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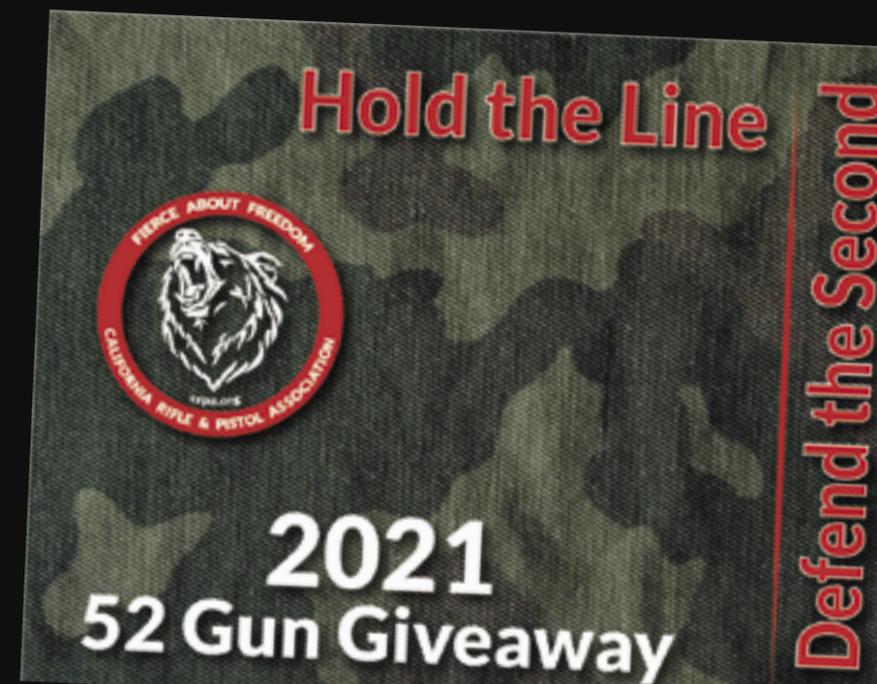
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2021 IS A YEAR FOR GROWTH

BY CHUCK MICHEL
CRPA PRESIDENT
& GENERAL COUNSEL

Thank goodness we are finally putting 2020 in the rearview mirror and looking ahead to

2021! What does the New Year hold for you and for California gun owners? For the California Rifle & Pistol Association, 2021 holds growth opportunities, increased gunowner engagement across the state and more wins for you! CRPA stands proudly as the state's leading, oldest and largest California-based group advocating for the right to choose to own a gun for sport or to defend yourself or your family.

CRPA is the voice for you and hundreds of thousands of California gun owners to push back for your rights and freedoms. We continue to fight back against oppressive gun laws and regulations pushed by elitist politicians and bureaucrats who don't believe citizens have the right

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to choose to own a firearm. Our full-time legislative advocate works in Sacramento and locally to stop the ridiculous and useless gun bans that politicians relentlessly propose. Even in rigged political environments, we are stopping

a lot of bad bills! CRPA lawsuits are making a difference! CRPA's *Duncan v. Becerra* case resulted in a federal court in San Diego blocking the law that would have banned possession of magazines that can hold more



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—John Cakars, Senior Life Member, Albany, CA

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(PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, CONT.)

than 10 rounds from going into effect. CRPA's *Rhode v. Becerra* case resulted in a federal court blocking implementation of Governor Newsom's ammunition purchase bans. The state has appealed those great rulings, so now CRPA is fighting to hold on to those wins and get more!

CRPA is also fighting in court against California's "assault weapon" ban, corrupt practices in refusing to issue licenses to carry a firearm in public, excessive fees to buy a firearm and many other pointless and extreme gun laws. It is quite likely that one of CRPA's Second Amendment cases will be heard by the United States Supreme Court!

CRPA has also improved and expanded its public outreach and messaging program through our CRPAnews and CRPATV productions and our improvements to CRPA's *California Firing Line* magazine. We've expanded our social media presence, expanded our youth and women's training programs, greatly increased the number of

shooting events that we sponsor each year and increased our efforts to protect the right to hunt against the animal rights extremists who are using California as ground zero in their effort to ban hunting entirely.

CRPA is also expanding our volunteers and grassroots program and opening CRPA local Chapters across the state. Volunteers are our most powerful weapon! And the CRPA PAC is having a bigger impact on campaigns and elections at the state and local levels. We are using technology and human resources to get it done. CRPA has increased our staff size significantly to handle the additional workload, and we have opened a new CRPA Training Center in Fullerton to provide the instruction and classes that bring people into the hunting and shooting sports.

Thanks for your support and be sure to look at all our programs featured in this year's calendar. Each month brings something new!

Wishing you a joyous, prosperous and pro-2A New Year!

— Chuck

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SHIFTING VALUES AND

SHAKY GROUND

BY TIFFANY D. CHEVRONT

You may hear the screams and gnashing of teeth from the democrats who are furious at the confirmation and swearing in of Justice Amy Coney Barrett.

My first thought is “why are they so scared?” If all of their favorite decisions that have been handed down over the years are so strong and founded in the law, then what do they have to fear? The fact is that many of these decisions are not founded in constitutional principles and are in fact judge-made laws. Democrats know this.

On October 26, 2020, Senator Blumenthal gave his comments, like other Democrats for hours on end, about the harms that a constitutional originalist would bring to the Supreme Court and to the country as a whole during the vote to confirm Justice Barrett. He noted that having a Justice on the Court who believes it is up to the government to prove that a person is dangerous and should not own guns was “radical.” Senator Blumenthal, a licensed attorney, should know better. While the initial burden to prove facts may fall on the plaintiff (the party bringing the suit against the government) in a civil suit, once those preliminary issues have been proven, the burden often times does shift to the government to prove their actions pass the constitutional muster.

The government has restrictions on when and how they can interfere with your constitutional rights. The reason that there are so many lawsuits against the state of California is because people challenge the right of the state to infringe upon their rights as citizens. Typically in a state like California, the government is overreaching in its ability to do something. Whenever a government actor attempts to take



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Democrats know that they must have their people in place in order to win.

action against a constitutional right (say banning online sales of ammunition or forcing you to get rid of lawfully purchased magazines), he or she must have a “compelling government purpose,” and that purpose must be “narrowly tailored to meet that purpose.” This is called “strict scrutiny” and is the standard that most constitutional

questions are based upon. Both Judge Benitez (federal district court) and the Ninth Circuit discussed this in the *Duncan v. Becerra* rulings. When a shift happens in a case, it is the government that must bear the burden of proof as to why its actions should be upheld.

This is constitutional law 101, and it is shocking that government officials like Senator Blumenthal would attempt to mislead the American people into thinking that this is a “radical” way of looking at the Constitution. If “activist” judges can interpret “the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed” to mean something other than what those words plainly state, then what other laws are being wrongly interpreted in courts across the country? What other courtrooms invite political pandering rather than a pure application of the law?

Gun control groups that support the campaigns of these elected officials

and the nominations of these activists judges are doing this because they *know* that the actions they take are outside the scope of the Constitution, and they are hoping to win in the courts that they set up. Why do you think Bloomberg invested \$38 million dollars in California elections over the past several years? Democrats know that they must have their people in place in order to win. Without setting the stage for their agenda, they don't win.

Enter the latest nomination of Justice Amy Coney Barrett by President Trump. The Constitution places a president in power until peaceful transfer or after serving for two terms. United States Senators hold that office for 6 years after election. Nothing in the Constitution states that they cease to do their duty in an election year. This has pitted party against party—Republicans stating that they are doing their duty to the voters who placed them there and Democrats threatening retaliation for adding another constitutional originalist to the court. Democrats and their gun-control groupies know that they stand on shaky ground, and they are scared to death that a case like *Duncan v. Becerra* (regarding magazines) or *Rhode v. Becerra* (regarding ammunition) will make it to the High Court and establish lasting national precedent against their agendas. Senator Blumenthal even mentioned *Duncan v. Becerra* in his remarks this week as a case that sits at the doorstep of the Supreme Court, and Justice Barrett may just be the vote that rules in favor of gun owners.

Never more than in recent months have we seen the importance of the right to bear arms. There are an estimated 1 million new gun owners in California due to the panic from COVID-19 and civil unrest. This is happening in a state where gun control groups and politicians have run rampant for decades in an effort to



► **Washington, DC—October 10, 2020:** Demonstrators in support for the confirmation of Judge Amy Coney Barrett's appointment to the Supreme Court. (PHIL PASQUINI/SHUTTERSTOCK.COM)

There is a fight going on in our country for our very way of life and the Constitution.

destroy your rights, yet when it all hits the fan, citizens turn to the one thing that will keep their loved ones safe. The rhetoric from those groups went right out the window, and common sense came flooding back into our state. When you hear the various sides arguing about the Constitution, remember this: It is a fight for your right

to own a firearm, but it's not just about that. There is a fight going on in our country for our very way of life and the Constitution. It is a fight about our rights and the literal interpretation of the words in our Constitution versus the activists' interpretation meant to fit their agenda. Whether you are a new gun owner or a life-long gun owner, recognizing the inflamed rhetoric of our time and having a foundational understanding of the Constitution and how it is applied is essential to keeping the rights we hold most dear. **CRPA**

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CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR SIGNS

NEW ANTI-GUN BILLS



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BY MATT D. CUBEIRO

California's leading anti-gun politician Governor Gavin Newsom signed several bills that will once again amend and expand California's already exhaustive list of firearm laws. Most of these bills will take effect on January 1, 2021, unless expressly noted otherwise. In addition to these new laws, the California Department of Justice (DOJ) Bureau of Firearms has also made several regulatory changes this year that gun owners need to be aware of. To better assist

our members in understanding the effects of these bills and the DOJ's regulatory changes, we have prepared the following information. (Be sure to subscribe to CRPA email alerts to stay informed on any regulatory changes as a result of these bills, as well as any updates on firearm-related litigation.)

I. ASSEMBLY BILL 2061—DOJ INSPECTIONS OF AMMO VENDORS AND GUN SHOWS

Allows the DOJ to inspect any firearm dealer, ammunition vendor or manufacturer participating in a gun show. This bill also allows the DOJ to conduct inspections of licensed ammunition vendors at the vendor's place of business. The bill

also requires the DOJ to adopt any necessary regulations regarding such inspections.

II. ASSEMBLY BILL 2362—CIVIL FINES FOR FIREARM DEALER LICENSE VIOLATIONS

This bill would, beginning July 1, 2022, impose civil fines on California-licensed firearm dealers of \$1,000–\$3,000 for any breach of a prohibition or requirement that subjects a dealer's license to forfeiture.

III. ASSEMBLY BILL 2617—OUT-OF-STATE GVROS EFFECTIVE IN CALIFORNIA

This bill extends California's firearm prohibition for individuals subject to a gun violence restraining order (GVRO)



to any valid order issued by an out-of-state jurisdiction equivalent to a California GVRO. For the restriction to apply, the order must have been issued upon a showing of “clear and convincing” evidence that the person poses a significant danger of causing personal injury to himself or another because of owning or possessing firearms or ammunition.

IV. ASSEMBLY BILL 2699—LAW ENFORCEMENT EXCEPTIONS TO HANDGUN ROSTER

This bill adds several state law enforcement agencies to the list of

The *Duncan* decision struck down California's statewide prohibitions on magazines—for now.

agencies exempt from California’s “unsafe handgun” restrictions. Only the agencies themselves, not their individual sworn officers, are exempt (but the agency may still equip its officers with such handguns owned by the agency).

In addition, previously exempt officers of expressly listed agencies are now restricted to handguns “for use as a service weapon.” What’s more, such officers will also be required to complete a POST basic course and a live-fire qualification every 6 months as a condition of carrying the handgun.

1. With the Support of CRPA, Franklin Armory will be challenging this law in court. More information regarding that challenge can be found at crpa.org/news/blogs/crpa-and-franklin-armory-take-on-the-doj.

V. ASSEMBLY BILL 2847—CHANGES TO CALIFORNIA'S HANDGUN ROSTER

This bill revises the definition of an *unsafe handgun* as applied to California’s microstamping requirement while also implementing procedures for the removal of handguns lacking microstamping that are listed on California’s roster. Specifically, the bill will only require microstamping on one or more places on the interior surfaces of the pistol (previously two or more). But

for every new handgun equipped with microstamping that is added to the roster, three handguns will be removed (selected in reverse order of their dates of addition to the roster, beginning with the handgun added on the earliest date).

VI. SENATE BILL 118—“OTHER” FIREARMS LABELED “ASSAULT WEAPON” / PRECURSOR PARTS

This bill labels certain “other”

firearms (firearms that do not meet the legal definition of a rifle, pistol or shotgun) as “assault weapons” as of September 1, 2020. This bill appears to be in direct response to Franklin Armory’s “Title 1” firearm.¹ Individuals who lawfully owned such firearms prior to that date must register them with the DOJ as “assault weapons” by January 1, 2022, in accordance with the DOJ regulations which have yet to be implemented.

In addition, this bill also expedites the implementation of California’s “precursor part” (generally defined as *unfinished frames or receivers*) restrictions enacted following the adoption of Assembly Bill 879 in 2019. These requirements will now take effect July 1, 2022.

VII. SENATE BILL 723—OUTSTANDING WARRANTS TRIGGERING FIREARM PROHIBITIONS

This bill clarifies that existing firearm prohibitions for individuals subject to outstanding warrants only apply to persons with “actual knowledge” of the warrant.

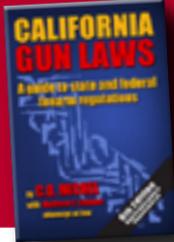
VIII. SENATE BILL 914 (VETOED)—LOANS TO MINORS / HUNTING LICENSE EXCEPTION

This bill has been vetoed by the governor and as a result will not take effect. You can read Governor Newsom’s veto message at gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/SB-914.pdf.

