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President's Column

NRA WANTS YOU TO JOIN US IN THE FIGHT TO DEFEAT PROPOSITION H

Last December, five members of San Francisco's Board of Supervisors submitted to the Department of Elections a proposed law that would ban the possession of handguns and the sale, manufacture and transfer of all firearms and ammunition in the city and county of San Francisco. The proposal has been placed on the November 8 special election ballot.

If a simple majority of voters approves Proposition H on that day, the ban will take effect on January 1, 2006. After that, San Francisco gun owners will have 90 days to surrender their firearms to authorities. Since all handgun sales are now registered in California, confiscation of firearms from honest, peaceable citizens will presumably begin sometime soon after that.

A Four Point Plan for Bay Area Gun Owners to help Defeat Prop H:

1: Volunteer Your Time: Contact the NRA Golden Gate Members Council to volunteer for the three weeks until the election, contact info is in this newsletter.

2: Get Out The Vote (GOTV): Make sure everyone you know who is registered in San Francisco shows up and votes against Prop H.

3: Letters To The Editor (LTEs): Please continue to send letters to major media addressing the issue as non-gun owning voters would see it, e.g., bad government, denial of choice, waste of law enforcement resources, etc, (See www.stopsanfranban.com for talking points and www.ggnra.org for media info)

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What's an NRA MC ???

What's an NRA Members' Council? OK, its alphabet soup time: The Cal NRAMC is directly under the NRA Exec VP. Got that? Here's an easier way to explain it: look at the picture on your driver's license ... THAT'S who the NRA is!! Now, look at it again along with your NRA membership card ... that's who CAN be an NRA Members' Council member. Easy!

You see, the National Rifle Association is made up of over 4 million Americans who, like you, believe in the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and are willing to stand up and defend it. We can be a powerful voice for freedom when we all stand together to protect our right to keep and bear arms.

It all started in 1871, when Col. William Church and Gen. George Wingate were shocked by the poor marksmanship of their Union troops. Together, they formed the National Rifle Association to "promote and encourage rifle shooting on a scientific basis." From that day on, the NRA has continued to promote all forms of marksmanship, hunting, and firearms safety programs to men, women, youth, and law enforcement all over the country.

Today, the NRA has had to expand that mission. The Second Amendment is under constant attack by those who want to limit or even take away our Constitutional right to keep and bear arms. California, especially, has an unprecedented need for this kind of vigilance. In the 80's, a group of California NRA activists sought to fulfill this urgent need by forming "grass-roots" groups of pro-Second Amendment believers. Thus was born the NRA Members' Council program.

The MCs operate directly under the authority of the NRA's Executive Vice President's office. We're not a hunting club, or a shooting club. We are NOT aligned with any particular political party or politician. We are a single issue group that focuses on preserving the

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4: If you can please Donate to NRA's Action Committee, the NRA Political Victory Fund: They have been, are, and will be spending as much as needed to defeat this measure. If you can give, this is the part of the NRA that pays the fare on this fight. Contact <http://www.nrapvf.org/> or call 800-392-8683

Sites To See:

<http://www.stopsanfranban.com>
(NRA-ILA web site devoted to Prop H)
<http://www.nraila.org/Issues/Articles/Read.aspx?ID=175>
(NRA-ILA Fact Sheet on Prop H) <http://www.nraila.org/issues/factsheets/read.aspx?ID=72>
(NRA-ILA Fact Sheet on Wash., D.C. Gun Ban)

OTHER NEWS:

The California Legislative Session for 2005 is over and five bills made it to the Governor's desk.

He Signed Two Good Bills:

AB 86– “Serialized Property”
AB269-“Firearms: Unsafe Handguns”

He Signed Two Bad Bills:

AB 88 – “Assault Weapon: Penalties”
SB 48 - “Firearms: Ammunition”

Finally, He Vetoed a Very Bad Bill:

AB996“Ammunition: Storage & Sale”

**Below is the list of bills YOU STOPPED!!!
(Though they may come back next year):**

AB 98 “Illegal Handgun Carry”
AB 352 “Firearms Micro-stamping”
AB 944 “Firearms: Dealer Warnings”
AB 1002 “Hunting: Non-lead Ammo”
SB 357 “Ammunition Serialization

Final Score for 2005: 8 to 2 in our favor.

