



# SADDLE BUTTE PRESS

## IT'S TIME TO RENEW

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, it has happened again. More live rounds of .223 have been found on the North Range. This seems to be a topic that some of our members just don't want to accept. Well, let me say it again for the record. "Pistol caliber and shotguns only on the North Range!!!" That means, any gun that fires .223 ammo is NOT allowed on the North Range!



On a topic that is our club's future investment, Mark Baur has stepped forward to be the club's Junior Programs Director. This position has been created to help Juniors become involved in different disciplines of the club. To that end the club has acquired rifles, pistols, shotguns, ammo, holsters, and magazines for any junior to use and enjoy. A junior team is being put together with Mike McCarter / IPSC, Mark Baur and Paul Manghelli are working with indoor Pistol/Rifle juniors and Don Arnold wants to work with junior shot gunners. If you know of a junior who might be interested please contact Mark Baur.

Finally, it is that time of year to renew membership. This year, we will be sending out an invoice. The form will be sent out the first of March. A renewal notice will also be in the newsletter as a reminder. The dues must be received as soon as possible to keep your Gate Card activated. I look forward to seeing all of you at the range this next year.

*John D. Matlock*

### TO ARPC MEMBERS FROM THE MAILLOUX FAMILY

To the wonderful friends of Rich and Lee Mailoux and to all of his caring and close friends and close relatives: I wish to convey my most heartfelt thanks for being present with him on his last day with us. I sincerely pray God will bless you all for your concern and considerations for our loving, loyal and dedicated son to his mother and father.

*Raymond Mailoux*

### LEGISLATIVE REPORT

#### GUN CONTROL



January 28, 2004, Multnomah County Court House. Hearing on SB335

Have you ever heard of "Reserved Seating" at a public hearing? Well the supporters of SB335 were treated to just that "reserved seating". Gun owners were left standing and waiting outside the courtroom while Ginny's proponents of the gun ban were ushered in. All most a third of the approximately 40 seats, had been reserved for the anti-gun crowd. In a blatant violation of Committee Rules, the wording, the language of the bill had been altered without any action on the part of the committee. The Republican legislators saw the "amended" bill for the first time when they arrived at the hearing.

Bills can only be "amended" by a vote of the committee, but not this time. To no one's surprise, representatives of the teacher's unions came to support the bill, a bill which will effectively disarm

their members.

If this bill becomes law, a female teacher with an abusive ex husband will be a sitting duck should he ever decide to attack her, knowing exactly where he can find her at any given time and knowing the OEA help guarantee that she could not protect herself. Why would you be a member of the Oregon Education Association and stand by for an attack on their safety by their own lobbyists.

How about Jim Green, who represents the school board testify for this bill and state that a lot members of the association he represents were opposed to this bill. Green and others acknowledged that many schools in rural districts are miles from the nearest law enforcement and response times to an emergency could be quite lengthy, yet they still supported a bill that would disarm any trained and equipped adults present at those schools.

Ron Nasso from the North Clackamas school district testified in the past for this bill, stating that persons with concealed handgun licenses were only people who "hadn't been arrested yet."

### MAIN RANGE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE



The range committee has a new member. Brian Kramer. Brian is a retired engineer with a great deal of experience in heavy construction. He will be a welcome addition to the group.

The CD from 3D-I is on order and should be here this month. This is the mapping/survey info from ODOT. Brian and others with a good background in AutoCAD should be able to help us make much use of this program.

The committee has also been talking with George Pitts at the Tri-County gun club where he is involved with their long range planning committee. He has invited us to go there and see what they are doing. Tri-County is a member of OASR (The Oregon Association of Shooting Ranges). Most of the clubs in the OASR are currently going through exercises similar to us to improve their facilities and to correct shortcomings before it is required. The best strategy appears to be to fix range problems before we have a defensive battle and waste money on legal costs, bad will, and poor perception than it will cost to make the actual improvements.

For answers to questions or to submit comments contact Del Martin 541-753-3204 or [membership@arpc.info](mailto:membership@arpc.info)

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Multnomah County Sheriff Bernie Guisto was there in support of the bill. and He admitted that he could not really point out instances of license holders breaking the law, but he supported the bill in spite of his total lack of justification.