IX. REGULATORY CHANGES FOR 2020

UNIQUE SERIAL NUMBER APPLICATION PROCESS

On January 28, 2020, the DOJ’s formal regulations amending the application process for unique serial numbers were adopted.² The chang-



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- Classifying certain firearms not otherwise meeting the legal definition of a “rifle,” “pistol,” or “shotgun” as “assault weapons”
- Establishing a \$31.19 fee for all firearm transactions in California
- Modifying California’s microstamping requirements for handguns to be listed on California’s roster of handguns certified for sale in the state and deleting handguns from the existing roster as newer handguns are added
- Imposing additional civil penalties on firearm dealers who breach prohibitions or requirements subjecting their license to forfeiture
- Exempting several state law enforcement agencies from the roster requirement, but with certain restrictions as to handguns
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es implement the provisions of Senate Bill 746, which require new residents moving into California with home-built firearms to apply to the DOJ for a unique serial number within 60 days.

“EMERGENCY” DROS FEE CHANGES

On December 30, 2019, the DOJ adopted “emergency” regulations raising the DROS fee from \$19 to \$31.19.³ This “emergency” regulation took effect on January 1, 2020.

FORMAL REAL ID REGULATIONS

In 2019, the DOJ adopted “emergency” regulations requiring federally compliant identification for all firearm and ammunition transactions. On April 27, 2020, the “emergency” regulations were formalized.⁴

AMMO VENDOR COE REQUIREMENTS

On October 1, 2020, amendments to existing regulations regarding the licensing of ammunition vendors will take effect.⁵ The amendments generally require ammunition vendors to maintain a valid Certificate of Eligibility.

X. PRIOR LEGISLATION TAKING EFFECT

ASSEMBLY BILL 12—GVRO DURATION UP TO 5 YEARS

As of September 1, 2020, courts may now issue a GVRO for up to 5 years (previously only 1 year). Individuals subjected to a GVRO may

petition the court for early termination of that GVRO once per year.

ASSEMBLY BILL 61—WHO CAN PETITION FOR A GVRO?

As of September 1, 2020, employers, coworkers and employees or teachers of a secondary or postsecondary school can now also apply for a GVRO against an individual.

ASSEMBLY BILL 1493—VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF FIREARM RIGHTS

As of September 1, 2020, individuals facing a GVRO may now file a form with the court to voluntarily relinquish their firearm rights for the duration specified on the petition, or if not stated, for 1 year from the date of the proposed hearing.

PENDING LITIGATION

DUNCAN V. BECERRA

On August 14, 2020, a three-judge panel of the Ninth Circuit issued its opinion in the CRPA-supported lawsuit titled, *Duncan v. Becerra*. Their decision struck down California’s statewide prohibitions on magazines—for now. However, the Attorney General is now requesting to rehear the case by a larger 11-judge “en banc” panel of the Ninth Circuit. For more information about the *Duncan* lawsuit and general information regarding the “en banc” process, visit crpa.org/news/alert/duncan-case-update-state-takes-action-against-gun-owners. **RHODE V. BECERRA**

On April 23, 2020, the United States District Court for the Southern District of California issued an order granting an injunction against California’s ammunition transfer restrictions in the CRPA-supported lawsuit *Rhode v. Becerra*. But on the following day, the Ninth Circuit issued an administrative stay of that injunction. The California Attorney General is now appealing the issuance of the injunction to the Ninth Circuit. Be sure to subscribe to CRPA email alerts to stay informed as this case develops.

RUPP V. BECERRA

Filed in response to Senate Bill 880 and Assembly Bill 1135, *Rupp v. Becerra* challenges California’s “assault weapon” restrictions that prohibit the acquisition and possession of the most commonly owned firearms in the United States. Recently, the case was assigned to a three-judge panel of the Ninth Circuit, two of whom were appointed by President Donald Trump. As of this writing, oral arguments were scheduled to take place on October 8, 2020, in Pasadena.

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INNER-CITY GUNS

BY GUY SMITH

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For decades, the raw data has shown that the bulk of gun crimes, woundings and deaths occur in the inner cities and are closely associated with gangs.

What we don't have a great deal of clarity about is why and how this situation has come to dominate gun violence. Forget the statistically rare

mass public shootings, the even more rare terrorist events and even the plummeting rates of gun accidents.

If you are actually serious about "gun safety," then you focus on what is occurring inside major metro areas. Seventeen people died in the Parkland High School shooting. That many high school aged Blacks die every week from gun violence, and these deaths are not tied to mass murders.

Thanks to the Center for Court Innovation, we have some added clarity.

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This is the title of a solid bit of research ("Gotta Make Your Own

Heaven; Guns, Safety and the Edge of Adulthood in New York City" by Swaner, White, Martinez, Camacho, Spate, Alexander, Webb, and Evans, Center for Court Innovation, August 2020) that was published and funded by the federal Department of Justice (eh, what was someone saying about there being a lack of gun violence research funding?).

This is a small study of three neighborhoods in New York, so great caution needs to be taken in expanding this to national conclusions. The study focused intently on "at-risk" young people and their involvement with guns.



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87%
**HAVE OWNED OR
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A point of praise goes to the researchers and anyone else who tries to do a statistically sound review of gang-centric crime. You cannot simply roll into a bad neighborhood and start polling people. The degree of distrust is high among the residents, more so for people not of their neighborhood and positively zero for anyone who might be associated with the law. The researchers used intermediaries who knew the culture, the gangs, the music and such to get many respondents and even get inside of gang buildings.

SOME TOPLINE NUMBERS

Let's start with some hard numbers, and later we'll wrap a little texture around it.

AT-RISK RESPONDENTS, AGES 16-24:

SHOOTINGS

- 81%:** Been shot or shot at
- 88%:** Have a family member or friend who has been shot or shot at
- 70%:** Have witnessed someone being shot

GUN OWNERSHIP AND ACCESS

- 87%:** Have owned or carried a gun
- 68%:** Carry guns in public, 51% at parties or social events
- 58%:** Easy to get a gun if needed (from local networks)
- 63%:** Acquired first gun at ages 14-17 (20% under age 14)

MOTIVATIONS

- 78%:** Live in areas with "a lot of crime"
- 44%:** Hear gunshots at least weekly, 70% at least monthly
- 77%:** Carry guns for safety, 52% feel less likely to be a victim

GANG ELEMENTS

- 95%:** Aware of gangs in their neighborhood
- 93%:** Gangs provide material and emotional support

77%

OF 16-24 YEAR OLDS CARRY GUNS FOR SAFETY

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91%: Believe gangs provide protection for their members

25%: Feel pressure to join a gang

71%: Enjoyed being a gang member

SOCIAL DRIVERS

78%: Reside in public housing

63%: Raised by a single parent

32%: Earn money through illicit jobs

26%: Feel that neighbors trust each other

20%: Their illicit jobs “require” them to carry guns

POLICE

91%: Stopped by police in the last 2 years

88%: Have arrest records

38%: Have gun charges against them

57%: First arrest before age 16

MISCELLANEOUS

Unquantified: High use of marijuana to impede violent reactions, including misusing guns

Unquantified: Sees gangs as a source of love and community they lack at home (keywords: *brotherhood, family*)

SUMMARY OF STATS

Let's summarize the scenarios.

For these people who are prime gangs+crime+guns participants:

- Low family structure, leading to seeking such from the fraternity of gangs

- Live in a crime-plagued neighborhood

- Have easy access to guns via underground network, including gangs

- Acquire guns in their early teens and carry them regularly

- Are arrested for the first time in their mid-teens.

SOME SUBCULTURE STATEMENTS

Without copying and pasting, here are some of the narratives that illustrate why this has been a multi-decade problem: Their social structure—be it family or neighborhood—is dysfunctional. Parents are dead, in jail or use drugs. Children are raised in an environment without strong affection, guidance or control.

In these neighborhoods gangs are the social and economic base. The gangs provide affection, guidance,

control and a chance to earn money, albeit through criminal activity. Crime is the norm in these neighborhoods, so the resistance to becoming a gang-centered criminal is low.

Though we did not summarize the stats, there is a widespread assumption that the police are a force for harassment (over petty crimes), operate as a gang themselves and have very little interest in protecting and serving the tough neighborhoods. This includes a belief that the police do not actually protect residents from violence.

UNRAVELLING

As you see, there are several vectors that lead to criminal activity, typically within gangs, solidly within inner cities. These vectors are the progenitors of most American gun violence and thus the primary place to focus attention.

We also see that the established underground networks for acquiring guns negates the effect of any retail-level gun control. Stated more simply, restricting retail gun sales will have no effect on the largest segment of gun violence. **CRPA**

HISTORICAL FIREARMS

KEEP AND BUILD THE CONNECTION TO OUR PAST

BY DAN ZIMMERMAN

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In my view, and apparently that of many others, we in the United States and the West, generally, are losing

our connection to the past. Whereas our forefathers were connected to their unique national and familial histories, many people today have lost that connection. They don't know from where they came or why their ancestors had certain beliefs, and they certainly do not understand their own history.

That leads to a number of attendant problems, not the least of which is support for anti-history, anti-national unity and the attempts at the erasure of the past that we are now seeing. But that's political, and this is an article about firearms.

As gun owners, I think we are in a unique position to rekindle that connection to the past. How? By owning and letting others shoot military-surplus firearms and historical reproductions.

That might sound odd—how could just shooting a firearm help you and those around you reconnect with the past? Well, if all you do is go to a gun show and buy the first Cosmoline-coated Mosin-Nagant that you see, then it probably won't work. It will just be another gun. If you do your research, however, and learn about the guns you are buying and shooting, then that is an opportunity to learn history and feel like you are part of it, as you now own a piece of that history.

If you buy an M1 Garand and look at the markings on it, you can learn about the factory where



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it was made and imagine the stress of the rush to produce armaments for a military that had to quickly build itself up and head off to war in North Africa, Western Europe and all over the Pacific. You'll feel a connection to those who stormed the beaches at Normandy, froze and fought in the Battle of the Bulge, fought in the hellish conditions of the Solomon Islands and were later surrounded by Chinese "volunteers" in the frozen hell of the Chosin Reservoir.

If you buy a Mauser Kar98, which is my personal favorite among the readily available and affordable military-surplus firearms, then you can use that to learn about wartime Germany and imagine what it felt like for a drafted soldier in the German Army on the Eastern Front to have to fight for an odious regime against wave after wave of Soviet peasants charging your position while you cower due to a tremendous artillery barrage. Learning what life was like for the other side is almost as important as learning about your own.

And the value of owning, shooting and learning about historical firearms is not just confined to military-surplus weapons. Historical reproductions are almost as good. If you buy and learn about a Kentucky long rifle, you can feel a connection to the patriots in early America who fought the British Empire against overwhelming odds and won, or who fought a long-running and irregular war against Native Americans in the Ohio River Valley.

Buy a Henry repeating rifle and imagine what it was like to be a Union cavalryman trying to hunt down Jesse James in Missouri, a cowboy fighting outlaws in Texas or a railroad worker building the transcontinental railroad who had to drop his tools and pick up a rifle to battle back marauding bands of Native American warriors.

Those are just a few examples that include some of my favorite moments of history and my favorite historical firearms. There are, of course, many others: 1911 pistols, which were used from our conquest of the Philippines to the Global War on Terror; Colt Single-Action Army (SAA) revolvers, the gun that let us tame the West; and the British Lee-Enfield, which served from the plains of southern Africa to the jungles of Burma.

But, whatever the firearm you

choose, I think historical weapons have a unique ability to connect us to the past. If you do your due diligence and learn about the firearm you are buying and shooting, you can feel like a piece of the history you are learning about. America, like many other nations, needs to regain its connection to its past. I think that historical firearms, whether military-surplus or reproductions, can help us do that.

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CONCEALED CARRY REPORT

**19.48M NEW PERMIT HOLDERS
DESPITE STATE SHUTDOWNS**

BY JOHN R. LOTT AND RUJUN WANG

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Full report available at: papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3703977*

SUMMARY

During President Trump's administration, the number of concealed handgun permits has soared to over 19.48 million—a 34% increase over 2016. However, while gun sales have set records in 2020, the

growth in concealed handgun permits has slowed, as many states shutdown their issuance of new permits. Unlike gun ownership surveys that may be affected by people's unwillingness to answer personal questions, concealed handgun permit data is the only real "hard data" that we have. Seventeen states no longer provide data on all the people who are legally carrying a concealed handgun because people in those states no longer need a permit to carry.

Among the findings of our report, some virus-related and not:

- Last year, the number of permit holders continued to grow by about 820,000. At 4.4% growth over 2019, that is the slowest percent and absolute increase that we have seen since we started collecting this data in 2011, but part of that is due to many states not issuing concealed handgun permits during the coronavirus pandemic. Another part is that in the 16 constitutional carry states (plus Montana where a permit is not needed in almost all the state), the number of permits has been declining even though it is clear that more people are legally carrying.

- 7.6% of American adults have permits. Outside of the restrictive states of California and New York, about 9.2% of the adult population has a permit.

- In 14 states, more than 10% of adults have permits. Since 2019, Arkansas and Oklahoma have fallen below 10%, but they are now all constitutional carry states, meaning that people no longer need a permit to carry. South Carolina's concealed carry rate has risen to above 10%.

- Alabama has the highest concealed carry rate—28.5%. Indiana

**Five states
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over
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is second with 18.7%, and Iowa is third with 15.0%.

- Five states now have over 1 million permit holders: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Pennsylvania and Texas. Florida is the first state to have over 2 million permits.

- Sixteen states have adopted constitutional carry for their entire state, meaning that a permit is no longer required. Because of these constitutional carry states, the nationwide growth in permits does not paint a full picture of the

overall increase in concealed carry. Some residents still choose to obtain permits so that they can carry in other states that have reciprocity agreements.

- In 2020, women made up 26.4% of permit holders in the 14 states that provide data by gender. Seven states had data from 2012 to 2019/2020, and permit numbers grew 101.2% faster for women than for men.

- Three states that have detailed race and gender data for at least a decade show remarkably larger increases in permits for minorities compared to whites. In Texas, black females saw a 3.9 times greater percentage increase in permits than white males from 2002 to 2019. Oklahoma data from 2002 to 2019 indicated that the increase of licenses approved for Asians and American Indians was more than twice the rate for whites. North Carolina reported that black permits increased twice as fast as whites from 1996 to 2016.

- From 2015 to 2019/2020, in the four states that provided data by race over that time period, the number of black people with permits increased almost 55.6% faster than the number of whites with permits. Asians appear to be the group that has experienced the largest increase in permitted concealed carry, growing 62.9% faster than whites.

