

Legislatively Speaking*Continued . . .***SB 456 / Block**

Makes it a misdemeanor to threaten to discharge a firearm at a school or school event.
STATUS: Passed the Senate; in the Assembly awaiting policy committee assignment

SB 678 / Hill

Mandates certain safety and reliability criteria for smart guns.
STATUS: Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File

AND NOW FOR THE UGLY:**SB 347 / Jackson**

Expands the list of persons prohibited from purchasing firearms for a 10-year period to include those convicted of specified firearm-related misdemeanors.

STATUS: Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File

SB 707 / Wolk

Removes the exemption permitting a person who holds a valid license to carry a concealed firearm, to possess a firearm on the campus of a university or college.

STATUS: Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File

****The status of each bill is accurate at press time. As the Assembly and Senate move further into the legislative session, things change quickly, so for the most current information, go to www.gunownersca.com and click on "Legislation."**

Action in the Courts*Continued . . .***Nesbitt (formerly Morris) v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Carrying and Using Firearms on Gov't Property**

STATUS: US Court of Appeals; awaiting judicial decision. There is no time limit and it can come at any time.

SFVPOA v. San Francisco - "Large-Capacity" Magazines

STATUS: Case was dismissed without prejudice (without loss or waiver of rights or privileges).

Woolard v. Gallagher - CCW Permits/ "Good Cause"

STATUS: The Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld Maryland's handgun licensing rules that limit the right to carry a concealed weapon to those who have proven a "good and substantial reason." In the absence of clear standards, the judges "merely assume[d] that the Heller right exists outside the home." Letting that assumption stand, or maybe not, the Supreme Court denied review on October 15, 2013.

Heller III v. DC

STATUS: This case challenges the government's violation of the legal principles in the original Heller and McDonald decisions. The District of Columbia continues to ignore the fact that the US Supreme Court has invalidated the application of their gun laws.

Calling All Shutterbugs!

Whether you use a real camera, your iPhone or in the off chance we have an actual photojournalist in our midst, shoot us your GOC event pics and we will get them posted to our website and Facebook. It's one thing to TALK about how great something was - it's another to SHOW it! Email the best of what you have to laurie@gunownersca.com and we'll take care of the rest.

And while you're at it, don't forget to hashtag your Second Amendment supporting pictures with [#anarmsocietyisafesociety!](https://twitter.com/hashtag/anarmsocietyisafesociety)

Henderson V. United States

In a move that surprised even the most cynical when it comes to the Courts' interpretation of gun and private property rights, the U.S. Supreme Court decided the case, allowing a felon to sell his firearms collection even after convicted of a felony. The government had argued that the ban on felons in possession extended broadly to prevent even the sale of the collection, resulting in its likely forfeiture to the federal government. The decision was 9-0, remarkably written by Justice Kagan. For a more detailed report, go to:

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WWW.GUNOWNERSCA.COM**LEGISLATIVELY SPEAKING****The Good, the "Questionable" and the Ugly**

By Sam Paredes, Executive Director

It might surprise you to know that a good number of pro-gun bills have been introduced in the California Legislature this year - although most have been met with stiff opposition by the liberally-controlled Senate and Assembly. A few are still moving though the process however, and I've been in the mix with each one at the Capitol. Here's a run-down** on what we at GOC are calling **The Good, The Questionable - and of course, The Ugly:**

THE GOOD:**AB 150 / Melendez**

This bill makes any theft of a firearm a felony and punishable by incarceration in state prison.

STATUS: On the Assembly Appropriations Committee "Suspense File*" (**all legislative proposals which the Department of Finance has determined to cost the state over \$150,000 are automatically placed on "Suspense." Removal from Suspense takes a majority affirmative vote of committee members**)

AB 225 / Melendez

Makes it a felony to file a false petition for a gun violence restraining order.

STATUS: Failed passage in the Assembly Public Safety Committee

AB 395 / Gallagher

Removes the prohibition on lead ammunition in non-condor regions of the state.

STATUS: Two year bill (will not be moved until 2016)

AB 462 / Grove

Removes the 10-day waiting period if a person has been determined not to be prohibited from possessing a firearm, and is authorized to carry a concealed firearm as confirmed by the AFS.