Gun owners, we were well represented with will prepared brothers and sisters and gun owners across the state can be proud of the people who spoke on their behalf in the face of the stacked deck created by anti-gun Democrats.

*Jim Jacobs*  
COGITO, ERGO ARMATUM SUM

## KIDS, GUNS, THE 2ND AMENDMENT AND YOU

Are you doing your part to support the Right to Keep and Bear Arms? Are you a member of the NRA and other pro-gun groups? Do you write your representatives and senators to express your view on firearms legislation? Do you carefully select who you vote for, taking into consideration their belief in gun rights and other personal liberties? You can be doing all of these things, all of them important and yet miss out on supporting the most important key to the fight for gun rights.

When was the last time you took a kid shooting? Today's children are tomorrow's voters. Gun rights groups spend truckloads of money on campaign ads during the election season to support or defeat candidates. Then they do it over again the next election. And again and again.... All to convince the "middle of the road" folks who are unsure how to cast their vote. To counter the truckloads of money the anti-gun organizations are spending. Where do these middle-of-the-road voters come from?

Well, we raise them. There is no denying that kids today, particularly those who attend public schools (which is the vast majority!) are subjected to a socialist atmosphere from kindergarten through college. They turn on the television at night... they watch the network news... they watch whatever programming might be on... I can assure you none of it is supportive of gun rights. None of it promotes personal responsibility. Some of the anti-gun messages may be subtle, most are not. From as many directions as kids are bombarded (may I say brainwashed?) with this message, it is frankly amazing that we haven't completely lost the fight already. But that may still happen if effective countermeasures are not taken by every gun owner in this nation.

Take a kid shooting. Heck, take several. Fill your car or truck. If you've got extra seatbelts when you head to the range, find some more kids to take. Get them away from the television and out to the range. Give them a hands-on experience that firearms are 1) Safe 2) Fun 3) Useful tools. Provide an experience that counters the liberal bias they learn at school, in the movie theaters, and from the newspapers. Don't let them grow up to be "middle of the road voters" without giving them a positive experience with shooting first!

What's that? You don't have any kids? Yours already know how to shoot and go to the range with you every time? Well, has your neighbor's kid been shooting? Has your neighbor been shooting? You may not have kids or grandchildren, but chances are good you know somebody who does. You can still do your part to preserve

the United States Constitution. All it takes is a friendly invitation.

You probably already have a .22 rifle or handgun. You have a membership to ARPC. There's only one ingredient missing in this recipe for success... that's right, a kid. Been out to the North Range lately? There's not a better place to plink with a .22. Set clay pigeons on the hillside, tie a golf ball to a target stand, line up tin cans, blow up some balloons; set out some milk jugs filled with water. Cover the three fundamental rules of firearms safety (1. Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction. 2. Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use. 3. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.). Show how your particular firearm operates. Make sure everyone has ear and eye protection on. Have fun. It is that simple.

If you don't have a .22, there will be a gun show here real soon. Now you have the best reason in the world for buying a new gun. Can't make it to the gun show? Or maybe you're not comfortable teaching new shooters right now? Give me a call. I'll meet you at the range. You bring the kids and I'll bring the guns. I can tell you from personal experience that it is one of the most satisfying ways to spend a Saturday. Better yet, take the entire family. It will be quality time that can be enjoyed by everyone. How many of us have a favorite memory of learning how to shoot with Dad, or Grandpa, maybe even Mom? Pass that on.

Did you know ARPC has a Junior Smallbore rifle program? Thursday nights, 6 pm on the Indoor Range. Got small kids? We've got small rifles. Got big kids? We've got big rifles. This is an excellent program for teaching firearms safety, marksmanship and responsibility. Maybe your kid is interested in shooting clay pigeons out of the air? Well, the trap shooters are on the range every Wednesday night and the first Saturday of the month. You'll be welcomed there. Everyone, young or old, is invited to shoot on the Indoor Range Wednesday nights with the Indoor Pistol shooters. Pick a discipline... bring a kid... or just come out and plink.