- Concealed handgun permit holders are extremely law-abiding. In Florida and Texas, permit holders are convicted of misdemeanors and felonies at one-sixth the rate at which police officers are convicted.

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WHAT IS GUN CULTURE?

ANOTHER IVORY TOWER STUDY FROM OUT-OF-TOUCH EGGHEADS

BY DAN GIFFORD

Some of the first things I do before reading an academic study are look up the writers, see who has funded them and skim for recognizable falsities and dodgy sources. In addition, I also keep an oft asked question

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in my mind about academic superciliousness expressed in the title of a recent article: "Why are professors writing crap that nobody reads?"

Nobody? Well, virtually nobody.

The *American Political Science Review* (APSR) found "82 per cent of articles published in humanities are not even cited once and that no one ever refers to 32 per cent of the peer-reviewed articles in the social and 27 per cent in the natural sciences."

Dismal? Gets more so.

Impacts of most peer-reviewed publications even within the scientific community are minuscule.

"If a paper is cited, this does not imply it has actually been read. Only 20 per cent of papers cited have actually been read. We estimate that an average paper in a peer-reviewed journal is read completely by no more than 10 people. Hence, impacts of most peer-reviewed publications even within the scientific community are minuscule."

The obvious question then is the one kept in mind, why be an academic masochist and write something when you know hardly anyone will read it?

The usual identified reasons are the gaining of tenure or job security (the publish or perish rule), celebrity, maybe even sex, drugs and rock and roll from an advocacy group whose position is legitimized or buttressed by favorable academic approval. APSR: "Some may actually aspire to contribute to their discipline's knowledge and to influence practitioners' decision-making. However, practitioners very rarely read articles published in peer-reviewed journals. We know of no senior policy maker or senior business leader who ever read regularly any peer-reviewed pa-

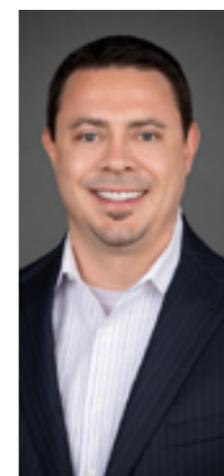
pers in well-recognized journals like *Nature*, *Science* or *[The] Lancet*."

THE TITLE AT HAND

So what motivated the authors of "What Is Gun Culture? Cultural Variations and Trends Across the United States?" The title suggests the authors are exhibiting the same amazement as an anthropologist who has discovered some heretofore unknown tribe of primitives squatting around a campfire in darkest Borneo. "C'mon, man!" as Joe would say. It's obvious every interest group has factions. Just as some car aficionados like Corvettes while others like low riders, firearm owners are also split into different well-known factions that can be at odds with each other.

Hunters who eat their kills are different than trophy hunters who kill to feel manly. Some gun culturites think rifles with vertical grips are fine, others often referred to as FUDDs, which I recently wrote about, don't.

These inquiring professors (profs) say they found the specific three component variations of the "gun



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culture" sound, much like Julius Caesar's "partes tres" description of Gaul's tribes. In their study, Component 1 "reflected recreational elements of gun culture. Component 2 represented a self-defense element of gun culture. Component 3 was indicative of a symbolic cultural element centered around the protection of the Second Amendment and insurrectionism. Those three parts are obvious to hoi polloi gun owners, even if they aren't to the erudite who find over intellectualization of the obvious necessary. However, these "gun culture" profs appear to have missed a fourth element the *New York Times* (*NYT*) wrote about which fits into a probable fifth group that has come on the scene due to the riots of Black Lives Matter and ANTIFA.

According to the *NYT*, that fourth part is one of nuance and contradiction in that its members own and use pistols and rifles—including "assault rifles"—even though they claim to detest the presence of guns in their lives as well as the broader American culture. The fifth is summed up in this *Politico* headline: "They're Afraid. They're Buying Guns. But They're Not Voting for Trump." However, members of both groups would vote to rid the Bill of Rights of the Second Amendment as well as government confiscation of all privately owned firearms.

The fourth culture example the *NYT* chose focused on Michael Kundu, a federal government employee (with FEMA) and "master marksman from rural Washington who owns pistols and assault rifles for self-defense." Kundu: "I'd love to see all guns destroyed, but I'm not giving up mine first."

Kundu is one of an unknown number of conflicted gun owners whom researchers and social scientists say

they are just beginning to become aware of and study as a potentially moderating influence in what the *NYT* describes as an escalating gun debate. That's a position way different from the national debate over firearms regulation that's usually presented as a battle of extremes between those who view any effort to tighten gun laws as an infringement of rights versus those who see guns as a menace to society.

How many other conflicted gun owners like Kundu are there? That is, an owner who enjoys shooting, yet sees danger even as his "common sense" dictates he be as armed as his neighbors, some of whom he describes as troublemakers? Based on his comments, we know Kundu is not a Second Amendment rights supporter, and it's a good bet neither are those in the fifth group who may never fire the gun they bought out



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Every interest group has factions.

of fear. Both would gladly hand 'em over to federal gun confiscator wannabe Beto O'Rourke if he showed up at their doors.

So again, why would three professors spend time and money banging out a paper that basically rehashes info in the 1968 Eisenhower report done at Johns Hopkins that noted the reverence various factions of rifle owners have for their firearms?

Well, all are members of the medical school professoriate at Harvard, Boston University and Columbia, and all have a history of Second Amendment limitation or outright elimination advocacy disguised as progressive public health policy. Could that have something to do with the reason this academic baloney was written? The paper doesn't say, but given those affiliations and history and the billions of dollars being handed around by the likes of George Soros, Michael Bloomberg and others to destroy the Second Amendment and much of traditional America, I'd bet at least some of that money tsunami went to these authors.

FACT SKEWING

That screams probable skewing of fact, as has been found in other such papers, and tells me to keep a few grains of salt handy for bias. Maybe not bias to the extent of outright Lysenkoism, where a paper is constructed to reach a desired political or social conclusion, but bias all the same. As for falsities, the authors' use of a hackneyed trope and a book containing flawed history written to justify "gun control" left off the page during my skim.

The intent I draw from the included trope is that the authors used it to vilify America's best-known Second Amendment defender and others by association. Same for some material

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from the book *Gunfight: The Battle Over the Right to Bear Arms in America* by my friend, UCLA law professor Adam Winkler. He's the son of famous film producer Irwin Winkler, maker of "Rocky," "Cool Hand Luke," "Raging Bull," "Goodfellas" and other hit movies.

Adam's repetition in his book of some false pop history often used to justify restrictive firearm regulations was pointed out by me during Adam's book roll out at his father's Beverly Hills home. Adam was not pleased with me and has never corrected the error. Would a closer reading of the professor's paper reveal more erroneous information or charged phrases?

That referenced trope is "jackbooted thugs," which the authors ascribe coinage to National Rifle Association vice president and favorite "gun control" whipping boy Wayne LaPierre. There's plenty that LaPierre deserves to be whipped about, but this "ain't" it. He correctly used that phrase in a 1995 fundraising letter to describe "federal agents" who, at the time, had grossly used their authority to commit multiple heinous abuses, the largest and most spectacular of which was the mass murder of the Branch Davidian religious sect at Waco. The writers then claim, before invoking a dog whistle allusion to "cop killer bullets"—another favorite false gun controller trope—that because of LaPierre's use of the jackboot phrase "the NRA alienated members of the law enforcement community by opposing legislation designed to prevent civilians from buying armor-piercing handgun ammunition (colloquially called 'cop killer bullets'). These events led to the departure of many NRA members, including President George W. Bush."



► The Branch Davidian entrance gate in Waco, Texas, in Summer 2013. (JAMES WILLIAM SMITH/SHUTTERSTOCK.COM)

"Law enforcement" alienation from the NRA is a rather complex and hypocritical subject not touched in this paper. I'll not go into it either except to note "law enforcement" is a phrase I detest for its emphasis on forced compliance of laws regardless of their constitutional, moral or legal legitimacy. However, the clear implication of the alienation mention is that LaPierre originated the "jackbooted thugs" phrase. A further implication is that the NRA is a beyond-the-pale inciter of defacto anarchist criminal culture that's a danger to civilized society as shown by its opposition to laws banning bullets falsely claimed to be made for killing police. While highly doubtful, self-described Marxist anarchists like Black Lives Matter or ANTIFA would

see the accused bastion of Republican dogma of the NRA that way, they would also certainly approve of anything called "cop killer bullets."

That's a very compelling media narrative to the cloistered, agenda-oriented Democrats who almost totally control public opinion and perception through academic, entertainment and mass media ownership that blather their carefully constructed rhetoric. But what's missing is notable.

"Jackbooted thugs" is actually a phrase coined by a Democrat. That Democrat was the late Detroit Congressman John Dingell who used it to accurately describe the brutal and deadly attack by federal "law enforcement" police of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

How many other conflicted gun owners are there?

(ATF) and FBI on the Branch Davidian religious sect in 1993. My Oscar-nominated, Emmy-winning film, "Waco: The Rules of Engagement" outed, against considerable federal opposition, the fact the ATF and FBI

agents mass murdered the Davidians and lied about it all both in and out of court. Dingell was correct and was praised at the time for his candor by fellow members of his Democrat Party before the phrase's use by Sec-

ond Amendment backers caused a reversal of perception by the Democrat rhetoric machine—but that was before leftist rioters started using it.

"Jackbooted thugs" has now been adopted by the previously mentioned Black Lives Matter and ANTIFA thugs to describe what they claim is criminal behavior by both local and federal police. I have also heard it used by some non-BLM/ANTIFA types who demand police be defunded or abolished. The difference is there's no negative blow back on that usage.

As for the historical inaccuracy within Adam Winkler's book that has been repeated as gospel by those seeking to destroy Second Amendment rights, it's the claim that both Dodge City and Tombstone banned the carry of arms as a matter of

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public safety—that is untrue. Fact is, the bans were passed by the powers-that-be gangs that ran both places to disarm rival gangs who were trying to unseat them. The Dodge City Gang made money from the gambling, liquor, prostitution, extortion and robbery it allowed, and it was not about to make it easy for armed rivals to cut into its action. It was as if Al Capone's gang had gotten a Chicago law passed banning all except its gangsters and friends from carrying guns there.

The same was true in Tombstone where the Earp gang established itself as top dog after a fight with San-Francisco-based gangsters who tried to take over. Had the Earps lost that battle, we likely would never have heard of them or events like the OK Corral gunfight or the myth that the Earps were enforcing Tombstone's gun control law on the Clanton gang.

The real reason for that gunfight, according to then Sheriff Johnny Behan in a *Washington Post* interview, was that the Earps were angry that the Clantons had withheld the Earps' portion of the money the Clantons made from cattle rustling and other criminal activity.

The real story is that almost everything we now believe about the Earps was made up by Wyatt and his wife. The further reality is that the Earps were con men, extortionists and pimps, whose wives were prostitutes hooked on laudanum, a widely used medicine containing opium. It's the real story I and others of my generation from frontier families have heard since childhood. My grandfather was a teen mine worker in Tombstone and his cousin a U.S. Deputy Marshall and business partner of Wyatt's.

At this point, I'm thinking a better

title for this paper may be "Why Academics Are Losing Relevance in Society—And How to Stop It," given these two major inaccuracies that will certainly be seized upon to demand more anti-Second Amendment laws.

And that's the real purpose I see of this paper. It will be used by those who want to eliminate a necessary constitutional right by leveraging "gun culture" divisions against each

other. That tactic has been successfully used against First Amendment rights to suppress speech, for instance, and that precedent will make the elimination of others easier. **CRPA**

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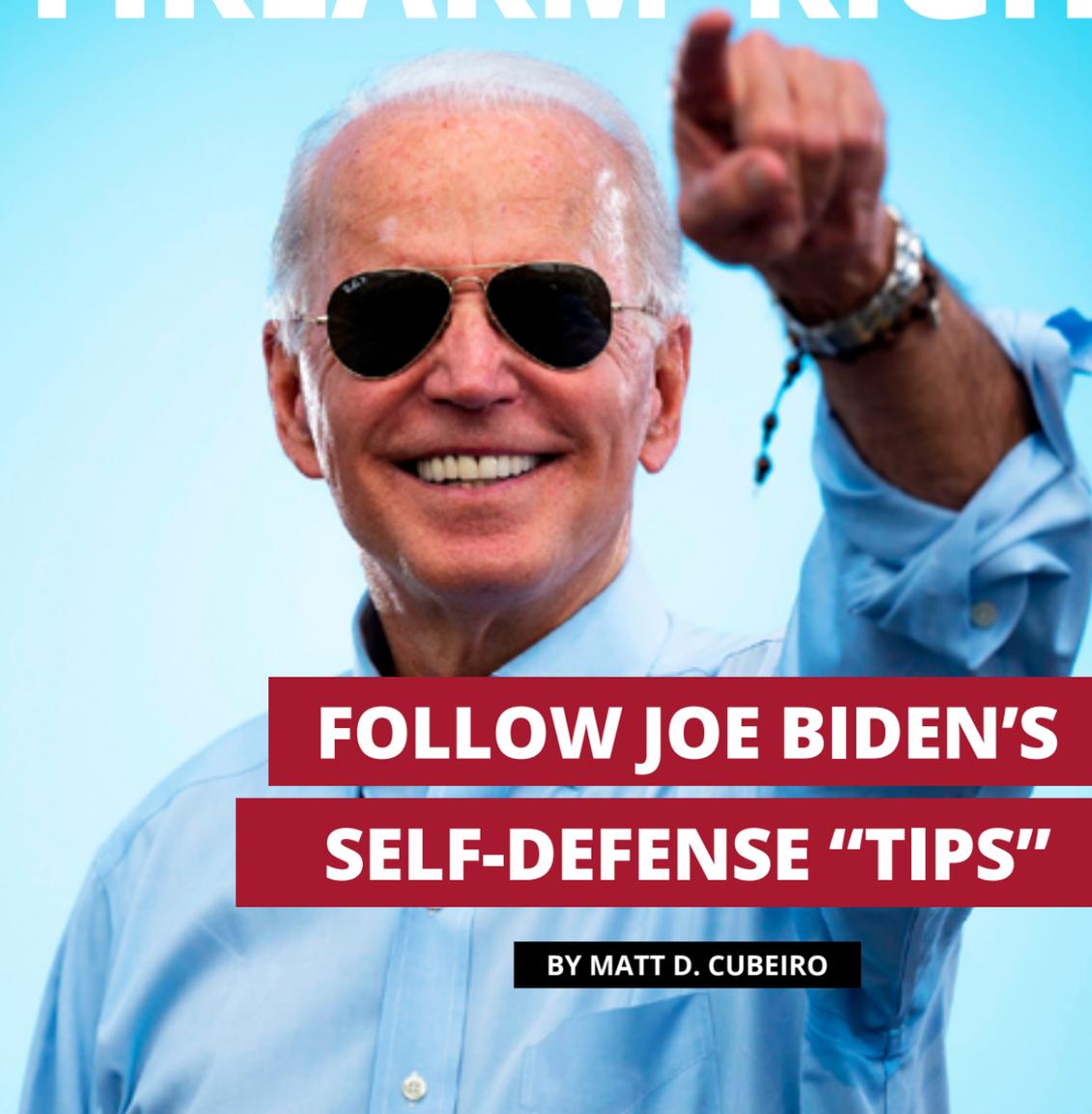
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**FOLLOW JOE BIDEN'S
SELF-DEFENSE "TIPS"**

BY MATT D. CUBEIRO

During ABC's town hall on October 15, former Vice President and now President-Elect Joe Biden stated police should be trained to de-escalate deadly encounters. By way of example, he argued that instead of shooting to kill, police should instead first shoot a person in the leg.¹ Biden then suggested agencies need more background checks to ensure police pass certain psychological tests.

