

## More Dinners Raising More Money

Within the first quarter of 2011, we have already celebrated two new fundraising events, in both Yuba City and Placerville. We greeted many new people, welcomed numerous new members, and stood beside many willing patriots. Both events were a success and we are eagerly planning more banquets for 2011. We were honored to have Senator Doug LaMalfa speak to us in Yuba City and Sheriff John D'Agostini and Congressman Tom McClintock join us in Placerville. We look forward to again hearing Congressman McClintock's words of wisdom at an upcoming event in Rocklin. If you are interested in putting on a dinner in your area or participating on a planning committee, we would be honored to have you join us in this fundraising effort. Selling tickets, getting donations, setting up for events, and spreading the word are all valuable ways you can help support your gun rights. It is only with the help and perseverance of our faithful members that we are able to put on these events and we are continually looking for more opportunities to raise money, while engaging with Second Amendment supporters across the state. **Upcoming Events:**

### Rocklin Banquet

**April 29, 2011**  
**Rocklin Sunset**  
**Center**

### Oroville Banquet

**June 17, 2011**  
**Oroville Municipal**  
**Auditorium**

### Redding Banquet

**August 19, 2011**  
**Shasta District**  
**Fairgrounds**

For information on how you can help GOC grow, please contact Julie Benson at (916) 984-1400 or julie@gunownersca.com. Julie is our Director of Marketing and will be happy to talk to you about being a part of our team.



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## REDISTRICTING: Our Window of Opportunity!

*By Sam Paredes - Executive Director*

The year 2011 will be like no other since Gun Owners of California was formed 36 years ago.

We will, of course, be dealing with the usual plethora of anti-gun gobbledygook at the Capitol, including bills calling for the registration of rifles and shotguns (AB 809-Feuer), another attempt to ban "open carry" of unloaded handguns (AB 144-Portantino), expanding the definition of "handgun ammunition" in state law to include many rifle calibers and to circumvent the court's decision declaring the ammo registration law as unconstitutional (SB 124 & SB 427 respectively-de Leon). Add to this a handful of common sense bills we are watching, and our lobbying activities will keep us at the Capitol on a full-time basis.

With that being said, there is no question in our minds that the single most significant event in 2011 will be the creation of new legislative districts by an independent commission made up of ordinary citizens.

This is the first time that the dominant party in the legislature will not be drawing their own districts. It is no secret that when the legislators are in charge of drawing districts they *always* draw them to protect *their* seats, *their* majority and sometimes even *their* minority status, and so preserve a predictable outcome – *their* own. The lengths to which they have gone to accomplish these goals are breathtaking. In the past, they would create districts by choosing their own voters and their own homes, even if it meant drawing lines that looked like dragons or octopi, to guarantee the desired results. Both the Democrats and Republicans were guilty of protecting their own selfish interests – meaning their own seats.

Well now, much to the legislator's chagrin, districts will be drawn by a citizen's commission consisting of 5 Democrats, 5 Republicans and 4 decline-to-state or other parties. They have been selected by a rather lengthy process to attempt to assemble as unbiased a group as possible to complete the task. There has been some controversy in the selection of technical and legal advisors. Some are arguing that the selections have tipped the balance to one side or the other. The tech folks have connections to the Democrats and the legal folks are connected to the Republicans. No matter what happens, every aspect of the line-drawing process will be conducted in public and all sides will have equal ability to challenge decisions made by the commission within the process or in the courts.

The fact of the matter is that the political landscape will be drastically different than it is today. The probability is that virtually every district will be significantly altered. The undeniable facts are that population growth has occurred away from liberal anti-gun Democrat strongholds in the Bay Area and the Los Angeles Basin. Those regions have either stagnated or actually shrunk in population with the growth occurring in the Inland Empire, Central Valley and the Sierra Foothills. Although Democrats make up about 44% of the electorate versus 31% Republicans and 25% Decline-to-State and other parties, and given the fact that the law now requires that county lines, then city lines, then community lines must be honored as

much as possible, there is no question that the Democrats will be concentrated into fewer districts with super high concentration of voters leaving many more actual competitive races throughout the rest of the state.

With these new and fairer districts, we will for the first time in generations, have an opportunity to cut the stranglehold that the liberal anti-gun elitist have on our state government. We must be ready to take advantage of this once in a decade opportunity.

California completely missed out on the tidal wave of freedom that was breaking out across America. We can redeem ourselves but only if we all work together.