The more kids that learn how to shoot today are that many less voters we have to spend money on to sway in an election 5, 10, 15 years from now. Our chances of keeping our liberties are that much greater. All for the price tag of a couple boxes of ammo today. Take a kid shooting every month.

*Paul Manghelli*

## SAFE STORAGE

### PART II: PREPARING TO BUY A SAFE

I wrote an introductory article on safe firearms storage for the newsletter one year ago. I finally got around to writing this long-overdue follow-up article, thanks to those of you that didn't let me forget. In the first article I discussed how pistol lock boxes and sub-\$100 "security cabinets" keep kids or the otherwise casually curious safe from your firearms. I also mentioned that they don't do much to keep your firearms safe from even an unimaginative criminal if they are motivated.

In this article we will discuss measures to help secure your home. As a fellow firearms enthusiast,

I know you are anxious to hear about hardware, but some of these measures need to be taken into consideration when selecting your vault and others will be useful regardless of what you put your firearms in. Jeff Cooper has said, "Possessing a pistol no more makes one armed than owning a Stradivarius makes one a concert violinist." The same applies to the vault/cabinet in which you store your firearms. All tools count on your brain to reach optimal function. Unless located, installed, and used properly, they are less likely to succeed in the task for which you paid good money for them to achieve.

There are generally two tiers of criminal threat to your firearms and other valuables. First we have the addict looking to pilfer funding for their habit, gangs, and other juvenile delinquents. Second is the skilled criminal who carefully picks a specific target. For most of us the most urgent threat will be from the former, as we do not have the conspicuous profile or collection to attract the attention of the latter. This first group will abscond with anything they are capable of prying loose with the combination of brute force and any tools you leave for their convenience. They will simply jimmy or bust in the most private door or window of your house to gain entry and perform a search of the residence paying close attention to corners, closets, and cupboards.

Make things difficult for them and lock up tools that could be useful in breaching your vault. In particular, inside the vault is probably the best place to store the cutting head to your oxy-acetylene torch, if you have one. Lock your doors and windows when not home. If it's too much hassle to get in, they are likely to move on to the next place rather than going through the trouble, thus preventing them from discovering your vault, let alone defeating it. This is the ideal situation, as they are likely to return at a later date with tools or sell the information about your vault to a more capable thief if they fail to compromise it on their first visit. If possible, locate your vault in a discrete place. If a burglar is surprised by its presence he's less likely to be prepared to compromise it. Another thing to consider is that knowledge of the vault's presence may motivate a criminal to break in on the assumption of valuable contents.

Consider installing double-cylinder dead bolts in all your exterior doors, including the one between the garage and house (treat it as an exterior door as vehicular garage doors without a manual lock of some sort are particularly insecure). Leave a key in all of them while home so that no one is trapped in case of fire or another emergency. Remove the keys when you leave. If they come in through a window, they now have to take everything out the same way.

Locate your vault against a wall, ideally in a corner, somewhere well-removed from your garage/driveway. Vehicular access significantly reduces the effort necessary to make off with your vault and/or its contents. Secure it to both wall(s) and floor - especially if it weighs less than 1000 pounds - using the largest fasteners that will fit through the bolt-down holes. You can bore additional holes to secure it to additional surfaces and should enlarge existing holes if they are too small. For wooden joists/studs, 1/4" lag screws should be the absolute minimum; 3/8" is much better (drill pilot holes). For concrete floors/walls

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*Please have your guests fill out a guest badge*

3/8" to 1/2" "Red Heads" are a good place to start. One big advantage that these have over the lead anchors is that they require a hole in the concrete no larger than through the attaching surface, so you can drill the holes in the concrete through the bolt-down holes in your vault once it's in place instead of placing it, marking for the holes, and moving the vault out of the way to drill, only to move it back again.

If you live in a manufactured home, you may want to consider locating your vault astride one of the main steel frame beams. Buy some steel cable, the heaviest that will fit through the "bolt down" holes in your vault, 3 times as long as the distance between the holes on either side as well as 3 cable clamps. Next bore holes through the floor, run the cable through one hole, around the steel frame, and up through the other. Now secure the ends together using the cable clamps. If your spouse starts to think you are paranoid while observing any of this, explain that you are making it earthquake-safe. Everyone will feel more comfortable that way.