Biden is not only wrong, but following his advice is dangerous and likely to land you in jail, possibly resulting in the loss of one's firearm rights for life.

This isn't the first time Biden has offered the wisdom of his nearly 5 decades of Washington experience. While serving as Vice President in 2013, Biden was asked if a ban on certain firearms would result in law-abiding citizens being unable to defend themselves. In response, Biden stated that if you want to protect yourself, get a double-barreled shotgun, and if there is ever a problem simply "fire two blasts" in the air.² That same year, he was also

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interviewed by *Field & Stream* and was quoted as saying if "you want to keep someone away from your house, just fire the shotgun through the door."³

Such statements have resulted in some dubbing Biden "Shotgun Joe." His statements show a complete and utter lack of understanding of self-defense, yet to the uninformed he appears reasonable. It is probably why the moderators of ABC's town hall didn't question Biden further—they too are equally clueless.

The laws of self-defense vary across state lines, but all are based in traditional English common law doctrines dating back centuries. In California, there are three required elements to a successful self-defense claim: 1) A reasonable belief of imminent danger of being killed or suffering great bodily injury; 2) A reasonable belief that the immediate use of deadly force was necessary; and 3) The use of no more force than reasonably necessary to defend against the danger.⁴ Failing to meet any one of these elements could land you in jail.

Consider the case of Dr. James Simon, who in 2014 faced criminal charges after shooting a man who followed him into his home after a road rage incident. Dr. Simon, prior to shooting the man, fired a warning shot as the man approached. Although all charges against Dr. Simon were ultimately dismissed, a grand jury nevertheless indicted him

of assault with a deadly weapon and negligent discharge of a firearm.⁵

But why was Dr. Simon indicted? Especially after a judge previously ruled Dr. Simon acted in self-defense following initial charges of attempted voluntary manslaughter and assault with a firearm?

The answer likely rests with the warning shot fired by Dr. Simon. By firing a warning shot, Dr. Simon displayed and discharged a firearm for the express purpose of warning his attacker, as opposed to stopping an imminent threat of death or great bodily injury as required under California's self-defense laws. This subtle but important distinction is what likely led to a grand jury returning an indictment against Dr. Simon.

Do not misinterpret this analysis as a rebuke Dr. Simon's actions. Indeed, he acted reasonably under the circumstances, and the dismissal of the charges against him was just. But he was likely forced to spend thousands of dollars in legal fees and had his life turned upside down for months while the case made its way through the court process, all because he was apparently ignorant of the law and followed the advice of a sitting vice president.

Shotgun Joe's other advice fairs no better. As illustrated by Eugene Volokh, shots fired by law enforcement often miss their intended target 50% to 75% of the time.⁶ Considering most officers are trained to aim center mass of their target, requiring

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them to shoot would-be assailants in the leg (a much smaller and more difficult target to hit) only serves to increase the percentage of misses—saying nothing of the potential danger to innocent bystanders in the line of fire.

From a legal standpoint, intentionally shooting a would-be attacker in the leg suffers the same problem as firing a warning shot. Indeed, it could even be argued that doing so suggests deadly force was entirely unnecessary. A law enforcement officer or law-abiding gun owner doing so would likely face criminal charges as a result. And if convicted, one could potentially lose their firearm rights for life.

As Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas wrote, "[f]or those of us who work in marbled halls, guarded constantly by a vigilant and dedicated police force, the guarantees of the Second Amendment might seem antiquated and superfluous." Shotgun Joe has clearly spent too much time in these marbled halls. **CRPA**

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1. A video clip from ABC's town hall of these statements can be viewed online at twitter.com/Breaking911/status/1316911646854553601.

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"EVERYCON" AND YOUTH SUICIDES

BY GUY SMITH

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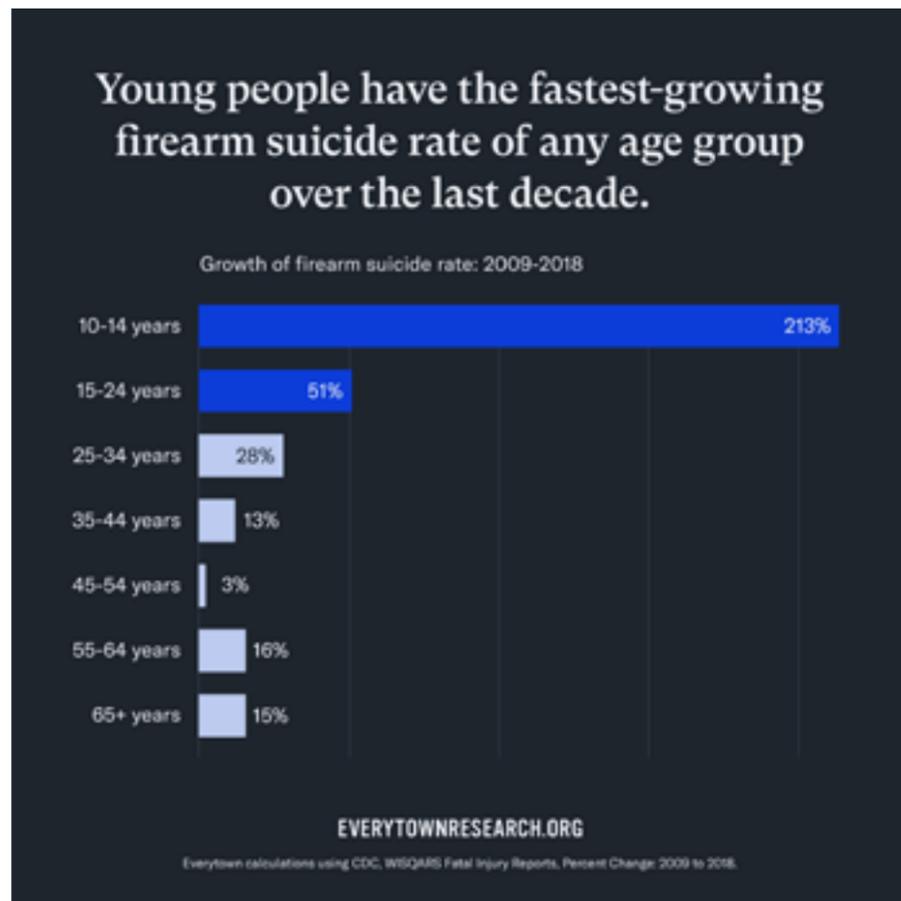
Herein we will do an academic deconstruction of a similar propaganda move by Michael Bloomberg's favorite charity, Everytown for Gun Safety.

STATISTICS DON'T LIE BUT STATISTIANS DO

The core claim made by Everytown, as shown in the social media image they created, is that kids—people age 14 and under—were the fastest-growing firearm suicide rate age group.

The two agitprop con jobs at play here involve who is being studied and when. Let's start with "who."

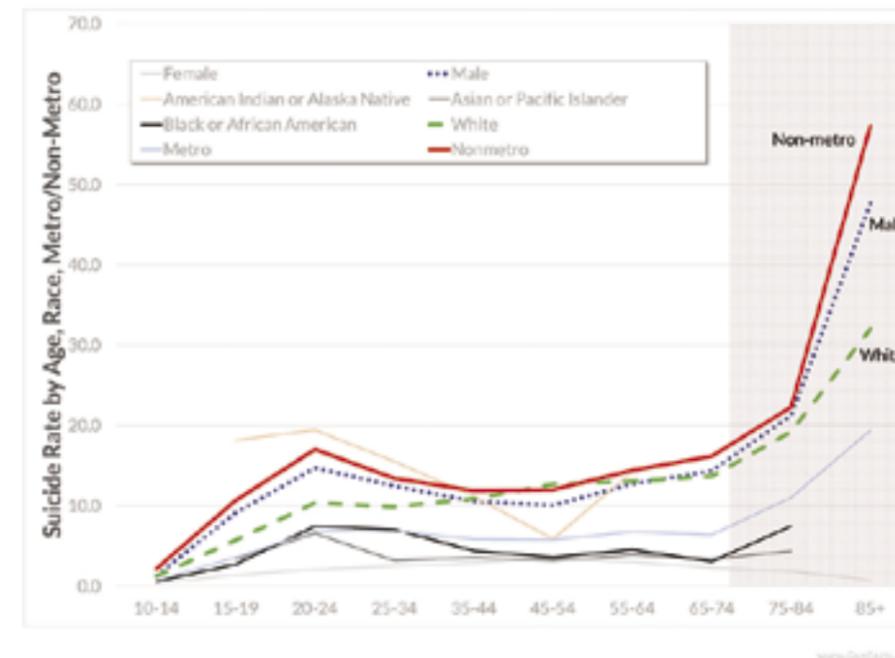
In the book *Guns and Control* by Gun Facts project founder Guy Smith, we see that in the sundry age groups, nearly no



youngsters commit suicide, regardless of the means; and firearm suicides are a subset of that.

Refer back to our Tide Pod example.

If nearly no kids are committing suicide, then only a small increase in the raw number of suicidal kids is necessary to increase the rate of suicides or the rate



of increase in the same. Given the low, low, low number of youth suicides, this is our first area in which to look.

For the most recent year that the Centers for Disease Control report via their WONDER database, a total of 443 kids (age 14 or less) committed suicide. That number is likely overstated because some murders are made to look like suicides, but we'll have to take the number as our baseline.

These are suicides by any means—slitting wrists, drowning, jumping off Lover's Leap, ingesting poison (including Tide Pods), suffocation and, yes, guns. Given that in the year under review there were 59,955,368 kids in America, this means there was a suicide rate of 0.7 per 100,000 population.

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0.3/100,000, which is the youth *firearm* suicide rate.

Of the 443 youth suicides in 2016, 160 were committed with guns (and again, some murders are ascribed to suicide). With a number like 160, it doesn't take much of a numeric increase to make the rate appear to be escalating out of control.

THE OTHER MEANS

Is the number 5.3 bigger than 3.7? Of course it is. Is youth suicide by suffocation bigger than by firearms? Yes. Is the rate of increase in suffocation suicides bigger than firearm suicides? Indeed—the 5.3 and 3.7 numbers were just that (slope-of-line calculations tracking the rate of increase in both modes of suicide, where the bigger the number, the faster the rise).

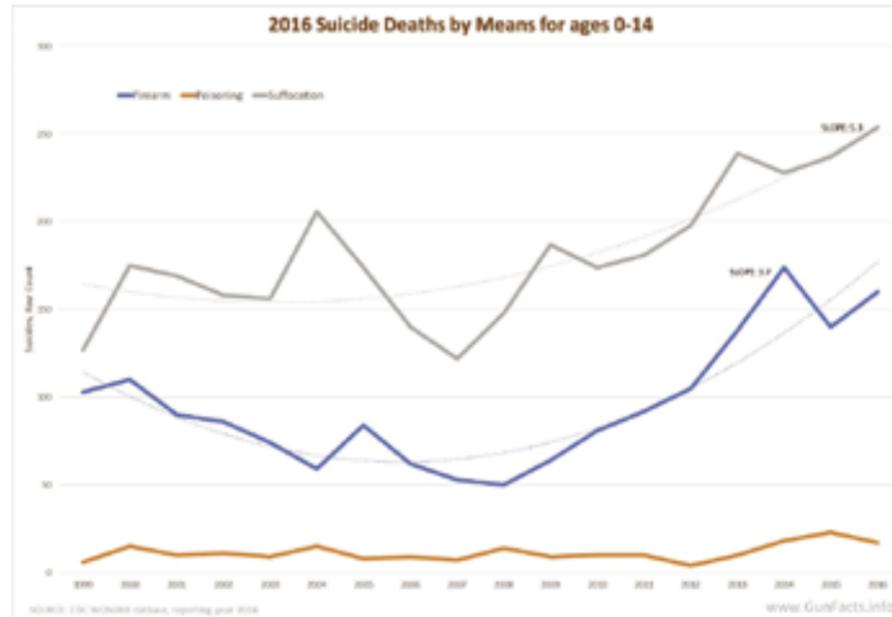
Looking at the chart showing suicides by the top three means for kids, we see two obvious things and one that is not obvious unless you are a crafty political operative working for Everytown.

First, we see that before the Great Recession, firearm suicides were falling, and suffocation suicides were steady. Once the Great Recession started, *all* modes of suicides started going up. In other words, a general social phenomenon was causing kids (and adults for that matter) to check out. But because kids had very low suicide rates to begin with, their climb was a bit vivid as a percentage rise.

Those are the obvious observations. Now for the less notable one.

THE STARTING BLOCK

In the Everytown poster, it started its analysis in 2009, the year after the Great Recession began. Note that 2008, the year before, was the all-time low point for firearm suicides. Using our longer 1999–2016 range (Everytown used a different CDC database which added 2 years), youth suicides rose 82%, suffocation suicides 100% and firearm suicides 55%. All the other modes of suicide were



infrequent enough to be statistically unstable (e.g., less than one per year on average for fire, three for falling and two for drowning).

