

GGUNRAMC News

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Letters to the Editor Published in the Examiner!

The letters to the editor campaign is in full swing. Four pro-2nd Amendment letters were published in the San Francisco Examiner this month. Keep up the pressure and let the public know that NRA members have a voice and are concerned voters. Come to our Members' Council meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2005 at the San Francisco Round Table Pizza on 16th Ave. and Geary St. to find out how to write letters effectively.

Sacramento is at it again.

Be sure to write, fax, and phone the legislators concerning recent firearms-related legislation. Check out the article on the "One Click" process for a fast and easy way to get your voice heard in Sacramento.

Be sure you are signed up on the Cal-Erts program by going to www.nramemberscouncils.com and clicking on the "sign-up for Cal-Erts" button. This is a great and timely way to get e-mail alerts straight from the NRA staff in the state capitol. Often, these alerts are posted WITHIN THE HOUR of pending legislation, enabling us to add urgency to our comments to our elected representatives. Go to <http://www.nramemberscouncils.com/> for more information on this 21st century way to contact our politicians.

It's vitally important for us, as part of the four million members of the National Rifle Association, to keep in close contact with elected officials, the news media, and our neighbors and friends about 2nd Amendment issues. The e-mail alerts and regular attendance of Members' Council meetings are integral ways to become better informed about the issues as we tell our side of the great gun rights debate.

See you all at the meeting.

Gerard J. Cecchettini
President

ONE-CLICK !

Thanks to 21st century technology, you can now "one-click" your thoughts on a particular piece of legislation to ANY elected official in the California Assembly, Senate, or even the Governor's office! This is a terrifically easy and economical way to fight for your Second Amendment rights and to be a part of a state-wide effort.

"ONE-CLICK" is a very simple way to send an e-mail message to a state politician by way of our California Members' Council webpage, www.nramemberscouncils.com/legs.shtml. By going to this webpage and "clicking" on "the ONE-CLICK system", you will see a table of all the pending legislation and the NRA's position on them, and also whatever court decisions are pending as well.

At the bottom of the webpage is the ONE-CLICK area. All you have to do is click on a pending law you want to comment on, fill out the e-mail with your thought (be brief and to the point), and hit "Send". That's it! As a matter of fact, I did one on the Bullet ID bill, SB 357, as I was typing this article. The webmaster of www.nramemberscouncils.com timed himself as he did the ONE-CLICK process, and accounting for some slow typing, took 55 seconds ... FIFTY-FIVE SECONDS ... to complete and send it!

Also on the webpage is contact information for all the members of the State Assembly, Senate, and the various committees that vote on these bills. Along with those are California newspapers and Letter Editors, and radio political talk shows. You can make a serious statement about your Second Amendment rights to your elected official and media outlets in one short afternoon from this one page!

These days, e-mail IS an important component of voicing your opinion to elected officials. Along with phone calls, "snail-mail", and faxes, e-mail is a quick and simple way to communicate either our opposition

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Calendar of Events

July 9-10 : Central Coast Gun Show, Fresno Co. Fairgrounds

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 Day @ Reed's Indoor Range 1100 Duane, Santa Clara (Refuse To Be A Victim 9:30AM – 1:30PM Women On Target 2:30PM - 6:30PM) (650) 208-9366

July 17, 2005 7PM : GGUNRAMC Meeting. Round Table Pizza @ Geary St. and 16th Ave (Richmond district) San Francisco. NRA members and their guests are welcome.

July 21, 7PM : Marin County NRA MC meeting, Bullseye Indoor Range, 1281 Anderson Dr., San Rafael, (415) 382-1123

July 23 : Marin MC Women On Target course, 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 6-7 : TS Gun Show, Modesto Center Plaza, Modesto

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

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 221-9333 or 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.

Driving Instructions: Maps and detailed instructions are posted on our web site: www.ggnra.org



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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.

GET OUT !!

It's been said that "All work and no play makes Jack, (or Ted, or even Paul) a dull boy!" It can be no truer then in the shooting sports. Have you been so busy "ONE-CLICKING" (see front page) ALL the California legislature and newspapers with your thoughts on pending gun bills that your .22s are rusting away in your safe? GET OUT ! Maybe your kid is beating your pants off in his video shooting game while your beloved Winchester 30.06 is whimpering quietly in its case? Then GET OUT !!

I mean you should GET OUT and re-experience the joy of the shooting sports. We have so many great facilities here in the SF Bay Area to practice and support our sport. We have many indoor and outdoor ranges that can accommodate pistols, rifles and shotguns. Some even host various events such as IPSC, SASS, IDPA, CMP, and many, many more. See our webpage, www.ggnra.org , under "links" for a listing of many of the Bay Area venues for shooting.

Sadly, there are less and less fine gun shops to visit. Ever-tightening Federal regulations and local ordinances have pushed many shops out of business. We do need to support those businesses that have hung in there. Let your fingers do the walking in the phone book and maybe make a nice Saturday of visiting (and maybe even buying something from) local gun stores in your area. Let these folks know we appreciate their tenaciousness and effort to serve the shooting community.

Another fun thing to do is bring a buddy, co-worker, or family member out shooting, especially one who has never shot before. It gets you out of the house, lets someone new experience the fun of shooting, and maybe brings one more person into the Second Amendment battle on our side.

So "GET OUT" and acquaint yourself with the fun and rewards of shooting. It will remind you of how important our fight for our gun rights is, and maybe even refresh your spirit and recharge your energy for the tough fight ahead for 2005.

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or endorsement of a bill in the legislature. Often, it can be very effective due to its immediacy on pending laws even at the actual moment they are being voted on.

There are many myths about e-mails effectiveness. They have been proven to be just plain wrong! For instance, people say that e-mails are often ignored. We, of the California NRA Members' Councils, have made quite an impact over the years in the Capitol with our faxes and e-mails opposing many anti-gun bills. Go to www.nramemberscouncils.com/siliconvalley/special/2003CaLegReport.pdf to see how extremely successful we were in 2003. In 2004 there was only ONE gun control bill passed, so that was a good year as well.

Another myth is that your e-mail doesn't count if you're not in that particular legislator's district. The fact is that any bill in Sacramento affects ALL of California, and these folks need to hear from ALL of us who live here.

All in all, we have here one seriously important weapon in our arsenal. We all need to use this "ONE-CLICK" as often as we can to insure our elected officials hear our united voice. Don't you have 55 seconds a day to fight for your gun rights?

NRA Websites

NRA Homepage : www.nra.org

NRA-ILA Legislation Homepage : www.nraila.com

Women On Target Program : www.nrahq.org/women/wot.asp

Refuse To Be A Victim Personal Safety Seminar :
www.nrahq.org/rtbv

Help the NRA support our troops :
[Http://www.nra.org/troops/soldier.htm](http://www.nra.org/troops/soldier.htm)

California Legislative Alerts

To view the latest legislative alerts check here:
<http://NRAMembersCouncils.com/legs.shtml>

To receive CAL-ERT email alerts derived from direct input of the Sacramento NRA-ILA lobbyist, Ed Worley, sign up at:
<http://calnra.com/calerts-signup/index.shtml>

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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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