If locating your vault in a basement, carefully consider drainage. You don't want your guns down there if the fire department or anything else turns the your basement into a swimming pool. You will also want a source of power relatively convenient to the vault for both lighting and relative humidity control. Drying out the air with a de-humidifier or "Driz-air" will keep your guns from rusting, but will dry out the wood too much unless elaborately controlled. The best way to prevent rust is using a small heat source, which will keep the temperature in the vault a little above ambient. Warmer air can hold more moisture, so raising the temperature a little will keep the condensation that causes rust from forming without drying out wood furniture.

There are commercially available "Goldenrod" heaters in the 10-40 watt range for use in vaults and they work fine. However, you will still have to wire a light into your vault and switch it somehow. I decided to keep things simple, mounting a single 40-watt fluorescent tube vertically on the front wall of my vault behind the door hinge and the ballast beneath it using epoxy. I leave this on all the time. It consumes a similar amount of power, thus producing a similar amount of heat (the ballast puts off most of the heat and needs to be located in the vault for this to work) as a "Goldenrod". This simplified the wiring of the vault and provided me with light and heat for far less money than one or the other would cost going the conventional route.

Next time: Selecting your vault.

*Mark Baur*

## TRAPPINGS FROM THE TRAP RANGE

My efforts are being rewarded. Most folks are checking with us down at the trap range before activating the alarm to go down range and I thank you for that. Some still forget and I have to educate those individuals from time to time. Because we are kind of "out of sight, out of mind" we tend to be forgotten, especially since we are only out there one night a week and one Saturday a month. I am thinking about changing that to two Saturdays a month.

I have in mind some changes for the shotgun area and I thought I would take a straw poll with the membership. I would like to hear what the membership thinks about having a junior program started in the trap area. If we need to do it on a night other than Wednesday, that is fine with me. I already know no other club in the area

has done it. If we have enough interest, I will look for sponsorship to help. My main reason for this idea is the future of our club. I see our members bringing their children out to shoot their rifles and pistols but I don't see any out at the trap range. We do not have a sign up here that says ADULTS ONLY. If we are doing something to keep kids away, I will change it so they will want to come out.

I recently became aware of three 20 gauge shotguns owned by the club. Two single shots and one sweet 870. I bring them and some factory ammo out to every range just in case a kid comes on out and wants to shoot or shows up with his dad and does not have a shotgun. Now he or she does and can shoot. Come on you dads, expose you sons and daughters to a really fun shooting sport. By the way, our shotgunners did really well in the Olympics; how many of them were girls?

So all of you folks, come on out and shoot a round, shoot a game. If you don't want to shoot a game, speak up, tell me, and we will shoot straight trap. You would be surprised at how many of us need to and do shoot some 16 or 19 yard straight trap for practice. Not all of the shooters are gunslingers. Most of us are just shooters. I can hit my buttocks with one hand now. So I am getting better after five months and 4,000 rounds. The bottom line is if you haven't shot at a clay bird in a while, give it a shot (pun intended). You might discover how much fun you were missing.

Last month the Scouts came down to the trap range and had a great time. Most of the Scouts shot twenty gauge guns but quite a few were shooting twelve gauge and it would surprise some to see how well a bunch of them did.

We did have a couple of our regular non-member shooters help out along with our members and that was really appreciated. Some of the Scouts enjoyed it so much they came back for seconds. They even brought their dads with them. Their dads then joined in on the fun. It got to the point where the regular shooters were lending their guns so folks could shoot. Even the President got to shoot and won a game. I think we even found a few converts and may have sent a few to the gun show to look for a gun.

The bottom line is, everyone who showed up had a ball, and want to come back. So, members, bring your kids on down, they might just enjoy it too.

