

Awarding the Top Sellers!

By Gwen Friesen GOC Staff Writer

The success of GOC's annual Fifty Two Week Gun Giveaway is directly due to the men and women who sell our raffle tickets each year... and there are not enough words to adequately thank them, though we try.

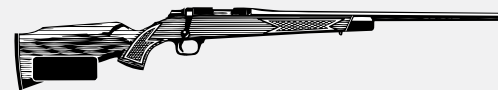
Each year we have Raffle Ticket Sellers that out do even themselves in their ticket sales, so again this year, GOC is awarding those sellers. Top Sellers must sell two packets (50) or more in order to be considered for an award.

This year we have 5 Raffle Ticket Sellers who are receiving gift certificates as an award. Depending on the amount of tickets sold determines the amount of the certificate.

Our top Top Raffle Ticket Seller for 2011 tickets is Mike Myers of Arbuckle, California, who sold over 350 tickets. Our second Top Raffle Ticket Seller is Jesse Rogers of Lewiston, California, and he sold over 100 tickets. More than two packets of tickets were sold by each, Dean Lawrie of Folsom, Jodie Mayberry of Willows, and Jim Barry of San Jose, California.

We are grateful to each seller, for they know as we do that it really is not about winning guns, but about raising funds to keep us working for the freedom of California gun owners to own and bear their firearms. The money they raise for us keeps our door open, our lobbyist at the Capitol, our staff operating all the other facets of our work, and our newsletter coming to our members.

Keep this in mind. Should you want to become a Top Raffle Ticket Seller for the year 2012, please call Gwen at the office and give her your name. 2012 Raffle Tickets will start selling again this fall.



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Our Roadmap to Victory in 2012 Now is the Time to Take California Back

By Sam Paredes - Executive Director

For the past year, Gun Owners of California has been preparing members, friends, supporters, and tea party patriots throughout the Golden State for our opportunity to finally break through the razor wire to shed ourselves of the feeling of being in occupied territory; a liberal prison camp if you will. That opportunity to win more elections is now!

During the elections of 2010, this motley coalition of gun owners and patriots took the first step towards working together with volunteers all around the state, helping to compete in targeted campaigns, often times far away from home. It was training, a trial run of what's in store for us in 2012. We gained some very important residuals: we identified some great candidates; we enlisted more volunteers than ever before; we found more donors, and we gained some valuable experience.

Thanks to the wisdom of California voters in passing Proposition 11, the politicians will no longer be in charge of drawing their new districts. Prop. 11 created the Citizen's Commission on Redistricting. The commission is made up of five Democrats, five Republicans and four of neither party. The voters charged the commission's members with drawing districts, taking into account the Federal Voters Rights Act, but not taking incumbent politicians into account in any way. They were required to honor county, city, and community of interest boundaries. They were asked to do all they could to make sure that districts were compact, and contiguous. They were also told to try as best they could to make sure that all districts had almost the same number of voters in each one.

No matter what, everybody knew that it would be impossible to please everybody, but whatever plan they ended up with after all their hard work, the commission would have to approve the new maps by a super majority. Three Democrats, three Republicans and three of the remaining members would all have to agree on the maps before they became final.

From the beginning, Gun Owners of California has been deeply involved in following the progress of the commission, attending several hearings and viewing technical proceedings and reviewing the archives of many recorded meetings.

After a cursory evaluation of the first draft maps, both liberal and conservative pundits said that we don't have a chance of making any gains in the newly drafted districts. They are wrong.

Nothing is going to be easy, but nothing that is worth fighting for ever is. Our scenario could use a boost from a *perfect storm* of events to succeed. Events like the continued collapse of support for President Obama on the national ballot, the extension to the Pacific of the *tidal wave of freedom* that petered out on the East slope of the Sierra's in the 2010 elections, and a stepping up to the plate by thousands and thousands of conservative minded patriots to work together in California like never before.

