly was originally called *Ursus arctos horribilis* or "terrifying

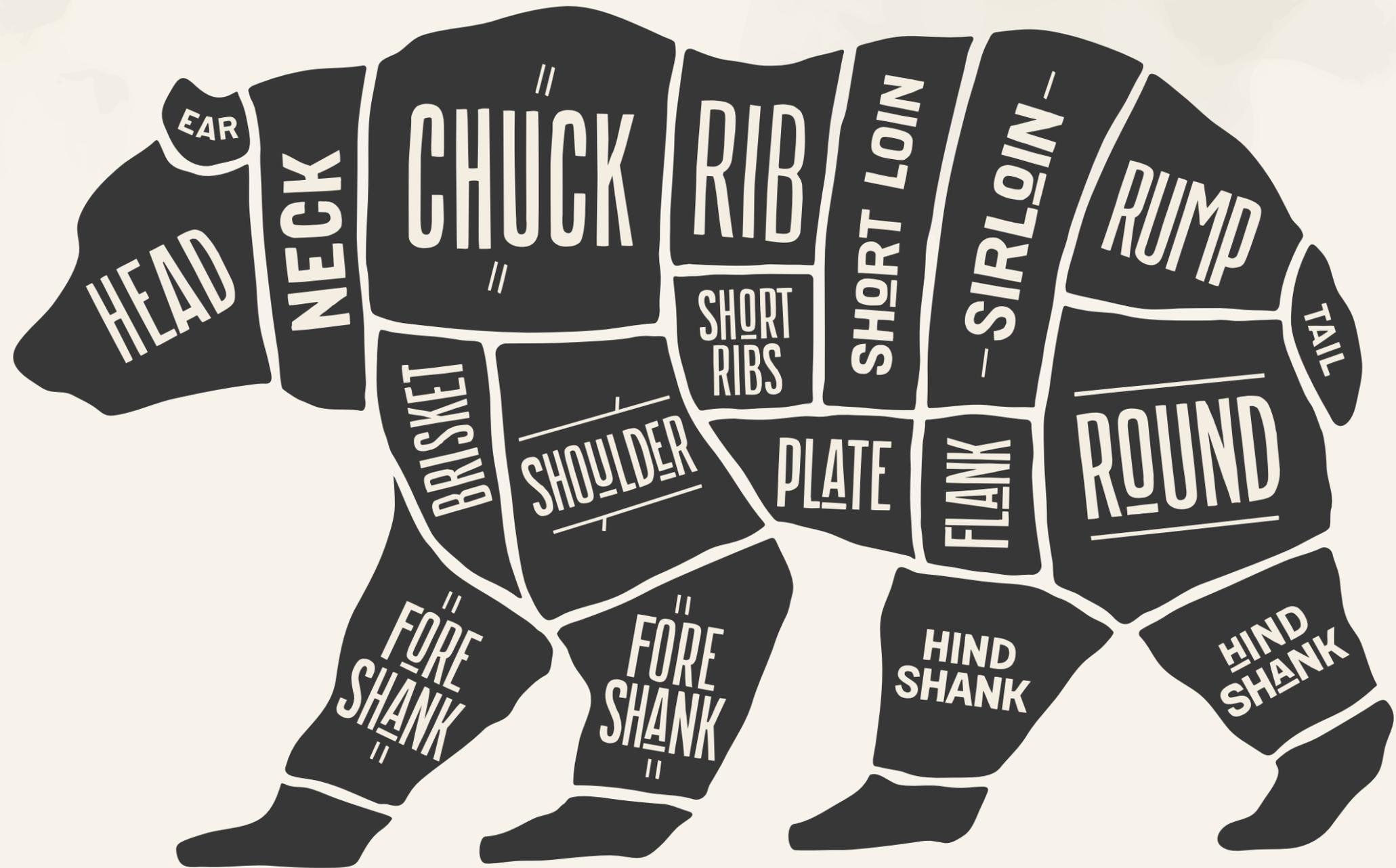
bear." It was later more accurately classified as *Ursus arctos* which means "Brown Bear" and given the subspecies *californicus* meaning the "California Grizzly Bear."

It is estimated at the time of the Portolá expedition, which first mentioned California Grizzlies, that an estimated 10,000 bears ranged the state until the last one

was hunted down south of Sequoia National Park in 1924 bringing the population to extinction. This gross mismanagement of wildlife was fed by sensationalized media pushing to have them eradicated. Today the pendulum, through various groups, is attempting to reintroduce up to 500 Grizzly Bears in the state based on carrying capacity models. At the

time of this writing, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has rejected the plan.

