

An Evening to Celebrate Continued . . .

GOC awarded beautiful Award Plaques to those who have gone out of their way to strengthen and support our work. Support comes in many ways and we needed to recognize it all for we are grateful for each and every one.

At evenings end, guests were regenerated for the continuing battle, pledging within their own hearts to stay the course, to be actively involved for another season, to do more when more could be done to encourage others to awareness and activism. If we had started out not wanting to be there or wishing we could stay home with our families, we ended up glad we had come, inspired by each speaker to greater participation, and satisfied that our confidence was well placed in supporting and contributing in numerous ways to Gun Owners of California.



Message goes Nationwide Continued . . .

policies. Writing in USA Today, our attorneys Herbert Titus and William Olson stated: "No government deprives its citizens of rights without asserting that its actions are "reasonable" and "necessary" for high-sounding reasons such as "public safety"."

A right that can be regulated is no right at all, only a temporary privilege dependent upon the good will of the very government officials that such right is designed to constrain.

TO: SENATOR H. L. RICHARDSON, (ret.)

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# GOC Hits the Airwaves

## Let's Talk Guns with John Conely

The Gun Owners of California website is now updated to allow visitors to link to Let's Talk Guns Radio on KCEO in San Diego and WSRadio, the largest internet radio network in the country.

Members are able to listen live when the shows are being aired during their regular schedules or downloaded as podcasts of the various shows so they can be listened to at your convenience.

Every first Wednesday of the month, GOC Executive Director Sam Paredes is on the KCEO show with host John Conley from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and will be a regular guest on the WSRadio internet show.

All of the hot gun topics of the day are discussed including politics, guns, legislation, guns, industry news and guns.

## Anti-Gun Bills Continued . . .

and is not on the horizon, either. Additionally, as our current opposition letter states, "No research project has successfully developed any technology that is reliable and safe from simple tactics to defeat the systems."

Gun Owners! Join GOC and voice your

## California Sportsmen with Sep Hendrickson

Every Saturday morning from 6:00 to 8:00 a.m. members can listen to award winning California Sportsmen with host Sep Hendrickson on Sacramento's KHTK radio station. Northern California's can listen to live broadcasts on their radios or anyone can go to www.sepsprofishing.com and click on California Sportsmen, to listen on the internet or to listen to a live stream or to download a podcast.

Every Saturday morning Sep announces the winner of the Gun Owners of California 52 Guns in 52 weeks raffle. He also gives you all the hunting and fishing tips you will ever need.

Sam Paredes is a regular guest on the show and gives legislative updates and suggestions for political action for listeners.

Be sure to tune in every week.

OPPOSITION to these bills. Continue to call your members offices until they are dead. The State Capitol Switchboard number will get you any member number you want: 916 322-9900. Or, go to our website, www.gunownersca.com and click on CA State Assembly Members to get their phone numbers and email addresses.

## Gun Owners of California Membership Benefits

- Regular newsletters informing members of pending legislation and issues affecting gun rights.
- Information alerts through our website, email.
- Voting records of all California Legislators.
- Access to all Legislators through our website.

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## Assemblyman Kevin DeLeon Reintroduces Ammo Registration Bill

By Sam Peredes, Executive Director

Smarting from a wicked spanking in the Senate Committee on Public Safety in 2007, Assemblyman Kevin DeLeon (D-Los Angeles) has reintroduced his measure to add many new restrictions on the sale and delivery of ammo including registration of sellers and background checks on purchasers. . . defacto registration. The measure is AB 2062.

We know from experience that the actual cost of a background check is between \$17 and \$25 dollars. Well, imagine going into your local Wal-Mart to buy a 99 cent box of 22 rimfire ammo and being told that you must fill out forms similar to purchasing a firearm and pay a fee of \$25 for your background check. It stands to reason that it will also be necessary to add a waiting period before a purchaser can receive his box of ammo because the California Department of Justice cannot or will not do an instant background check. Presently, DOJ takes up to 10 days to complete this type of check.

Added to these provisions, DeLeon wants to make it illegal for customers to touch boxes of ammo in the store unless assisted by an employee who has also been required to pass a background check. And, mail-order purchase of ammo would be made impractical to the point of making it nearly impossible to buy through this process.

In 2007, DeLeon sponsored AB 362 to accomplish these goals but was surprised when Public Safety Committee Chairwomen Senator Gloria Romero unceremoniously gutted the bill and amended it into a study bill to evaluate the potential costs of the measure. Even though shocked and disappointed, DeLeon accepted the amendments and left the room with his tail between his legs.

It seems that during the Christmas break DeLeon changed his mind and decided to offer a middle digit expression to

the Senate Public Safety Committee by reintroducing his measure irrespective of the costs generated by his bill.

Initial estimates are that expanding the DOJ workload and database to include background checks for ammo purchasers would cost upwards of \$20,000,000. DOJ presently processes these checks on 10's of thousands of firearms purchasers every year. Ammunition is purchased 100's of thousands, if not over a million times a year buy gun owners. It will take increased staff and computer capacity to handle the new workload.

