

# GGUNRAMC News

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## Presidents Column

There are several bills weaving their way through the legislature in Sacramento. Bill status changes almost on a daily basis however, have no fear! It is easy to stay up to date and active by checking the legislation page at <http://nramemberscouncils.com/legs.shtml> and reading the updated information, going to the bottom of the webpage and activating the "ONE CLICK" for each bill. DO THIS DAILY to tell the legislators your position. Remember when addressing the Senate it is "Dear Senator:" and if you are writing to the Assembly it is "Dear Assemblymember:" When you send your note it will be sent to everyone on that committee or floor as if you had individually typed each e-mail. That is why it is called "ONE CLICK". The \$19.95 charge is only for people using the system for anything OTHER THAN the right to keep and bear arms issue, so don't let that stop you. DO NOT CALL THE GOVERNOR WHILE THE BILLS ARE GOING THROUGH THIS PROCESS. THE WEBSITE WILL GIVE YOU DIRECTION TO DO SO WHEN THAT IS NECESSARY.

Project Bore Snake is in full swing. GGUNRAMC has donated \$100 to this project and encourages everyone to get involved. Donations are combined to send "Snake Kits" to U. S. Soldiers currently serving in Iraq or Afghanistan. The kits include a 5.50mm (M16) and a 9mm (sidearm) Bore Snakes with Hoppe's Elite Gun Cleaner and Hoppe's Elite Gun Oil (non-petroleum based, non-fouling) perfect for the fine gritty sand our soldiers have to work in. Go to [ProjectBoreSnake.org](http://ProjectBoreSnake.org) or call (559) 222-4050. Project Bore Snake address is P. O. Box 28537, Fresno, CA 93729-4050.

See you at the meeting on July 19, 2005.

Gerard J. Cecchettini  
President

## Two *VERY* Bad Bills

If you want two excellent reasons why you should be getting involved with the NRA Members' Councils this year, look no farther than Senate Bill 357 and Assembly Bill 352. These two bills working their way through the California legislature will do much to smash the rights of gun owners of this state, possibly drive ammunition manufacturers to stop selling in this state, and may even make law-abiding citizens into felons with a simple repair to their firearm!

SB357, written by State Senator Dunn of Garden Grove and sponsored by Attorney General Lockyer, as currently amended as of June 23, 2005, will require ALL handgun ammunition sold to be individually serialized by box or container by July 1, 2009. That means, every bullet shot at a tin can or paper target on a Sunday afternoon by plinkers all over California, each and every little .22 caliber bullet, each bullet used by law enforcement in training and combat, and even every bullet used by reloaders, must have a microscopic serial number engraved on it from the manufacturer.

You will have to register every time you buy handgun ammunition from a store. You will be paying at least ½ cent tax on every bullet to pay for this farce, with NO CAP provided for this tax so it can keep going up and up. You may have to pay many dollars more per box of ammunition to pay for the manufacturing costs. The penalty for possessing unnumbered bullets will be based on fifty rounds per criminal charge. It will be a crime to be in possession of unserialized ammunition in a public place.

Ammunition manufacturers have plainly stated that the technology to do this is not feasible at any cost. As a matter of fact, Senator Dunn and Attorney General Lockyer only have the word of a Seattle skateboard barrier company that it can be done.

The Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers Institute, or SAAMI, is the firearms and ammunition

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## Calendar of Events

**July 14-17:** Reed's Gun Store Big Sale / MC recruiting booth, San Jose (650) 208-9366

**July 15 :** (Dixon) Solano Friends of NRA Banquet Tom Warren (530) 795-2159

**July 16 :** Silicon Valley MC Day @ Reed's Indoor Range, 1100 Duane, Santa Clara (650) 208-9366  
Refuse To Be A Victim (free) 9:30AM-1PM  
Women On Target (\$20.00) 2:30PM-6PM

**July 19, 7PM : GGUNRAMC Meeting.** Round Table Pizza @ Geary St. and 16th Ave (Richmond district) San Francisco. NRA members and their guests are welcome.

**July 19, 7PM :** Marin County NRA MC meeting, Bullseye Indoor Range, 1281 Anderson Dr., San Rafael, (415) 382-9601

**July 23 :** Marin MC Women On Target pistol course, (\$20.00) Bullseye Range, San Rafael  
10:00AM - 12:30PM (415) 382-9601

**July 26 7PM:** Silicon Valley NRA MC meeting, Reed's Indoor Range, Santa Clara

**July 30 - 31 :** NRA Certified Pistol Instructor's class by Bill Tidwell, Reed's Indoor Range , Santa Clara (510) 713-8907

**Aug 16 7PM: GGUNRAMC Meeting** Round Table Pizza @ Geary St. and 16th Ave., S.F.

**Aug 16, 7PM :** Marin Co. NRA MC meeting Bullseye Range, San Rafael

**Aug 19 :** Stockton Friends of NRA Banquet , Barbara Kurilow (209) 931-3930

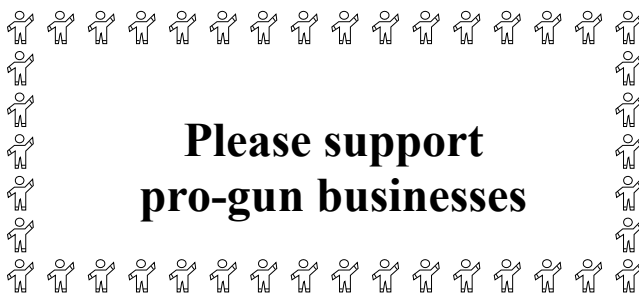
**Aug 20-21 :** TS Gun Show (w/ Refuse To Be A Victim class on Sunday 11AM - 3PM)  
Santa Clara Fairgrounds