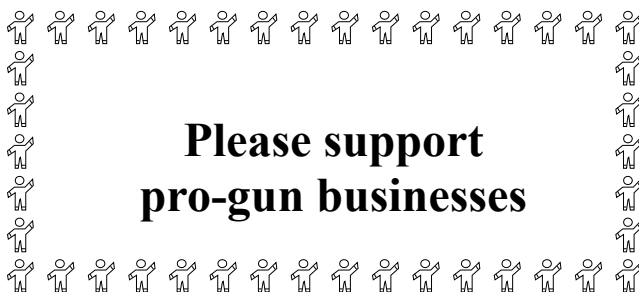
For more detailed information on these bills go to <http://www.ggnra.org> and click the “Legislative Updates” Tab on the left side of the webpage.

Gerard J. Cecchetti, President

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 to confirm the meeting date and location.

Steering Meetings: Officers, chairpersons, and council members approved by the council president may attend. 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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Second Amendment by working at a local community level.

What the NRA Members' Council does is draw together concerned NRA members and organize them into efficient groups on a local level. The Members' Councils can channel important information and facts to its members for organized and effective action, whether it's a letter writing campaign, a phone calling project, or attending a city supervisors meeting.

We are the ones that make the phone calls, send the faxes, and write the letters and e-mails to our elected representatives to tell them not to infringe our rights. We are the mighty army that can mobilize on a moment's notice to contact our senators, congressmen, governors, mayors, and supervisors.

What happens when you come to a typical Members' Council meeting? Well, to be truthful, "legislative action" doesn't always mean lighting the torches and sharpening up the pitchforks to storm the castle! We don't scream and yell and work ourselves up to a fever pitch and run out of the meeting foaming at the mouth!

"Legislative Action" is often a long deliberate process, with much of our action dictated by events in the Sacramento Capitol Building. Ed Worley, the full-time NRA lobbyist up in Sacramento keeps us informed on up-to-the-minute changes and maneuvers by the lawmakers on gun-related bills. We custom-tailor our responses based on his timely reports from the State Legislature.

When you attend a Members' Council meeting, you will be updated on the most recent changes to various gun bills in the legislature. You may be asked to spend some time writing letters to elected officials or newspaper editors. You may even be asked to volunteer for handing out information at gun shows, rodeos, outdoor sports and hunting expos, or other public events. You may be treated to a guest speaker that may discuss topics ranging from firearms legal questions, to local hunting areas, or a new recreational shooting program.

The Members' Councils also provide firearms safety instruction, special training for new women shooters through our "Women On Target" program, gun safety for kids through our "Eddie Eagle" program, and many other outreach and training programs to our communities.

When it does come down to the political fight, the Members' Councils ARE EFFECTIVE! In 2003, we defeated *five* major anti-gun bills, and had *five* pro-gun laws signed into law. In 2004, we defeated or stalled out

six anti-gun bills. In 2005, we got *six* anti-gun bills stalled or vetoed. Two especially important bills we got stopped this year are the firearms microstamping bill, which would require ALL new semi-automatic handguns to have parts that will micro stamp an identifier on each and every round fired, and the ammunition serialization bill which would have required EVERY bullet sold in California to have a serial number on it. We got one pro-gun bill passed as well this year.

All this would NOT have happened if NRA members in California just stood back and did nothing. Instead, concerned California NRA members got involved and joined the Members' Councils. They made the phone calls, wrote the letters and e-mails. They wrote letters to the editors of various newspapers. They talked with friends and co-workers. They MADE THE DIFFERENCE!

Come to an NRA Members' Council meeting near you and make a difference here in California. You can visit the California NRA Members' Council website at <http://www.nramemberscouncils.com> and find a Council near you, or you can visit a gun store or shooting range and find our newsletters and flyers. There are 32 Members' Councils up and down the state, with 10 in the San Francisco Bay Area alone, so there is plenty of opportunity for you to get involved no matter where you live in California. By the way, the Members' Council is a FREE benefit of your NRA membership, so come out and take advantage of this great program.

It's been said that there are three kinds of people in this world: Those that MAKE things happen, those that WATCH things happen, and those that WONDER what happened! By joining and attending an NRA Members' Council near you, you can make things happen and become a proud participant in the fight to save your Second Amendment rights here in California.

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

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How To Stay Informed	
24-Hour Information & Meeting Hotline	(415) 221-9333
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Ted Schulze	Secretary	

NEXT GGUNRAMC MEETING :
TUESDAY, 7PM, ON OCT. 18TH, 2005
ROUND TABLE PIZZA @ GEARY BLVD. AND 16TH AVE.
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