The kicker is that this measure will not stop one single criminal from acquiring ammunition anytime they want. Once again, only law-abiding citizens will be detrimentally impacted by this scheme. But we all know that that is the goal of the dedicated anti-gunner and so it should come as no surprise.

## An Evening to Celebrate

Gwen Friesen GOC Staff Writer

"No one wants to be here," keynote speaker Senator Tom McClintock began. "Everyone would rather be home, sitting with their families, being with their children and doing family things." Yet, as he acknowledged while continuing to speak, we are here because our cause demands we give our time, energy, and passion to securing our freedoms given by the Second Amendments. And so it was.

Guests came from all over the state for this elegant evening. . . Women dressed in lovely clothes, and well dressed men. We were all there anticipating a dynamic evening, generating a sense of community as we

came together for the purposeful goal of furthering our intense battle for firearm freedoms.

GOC's first Awards Dinner was held at the lovely Radisson Inn in Sacramento in mid-March. Old friends, new friends and young friends gathered together to share their cause and concerns over an excellent and delicious dinner, hosted by Robert Slobe of Sacramento.

The Speakers Table boasted Senator Jeff Denham and Senator Dennis Hollingsworth, Senator H. L. Richardson [ret.], keynote

speaker Senator Tom McClintock, and Master of Ceremonies, Senator Rico Oller [ret.] Masters of Ceremony are known to be comedians and cutups. . . and so it was true of Senator Oller. His humor brought lightness to a burdensome battle, and along with the encouraging remarks of Senator Richardson guests came away with a renewed sense of hope and positive beliefs to gird about themselves as they continued to take a stand and fight the fight to the end we desire.

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## Key Anti-gun bills pending in CA Legislature...

Gwen Friesen - GOC staff writer

Anti-gun legislators have been busy again in 2008 seeking ways to undermine the lawful and legal activities of California gun owners. Gun Owners of California has taken an OPPOSE position on three of these measures proceeding through the legislative process.

### AB 2062

We oppose Assemblyman Kevin DeLeon's AB 2062 on the basis that: "Ammunition or ammunition purchaser registration, in any form, serves only to infringe upon the rights of law-abiding citizens. It has proven to do nothing towards preventing criminals from violating federal or state laws." "In fact," as our position letter states, "the U.S. Supreme Court in U.S. vs. Haynes has held that criminals cannot be compelled to obey these registration laws because doing so would violate their right against self-incrimination. They can be prosecuted for breaking the law but they cannot be compelled to obey the law. Therefore, there is no crime prevention aspect to AB 2062."

### AB 2566

Assemblywoman Loni Hancock introduced a bill, AB 2566, in February of 2008 that would have given to cities and counties the ability to preempt or override existing state law pertaining to banning possession of handguns. The law as it stands now protects lawful citizens freedom to own and carry their handgun in their legal residence, place of business or on private property. Assemblywoman Hancock sought to undermine the law by adding the words, "provided however, that nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the regulation by a city, county, or city and county of the possession of handguns". The final death of this bill in the Assembly Public Safety Committee, April 15, 2008, is significant as it follows on the heels of the final demise of San Francisco's Proposition H as decided by the California Supreme Court last week. The demise of Hancock's bill and the rejection of Proposition H by the Highest Court in California is a victory and vindication for Gun Owners of California, for it is our Founder and Chairman, Retired Senator H. L. Richardson who authored the original law that exist today.

"Hancock's bill was foolishness", said Executive Director Sam Paredes, "even the Democrats could not stomach it". Senator Richardson authored the law in 1969 while serving in the State Senate. It specifically prohibits local entities, cities or counties, from banning or registering pistols, revolvers or concealable handguns within the legal properties of the citizen. AB 2566 was heard in committee twice. It failed both times. There is no opportunity for the Hancock bill to be heard again this year.

### AB 2948

Gun Shows at the Cow Palace in the San Francisco Bay Area are under attack again. A few years ago (2004) we defeated a measure designed to ban gun shows from the Cow Palace. This year Assemblyman Leno's AB 2948 seeks to ban the sale of firearms during the gun shows. As we have stated in our position letter in opposition to this measure, "The Cow Palace is a public venue ...and all legal activities should be allowed." This measure is another effort to eliminate the gun shows at the Cow Palace, just coming at it from another angle.

### AB 2235

"Smart guns" are the topic of AB 2235, authored by Assemblyman Mark DeSaulnier (D-Martinez). The bill calls for technology that does not yet exist

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## Speakers Bureau

Gwen Friesen - GOC staff writer

Gun Clubs across California are taking advantage of GOC's Speakers Bureau. Just in the last month, four clubs booked Executive Director Sam Paredes for an evening of speaking on: the legislation currently introduced in California, what is happening in the State regarding firearms and to gun owners, and GOC's involvement in the DC v. Heller case before the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, DC.

Dion Johnson of the Scotts Valley Sportsman Club in Santa Cruz reported back, "Sam spoke as he always does -- a mixture of great stories

and anecdotes from the past, some history (about which we ALL need to be reminded now and then), current status of various bills, and the GOC's work in fighting for our interests." He continued, "Our political strategy, as masterminded by Senator Richardson, is a good one and makes great sense for us in this state."