In order to get their dramatic headline, Everytown had to:

- start from the lowest rate year in order to ...
- amplify a society-wide shift, and ...
- not disclose that other modes of

suicide were rising faster.

WASTED LIVES, WASTED MONEY

This is not to say that youth suicide isn't appalling, but an intentional misrepresentation of the long-term statistics in order to generate undue fear is monstrous. And it was a grand waste of Michael Bloomberg's money. **CRPA**



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REPORT

GOOD RIDDANCE!

LET'S BID A LONG OVERDUE FAREWELL TO 2020!

2020 ... Is there anyone out there reading this who is not thankful this year is finally just about over?

Between losing two loved sisters and our world changed by COVID, I for one am looking forward to 2021; although after the outcome of our elections, the next 4 years should prove very interesting to say the least.

I wrote my first draft of this article on November 3. I spent the day monitoring FOX news and praying that true Americans left in this nation got out and voted. Praying the polls were as wrong as they were in 2016 and praying even more to get to see a snowflake and CSNBC melt down



BY ROY GRIFFITH
CRPA
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The two bills that represent the biggest assault on Californians' Second Amendment rights are AB 2362 and AB 2847.

again! I was even praying Bruce Springsteen would move to Australia and take half of Hollywood with him! However, my prayers were not answered, at least not exactly as I asked. "God works in mysterious ways." I know that the next 4 years

are going to be an entertaining mystery! Even with a half dozen IPAs in me, I am more coherent than "Sleepy Joe Hiden!" Now we may all have to learn to speak Bidenese! The scary part is I am not worried about our president-elect; it's all the folks who

pull his strings that concern me as well as our vice president-elect who changes her position on things with the time of day. We must never give up and keep fighting for what we believe. If even one tenth of what they say went on with election fraud is true, who knows what the months to come will unveil! Either way, thank God for what President Trump accomplished with our Supreme Court and federal court appointments! Sorry for my rant—I hope I did not offend many of you. I will do my job now and provide an update on what is going on in Sacramento.

By now I would imagine you have seen our alerts and visited the website and have seen what was signed and not signed by our governor. As a quick review, the two bills that represent the biggest assault on Californians' Second Amendment rights are AB 2362 and AB 2847. These bills cripple California businesses and further restrict the constitutional rights of California's citizens. As a recap, Assembly Bill 2362 will give the Department of Justice (DOJ) the authority to fine our law-abiding firearms dealers between \$1,000 and \$3,000 for simple paperwork violations! They claimed in testimony AB 2362 would keep firearms out of the hands of criminals! Yet, they did not produce one example where an FFL directly transferred a firearm to a criminal! All this while they continue rolling back penalties on criminals who knowingly use firearms in the commission of a crime!

Even more threatening to Californians is Assembly Bill 2847, which goes after our ever-dwindling "safe gun" roster in California. As you are aware, no "new," safe handguns can be on our list and be sold in California unless they are microstamped. AB 2847 made it "easier" for man-

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ufacturers to bring firearms to the California market by requiring the microstamping in only one location on the firearm. However, for every microstamped firearm brought to market, the DOJ removes the three "oldest," time-tested and proven firearms from the list! Do the math! How quickly our list of less than 800 handguns will dwindle to a few firearms that may or may not even fit your choice or needs! Time will tell what manufacturers will try and take advantage of in this new market and what new handguns we will see. I assure you CRPA will be monitoring the situation closely, and likely lawsuits will follow.

Some good news: Besides the previously discussed long list of bad legislation that we beat on the floor or

in committee, the governor did veto the twisted mess that was Senate Bill 914. As always for a complete list of the bills we faced in the 2020 session you can refer to our website: crpa.org/programs/legislative-advocacy.

What can we expect to see again in 2021? God only knows! But based on the lack of new ideas in the building, I would expect we will see a vehicle long-gun storage bill; legislation aimed at individual firearms "they" feel fall in "loop holes;" further restrictions of FFLs and the process of lawful firearm purchases in California; a lead ammunition range bill; another legislative preservation land grab similar to last session's AB 3030; some form of an "African Iconic" bill; and I would not be surprised to see them go after bear hunting.

Talking about threats to our hunting heritage, of some concern, Mr. Russ Burns has retired from serving on the California Fish and Game Commission. Thank You, Mr. Burns for your outstanding service, your years of wisdom and supporting wildlife management decisions based on science and **not** emotions! You sir, will be missed. We are now working on finding a replacement who understands the sportsman's role in wildlife management and who will also base his or her decisions on the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation.

Thank you all for your continued support and taking the time to read this article. Next time you hear from me we should have a better idea of what 2021 looks like, and I promise to at least be in a better mood! Keep the faith, stay involved and find a friend today who is not a CRPA member and bring her or him into the family. We need your support now more than ever! Together we **can** make a difference! **CRPA**

LITIGATION REPORT

LOOKING AHEAD

BY ALEX FRANK

2020 was a critical year for gun rights litigation. In California, CRPA litigated and won significant victories for the Second Amendment in *Duncan v. Becerra* and *Rhode v. Becerra*. In the *Duncan* case, the 9th Circuit appeals court actually affirmed CRPA's win in the district court. This made national news. Given the significance of the case, the state quickly asked for an 11-judge *en banc* rehearing of the matter. The court is currently weighing whether to do that. In the *Rhode* case, the CRPA is litigating before the 9th Circuit and in the district court before Judge Roger Benitez. Whatever the outcome is, the *Rhode* case will also likely be presented to an *en banc* panel at

the 9th Circuit.

As exciting and important as these big cases are here in California, the most significant development in gun rights this year is President Donald Trump's successful appointment of Justice Amy Coney Barrett to the United States Supreme Court. Despite a full-blown leftist media meltdown over it, Republican leaders in the Senate were able to secure the majority needed to appoint the Seventh Circuit jurist and formerly celebrated law professor to the High Court. This is a good thing for Second Amendment supporters. Indeed, the very thing that put Justice Barrett on many peoples' radars was a persuasively reasoned dissent in a gun rights case wherein she argued that permanently prohibiting non-violent felons from exercising their Second Amendment rights is

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unconstitutional. Most gun rights litigation observers agree that the conservative, civil libertarian leaning branch of the Court led by Justice Thomas now has the majority it needs to grant *certiorari* and issue a long overdue Second Amendment decision that sets the record straight (or at least straighter) on what's constitutional and what isn't. If so, this could mark a truly decisive watershed in the

decade-long and nationwide legal war over the Second Amendment.

The case that might actually get to the SCOTUS could be a CRPA-supported case. There is a decent chance that *Duncan* or *Rhode* could end up at the Supreme Court within the next 2 years. In fact, one of the reasons Senator Richard Blumenthal gave for his opposition to Justice Barrett's appointment is *Duncan*,

which the anti-gun-owner Senator expressly mentioned and condemned on the floor of the Senate. Blumenthal is afraid that the *Duncan* case has a fair chance at ending up before the Supreme Court. It is hard to understand why a sitting U.S. Senator would oppose upholding the U.S. Constitution, but that's the world we live in today. **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.

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| 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. | On April 23, 2020, the Honorable Roger Benitez granted plaintiffs' request for a preliminary injunction. Consequently, the state was instantly legally barred from enforcing the ammunition laws at issue in this case. On April 24, 2020, Judge Benitez then denied the state's request to stay his injunction. However, the state applied to the 9th Circuit later that day for a stay, which it granted, reinstating the status quo pending appeal of preliminary injunction. Oral argument before the 9th Circuit will likely be heard in the final quarter of 2020. |
| 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. | 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 Circuit on August 27, 2019. Plaintiffs filed their opening appeal brief on January 27, 2020. The state filed its brief May 26, 2020. Oral argument is scheduled for October 8, 2020, in Pasadena. The matter is now submitted, and resolution is pending. |

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| 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 waiting for the court to schedule oral argument. |
| 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 Circuit 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. On August 14, 2020, the 9th Circuit affirmed plaintiffs' win. On August 28, 2020, the state filed a petition for <i>en banc</i> review. |
| 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> . Now that the stay in <i>Young</i> is lifted, this case will likely remain stayed unless something unusual occurs. |
| 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 upheld the DROS fee as a legitimate regulatory fee. Plaintiffs argue that the court's finding contradicts established law regarding regulatory fees. As of November 2020, the matter is fully briefed. The court will likely schedule oral argument for spring of 2021. |
| DOES THE CITY OF MORGAN HILL'S 48-HOUR LOSS/THEFT REPORTING ORDINANCE FAIL DUE TO PROPOSITION 63 PREEMPTION? | <i>CRPA v. City of Morgan Hill</i> | The trial court granted Morgan Hill's motion for summary judgment and denied plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment on July 30, 2020. | Plaintiffs will appeal to the California Court of Appeals. |

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| CHALLENGE TO VENTURA COUNTY'S ACTIONS PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM BUYING GUNS AND AMMUNITION DURING THE COVID-19 SITUATION, AND TO FORCED CLOSURES OF FIREARM AND AMMUNITION RETAILERS AND SHOOTING RANGES UNDER THREAT OF PROSECUTION | <i>McDougall v. County of Ventura</i> | Plaintiffs filed this case and a motion for preliminary injunction on April 14, 2020. Plaintiffs moved for a temporary restraining order on April 24, 2020. The court denied the motion. Plaintiffs filed again, but the court denied again. | Plaintiffs' original motion for preliminary injunction was set to be heard on May 19, 2020, but withdrawn on May 18 due to Ventura County's change of policy allowing gun stores to conduct business. The defendants' motion to dismiss is set for September 22, 2020. |
| CHALLENGE TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S ACTIONS PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM BUYING GUNS AND AMMUNITION DURING THE COVID-19 SITUATION, AND TO FORCED CLOSURES OF FIREARM AND AMMUNITION RETAILERS AND SHOOTING RANGES UNDER THREAT OF PROSECUTION | <i>Brandy v. Villanueva</i> | Plaintiffs filed their complaint on March 27, 2020, and their request for both a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction on March 30, 2020. On April 6, 2020, the court denied plaintiffs' temporary restraining order. | The federal court in Los Angeles denied plaintiffs' preliminary injunction motion on April 6, 2020. On July 8, 2020, plaintiffs dismissed the City of Los Angeles and Mayor Garcetti from the suit. On October 20, 2020, the court granted defendants' motion for judgment on the pleadings and dismissed the case with prejudice. |
| CHALLENGE TO SANTA CLARA'S (AND OTHER BAY AREA COUNTIES) ACTIONS PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM BUYING GUNS AND AMMUNITION DURING THE COVID-19 SITUATION, AND TO FORCED CLOSURES OF FIREARM AND AMMUNITION RETAILERS AND SHOOTING RANGES UNDER THREAT OF PROSECUTION | <i>Altman v. County of Santa Clara</i> | Plaintiffs filed their complaint on March 31, 2020, and a motion for temporary restraining order/preliminary injunction on April 10, 2020. The court denied the temporary restraining order and did not rule on the preliminary injunction. | Plaintiffs' preliminary injunction was denied on June 3, 2020. By the time the court ruled on the motion, the only county remaining in the suit was Alameda County because the others permitted firearms stores to open as "essential businesses." Defendants' motion to dismiss was set to be heard in August 2020, but the court vacated it. |

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| DOES HAWAII'S PERMIT SCHEME FOR GENERAL OPEN CARRY PROHIBITION VIOLATE THE SECOND AMENDMENT? | <i>Young v. Hawaii</i> | This case was on track for an <i>en banc</i> hearing but was stayed pending the outcome of <i>NYSRPA v. City of New York</i> , the gun case that the Supreme Court held moot in June 2020. Shortly after that outcome, the 9th Circuit rescheduled the <i>en banc</i> hearing for September 24, 2020. | The <i>en banc</i> rehearing happened on September 24, 2020. Expect a ruling before summer of 2021. Regardless of who wins, the matter will very likely be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. |
| DOES HAWAII'S CONCEALED CARRY PERMIT REGIME VIOLATE THE SECOND AMENDMENT? | <i>Livingston v. Ballard</i> | Hawaii attorney general moved to stay the case pending <i>Young</i> , which the court granted on June 10, 2019. The case is effectively stalled pending further development in <i>Young</i> . | This case will remain stayed pending the resolution of <i>Young</i> . |
| DOES CALIFORNIA'S FIREARM RIGHTS RESTORATION REGIME VIOLATE THE SECOND AMENDMENT? | <i>Linton v. Becerra</i> | Plaintiffs filed their motion for summary judgment in June 2020. Briefing was complete at the end of September 2020. | The court will set a hearing and rule on plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment. |
| CHALLENGE TO UNDER 21 FIREARM PROHIBITION | <i>Jones v. Becerra</i> | There have no significant case developments yet. The court denied plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction on November 3, 2020. | Parties will continue to adjudicate the case, and there will likely be motions for summary judgment. |
| CHALLENGE TO A CALIFORNIA ASSAULT WEAPONS STATUTE THAT PROHIBITS USING A LARGE-CAPACITY MAGAZINE IN A RIFLE CONFIGURED WITH A "FIXED MAGAZINE" | <i>Miller v. Becerra</i> | The state's motion to dismiss and plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction are still pending before Federal Judge Roger Benitez as of September 2020. | The court will eventually rule on the pending motions. As of November 2020, the court was holding evidentiary hearings. |
| CHALLENGE TO WASHINGTON STATE'S UNDER 21 BAN | <i>Mitchell v. Atkins</i> | The district court denied plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment and granted the state's motion for summary judgment on August 31, 2020. | Plaintiffs appealed to the 9th Circuit on September 21, 2020. |
| CHALLENGE TO FEDERAL BAN ON FELON POSSESSION OF FIREARMS | <i>U.S. v. Torres</i> | After losing in the 9th Circuit, plaintiff petitioned for certiorari in the U.S. Supreme Court on August 27, 2020. | The Court will either deny or grant the petition at an undetermined date. It will likely be pending for a while, per Court custom. |

CALIFORNIA AND 9TH CIR. AMICUS OR CONSULTING SUPPORT

CRPA also provides consulting advice and prepares *amicus curiae* or "friend of the court" briefs in firearm- and Second Amendment-related cases.