GOC will update our members on the redistricting process throughout the year. Go to the official redistricting website to find out when the Commission hearing dates are and the locations. [www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov](http://www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov)

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## Legislative Update 2011

By Gwen Friesen - Legislative Analyst

It's a new year and a new legislative session so you can imagine that since the anti-gunners took such a beating in the 2009-10 legislative session, they are coming back with a vengeance. Here are some of the more significant bills that have been introduced so far.

### **Ammunition: SB 124 Kevin de Leon** (D – 22 Los Angeles)

Frustrated by the Court overturning AB 962 this past January, a ticked off Senator de Leon attacks bullets, again. This bill expands the definition of "handgun ammunition" and utilizes armor/metal piercing handgun ammunition as a scapegoat.

It changes the definition of handgun ammo to include many rifle calibers; author states that he is concerned that pro Second Amendment groups will sue to re-legalize armor piercing handgun ammo. This bill will impact manufacturers, importers, retailers, and transporters. (Oh, yes, by the way, armor piercing handgun ammunition is banned under federal law)

**GOC Position: Oppose**

### **Handgun Safety Certificate Exemptions: SB 404 Joel Anderson** (R – 36 La Mesa)

United States Armed Forces like the National Guard, the Air National Guard, and the active reserve of the United States that are retired are exempt from the requirements of California law to obtain a Handgun Safety Certificate. This bill will add to those exemptions those who are honorably discharged members of the United States Armed Forces. Considering that they have been duly trained in the handling of firearms while in the service it is logical to free up our honorable veterans and allow them to avoid the hassles of acquiring certificates.

**GOC Position: Support**

### **Ammunition: SB 427 Kevin de Leon** (D – 22 Los Angeles)

Harassment of the lawful gun owner is the main tactic of the anti-'s....This bill basically

reintroduces AB 962 of 2009 and changes the date of implementation. It also adds new provisions to the law.

**GOC Position: Oppose**

### **License to Carry Concealed Firearm: SB 610 Rod Wright** (D – 25 Los Angeles)

As a requirement for being allowed a CCW, an applicant must complete a training course, and pay additional fees for processing the application. This bill stipulates that an applicant should pay no costs, nor should liability insurance be required, before they receive notice whether their application is going to be received or refused. Additionally, this bill requires that the determination of "good cause" be done within 30 days and that a written notice of the decision should be sent the applicant. The entire process is to take no longer than 90 days altogether.

**GOC Position: Support**

### **DOJ Funding on the backs of gun owners: SB 819 Mark Leno** (D-3 San Francisco)

Mark Leno's 2011 bill, SB 819, was amended with new language on March 21.

This bill now calls for allowing the Department of Justice (DOJ) to expand its use of the DROS fees charged new gun purchasers. Currently, the law allows the DOJ to use those funds when it relates to the sale or purchase and/or the transfer of firearms. Should this bill pass, that will change and the DOJ will be able to tap into the funds for any firearms related matter. Equally alarming is that the DOJ will be able to raise the fees when they need to.

It does not take a genius to see that the DOJ will soon suck up the funds from gun sales that exists presently, as they fund their enforcement activities and regulatory business. DROS costs will dramatically rise for purchases of firearms, which will likely curtail sales. Therefore, with this bill, purchasers and retailers and manufacturers alike will be badly affected.

**GOC Position: Oppose**

### **Open Carry Ban AB 144 Portantino**

(D – 44 Pasadena)

The anti-gunners never take "no" for an answer! Following on the heels of the defeat of AB 1934 (Saldana) in 2010, Bill AB 144 tries again to make it a crime to openly carry an unloaded handgun in certain public areas.

**GOC Position: Oppose**

### **Long Gun Registration: AB 809 Mike Feuer**

(D – 42 West Hollywood)

Anti-gunners never learn. This bill was defeated last year. Here it is again: If this bill passes, long guns will have to be registered just like handguns. Expands reporting requirements to include all firearms.

**GOC Position: Oppose**

### **Handgun Ammunition: AB 613 Hagman**

(R – 60 Chino Hills)

AB 962 of 2009 became law with all of its various anti-gun requirements and mandates. This bill, AB 613, strikes from the California code the words of AB 962, as the Court has overturned the law in every part.

**GOC Position: Support**

### **CCW for Retired Peace Officers: AB 829 Steve Knight** (R – 36 Palmdale)

Retired Peace Officers who carried a firearm are authorized to carry a concealed, loaded gun if so stated on the officer's identification certificate when employed by an agency. This approval will be extended to a retired reserve officer in level I or II who has served 15 years.