STATUS: Two year bill

AB 499 / Cooley

Permits a person with a valid concealed carry

license to carry while bow hunting, so long as an animal is not taken with the firearm.

STATUS: Passed the Assembly; in the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water

AB 892 / Achadjian

Exempts from prohibition the purchase of a state-issued handgun by the spouse, etc. of a peace officer who died in the line of duty.

STATUS: Passed the Assembly; in Senate Public Safety Committee

AB 947 / Chavez

Enhances sentencing for an individual who was armed with a firearm during a drug crime.

STATUS: Passed the Assembly; in Senate awaiting policy committee assignment

AB 950 / Melendez

Permits the subject of a gun violence restraining order to transfer firearms to a licensed firearms dealer for the duration of the prohibition.

STATUS: Passed the Assembly; in the Senate Public Safety Committee

AB 1154 / Gray

Makes confidential (other than zip codes) the private data of individuals who have been granted a concealed weapons permit - the same protections currently offered to public officials.

STATUS: Assembly Public Safety Committee

SB 452 / Galgiani

Makes theft of a firearm a felony; if passed, issue would be brought before the voters in the form of an initiative.

STATUS: Senate Committee on Appropriations

SB 566 / Bates

Reduces fee for a handgun safety certificate to an honorably discharged member of the military.

STATUS: Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File

SB 714 / Nielsen

Imposes an additional term in state prison upon one who has been previously convicted of specified firearm-related crimes.

STATUS: Two year bill in Senate Public Safety

THE ?? QUESTIONABLE

(This means we are watching these closely)

AB 529 / Jones-Sawyer

Would permit the DMV to access the Department of Justice's Armed Prohibited Persons Database for a variety of purposes.

STATUS: Two year bill in Assembly Transportation Committee

AB 1134 / Stone

Permits a sheriff of a county to enter into an agreement with other local law enforcement for processing of concealed carry applications and renewals.

STATUS: Senate Public Safety Committee

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GOC Grows in the Southland

Inaugural San Diego Event a Huge Success

Last December we introduced you to our new group of volunteers in San Diego who are using the Gun Owners of California banner to get involved in local politics and broaden the gun community. We are happy to report that their efforts have been enormously successful!

Just in the last 6 months they have had a Christmas Party for over 200 gun owners, organized over 250 people to show up at a city meeting (twice), held clinics to train over 100 new shooters, signed up over 100 new GOC members, and had their first annual Second Amendment Celebration dinner!

The dinner was attended by GOC members, GOC staff, local elected officials, gun shop owners, and friends from all over San Diego. There were raffles, an auction, and a 16 foot shooting simulator for attendees to try. Eight different local San Diego microbrews and 4 different local San Diego cuisines were served. "My husband and I had an absolute blast", said GOC member Lysbeth. All were there to help raise money for a great cause; preserving and restoring your Second Amendment rights!

The San Diego chapter of GOC meets once a month to plan activities that range from political to educational. They have liaisons that monitor the different city councils and liaisons who work with the local gun shops on all kinds of projects. "It's so fun, we all sometimes forget just how effective we are being in the community", said Michael Schwartz, volunteer GOC Regional Coordinator. "It's an amazing feeling when I see so many people from all walks of life come together over one thing we all have in common: we cherish our rights to keep and bear arms."

Thank you to San Diego and to all our volunteers, from Gun Owners of California!

Are You Missing Out?

From the urban center of San Diego to the wide open spaces of Northern California, Gun Owners of California is literally blowing the doors off every fundraising venue – raising the critical dollars we need to keep us smack in the middle of the fight. These are the only events in the entire state that raise money for protecting your Second Amendment rights through direct political action in the Capitol, in the Courts and in the elections...100%!

So, if you've never been to a GOC dinner, trap shoot or crab feed, it's time to jump in. This is where the action is, and you don't want to miss out on great food plus high energy auctions, raffles and games.

No annoying political speeches – but you *will* hear about the politicians who want to take your guns away *and* those who are working hard to protect your rights.