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| 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. | The Supreme Court denied certiorari on October 13, 2020. |

NATIONAL CASES WITH CALIFORNIA INTEREST

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

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| DOES NEW JERSEY'S RESTRICTION ON LARGE-CAPACITY MAGAZINES VIOLATE THE SECOND AMENDMENT? | <i>Association of New Jersey Rifle & Pistol Clubs, Inc. v. Attorney General of New Jersey</i> | On September 1, 2020, the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed the ruling against plaintiffs, holding that large-capacity magazines are not protected under the Second Amendment. | On September 15, 2020, plaintiffs requested an <i>en banc</i> rehearing. The court has not made that determination as of early November 2020. |
| DOES A NEBRASKA LAW WHICH DEPRIVES PEOPLE OF SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS WITHOUT A JURY TRIAL VIOLATE THE SECOND AMENDMENT? | <i>Zoie H. v. Nebraska</i> | In June 2020, plaintiffs petitioned for certiorari in the U.S. Supreme Court. | The Supreme Court denied <i>certiorari</i> on October 5, 2020. |



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WHAT ARE ALL THOSE GUN CONTROL LOBBYISTS UP TO THESE DAYS?

BY TIFFANY D. CHEUVRONT

You have to wonder: What are the gun-controlling, give-us-more-laws-than-we-could-ever-enforce, gun-culture-hating groups up to these days? I mean more people have become gun owners over the past year than they ever thought possible, which has totally burst their bubble in being able to tout how horrible the big bad gun

owners are. Now that there is a conservative majority on the highest Court in the land, their schemes to use the court system as their playground for liberal judge-made laws are seemingly disappearing before their very eyes. Gun control is losing in a big way with the public in 2020, even though gun control politicians continue to try to push it down our throats.

While gun owners and Second Amendment advocates are rejoicing about all the new gun owners this year and we are focused on bring-

They literally do not care if your rights are trampled.

With millions more gun owners in the country, the public outcry for extensive gun bans is just not there.

ing them into the fold and helping them understand what it means to be a responsible gun owner, the gun banners are singing the same old tired verse of “let’s all get the big bad NRA.” They don’t even understand that this rhetoric does not resonate with the millions of people who, at some point during this past year’s pandemic and civil unrest, realized that the inherent ability to protect themselves and their families far outweighed the claims that the gun culture is a “horrible thing” that must be stopped. New gun owners realize this rhetoric is dead because they woke up on the other side of the coin. They realize that they are now the gun owners who have been demonized but are not bad people—they are just people who want to exercise their freedoms.

Maybe you think that gun-control groups are going to hang their hat on the 2020 election? As of the drafting of this article those election results were not fully realized, but what is understood is that many of the more leftist views were not accepted by the American people, as conservatives added more seats to the House, held onto the Senate and saw many successes in races all across the country. Just because there may be a president who is set on gun-control initiatives does not mean that those will be successful. There is a long road between the policy a president wants to adopt and that policy actually becoming a law that is constitutionally sound. Besides, with millions more gun owners in the country (over 1 million of those in California alone) the public outcry for extensive gun bans is just not there. The attempts to get out the anti-gun vote failed in this election, even with the billions spent

VOLUNTEER PLAINTIFFS NEEDED FOR PRO-2A LAWSUITS.

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CRPA’s lawyers are looking for volunteer plaintiffs to be part of our planned future lawsuits challenging California’s unconstitutional gun laws.

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by people like George Soros and groups like Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence to influence key elections across the country.

Failure to have a strong mandate from the voters does not seem to deter the gun-control lobby though. 2021 is sure to bring doctored reports that fit their narrative (until proven flawed as many are) and gun control activists lobbying at the local, state and federal levels to try to push an agenda that is not supported by the majority of Americans. Gun owners cannot be complacent as the epidemic comes to an end and meetings and public discourse open back up to a broader audience. Gun owners must be informed and be present at local meetings of the city council and board of supervisors from the very moment public meetings are open. The gun-control lobby will hit hard and fast to try to catch you off guard. Did you know

that pro-2A groups are outspent each year by gun-control groups; although gun-control groups hope to keep that fact hidden? They want to demonize any attempts to keep those constitutional rights in place, and they literally do not care if your rights are trampled. Even with studies showing that gun control laws have little effect in the states where they are the most stringent, gun-control groups keep pushing for that one extra step—that one extra law that they must have in order to keep everyone safe.

As a member of CRPA you have the opportunity to stay updated through weekly email communications, social media channels like *YouTube*, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, and of course, you have the *California Firing Line* magazine. I urge you to use this time to educate yourself and others on what is going on in California and across the coun-

try. Take new gun owners to the range and help them become Second Amendment activists, not just hobbyists. Join a CRPA local chapter or start one in your area and come together with other like-minded gun owners who want to protect their rights to own and possess firearms for lawful purposes. Be vigilant and ready to attend meetings in your local areas and let local politicians know you are ready to be part of the local community. The gun community's ability to act quickly and have a big voice at the local level can make all the difference. Gun-control groups are waiting, and they will be ready once COVID-19 dissipates. Will you make the commitment to be a voice for the Second Amendment in 2021? Will you be informed and ready to stand with other gun owners across California? Will you be there when the Constitution needs you the most? **CRPA**

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 |
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| WINNING! 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 | 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. The Fair Board settled rather than get a final ruling against them. Because of its blatant discrimination against gun owners and the gun culture, the fairgrounds had to pay our attorney fees, costs and damages. |

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| 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. |
| CRPA COALITION WORK | The CRPA has been working with other groups across the state for years to influence and advance pro-2A work in the state. We believe in leveraging our combined strength to get things done. | Coalitions are built from other non-profit groups with similar missions coming together. We work with local chapter leaders, elected officials and legislative teams to push support and protection of the Second Amendment. | Watch for joint letters from coalition groups to fight harmful legislation in the state and for work with other groups during this election cycle. To sign up for the Range Coalition, send an email to Ranges@crpa.org |
| COW PALACE GUN SHOWS DALY CITY | 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 was 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 reconsider its 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. As of July 2020, we are still waiting on a report from the Cow Palace Board as to what they plan to do with gun shows. COVID-19 has delayed holding meetings on these issues. |
| 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. |
| WINNING! 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. |



Tiffany D. Chevront leads the local ordinance project for Michel & Associates, P.C. With over 19 years' experience in the non-profit and regulatory fields, she practices civil rights litigation and corporate governance law (five of those years working specifically in Second Amendment and CA policy). Tiffany has written and provided testimony on issues at the local, state and federal levels of government.

CRPA PROGRAMS UPDATE

SPOTLIGHT: CRPA TRAINING ADAPTS TO COVID!

CRPA's Training Programs have continued to thrive despite the pandemic! We have been hard at work educating all gun owners on a variety of firearms. We have been teaching all disciplines such as Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun, and many other classes such as Range Safety Officers and Home Firearms Safety. As we move through the pandemic, we continue to educate everyone on safe gun handling, ammunition, storage, cleaning and a variety of other skills. Since moving outside in July, we have trained almost 200 students! **CRPA**

Check us out at crpa.org/events/training-and-education



▶ CRPA Outdoor Training in Fullerton. (JACOB RAMIREZ)

FIREARM SAFETY AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

The California Rifle & Pistol Association (CRPA) and its partners statewide have urged gun owners to keep firearm safety a top priority and are making safety resources widely available as gun and ammunition sales increase, especially among first-time firearm purchasers.

The COVID-19 global pandemic is a stressful time for all who are spending more time at home in relative isolation. The CRPA and its partners (gun

Anyone needing help for themselves or others can call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK or contact the crisis text line by texting TALK to 741741.

stores, ranges and trainers) want to remind gun owners that a major part of protecting you and your family is to make sure you practice safe handling and keep your firearm out of reach of children or someone at risk of hurting themselves or others.

The CRPA has partnered with the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) to educate gun owners about mental wellness and suicide prevention.

The CRPA promotes the NSSF's **Suicide Prevention toolkit** to help firearm retailers, shooting range operators and their customers understand risk factors and warning signs related to suicide, know where to find help and encourage secure firearm storage.

More info can be found on the CRPA website: crpa.org/programs/firearm-safety-programs/suicide-prevention. **CRPA**

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| LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY | SHOOTING PROGRAMS | 2A LITIGATION PROGRAM |
| REGULATORY WATCH PROGRAM | RANGES & RETAILERS PROTECTION PROGRAMS | BUSINESS AFFILIATE PROGRAM |
| WOMEN'S PROGRAM | HUNTING & CONSERVATION | VOLUNTEERS & GRASSROOTS |
| FIREARM SAFETY PROGRAMS | LAW ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVE | CAMPAIGNS & ELECTIONS |
| HISTORICAL ARMS COLLECTING & EXHIBITIONS | LOCAL ADVOCACY & CRPA CHAPTERS | PUBLICATIONS |

SPOTLIGHT ON STEVE RADA

CHAIRMAN OF CRPA'S MENDO-LAKE-SONOMA COUNTY CHAPTER

Steve Rada was in the United States Navy for 10 years. He was a Fire Control Tech (FT), shipboard gun and missile systems. Steve explained, "It was us and Gunner's Mates that were in charge of the small arms lockers on ships. We carried and maintained M14s, Winchester 12-gauge pumps and Model 1911 .45ACP pistols."



**BY
CHRISTINA
PICO**
VOLUNTEER
COORDINATOR

This was not his first experience with firearms. When Steve was 6 years old, he was given his first BB gun by his father. By the time he was 10 years old, he had a Savage .410 shotgun that was received as an inheritance from his great uncle. Steve recalled, "It wasn't until I left the Navy that I was finally able to purchase my own S&W .357 Mag revolver, Mossberg 500 12-gauge shotgun and a Marlin Model 60 .22LR squirrel rifle (really sweet!)."

Steve first got involved with the CRPA on October 20, 2018, at the Ukiah Gun Show in Northern California. He stated, "It was the increased attacks on the Second Amendment, specifically in California. With all these infringing laws, I got fed up and wanted to actually fight for our rights. If it can't be stopped in California, it will spread all over the country. They are trying to kill the culture of gun ownership by attack-



► **Steve Rada on the throne**, reigning over his first Chapter meeting on August 24, 2019, at the Ukiah Rifle and Pistol Club, Ukiah, CA. (JOYCE WALLER-DIEMONT)



► **Steve Rada** at the NRA Whittington Center in Raton, NM, June 9, 2016. (JOYCE WALLER-DIEMONT)

ing the Second Amendment."

Steve Rada is currently the chairman of the CRPA Mendocino-Lake-Sonoma County Chapter. He also has volunteered his time at several gun shows to help with recruiting and education. CRPA is grateful for Steve and his commitment to defend our Second Amendment.

Why do you volunteer/donate?

SR: I do not care how big an organization is, if a good portion of its membership isn't involved on a personal level, it will be ineffective and eventually fail.

What contribution or achievement are you most proud of?

SR: I have not accomplished it yet; my best is yet to come!

What do you hope the organization will achieve in the near future and in the long-term?

SR: In the near future, I hope we can win all our ongoing litigation. Long-term, I would like to see every legal gun owner in the state [become] a member of CRPA.



► **Back door burglar warning** (notice left side of target's neck), December 20, 2012, San Juan Bautista, CA. (JOYCE WALLER-DIEMONT)

Do you have an anecdote about this cause/organization that really moved you?

SR: At the first Chapter meeting I attended, somebody asked what we wanted this new Chapter to do. After a few awkward moments of silence, I jokingly spouted out, "Personally, I'd like to storm Sacramento and burn it to the ground!" The room erupted in cheers. By the time

I left, I was the chairman!

Q: Does anyone in your life play a role in supporting your involvement and/or in providing inspiration?

SR: My partner, Joyce Waller-Diemont, who is also an NRA Life Member and CRPA Member. Kathy Graham's a pretty good butt-kicker, too! **CRPA**

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM

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| First Name | Middle Initial |
| Last Name | |
| Street Address | |
| City, County, State, Zip Code | |
| Cell Phone | |
| Email Address | |

Check your areas of interest. This is not an exclusive list. You can always change your mind.

- Staff gun show & trade show info booths
- 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!

Return to the **California Rifle & Pistol Association**
Attn: Volunteers Program
271 E. Imperial Highway, Suite #620, Fullerton, CA 92835
Phone: (800) 305-2772 | Email: volunteer@crpa.org

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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! **Volunteer for CRPA!**



► **Hands-on practice** during Day 2 of a reloading class at CRPA headquarters. During this portion, participants practiced reloading ammunition. (ERIC JOHNSON)

EVENTS & TRAINING

LOCATION KEY

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

EVENTS

JANUARY

January 2-3
CROSSROADS SAN FRANCISCO GUN SHOW
Daly City, CA

January 9-10
SACRAMENTO GUN SHOW
McClellan Park, CA

January 23-24
BUCKSTOP ANGELES CAMP GUN SHOW
Angeles Camp, CA

January 23-24
CROSSROADS COSTA MESA GUN SHOW
Costa Mesa, CA

FEBRUARY

February 6-7
LODI GUN EXPO
Lodi, CA

February 6-7
CROSSROADS RENO GUN SHOW
Reno, NV

February 13-14
DIXON GUN EXPO
Dixon, CA

February 13-14
CROSSROADS VENTURA GUN SHOW
Ventura, CA

February 27-28
CROSSROADS SAN BERNARDINO GUN SHOW
San Bernardino, CA



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CRPA TRAINING COURSES

- Basic Rifle
- Basic Pistol
- Basic Shotgun
- Home Firearms Safety
- Basic Range Safety Officer
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- Personal Protection outside the Home
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BACK AT IT IN THE 2020-2021 SEASON

LINCOLN RIFLE CLUB'S JUNIOR ADVANCED PRECISION TEAM

BY RYAN WATTS



► Carleton Liden getting ready to shoot. (RYAN WATTS)



► Malena Childers and mom talking before practice. (RYAN WATTS)

CRPA'S RANGE COALITION

CRPA's Range Coalition members are businesses, clubs, private and public ranges throughout California. Range Coalition members are united to protect range operations and expand opportunities for public participation in the shooting sports so that all Californians have convenient access to ranges and to marksmanship, self-defense, hunting, safety and other training.