The following is our preliminary roadmap to victory based on the earliest draft maps. We know that there will be changes when the final maps are released in August, but this is where we are starting from.

California State Assembly

Given the right conditions, Gun Owners of California believes that the 80 newly drafted Assembly Districts have created 40 safe Democrat seats, 30 safe Republican seats and 10 competitive swing seats. (These analyses include, as available, newly released 2nd visualization district information produced by the Citizen's Commission after the issuance of their first draft maps.)

Road map to Victory

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Draft District Designations

Registration	Former District	Registration
Dem-Rep	(Or portions of)	Dem-Rep

EALAMEDA
40%-34% AD 15, 18, 20 41%-35%
(Incumbent Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan-D -AD 15, will lose a strong part of her historic base and have to campaign in brand new territory.)

ECONCOSTA
42%-35% AD 8 47%-27%
(Part of Assemblywoman Mariko Yamada's-D old district but her home is no longer in this new district.)

ELDORADO
37%-42% AD 10 40%-40%
(Incumbent Assemblywoman Alyson Huber-D loses significant Democrat registration. District becomes solid Republican.)

FSEC2
50%-33% AD 31 51%-32%
(This district will be a struggle even with a perfect storm but even though registration leans Democrat it supported the conservative issue of marriage protection by 69% of the vote.)

KINGS
47%-34% AD 30 46%-36%
(Incumbent Republican Assemblyman David Valadao should be able to win this district with ease even with the loss of a few points in registration.)

LAWSG
41%-23% AD 49 46%-22%
(This open district with no incumbent was drafted with the intent of electing an Asian candidate. Even though registration is slanted Democrat, the right Asian Republican could attract many crossover votes.)

MRCED
48%-33% AD 17, 26 48%-33%
(Incumbent Assemblyman Bill Berryhill-R should win this fairly conservative Democrat leaning district handily.)

MTRMV
43%-35% AD 63, 64, 65 35%-43%
(This district takes Democrat voting areas from 3 former districts. Needs the right candidate to win this left leaning seat as no incumbents live in the district.)

SNANA
47%-31% AD 69 51%-28%
(With the change in registration and the terming out of incumbent leftist Assemblyman Jose Solorio-D, this seat may come into play.)

California State Senate

Gun Owners of California believes that the 40 newly drafted Senate Districts have created 20 safe Democrat seats, 11 safe Republican seats and 9 competitive swing seats. There will be one added twist to these elections. Because Senate terms are for 4 years and they are staggered even numbered districts one election and odd numbered districts two years later, much will depend on how the Citizen's Commission numbers all of the districts. We will unravel this as things develop.

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COAST
43%-32% SD 11, 15 40%-34%
(If incumbent Senator Sam Blakeslee-R chooses to run for reelection, this seat should be his.)

EVENT
42%-34% SD 19 38%-38%
(Incumbent Senator Tony Strickland-R won this seat in 2008 by a little more than 800 votes. The changes in registration will make this a much tougher race to win.)

ISAND
41%-34% SD 36, 40 28%-46%
(Incumbent Republican Senator Joel Anderson is a hard working and fearless campaigner who can keep this seat in conservative hands.)

KINGS
49%-33% SD 16 50%-32%
(Incumbent Democrat Senator Michael Rubio could have a tough time in a good Republican year.)

LASCV
43%-32% SD 23, 17, 19 51%-23%
(A solid conservative candidate can give incumbent liberal Democrat Senator Fran Pavley a real run for her money in this vastly reconfigured district.)

LASGF
42%-33% SD 21 48%-25%
(If Anti-gun incumbent Democrat Carol Liu is not challenged in the primary by termed out Assemblyman Anthony Portantino (Open Carry Ban sponsor), she may still find a significant change of fortune if challenged by a credible Republican candidate.)

RIVMV
40%-37% SD 31, 32, 37 36%-42%
(With Assemblyman Jeff Miller-R opting to run in a newly created Congressional seat, this district has no incumbents and is ripe for a political shoot-out! It all depends on the candidates.)