*Don Arnold*  
SHOTGUN DIRECTOR

## UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

ARPC is offering the following opportunities to expand your abilities and add to your usefulness in the next few months:

### NRA RANGE SAFETY OFFICER CLASS - APRIL 4, 6 & 8

The goal of this course is to develop NRA Certified Range Safety Officers who possess the knowledge, skills and attitudes essential to organizing, conducting and supervising safe shooting activities and range operation. Successful graduates of this class will be both NRA-certified Range Safety Officers as well as ARPC-qualified range officers. ARPC Range Officers serve the club in many ways. Range Officers are the backbone of having a safe range and safe shooting events. ARPC range officers get the benefits of access to the Indoor Range, club chronograph and spotting scopes.

The class is 9 hours in length and will be held over the course of three evenings, Monday, April 4th, Wednesday the 6th and Friday the 8th. Each class will be from 6 to 9 pm in the North Range Classroom. There is a fee of \$40 for the class. Current ARPC range officers who have completed 20 hours of range officer time in the past year will receive a \$10 discount.

For more information or to preregister, e-mail or call Paul Manghelli at crso@arpc.com or 541-327-2337.

## NRA INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

MAY 21 & 22

If you are an experienced shooter and interested in helping new shooters, you may want to consider becoming an NRA Instructor. This Instructor Development workshop will teach you the NRA's method of firearms instruction. NRA Instructors are needed by ARPC and other shooting ranges for a variety of purposes. It is irresponsible for a gun club to not offer basic firearms instruction to its membership and the public. Part of ARPC's mission is to promote safe firearms handling and marksmanship. We do this by offering NRA Basic Firearms courses, teaching Boy Scout shooting merit badges, sponsoring Women On Target events and through other training opportunities. You can assist ARPC and all the shooting sports by becoming an NRA Instructor.

The class is two full days, with a pre-course assessment Saturday morning to judge your shooting ability and safe gun handling skills.

Successful students will be certified to teach Home Firearm Safety, Basic Pistol and First Steps Pistol. Students will have an opportunity to put their new certification to work teaching an NRA Basic Pistol class at ARPC on Saturday, June 18th.

The class fee is \$100. A \$50 refund will be given to students who help teach the June 18 Basic Pistol class.

For more information or to preregister, e-mail or call Paul Manghelli at crso@arpc.com or 541-327-2337. Space is limited.

*Paul Manghelli*

## CLASSIFIED SECTION

This section is for members who would like to advertise something for sale or wanted. If the item for sale is a gun, then remember that all gun transfer rules must be followed. The best part of this is it is FREE for members to place an ad.

To place an ad send e-mail to Tony White (ARPC newsletter editor) at whitet3260@comcast.net. Deadline for the newsletter advertisement is the 15th of the month prior!!!

**Concealed Handgun License Training**, Self-Defense Training, NRA, State and Nationally Certified Instructors. Call Jim (503) 362-0584 or check www.jimjacobe.com for complete schedule.

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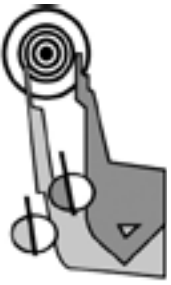
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### FOR SALE:

Savage M-93R17 -.17 HMR. NIB \$145; M1 Garand .30-06 Springfield Armory '54 barrel extras \$400; Remington 870 12 ga 3" Wingmaster, full plain barrel. 95+% condition + ammo \$200; Remington 870 12 ga 2 3/4" Wingmaster, full plain barrel. 95+ ammo \$175; Smith and Wesson M-29 .44 Mag. 6" 95% with 2 holsters belt combo + box of ammo \$400; Interarms Mark X .243 bolt,sling scope sights, ammo 85% \$350; Misc factory ammo including: 19 boxes of 3" mag 12 ga #2, #3, #4 shot, 120 rounds .243 Winchester, 260 rounds 44 mag. Call 541-908-1799 or email deavis@comcast.net.

*Aaron Davis*  
ARPC MEMBER





# Albany Rifle & Pistol Club

## RENEWAL NOTICE

Your membership in the Albany Rifle & Pistol Club **expires** March 31. To maintain your access to the range you will need to **MAIL YOUR DUES BY APRIL 5th**. Your gate card will be **deleted** from the gate on May 15<sup>th</sup>, if your renewal is not received before then. Any renewal after that will require a new gate card to be issued. This must be done in our effort to protect the security of the range. If you do not plan to renew please send us back your gate card and we will refund your \$10.00 deposit. Please check the information printed on your mailing label for accuracy. Make necessary changes on the form below and return this form with a **check payable to the ARPC** for the correct amount due. Don't forget to include your gate card number below.