The CRPA Range Coalition advocates for ranges in Sacramento and locally to protect ranges and ensure that any proposed legislation or regulatory policies promote proven and sound best management practices and recognize the value of access to ranges and training programs. Through webinars and Information Bulletins, CRPA provides critical information to coalition members and range operators about environmental, safety, insurance, corporate, legal, operational and other important issues of interest.

California ranges are encouraged to participate in CRPA's Range Coalition by emailing CRPA at ranges@crpa.org.

The Lincoln Rifle Club's Junior Advanced Precision Team is back at it and with fire in their

eyes. After shooting at the CMP Nationals (where they took 2nd place) and waiting out some of the heat, the kids are back in the range practicing 3 nights per week. We officially kicked off the season by shooting the 10.9 Day match on October 9. This is a 40-shot, Offhand national postal match, put on by USA Shooting®. This match was not mandatory, and five of our kids opted to go for it! There is nothing better for building confidence than shooting in a competition and honing those skills! There were 113 competitors in this match, and the Lincoln Junior Advanced team may not have taken home any top awards, but as always, our presence is known, and our kids are getting on the board. Will Brandt, still working hard at building his shot plan, finished with a 362.3; then his sister Rachel wrapped up with a 390.4, inching closer to Carleton



► Logan Michael and Morgan Vander Linden playing before practice. (RYAN WATTS)



CRPA works with and supports the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), a national organization created by federal law that provides citizens around the country with firearm training and learning opportunities, similar to the operations of CRPA.

The CMP's highest priority is serving youth through gun safety education and marksmanship events that encourage personal growth and life skill development. CRPA whole-heartedly joins in and supports these efforts.

CMP has also developed excellent match procedures at competitive and recreational shooting events that are being incorporated into CRPA's own event and match management processes. Individuals can keep informed about CMP affiliated matches by visiting the CMP's Competition Tracker page at <http://ct.thecmp.org>.

The CMP also sells select vintage military rifles to qualified U.S. citizens at a great price, along with competitive equipment and memorabilia! You can learn more about getting started on your own marksmanship journey through the CMP at <http://thecmp.org/get-started/>.

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► Alex Watts putting a 10.7 on the board. (RYAN WATTS)

Liden who finished with a 397.3. Tori Watts came in 20th place with a 410. These were all respectable scores and a great day on the range.

The very next weekend was the

MidwayUSA 2020 Hometown Challenge. This was a 60-shot Offhand match, and all 12 of our kids participated, several bringing their A game to whoop it on; Coach Steve even

shot, but we don't need to mention his score. Out of a total possible 600 points, the top scores for our team were put up by Tori Watts (586-37x); Morgan Vander Linden (584-35x); Lily Polakovic (578-32x); and Logan Michael (576.25x). Several of the other kids put up solid scores and are well on their way to easily qualifying for the Junior Olympics 2021.

As of this writing, the next big match is scheduled for the weekend of November 7 and 8, where the kids compete in the Best in the West competition, which involves a CMP Cup Three-Position Air Rifle match and a CRPA Standing Air Rifle match. The NRA-sanctioned State Championship is scheduled for November 8. It will be a long weekend of shooting, and the kids are itching to put some high scores on the board.

Keep in mind that none of this would be possible without all the support that we as a team receive from the CRPA, NRA Foundation, MidwayUSA and CMP. Their combined support helps us with gear, ammo and most of all a positive message to the community. Thank you all so very much; we look forward to shooting in each of your matches and not only showing you who we are as a team, but what the kids from the Lincoln Rifle Club can do on the line! **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.



► The 2020 Service Rifle winners. (MIKE BARRANCO)

THE 2020 CALIFORNIA SERVICE RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIPS SCOPES IMPROVE SCORES ALL AROUND

BY MIKE BARRANCO

CRPAs 2020 state service rifle championship was held at the Coalinga Rifle Club range the third weekend of October. The best-attended of the seven CRPA High Power events had been postponed from April due to COVID-19. The 50 shooters who made the trip to Coalinga this year were rewarded with warm days and light winds but dismal gray skies and poor air quality due to smoke from the wildfires.

In 2016, the Civilian Marksmanship Program changed the service rifle rules to allow scoped rifles in competition. Now, with nearly all rifles sporting scopes and some shooters in their fifth season of scope shooting, the scores in all classifications are

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7. **ALWAYS** be sure the gun is safe to operate.
8. **ALWAYS** use only the correct ammunition for your gun.
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higher, approaching “perfect” at the highest levels.

In the Standing match, Matt Early dropped only one point for a 199-8X. Junior Zack McLain, shooting in the *Expert* class, was close behind at 197-6X.

The Sitting Rapid Fire match, the least challenging stage for most competitors, featured a number of 200s: Robert Taylor leading with a 12X; Matt Early, Greg Brown, Joel Sylvia and Zack McLain all firing 11X clean; and Joe Adams with a 6X.

Prone Rapid Fire was only a bit more difficult. Matt Early won this match with a 200-7X, one X ahead of Paula Crenshaw. Numerous competitors in all classifications fired in the high 190s.

Despite wind that was unusually light for a Coalinga afternoon, no one escaped the 600-yard line with a perfect score. Matt Early was closest with a 199-10X. Five competitors weren't far behind with 197s.

Matt's aggregate score of 798-36X won the championship and gave him his third Service Rifle Bear Trophy in the last 4 years. Robert Taylor was second at 788-29 to win the



► Former Grizzly Junior Team member Josh Lehn. (MIKE BARRANCO)

High Master class. High Master level scores (776 and up) won the Master and even *Expert* classes. Junior Amber Kingshill was the top Master shooter with a 783-24X, followed by Hunter Blacksmith at 781-25. Zack McLain won the *Expert* class with a

782-28X, well into the High Master range. New junior shooter Simone George won the Sharpshooter class with a 711, beating her father John by one point.

Special awards went to Amber Kingshill, High Woman and High



► Amber Kingshill with her trophies. (MIKE BARRANCO)



► Matt Early earned the State Champion title. (MIKE BARRANCO)

Junior; Jim O'Connell, High Grand Senior; and Ken Letwin, High Senior.

Forty-five competitors returned on Sunday for the CRPA State Trophy Individual and CMP Excellence in Competition match. A clean 100-3 standing started Matt Early off to a 495-17X and a match win. Joel Sylvia was second at 491-16X, and Joe Blacksmith was third at 489-17X. Scott Bonivert was the High Non-Distinguished competitor and earned his first eight leg points with a 484-9X. Mark Gould won six leg points with a 476-9X. And after more than 5 years of not competing, former Grizzly Junior Team member Josh Lehn earned his last six points with a 482-9X. He will be awarded U.S. Distinguished Rifleman badge number 2517.

Thanks to Curt Gordon, Brian Lok and their helpers for running an enjoyable championship match. And thanks to all the competitors who attended. High Power shooters who haven't been to Coalinga lately for one of CRPA's championships are missing some great events with national-level competition. Besides the great camping and RV facilities at the range, there's a new Best Western hotel in town that many of the shooters are enjoying. We hope you'll come to one of our championships next time! **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.



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► **The three winning students** with their medals and coaching staff. *Left to right:* Marc Perrin, Range Safety Officer; Rob Anderson, Shooting Coach; Peyton Zanotto with silver medal; Byran Duncan, Armorer; Kaylie Blanton with bronze medal; Doug Westbrook, Coach; Nick Perrin with silver medal; Barry Peters, Assistant Coach; and Doug Duchart, Shooting Coach. (TAWNY PERRIN)

2019 CLAY BIRD CONFERENCE CHAMPS

YREKA HIGH SCHOOL TRAP TEAM CELEBRATES SECOND WIN

BY BYRAN DUNCAN

The Yreka High School (YHS) Trap Team has begun its third year of clay bird trap shooting in the USA High School Clay Target League (usaclaytarget.com). The team finished the fall 2019 season in

1st place, statewide, in its league—their second year straight as conference champions. Scores are based upon a combination of the team as a whole, from beginner through experienced shooter athletes.

An awards presentation was held recently in the open air of the Yreka Clay Birds Club range, where head coach Doug Westbrook made several presentations. As a junior, Nick Perrin won

2nd overall in the state conference, receiving a silver medal. Perrin's scores also tied him for 14th in the nation, and he was named to the All-State Team. Outgoing senior, Kaylie Blanton, was awarded 3rd place female in the state and received a bronze medal. Then freshman, Peyton Zanotto, won 2nd place female in the state conference, also receiving a silver medal. Along with several of her teammates, Peyton lettered in the sport.

The current athletic team is composed of 14 students, with five adults making up the coaching and safety staff, along with several volunteer parents and friends. The team is striving for a third conference championship.

This shooting sport is made possible for Yreka High School students because of the logistical support of the Yreka Clay Birds Club, including use of its range and club house, as well as donations from the Rocky Mountain Elks Foundation and the CRPA, along with many volunteer hours. **CRPA**



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A PICTURE IS WORTH MORE THAN A THOUSAND WORDS

BY DENNIS MATOVU

Less than 5 minutes after my son and I sat down under a small evergreen on one side of a draw, a squirrel scampered up a tree about 100 yards across from us. Right then, I heard why the squirrel was getting out of the way; the huffing and grunting sounds that

I've never heard in the wild before, but knew immediately was our prey! BEAR! It was coming toward us. It was in a hurry. I have unsuccessfully hunted this patch of the Eldorado National Forest for many years. In fact, a couple of years ago, I brought two new hunters out here during deer archery season, and one of them saw a bear at this same location.

The situation unfolded so quickly, that my son didn't even have a round

chambered! He managed to get the round seated in the chamber and not a moment too soon because the bear was now coming up the hill. I could only see his back for a second through the trees from where we were. He headed to our right. He popped out in a small clearing 15 yards from us! He lifted his nose in the air. I thought, "He can smell us." I whispered to my son, "Shoot him, SHOOT!" Hezekiah said, "I can't see him." WHAT?! How can he not see the big brown bear 15 yards away? The scope had last been used at full magnification; the bear was too close! After what felt like minutes, the shot went off. The bear tore off into the woods. I thought my son had missed the shot!

My son and I have been out in the woods together in many parts of the state hunting different species since he was about 8 years old. Together we have learned a lot about hunting. We had hoped to harvest a bear, but I don't think we were prepared for this success. At the beginning of this season he wanted to harvest a deer, and



This is more than a 14-year-old with a bear harvest for me ... a lot more.

with his J20 tag, he filled his tag. Now, just a couple of weeks later, somewhere in the woods was a bear my son had shot. He had fearlessly shot a

► Proud Dad Moment ... Dennis Matovu photographs his son Hezekiah, age 14, with his first bear harvested in Eldorado National Forest this bear season!
(DENNIS MATOVU)

350-pound bear while sitting 15 yards away. Nope, it is not just luck. An old timer told me, "You will never harvest anything from your living room couch." And another told me,

"Luck is where preparedness meets opportunity!"

It took an hour to find our bear. No blood trail anywhere, and there was thick undergrowth everywhere! We had never had to track anything

let alone a bear with no blood trail in thick cover! I don't know if it was naive or bravery, but my son did not seem apprehensive at all in tracking through the undergrowth! The bear had made it more than 200 yards with what turned out to be a shot through the heart. Unbelievable! What a sight! What a relief! I think it would have been the most heartbreaking hunt ever if we had not found him.

It took us 2 hours to drag the 350-pound animal on a plastic sled the 300 yards back through the forest to the truck. Gutting it didn't change the weight! We decided that next time, we are field dressing our harvest. We learned more on this hunt than any other. We enlisted two hunters who were driving by to help us get the heavy bear into the back of the truck.

I have heard all kinds of stories about how gamey bear meat is. Well, hear it from first-hand experience:

You will never harvest anything from your living room couch.

My son shot a bear; we skinned and butchered the bear; my wife prepared the bear; and I am here to tell you, it is not at all gamey. By the way, you know that smell you have on your hands from working with any meat? The one that lingers even after washing your hands several times? Not so with bear!

We reported our harvest to the

Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) online and took the skull to the local office. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, there was no tooth extraction done which would have told us more about this magnificent animal.

We found the mushroomed copper bullet lodged in the ribs. It is my son's pride and joy, though his most memorable hunt is still his first turkey.

We are planning to tan the bear hide ourselves.

The picture doesn't tell you of the many hunts with no harvest. It doesn't tell you of the thousands of miles on the road and maybe the hundreds in the woods and fields, the hours spent together, the relationship built so far between a father and son.

The hope is to do the same with my daughter and younger sons. This is more than a 14-year-old with a bear harvest for me ... a lot more. But the bear is good, too! **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.