**GOC Position: Support**

### **Changes to current law: SB 269 Doug LaMalfa** (R – 4 Redding/Rocklin)

This bill would require the Department of Justice, on or before July 1 to annually issue a report to the Legislature regarding the status of the revenues generated by the Dealers' Record of Sale fees pursuant to this article. The bill would require the report to contain information regarding the balance of the account and

## Sam on the Road....

By Gwen Friesen - Speakers Bureau Coordinator

Traveling to the **Knights Landing Sportsman's Club** in January, as well as going to **Los Banos Tea Party Patriots**, is an exercise in peace and quiet, for these are both towns in the countryside of California. In February, the **Mother Lode Gun Club** in Jamestown and the **Republican Women Federated** in Georgetown called Sam to day trips outside the busy Capitol.

Speaking on **Second Amendment Challenges for California** to the **Sutter Buttes Tea Party** at the early part of March gave the Executive Director another opportunity to enjoy the open spaces of California. The end of March saw Sam in San Jose, speaking to the members of the **Golden State Second Amendment Council** on the same topic.

These times of solace on the road give space to think and prepare, to be ready for such as the **Confrontational Politics Presentation** that Sam gave to the **El Dorado Hills Tea Party** group in mid March. This Presentation is preparatory for the Seminar of the same name that is training in activism...teaching the best methods of accomplishing the most good in political activism.

April and spring are now here. As the weather brightens, the air refreshes; GOC's Executive Director will again be on the road to destinations of Chico, Glen County, Tehama County, and Yreka, California. You can check out these speaking engagements and much more on our new website, where there is a calendar of engagements as well as a calendar of events that you may want to participate in.

**Should your group or club want to give Sam a road trip, please call Gwen at the GOC office to check the calendar and reserve a date. 916 984-1400. Check the website and click on the calendar to see the entire schedule of speaking engagements and upcoming GOC events. [www.gunownersca.com](http://www.gunownersca.com)**



## AB 962 Ammo Registration Bill Unconstitutionally Vague declares Court

On, January 18, 2011, two weeks before the implementation of AB 962, the California Superior Court for Fresno County declared the new law "constitutionally vague" and overturned it. This momentous decision benefits all gun owners in the state, for it was innocent gun owners, purchasing ammunition for handguns, that would have been harassed and inconvenienced by the law.

As a result of the decision, all aspects of AB 962 are nullified. There will be no more hiding handgun ammunition behind the counters or in locked cupboards of retail stores. The impending threat of requiring thumbprints, gathering information for records that will be kept for many years, or banning mail order or internet sales of handgun ammunition are eliminated.

The lawsuit, known as Parker v. State of California was successfully fought by Chuck Michel of Michel & Associates in Long Beach California, on behalf of Sheriff Clay Parker of Tehama County and numerous retailers across the state. The confusing aspects of AB 962 were bewildering police, ammunition purchasers and vendors alike.

As expected, AB 962 author and newly elected State Senator, Kevin de Leon, was incensed by the court action and introduced two new bills to overcome the ruling. (See Legislative Update for details). GOC will keep you posted.



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expenditures and loans from the account, as specified.

**GOC Position: Support**

### **Handguns no longer produced: SB 313 Correa** (D – 34 Santa Anna)

Handguns that are no longer produced since January 1, 2000, will be exempt from the law requiring safety testing. Handguns that are commemorative or custom-made with a production of under 1,000 are also exempt.

**GOC Position: Support**

### **Gun-Free School Zones: SB 661 Ted Lieu** (D – 28 Torrance)

This bill increases the area around a school designated as gun-free from 1000 feet to 1,500 feet. Individuals are not allowed to possess a firearm on any school facility unless there is written permission from an accepted school authority. This bill adds to the law the words "lawfully possessed". Meaning, if you have a gun in your car on the 1500 feet around a school, it had better be legal, unloaded, and locked up in a container or locked in the trunk.

**GOC Position: Oppose**

### **Firearms and Felons: SB 894 Runner**

(R – 17 Victorville/Lancaster)

Any convicted felon who carries a concealed handgun on the person or in a vehicle will now go to jail for 3 years.

**GOC Position: Support because GOC believes in crime control, not gun control.**

## GOC Newly Upgraded Website

If you haven't taken the time recently to visit our website at [www.gunownersca.com](http://www.gunownersca.com), you will be surprised.

GOC has completely upgraded the website to include many new features including a member's forum, where folks can talk about anything having to do with guns, better access to information including everything from legislation, to recent 52 Guns in 52 Weeks Raffle winners, to video presentations and reports (if you haven't seen Ted Nugent's endorsement of GOC you've gotta go to the website), to event calendars, and more. New graphics and new designs are all a part of the upgrade.