1. If the number in the upper right hand corner of your mailing label is 12 or greater, then you have completed your work bond and owe \$48 for the 2005-06 membership year. For questions on the work bond call Nadine Manghelli at 541-935-2019.
2. If the number in the upper right hand corner of your mailing label is less than 12, then you owe \$50 for the work bond plus \$48 for membership making a total dues of \$98. There is no partial credit for the work bond.

Check the line that applies to you and add the amounts.

- Annual Membership with 12+ hours of work \$48.00  
 Annual Membership plus work bond fee \$98.00  
 Endowment Membership \$2,500.00

Available by approval of Executive Committee.  
 Includes an engraved plaque. Funds used for range improvement.

- Donation to Range Fund. Used for range improvement. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Donation to Juniors program. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Donation to \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thanks to all who have contributed. Total Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Fill out the following and return to: ARPC, PO BOX 727, Albany, OR 97321**

Please Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ NRA # \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Gate Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (Please give all nine numbers)

In a few weeks you will get a membership sticker in the mail. Put that sticker on your gate card and that also becomes your membership card.

**REMEMBER: IF YOU DO NOT RENEW, YOUR GATE CARD WILL NOT OPEN THE GATE AFTER MAY 15<sup>th</sup>.**



# ALBANY RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB

## RANGE RULES

### All Ranges:

1. No alcoholic beverages or illicit drugs are permitted at ARPC facilities at any time.
2. Guests on a range must be accompanied by a member, who is then responsible for their actions. Frequent visitors should be asked to become members to support the club. Members and guests must wear identification badges whenever they are on ARPC property.
3. Eye and ear protection are required for everyone in the firing area when the range is open to firing.
4. All firearms must be unloaded except during use, with the following exceptions:
  - a. Law enforcement officers may carry loaded weapons to the extent required by written procedures of their organization; however, such firearms must be properly holstered or secured and may not be handled except in accordance with written procedures of their organization.
  - b. Concealed firearms may be carried loaded so long as they are neither visible nor apparent. Firearms carried under this provision may not be handled.
  - c. Loaded firearms may be holstered under official supervision during organized events such as Defensive Handgun, IPSC, etc.
5. Uncased firearms must always have actions open when not in use.
6. Every firearm must be pointed in a safe direction at all times.
7. No person may go forward of a firing line except during an announced *Cease-Fire*.
8. During a *Cease-Fire*, no uncased firearms may be brought onto or handled on the range.
9. Commands of the Range Officer or Match Director must be obeyed by everyone at the range.
10. Informal shooting shall not interfere with scheduled events, but may be permitted at the discretion of the event director.
11. Fire only at targets placed on Club-approved target holders or stands; do not shoot at any support structure. Metallic targets require prior approval of the Executive Board.
12. Shoot only pistols (not rifles) at big-bore silhouette targets. Shoot only .22 long rifle or smaller at .22 silhouette targets.
13. Clean up after range use: remove targets, pick up empty cases, put away sandbags, etc.
14. Be certain gates are closed and locked except during events open to nonmembers.

### Main Range

1. When calling or rescinding a *Cease-Fire*:
  - a. First, check with all persons on the line and at the trap range if it is in use; then,
  - b. Engage the audible and visible status indicators before **anyone** goes forward, and assure that **everyone** is behind the firing line and understands the line is no longer clear before turning off the indicators.
2. **Full-Auto** firing must be done only from the noise-abatement structure unless specifically authorized by the Executive Board. **Full-Auto** firing is permitted on the main range only at the following times:
  - a. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
  - b. The 2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month, and the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of each month between 10:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.
  - c. During a Club-scheduled full-auto event.

### Trap Range

Check with all persons on the main range before calling a *Cease-Fire* to go downrange for any reason. Before terminating a *Cease-Fire*, assure that everyone on the main range is behind the line and aware of this.