**Sept 10-11: "Refuse To Be A Victim"**  
Instructor Development Workshop (free)  
Vacaville Marcia Gilbert, (707) 447-7632

## Our Meeting Schedule

**General Meetings:** Meetings held in San Francisco occur on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7PM. The location is Round Table Pizza @ Geary & 16th Avenue (in the Richmond District; street parking paid lot above Ross next door). Check our 24-hour info line at (415) 221-9333 or [www.ggnra.org](http://www.ggnra.org) to confirm the meeting date and location.

**Steering Meetings:** Officers & chairpersons, as well as all council members in good standing. Contact an Officer for the Steering meeting schedule.



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## San Leandro Rifle & Pistol Range

The San Leandro Rifle & Pistol Range is now open until 10:00PM on Saturday nights. A "steel shooting match" is also offered on Saturday nights from 5:00PM until 10:00PM on the outside range.

It only costs \$10.00 for either event.  
Located at 3001 Davis St., San Leandro, CA. 94577,  
(510)-638-9605. Ask for Richard Lyons.

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companies' association since 1926. They have said that this bill amounts to a "defacto ammunition ban" for the state of California. This bill will add hundreds of millions of dollars to the cost of producing ammunition, with entirely new unproven machinery needed to implement this law. Ammunition companies may have no choice but to stop selling ammunition to ALL law enforcement and civilian shooters in California.

As for the so-called "crime fighting" aspects of this bill? Why won't criminals just use bullets from out of state to commit their heinous crimes? Maybe they can file or polish off the serial numbers? Why would criminals use "legal" means to do their illegal deeds?

### **Had enough yet?**

Well, here's the scoop on another horrible bill that can make an unknowing law-abiding gun owner a felon for simply repairing their semi-automatic handgun. Assembly Bill 352, the Firearms Microstamping bill by Assemblyman Koretz of West Hollywood, will require that all semi-automatic handguns sold after January 1, 2007 have a microscopic array of characters that can be imprinted onto a cartridge every time a round is fired. These characters will be an identifying code that will identify the make, model, and serial number of the pistol being fired.

The fact is that there is only one electronics company claiming to have this technology. It is untested, unproven, and would require a complete reconstruction of the current firearm production process. This bad bill may, like SB357, add hundreds of millions of dollars to the cost of producing firearms, thus raising the costs of buying one to impossible levels.

This bill may also make an unwitting felon of an otherwise law-abiding gun owner if he decides to replace a worn-out serialized part with one without the imprinting device on it. Conversely, why couldn't a criminal replace these parts so he can commit his crimes without being traced? Maybe they could take used cartridges from a firing range to spread about their crime scene, leaving a false trail?

Outraged gun owners of California need to contact lawmakers in Sacramento right away to ask them to vote a resounding NO on these bills. There are many ways to let your voice be heard. Phone calls, letters, faxes, and e-mails are ALL important ways to share your thoughts. These methods should all work together with no one method being better than the other.

An excellent, easy, and effective way that the

California NRA Members' Councils have devised is the "ONE-CLICK" link. By going to <http://www.nramemberscouncils.com/legs.shtml#contactinfo> you will be directed to an e-mail page. This e-mail system will allow you to contact the entire committee with just ONE e-mail. It's so simple and effective to use that you should make it a part of your daily routine to send a message asking the committee to vote NO on bad anti-gun bills each time you log on to the internet!

There are a total of EIGHT gun bills in the California legislature that need our immediate and concerted input. AB86: Serialized property, AB88: Assault weapon penalties, AB944: Dealer warnings posted, AB966: Ammunition storage and sale, SB48: Ammunition sales to minors, and SB269: Unsafe firearms. All of the summaries of these bills and the NRA's stand on them can be found at <http://www.nramemberscouncils.com/legs.shtml#contactinfo>

The best way to get involved in the serious battle for your gun rights in this state is to attend an NRA Member's Council near you. Go to <http://www.nramemberscouncils.com/mc/directory/> to find a Council near you.

**If all concerned California gun owners don't stand up for their Second Amendment rights at this very critical time, we stand to lose much of the freedoms we have fought so hard to preserve. Don't be a spectator to this crucial battle, for as Edmund Burke has said, "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing."**

### **NRA Websites**

**NRA Homepage :** [www.nra.org](http://www.nra.org)

**NRA-ILA Legislation Homepage :** [www.nraila.com](http://www.nraila.com)

**Women On Target Program :** [www.nrahq.org/women/wot.asp](http://www.nrahq.org/women/wot.asp)

**Refuse To Be A Victim Personal Safety Seminar :** [www.nrahq.org/rtbv](http://www.nrahq.org/rtbv)

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24-Hour Information & Meeting Hotline	(415) 221-9333
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**NEXT GGUNRAMC MEETING :**  
**TUESDAY, 7PM, ON JULY 19TH, 2005**  
**ROUND TABLE PIZZA @ GEARY BLVD. AND 16TH AVE.**  
**SAN FRANCISCO**

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