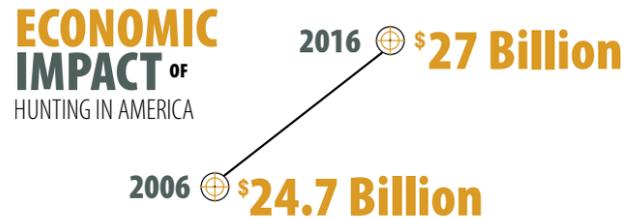


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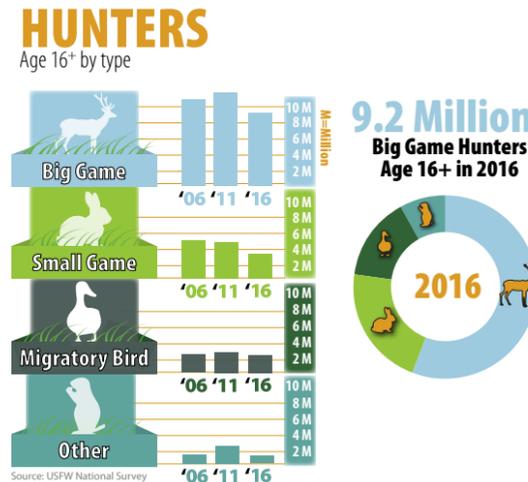
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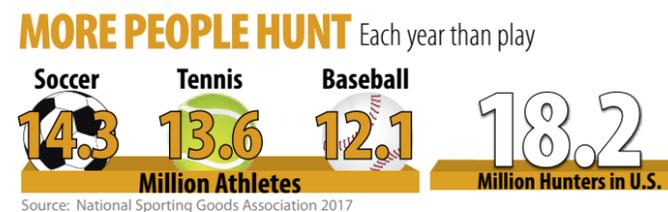
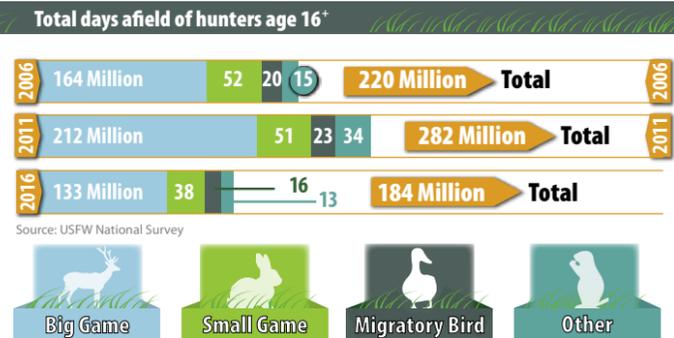
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The \$27 billion economic impact for hunting in 2016 would rank it as the 104th largest company on the Fortune 500 list

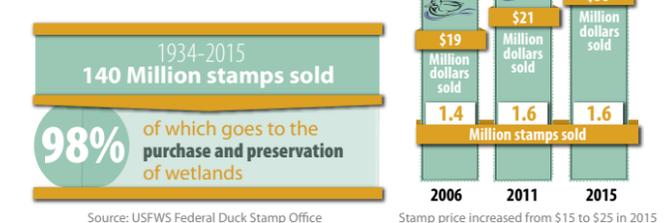
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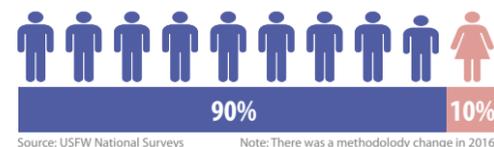
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NEWSOM'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-82-20

SIDESTEPPING INPUT ON 30X30 CONSERVATION

On October 10, 2020, in a stated effort to “fight climate change, conserve biodiversity and boost climate resilience,” Governor Newsom signed an executive order (EO N-82-20). This action establishes the state’s goal to conserve at least 30% of California’s land and coastal waters by 2030. Many of you are aware this is an effort that is not unique to California and has been growing nationally and internationally for over the last decade. On October 23, 2020, the Environment Council of the European

Union (EU) committed to protecting at least one-third of its land and seas by 2030. The 30% protection target is a central component of the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030, which was formally endorsed by the EU’s Environment Council after its May 2020 release by the European Commission. In this plan, the EU also commits to advocating for the 30% target at the global level.



BY ROY GRIFFITH
CRPA
LEGISLATIVE
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You will recall in 2020 we were in opposition to Assembly Bill 3030 (AB 3030). We opposed this legislation not because of the intent of the effort, but rather how it is arrived at and rules of implementation. The author, Assemblymember

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Ash Kalra, refused to meet with us and discuss very minor language changes that would ensure land access and use. Our two primary concerns were left unaddressed. First, the bill’s sponsors rejected our request that AB 3030 expressly define what the bill meant by its use of the word *protect*, thus opening the door for sweeping closures to public access and hunting and fishing opportunities on much of the lands and waters which would be “protected” under the legislation. Secondly, although AB 3030 called out goals for the total percentage of our lands and waters that should be “protected,” the bill failed to quantify the baseline of existing protections already in place. Additionally, AB 3030 came with a multi-million dollar price tag and rightfully died in a year that finds the state of California in deep debt.

The California Rifle and Pistol Association (CRPA) along with the hunting and fishing community join many lawmakers and public stakeholders in frustration over the governor sidestepping the State Legislature, appropriate public input and vetting in his mandating of this effort. That said, the

train has left the station! To ensure the long-term health of the wildlife and fishery habitats that we care deeply about and to protect and expand the hunting and fishing opportunities California’s lands and waters provide, it is imperative that we now embrace active engagement with state resource agencies to construct how California will implement this directive. Although we disagree with this mandate being handed down without appropriate public process and legislative oversight, we are thankful EO N-82-20 expressly states that state agencies shall collaborate with, among others, outdoor recreation and access groups and fishing and hunting organizations in achieving these goals; that it acknowledges the need for lands protected under this directive support as well as our outdoor heritage to expand equitable outdoor access and recreation for all Californians. CRPA will be very vocal to ensure we have a seat at this table.

ORIGINAL CONSERVATIONISTS

Hunters and anglers have historically played the lead role in the successful

conservation of California’s wildlife and fisheries and the habitats they depend upon. As our nation’s and state’s original environmentalists, for over 150 years we have worked in partnership with public agencies, private landowners and other interests to conserve California’s lands and waters. In fact, the California Protected Areas Database estimates the total area of currently protected land in California to be 49,294,000 acres, or 47.05% of the state’s landmass, not including easements.

One of the biggest problems with these “land grabs” in the name of “preservation” is that they do not come with any funding to protect and manage these large tracts of lands. In my career I have seen many examples where lands set aside to be “preserved” but did not allow “use” became garbage dumps and illegal marijuana grows! As stated above, hunters and anglers are the original conservationists and the best unpaid stewards of our lands. They have a vested interest in these lands and often the best non-paid security we could hope for. California has the

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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.

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lowest number of game wardens per capita and land mass in North America! They are greatly understaffed and underpaid, yet each year our legislators dump additional unfunded mandates on them! California's game wardens regularly make critical cases involving unlawful take of wildlife, habitat destruction and pollution from "witness" hunters and anglers who are lawfully afield enjoying our resources.

I do not think any of us can or would deny we have globally impacted this planet, and efforts must be made to protect and enhance the precious land resources we have left. However,

we must continue to follow the North American Model of Wildlife Management Conservation and recognize the critical role hunter conservationists have played and will continue to play as stewards of our lands. We will continue to oppose plans that involve locking up large tracks of land and oceans and allowing zero use. To sum things up, the 30x30 effort is not a new idea; it is an international effort that we at CRPA will continue to follow and fight for implementation that continues to recognize our role in the protection and wise use of our precious wildlife resources for genera-

tions to come!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you are hungry for more on this topic, do an internet search for "30x30 land conservation." You will find many articles that go way more into detail than I have time to here. A few suggestions are: "How Much Nature Should America Keep?" by Matt Lee-Ashley, the CAP Public Lands Team and the CAP Oceans Team, *Center for American Progress*, August 6, 2019; and "30x30 Eight Steps to Protect The Best on Earth," *The Nature Conservancy*, October 30, 2019. **CRPA**

CORE PRINCIPLES OF THE NORTH AMERICAN MODEL OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

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.

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WITH CHAMPAGNE ORANGE MARMALADE



(RICK TRAVIS)

Winter has set in with the cold winds and rains. The air is crisp, and if you live near wetlands you hear the cacophony of waterfowl. Duck season has arrived and is now in full swing. Families have gathered in blinds; dogs are shaking the near freezing water off them as they bring in their quarry; and pictures are



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taken to remember the moments of traditions honored and passed down. The ducks are placed in the cooler, and the next phase begins ... preparing the ducks for a sumptuous meal. I am fortunate to work with a diverse group of conservationists throughout the state, and each of us has his or her own passions. One of mine is helping people understand that wild game meat is incredibly

tasty and is to be enjoyed with friends. My goals are to always share a recipe that seasoned hunters will appreciate as something new and to show those just entering the process of providing holistic meat to their loved ones how simple and rewarding these meals are.

Duck is probably the easiest gateway game meat in nature's kitchen. Duck has, is and will continue to be a meal that presents itself fancier than chicken and less threatening than turkey. It is an elegant choice,

and for the finest restaurants around the globe, from Wolfgang Puck to Gordon Ramsay, and from China to France it is a showstopper. The duck hunter reading this article is wondering if he can serve up a meal worthy of the reputation, and even more daunting is the person who has no duck in the freezer wondering where to obtain a duck. The good news is a duck bought from a good butcher makes an excellent substitute.

A simple search of recipes from high-end restaurants will fall into three main categories of recipes for

duck. Peking Duck is a whole roasted duck that we will feature in a future article along with a humorous story of making it. It is time consuming, and I personally don't recommend it as a first duck recipe. Duck à l'Orange is a wonderful French duck recipe and is fairly straightforward for the average chef. The last category is the broadest with Roast Duck and (insert numerous items), proving the versatility of the meat. With that in mind, let's get cooking with my Scottish Roast Duck with Champagne Orange Marmalade.

INGREDIENTS LIST

FOR THE DUCK

- 1 5-6lb duck or 2 wild mallards or similar size ducks
- 3 tablespoons Kosher Salt
- 1 tablespoon five-spice powder (see homemade recipe)
- 1 large orange, zested and cut into 6 wedges
- 1 tablespoon grated ginger
- 1 tablespoon grated garlic

FOR THE GLAZE

- 1/2 cups orange juice
- 1 tablespoon honey (preferably orange blossom honey)
- 1/2 cup Merlot or dry red wine

ORANGE MARMALADE SAUCE

- 1/3 cup MacKays Orange Marmalade with Champagne (Amazon and World Market)
- 1/4 cup fresh orange juice
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon spicy brown mustard
- 1 clove garlic minced

HOMEMADE FIVE-SPICE RECIPE

In an electric spice mill or using a mortar and pestle, grind to a fine powder 1 tsp. black peppercorns, 1 tsp. Sichuan peppercorns, 1 tsp. fennel seeds, 1 tsp. cloves, 6 star anise, a 2-inch piece of cinnamon stick (crushed) and 12 allspice berries. Store in a glass jar. Makes about 3 tablespoons.

PREPARATION

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
2. Spray roasting pan and rack with vegetable cooking spray. Rinse bird with cool water on both the inside and outside. Pat dry.
3. Mix together salt and five-spice powder. Season interior of duck with 1 tablespoon salt mixture; use remainder to generously season exterior (you may have a little left over). Combine orange zest with grated ginger and garlic, then smear mixture inside cavity. Place orange wedges in cavity. Tie legs together. Secure neck flap with wooden skewer or toothpicks. Place duck on rack in roasting pan breast-side-up and refrigerate overnight, uncovered.
4. Make the glaze by combining all ingredients and whisking them together in a small bowl. Bring the mixture to a simmer, then reduce mixture until you have a light syrup, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat and set aside.
5. Roast duck for 2 hours (if using two smaller wild ducks adjust accordingly at 22 minutes a pound or roughly an hour and 15 minutes). Baste the bird with the duck fat and glaze every 30 minutes. Tent with foil if the glaze



begins to get too dark.

6. Once duck reaches internal temperature of 165 degrees paint one final time with glaze and let it rest for 20 minutes. Using poultry shears, you may cut into quarters or carve in the traditional way.

While the duck is resting, prepare the Orange Marmalade sauce in a small saucepan over medium heat, combine all ingredients and bring to a

full boil, stirring constantly. Lower heat and simmer 3-4 minutes. Serve with the duck.

I present the duck with a side of seasoned steamed carrots and mashed butternut squash with butter. This recipe is great for sharing that traditional meat sources are served in the world's finest restaurants because they have stood the test of time. Bon Appetit or like we say in our house, dig in. **CRPA**

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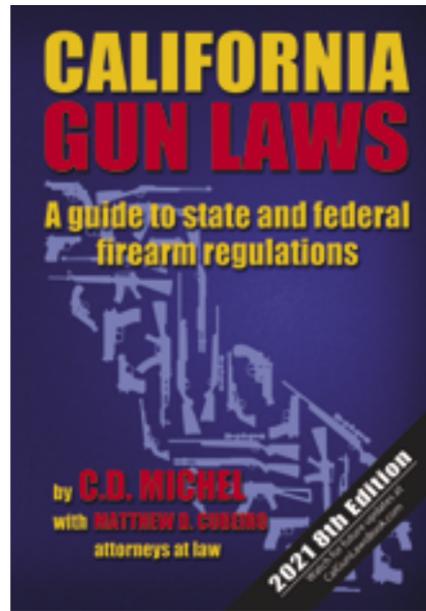
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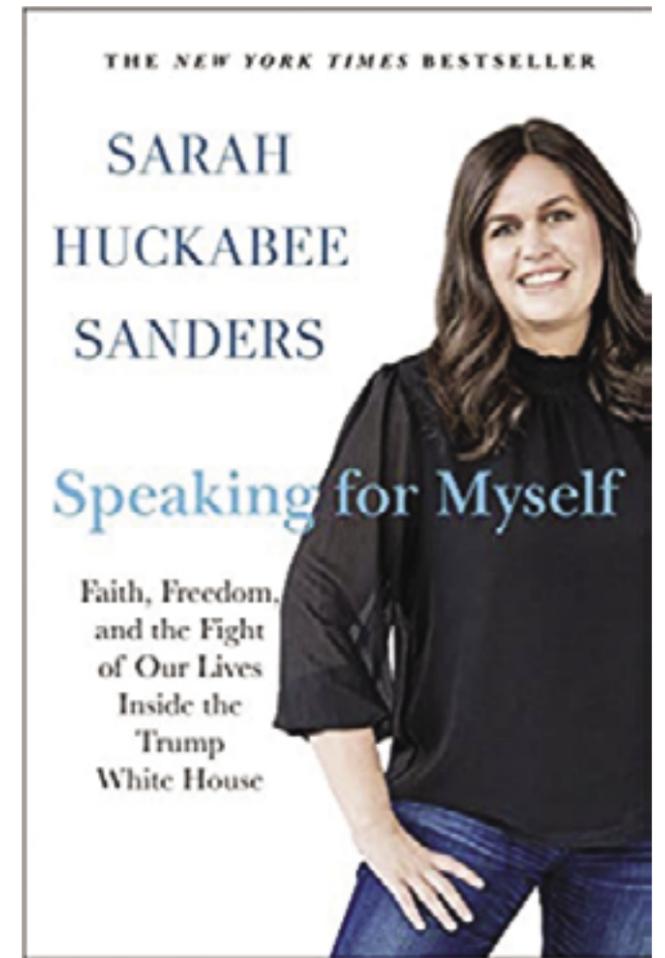
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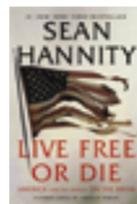
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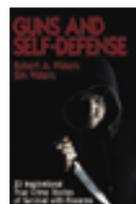
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