Mark Towber, President of the Golden State Second Amendment Council in San Jose said about their meeting with Sam, "Everything was fantastic. We normally close the meeting around 9 P. M. and people were asking so many questions we ran about 45 minutes longer." The sentiments were shared by John Walker, President of the Lewiston Gun Club who wrote, "Our event Saturday evening was good beyond my expectations. It was a genuine pleasure having Sam as our guest. I personally enjoyed meeting and talking with him, as did every member present."

Lee Dummel, contact for the Paradise Rod and Gun Club in Paradise, said, "Sam did a terrific job of speaking" and the result was "15 more volunteers" for their group. Lee is interested in forming an activist group that will actually come to the Capitol to meet with legislators, appear at hearings, and in general be more involved, as he put it, "to fight back." Sam presented the current legislation in a "very informative manner" and also "discussed the DC v. Heller case before the U.S. Supreme Court," Lee said.

Each club has reported that their memberships are growing. This is a direct result of the clubs efforts to keep members informed, educated, and updated as to their situation as gun owners in the state. Club activism is accelerated, as are other activities as the membership increases. Dion Johnson said, "We had over 100 attending and no less than 10 guests and new members on this occasion. Our club...is growing quite noticeably. Our meetings have, in two years time, more than doubled in size".

As gun owners in the state become more and more aware of their precarious position in retaining their guns and gun freedoms in this state, they are more and more inclined to join together to solidify the rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment.

There is no question that GOC and Executive Director Sam Paredes as speaker can help your club with membership growth, education, and inspired activism. Call today with your calendar date(s) and we will schedule a time for your club.

## Out in the Field

Gwen Friesen - GOC staff writer

It was January when he called. In polite, could I say even gracious tones, he asked, "Who are you?"

"What is GOC?" He asked again.

His name is Jerry Shannon and he has Safer Arms Indoor Range and Outdoor Gear, located in Chico, California. He said he knew the name of his store was very long, but he liked it that way because it said exactly what he did and what the store could do for any customers that walked into it.

His story began to unfold.

Robert Smith of Willows, California, walked into Jerry's store early in January. He was carrying Gun Owners of California materials. Robert asked if he could leave the materials in the

store, on the counter, so gun owners could pick up the flyers or brochures as they were paying for their purchases.

The answer was no. He could not. Astounded, Robert responded, "if he couldn't leave the materials he would no longer wish to be a customer of that store."

Not intimidated, but never-the-less curious, Jerry made the call to GOC. "Who are you?" he asked.

What followed was a great series of events. Jerry agreed to a personal meeting with GOC's Executive Director Sam Paredes. That meeting took place a few weeks later, with Sam being treated to an afternoon of getting acquainted, a tour of the Store and Range and introduction to other businessmen in the community.

Gun Owners of California can now call Safer Arms Indoor Range and Outdoor Gear of Chico and its owner, Jerry Shannon, friend. With our introduction, the bonds of gun owners working with Gun Owners of California has been remarkably strengthened.

Robert Smith serves GOC very well by being a member of our extensive Newsletter Distribution Team. His part in bringing the two entities together was and is still invaluable. He sees his part as "very small", as he said, hardly to be considered. GOC sees his part in this story as huge for he set the stage for our new alliance which benefits all gun owners in the state.

*Safer Arms Indoor Range and Outdoor Gear is located at 2555 Dominic Chico, CA  
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## GOA/GOC's Message Goes Nationwide Following Supreme Court Hearing

-- USA Today runs GOA/GOC editorial

Gun owners had their day in court, when the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the DC v. Heller case, which involves a challenge to the DC gun ban.

Absent some world-shaking surprise, it is pretty clear that there are five votes on the Supreme Court to declare that the Second Amendment is an individual right.

That fact alone should be enough to settle the argument over gun control and protect gun owners' rights. But as we all know, that's where the battle over the meaning of the Second Amendment begins.

More to the point, Justice John Paul Stevens asked Alan Gura, the attorney for Dick Heller, if it would be proper to say that the right protected in the Second Amendment shall not

be "unreasonably infringed"?

To our shock and horror, Gura answered "yes." He did qualify his answer somewhat by saying "we don't know" exactly what this "unreasonable standard looks like." But he conceded a significant amount of ground with his answer, because any ban would be "reasonable" to Chuck Schumer and Sarah Brady.

Truth be told, we do have a proper standard for interpreting the Second Amendment. The language doesn't say anything about "reasonable" or "unreasonable," it simply says the right of the people "shall not be infringed." It's a shame that even people on "our side" don't fully understand that.

That's why when USA Today looked at all the briefs which had been submitted, the editors decided

to use Gun Owners of America and Gun Owners of California for the opposing voice in their editorial. The editors told our attorneys that GOA/GOC had an argument that was distinctive.

Indeed we do. Our brief says:

The argument that "the right of the people" is subject to reasonable regulation and restriction tramples on the very words of the Second Amendment, reading the phrase -- "shall not be infringed" -- as if it read "shall be subject only to reasonable regulation to achieve public safety."

"Public safety" is frequently a canard that tyrants hide behind to justify their oppressive

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