### North Ranges

1. Only cartridges originally designed for handguns or shotguns may be fired except in events sanctioned by the Executive Board.
2. No ammunition that produces over 1200 ft/s may be fired at metallic targets.
3. **Full-Auto:** Rifle-caliber full auto may not be fired on any north range; for these, see Rules for the main range. Pistol-caliber full auto may be fired at any time during normal shooting hours on any north range.

### Indoor Range

Only .22 long rifle high-speed or less powerful ammunition may be fired in the indoor range. .22 LR "hypervelocity", .22 magnum, and all centerfire ammunition are prohibited.

# KNOW THE FACTS

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### ASSAULT WEAPONS

“Assault weapon” is an invented term. In the firearm lexicon, there is no such thing as an “assault weapon”. The closest relative is the “assault rifle”, which is a machine gun that fires rifle cartridges.<sup>1</sup>

#### **MYTH: “ASSAULT WEAPONS” ARE A SERIOUS PROBLEM IN THE U.S.**

**Fact:** In 1994, before the Federal assault weapons ban, you were eleven (11) times more likely to be beaten to death than to be killed by an “assault weapon”.<sup>2</sup>

**Fact:** Nationally, “assault weapons” were used in 1.4% of crimes involving firearms and 0.25% of all violent crime before the enactment of any national or state “assault weapons” ban. In many major urban areas (San Antonio, Mobile, Nashville, etc.) and some entire states (Maryland, New Jersey, etc.) the rate is less than 0.1%<sup>3</sup>

**Fact:** Even weapons misclassified as “assault weapons” (common in the Federal and California assault weapons confiscations) are used in less than 1% of all homicides.<sup>4</sup>

**Fact:** Police reports show that “assault weapons” are a non-problem:

For California:

- **Los Angeles:** In 1998, of 538 documented gun incidents, only one (0.2%) involved an “assault weapon”.
- **San Francisco:** In 1998, only 2.2% of confiscated weapons were “assault weapons”.
- **San Diego:** Between 1988 and 1990, only 0.3% of confiscated weapons were “assault weapons”.
- “I surveyed the firearms used in violent crimes...assault-type firearms were the least of our worries.”<sup>5</sup>

For the rest of the nation:

- Between 1980 and 1994, only 2% of confiscated guns were “assault weapons”.
- Just over 2% of criminals that used guns used “assault weapons”.

**Fact:** Only 1.4% of recovered crime weapons are models covered under the 1994 assault weapons ban.<sup>6</sup>

**Fact:** In Virginia, no surveyed inmates had carried an assault weapon during the commission of their last crime, despite 20% admitting that they had previously owned such weapons.<sup>7</sup>

**Fact:** Most “assault weapons” have no more firepower or killing capacity than the average hunting rifle and “play a small role in overall violent crime”.<sup>8</sup>

**Fact:** Even the government agrees. “. . . the weapons banned by this legislation [1994 Federal Assault Weapons ban] were used only rarely in gun crimes”<sup>9</sup>

#### **MYTH: ONE OUT OF FIVE POLICE OFFICERS KILLED ARE KILLED WITH “ASSAULT WEAPONS”<sup>10</sup>**

**Fact:** This “study” included firearms not on the Federal “assault weapons” list. Including various legal firearms<sup>11</sup> inflated the statistics almost 100%.

“No one should have any illusions about what was accomplished (by the ban). Assault weapons play a part in only a small percentage of crime. The provision is mainly symbolic; its virtue will be if it turns out to be, as hoped, a stepping stone to broader gun control.”

Washington Post editorial  
September 15, 1994

**Fact:** Only 1% of police officers murdered were killed using “assault weapons”. They were twice as likely to be killed with their own handgun.<sup>12</sup>

#### **MYTH: ASSAULT WEAPONS ARE FAVORED BY CRIMINALS**

**Fact:** Only 8% of criminals use anything that is classified (even incorrectly) as an assault weapon<sup>13</sup>, though fewer than 1% claimed to use these firearms when committing crimes.<sup>14</sup>

**Fact:** Criminals are as likely to carry single shot (derringer) handguns than they are to carry assault weapons.<sup>15</sup>



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