No boring, rubber chicken dinners – but you *will* get select prime rib, tender tri-tip or fresh crab from the cold waters of Alaska. In San Diego, top regional microbreweries were joined by a bevy of food trucks from celebrated local vendors.

No lame games and raffles – but you will get *guns!* Already this year, over 100 lucky winners** walked away with guns ranging from AR 15 rifles, Italian-made over/under shotguns to 1911 handguns. Whether it's "Lock Stock and Bottle" or a game of "Gunopoly", participants are never disappointed. (**and that doesn't even count the "52 Guns in 52 Weeks" raffle!)

Every event - from Redding, to Oroville, to Yuba City and El Dorado – the theme is dynamic. It's a chance to spend some money on more than just a "good cause" – these are your rights we are defending. Gun Owners is celebrating over 40 years of "no compromise", so whether you want to buy a ticket, a table or volunteer your time, it's time to get informed – and get involved.

Check out what's already happened this year and what's coming up...AND DON'T MISS OUT!

January in Yuba City: Capacity crowd! Prime rib, hot raffle items, like a Smith and Wesson M&P 15 Optics Ready AR 15.

February in El Dorado: The storm-induced power failure didn't dampen the spirits of those hearty supporters who braved wind and rain to wine

and dine with fellow gun owners, and bid for super prizes - a big winner of the night was GOC supporter and El Dorado County Sheriff John D'Agostini.

April in Sacramento for the Crab Feed: Busted out the Citrus Heights Community Center. 420 attendees were treated to mountains of fresh crab, tri-tip, huge bowls of pasta and clam chowder. Tons of winners – tons of guns!

May in San Diego: The Hall of Champions was the site of our inaugural dinner in that area – and we got GREAT FEEDBACK! Awesome food trucks, microbrews and more. Thanks go to San Diego gun stores for your terrific donations for our San Diego launch! Expertly spearheaded by our guy in the southland, Michael Schwartz.

What's coming up in our sights:

June 20 – Annual Sporting Clay Shoot at Camanche Hills Hunting Preserve in Lone. This is one of the most popular, fun and memorable GOC events. This year we will especially remember Carrie Herbertson and Scott Friesen – and other devoted friends of GOC that we've lost recently. It's a great opportunity to put together your own 5 person shooting squad to hit some orange pigeons! Continental breakfast will be provided plus a BBQ and raffle following the shoot.

Friday, June 26: We plan on filling up the **Southside Oroville Community Center** yet again, with our faithful members in Butte County! This prime rib dinner will offer even more guns, hunts, and fun, and you won't want to miss it!

Saturday, July 25: Our annual **Redding Dinner** will feature even more mouthwatering prime rib, and the chance to walk away with guns, ammo giveaways, hunting packages and more.

All events are managed by Marketing Director Julie Benson and her team of statewide volunteers. Contact Julie at julie@gunownersca.com to get involved and go to our website for all ticket information.



Action in the Courts – What's New

As we have previously reported, Gun Owners of California continues to place a strong and strategic emphasis on the courts. We have become a noteworthy participant in almost every major gun-related case (in state and federal levels), and we have a terrific legal team who share our passion for the 2nd Amendment.

You can find regular updates on our website, but the following is a quick review on what's been happening:

Peruta V. San Diego - California CCW "Good Cause" Requirement

STATUS: On March 26, 2015, the court issued an order upon the vote of a majority of the judges sitting on the 9th Circuit to rehear the case en banc (the case will be heard by the Chief Justice and 10 other judges selected at random) along with Richards v. Prieto. Oral arguments are scheduled to take place during the week of June 15, 2015, in San Francisco, California. A decision can be expected anywhere from 3-9 months following oral arguments.

McKay v. Hutchens - Orange County Sheriff CCW Issuance Policies

STATUS: The case has been stayed pending the resolution of Peruta. The timeline for this case is currently not known.

Richards v. Prieto - Sacramento and Yolo County CCW Issuance Policies

STATUS: On March 26, 2015, the court issued an order upon the vote of a majority of the judges sitting on the 9th Circuit to rehear the case en banc along with Peruta v. San Diego. Oral arguments are scheduled to take place during the week of June 15, 2015, in San Francisco, California. A decision can be expected anywhere from 3-9 months following oral arguments.