STANJ
43%-38% SD 14 34%-47%
(The changes in registration should not prevent incumbent Republican Senator Tom Berryhill from winning this seat by a huge margin no matter what.)

WSTAN
40%-36% SD 34 44%-32%
(Although pro-gun Democrat incumbent Senator Lou Correa has two more years to serve, this district comes into play if termed out Assembly Democrats Tony Mendoza and Jose Solorio face-off in a heated primary. Even if they don't the new registration numbers make this a target seat for Republicans.

This analysis of the potential swing seats is only part of the story. In our next newsletter we will cover all the Redistricting Commission's final districts and the stories behind the scenes.

Because space does not allow us to include map graphics in this newsletter, you can go to the following website to view a map for each of the districts discussed:

<http://wedrawthelines.ca.gov/maps-first-drafts.html>

Legislative Update 2011

By Gwen Friesen - Legislative Analyst

AB 144 Portantino (D – 44 Pasadena)
Open Carry Ban

Status: On the Senate floor for house vote
GOC Position: Oppose - Makes carrying an unloaded gun in a public place a crime.

AB 809 Mike Feuer (D – 42 West Hollywood)
Long Gun Registration

Status: In Senate Appropriations Committee
GOC Position: Oppose - Requires Rifles and Shotguns to be registered just like handguns.

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

Status: In Assembly Appropriations Committee
GOC Position: Oppose - De Leon's answer to the Fresno Court that nullified AB 962.

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

Status: On the Assembly floor for house vote
GOC Position: Oppose - Reaffirming and clarifying AB 962 (called the ammunition ban bill.)

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

Status: In Assembly Appropriations Committee
GOC Position: Support - CCW applicant not required to pay for classes or insurance until he knows his application is accepted.

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

Status: In Assembly Public Safety Committee
GOC Position: Oppose - Expands Gun-free zone to 1500 feet around school.

SB 798 Kevin de Leon (D – 22 Los Angeles)
BB Guns, Air Soft Guns,

Status: On the Assembly floor for house vote
GOC Position: Oppose - Requires toy guns to be brightly painted and all BB/Pellet guns to be called toy guns.

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

Status: In Assembly Appropriations Committee
GOC Position: Oppose - Allows DOJ to use DROS fees to fund their firearm-related activities unrelated to background checks.

Sam on the Road....

By Gwen Friesen - Speakers Bureau Coordinator

Gun Owners abide everywhere in the state and keep a keen eye on the state legislative happenings as well as national happenings, and of course are most intrigued with what comes out of the courts for or against them.

GOC Executive Director Sam is hands on familiar with it all and therefore the ideal speaker for every group assembled together who is interested in knowing more, or interested in knowing what to do, about it. He has been traveling around the state all spring.

Sam made the trip in early May to speak to the Colusa Rotary Club during their lunch hour.

Placerville Tea Party in the Hills are activists who are determined to not sit still while their rights are being stripped right out of their hands. Sam spoke to their dynamic group in mid May. Sam also spoke to the active Republican Women Federated in Oroville at the end of the month. As they thanked Sam for his time and information they exclaimed, "You had the audience sitting on the edge of their chairs!"

In June, Sam spoke to the Mother Lode Tea Party in Jackson, and the California Republican Assembly of Sacramento, whose David Joyce, Program Director of the SCRA said, in thanking Sam for coming, "You know the second you shake his hand he is on your side. When he spoke to our group the one thing that really stood out is Sam is a conservative of high character and it really comes through in his presentation. He, (Sam) was able to get our group to look at how as conservatives we must work together, not apart."

The Plumas-Sierra Tea Party in beautiful Graeagle, heard Sam at the end of the month. Also in June, Sam gave a **Confrontational Politics Presentation** to the River Valley Tea Party Patriots in Rancho Murietta as well as the Antelope Valley Tea Party Patriots in Lancaster, and a full **Confrontational Politics Seminar** in Crescent City for the Del Norte Tea Party.

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