The remaining two species of bears are found divided by the Klamath Mountains and are the *Ursus americana californiensis* (California Black Bear) and the *Ursus americana altifornensis* (Northwestern or American Black Bear). The Klamath Mountains start on the north coast of



California extending into the Pacific Northwest, and that is where the *Ursus americana altiforentalis* is found. Both species come in a wide range of colors from black to brown to cinnamon to blond and is also known as the "Spirit Bear." They range in weight for an adult male of 130 to 600 pounds, but one was caught in Yosemite National Park and was just over 700 pounds. Females typically are found to be around 200 pounds.

Understanding a bit of history of the American Black Bear in California is important when it comes to understanding the maligned attitude toward hunting, conservation and the consumption of bears as a food source. I have sat at table and merely mentioned the concept of bear meat only to watch fellow conservationists turn up their nose as if I suggested to a group of 6-year-olds that liver and dumplings were on the menu.

Bear meat is nutritionally low in sodium and provides in a serving over 100% of your daily B12 riboflavin, iron and zinc needs. It is high in protein and has zero carbs which is something for people on Atkins, Keto and other low-carb diets to consider. Like most natural game meats, bear is an advantageous addition to your diet over mass-produced, additive-filled options at the supermarket.

The question that remains on the tip of your tongue is, does it taste good? This is where the adage of "you are what you eat" comes into sharp focus when it comes to bear meat. The other adage is one every hunter should know: "Game meat preparation starts in the field not in the kitchen." Remember both of these when others speak disparagingly of any game meat. Nine out of 10 times, the issue is meat preparation with any animal that does not taste good.

PREPARING BEAR

The very first thing you have to do once you have taken your bear is to move quickly to remove the hide and the fat so the meat does not spoil. Once the hide is removed, make sure you have brought storage containers for the bear fat. When you get home you need to render this fat down into oil that you will use for everything from pie crusts to flaky croissants to biscuits, other dessert delicacies and

The meat of the bear is a labor of love that requires you to remove all of the hidden fat and connective tissue that results in some of the finest meat ever.

even an amazing treatment for your leather boots! Once you have done so, you will have many requests for those items over the non-bear alternatives.

The meat of the bear is a labor of love that requires you to remove all of the hidden fat and connective tissue that results in some of the finest meat ever. Some important notes of differences in bear meat cooking strategies over other game meat can

be found in today's cut of choice ... the backstrap. The backstrap of all big game meat provides excellent steak cuts. In the case of ungulates (deer, elk, caribou, antelope), you would want to cook them to medium rare but never well-done. In the case of bear you want to cook your backstrap well-done.

Bear meat is a slow-cooked meat. It lends itself to slow cookers so think bear meat stew, chili, tamales, roasts, shredded bear tacos and sloppy bear sandwiches. These are the times served with a bear-inspired pastry for dessert that make people fall in love with this food source.

Some of you may have been turned off by the scary word of *trichinosis*. So let's remember that we always cook pork until well-done because of that little worm. The rule is that trichinosis is found in many meats both on farms and in the wild. When cooked to a temperature of 165 degrees, the worm dies. I always cook to 175 to be safe and therefore serve bear well-done. In the case of my beloved shredded bear street tacos, I cook the bear roast for 8 1/2 hours to about 220 to 230 degrees so the meat shreds easily, and there is zero chance of trichinosis. Don't worry about trichinosis, as I bet it never comes to mind in any of the pork products you cook. Trichinosis can also be safely avoided by freezing your meat for a full month before you serve it.

Hunting is conservation, and for the past few years the number of bears sighted in bear and deer season has steadily increased beyond carrying capacity. Consider obtaining a bear tag this fall and adding bear meat to your family diet. You will be glad you did. **CRPA**