Birdt v. San Bernardino Sheriffs Department / Good Cause CCW Issuance Policies

STATUS: Pending the results of the Peruta case.

Fyock v. Sunnyvale - "Large Capacity" Magazines/Banning Thereof

STATUS: On March 4, 2015, the 9th Circuit upheld the lower court's denial of plaintiff's request for a preliminary injunction. The litigation now resumes with discovery and depositions in the district court.

Jackson v. San Francisco – Requirement for

Locked Storage of Firearms

STATUS: Plaintiffs petitioned for Supreme Court review in December 2014. The Supreme Court will likely make its decision between April and June of 2015.

Pena v. Cid - Challenge to the California Handgun Roster

STATUS: The federal district court held the Roster is constitutional on February 25, 2015. Plaintiffs have appealed. The opening brief is due on June 18, 2015. The answering brief is due on July 20, 2015. Once the case is fully briefed, oral arguments will be set, probably in late 2015 or early 2016.

Silvester v. Harris - 10 Day Wait as Applied to Current Firearm Owners

STATUS: The case is currently being appealed to the 9th Circuit. The opening brief was due on March 25, 2015 and the answering brief on April 24, 2015; once the case is fully briefed, oral arguments will be set, likely in late 2015 or early 2016.

Bauer v. Harris – Dealer Record of Sale (DROS) Fees

STATUS: On March 2, 2015, the District Court issued its opinion granting the Defendant's motion for summary judgment, upholding California's use of DROS fees to fund the Armed Prohibited Persons System (APPS) as constitutional. Plaintiffs filed an appeal to the 9th Circuit. The opening brief is due on June 15, 2015, and the State's answering brief is due on July 15, 2015. Once the case is fully briefed, oral arguments will be set, and will likely take place in late 2015 or early 2016.

Gentry v. Harris - Use of DROS Surplus Monies to Fund APPS

STATUS: The case is currently in the discovery process in the trial court. The timeline for this case is currently unknown.

Parker V. California - Challenge To "Handgun Ammunition" Sale Registration Requirement And Mail Order Ban (Senator de Leon's SB 962).

STATUS: The case is currently awaiting oral argument before the California Supreme Court. Oral arguments are expected to take place sometime in 2015, and a ruling will follow in late 2015 or early 2016.

NSSF v. City of Pleasant Hill – Federal Firearms Zoning Ordinance

STATUS: A hearing on the government's motion to dismiss the case was held on January 23, 2015. A decision on the government's motion to dismiss can come at any time.

Doe V. Harris - CA DOJ Regulation Prohibiting Sale Of More Than One Handgun In 30 Day Period To Valid Certificate Of Eligibility Holders.

STATUS: The Plaintiff's request for preliminary injunction was denied in July, 2014. The case is now proceeding towards summary judgment motions to resolve the case at the trial court.

Tracy Rifle And Pistol V. Harris - 1st Amendment Challenge To Handgun Advertisement Prohibition.

STATUS: Plaintiffs filed a motion for preliminary injunction on November 17, 2014. On March 6, 2015, the court issued an order submitting plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction for decision without a hearing. A decision on the request to enjoin the law while the case proceeds, will likely come in the next 1-3 months.

Belemjian V. Harris - Challenges CA DOJ's Underground Regulations Regarding The Firearm Safety Certificate Program.

STATUS: On March 9, 2015, the Office of Administrative Law approved CA DOJ's "emergency" regulations submitted as a result of the lawsuit. A hearing on the DOJ's motion to dismiss has been set and plaintiffs filed a non opposition. The lawsuit has prompted formal regulations from the DOJ and the case will likely conclude in the next 2-4 months.

NSSF V. California - Challenges To Microstamping Requirements.

STATUS: On April 28, 2015, the Court denied the State's request to dismiss the case. The ruling paves the way for a favorable ruling for the Plaintiffs on the merits. A motion for summary judgment is expected sometime in 2015.

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