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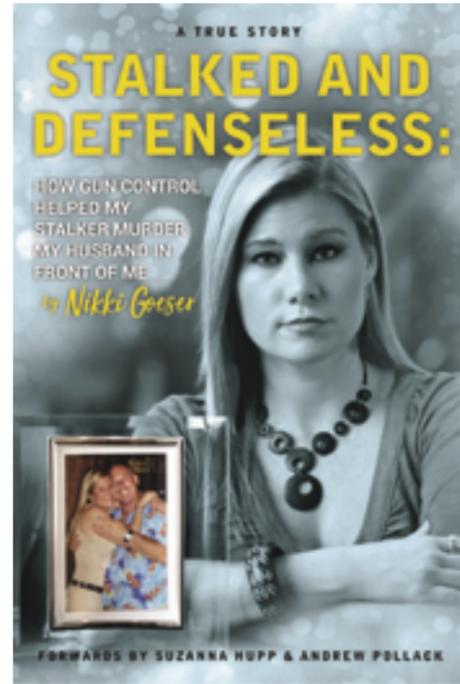
STALKED AND DEFENSELESS:

HOW GUN CONTROL HELPED MY STALKER MURDER MY HUSBAND IN FRONT OF ME

BY NIKKI GOESER

For Nikki Goeser it was a day like any other ... with one exception. Her husband, Ben, had only 16 hours to live. On that fateful day in Tennessee, the man she loved would be murdered by a demented and evil coward who was stalking her. In compliance with state law, Nikki left her legal firearm locked in the car. With the help of legislatively created pistol-free zones, one evil

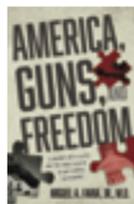
man gunned down Nikki's husband as she was forced to look on, alone, defenseless and disarmed by an ill-conceived law designed to protect her. Read this inspiring story of courage through remorse, as one woman struggles to seek justice for the man she loves. Follow Nikki Goeser as she fights to ensure that others are never held victim to the same terrible fate. **CRPA**



AMERICA, GUNS, AND FREEDOM

BY MIGUEL A. FARIA, JR., M.D.

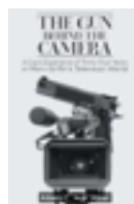
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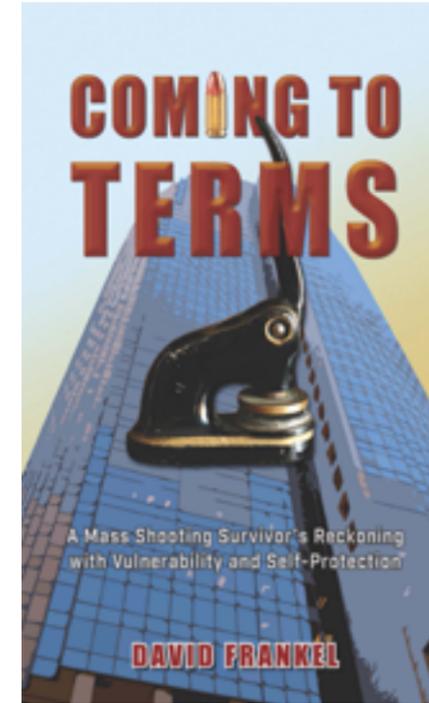
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COMING TO TERMS: A MASS SHOOTING SURVIVOR'S STORY

BY DAVID FRANKEL

At 2:57 p.m. on July 1, 1993, a 55-year-old failed entrepreneur entered the 101 California Street office building in San Francisco and made his way to the offices of the law firm of Pettit & Martin on the 34th floor. He had three handguns with him. He got off the elevator, put in some ear plugs and opened fire on anyone he saw. The gunman's reasons for targeting the firm remain largely unknown. David Frankel, a young corporate lawyer, was there that day, working on closing a business deal. As he worked with the lawyers on the other side of the deal to "come to terms" on the contract memorializing their agreement, he learned of the shooter and did what he could to survive. He hid in a small concealed alcove and frantically tried to find a weapon to defend himself. The best he could find was a heavy corporate embosser "seal" that he hoped to



use as a bludgeon if the killer found him. After roaming the 34th floor, the shooter moved down one floor through an internal staircase and

kept shooting.

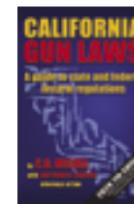
The attack continued on several floors before the shooter committed suicide as San Francisco Police closed in. Eight people were killed in the attack, and six others were injured.

Coming to Terms is the story of David Frankel's post-traumatic, stressful journey from victim, to survivor, to gun control advocate, to self-defense and gun rights advocate. It is a journey filled with fear of being a victim, false hope in government, acceptance of vulnerability, reflection on the inability of laws to keep one safe and ultimately acceptance of personal responsibility for one's own safety. In short, David tells the story of his post-incident intellectual and emotional reckoning and of his coming to terms with these realities. **CRPA**

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