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## The President's Column

By David McFarling, NCRPA President

Belated happy new year to all of you NCRPA members and Second Amendment supporters in North Carolina. As I write this the 2024 shooting season is rapidly approaching and I for one can't wait. As for new gun control legislation which may be coming down the pipe the legislative committee thinks that because this is an election year it will probably be a quiet year.

With the likelihood of a constitutional carry law coming up next year in the long session of the legislature NCRPA is concerned about a lack of readily available firearms education. To help fill this gap the NCRPA will be proposing that the state create a firearms education website. This site would be available to the public at no cost. Ideally it will deal with basic firearms safety, safe gun handling and carriage, basic firearms operation marksmanship and firearms law. How and if this will ever come to fruition I don't know, but I do know that it certainly needed in any case.

It has come to my attention that the good folks at the N.C. Justice Academy wants to make it mandatory that all concealed carry (CC) students purchase a copy of what is called the Red Book. The Red Book contains all the laws and regulations associated with concealed carry. The book costs about \$9.00 which many of the CC permit instructors say adds unnecessary expense to the course. Here is a radical idea which will settle the issue for both sides. Put the book on line and let

the students download it. Additionally it would be available to CC permit holders allowing them to keep up with changes to the law. Another benefit would be to all gun owners if constitutional carry becomes law. Not to mention out of state people moving to N.C. and people visiting who want to carry concealed.

It has just occurred to me that some of you may not know what constitutional carry is. The short answer is that if we become one of 27 states that have adopted constitutional carry you will basically be able to carry a concealed firearm without a CC permit. This is why we are pushing for more firearms education opportunities in N.C.

In closing I'd like to give you this as a little food for thought. Every time a firearms incident occurs President Biden and all the crazy anti-gunners start crying for more gun control laws all the way to outright firearms confiscation. When this happens please remind them that over 100,000 Americans die from fentanyl overdoses each year. Mr. Biden has the power in hand to end the import of this poison but chooses not to. Let them explain that.





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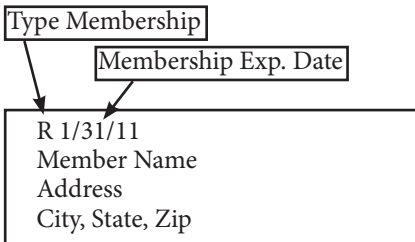
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## State Shots

Our publication of the Association comes out four times each year. Your articles and opinion pieces are welcome. If you or your club has an activity that would be of interest to the entire state send us some pictures and story of your event or future events. The submission deadline dates for each issue are as follows:

May 11, 2024  
August 16, 2024  
December 13, 2024

We welcome your input. Everyone wants to hear from you.

## NCRPA Meetings

The Board of Directors meets four times each year to conduct the business of the Association. The schedule for 2023 has been set:

May 5 2024- Durham Rifle & Pistol Club  
August 11 2024- Charlotte Pistol & Rifle Club  
December 1 2024- Durham Rifle & Pistol Club

The membership is invited and encouraged to attend the meetings for input and interest. The meetings will begin at 11:00 AM and end around 3:00 PM. Lunch will be served to all who attend but please let us know if you are going to attend so that there will be enough food prepared. For information on following meetings please go to [www.ncrpa.org](http://www.ncrpa.org) The meetings are on the front page.

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# Legends: Cecil Rhodes 1956-2023

by John Parker

posted on Shooting Sports USA December 7, 2023

With great sadness, we share the news of the passing of Bullseye Pistol competitor Cecil Rhodes II on Monday, November 27, 2023. He was famous for mentoring new shooters.

The competitive shooting community is mourning the loss of Bullseye Pistol competitor and match director Cecil Rhodes II, who passed away peacefully at his home on Monday, November 27, 2023. He was a huge presence in the shooting sports, both locally in North Carolina and nationally, and put an immense amount of effort into supporting and promoting the shooting lifestyle that we all embrace. Cecil was 67 years old.



Cecil Rhodes II was born October 25, 1956, in Beulaville, N.C., and later moved to Raleigh, N.C., to attend North Carolina State University, where he obtained his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. Cecil married Susan Bostic in 1982, and after settling in Clayton, N.C., his family grew with the birth of daughter Elizabeth in 1992. In 2016, he retired as a vice president after a successful career with ElectriCities of North Carolina, Inc.

Cecil ran Bullseye Pistol matches at Sir Walter Gun Club in Creedmoor, N.C., for more than 20 years, making the sport a destination at that club. His dedication to the sport was unsurpassed. In addition to mentoring new shooters, Cecil published articles on many aspects of the shooting sports, including one entitled “Camp Perry” that many would read each year before making our trek to Camp Perry. His article on Camp Perry has become a critical part of that legacy for many people.



Cecil Rhodes II (far right) was part of the North Carolina Rifle and Pistol Association Team that won the Oglethorpe Trophy for being the top civilian team at Camp Perry in 2019. (Photo by CMP)

A talented competitive shooter, Cecil won numerous State and Regional Championships, along with winning the .45 Caliber National Championship in 2006. He earned Distinguished Badges in Service Pistol (2001, Badge No. 1232), Revolver (2006, Badge No. 9) and .22 Rimfire Pistol (2018, Badge No. 76). Cecil also earned the President’s 100 at least 14 times (probably more, as records go back only to 2003). In 2003, he finished third overall in the President’s 100 and was the High Civilian competitor at that match. Additionally, in 2007 he was part of the National Civilian Team earning the Elihu Root Award.

In 2019, he was part of the North Carolina Rifle and Pistol Association Team that won the Oglethorpe Trophy for being the top civilian team, as well as the Gold Cup Trophy for being the top overall winning team.

He is survived by his wife, Susan, and daughter Elizabeth. Cecil was laid to rest at his family’s burial grounds on Sunday, December 3, 2023.

Cecil was taken from us by an insidious disease that is so rare it affects only one in 1,000,000 Americans—CJD or Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease. Research on this disease is being conducted at Case Western Reserve University, where donations in Cecil’s honor may be made.

Read Cecil Rhodes’ obituary here:

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/cecil-rhodes-obituary?id=53720625>



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Registration Opens March 4, 2024 **BY MAIL**

**Attn: Women On Target, 5689 Parham Woods Ct. Oxford, NC 27565**  
**--CANNOT be postmarked before March 4, 2024--**

**Location:** Durham County Wildlife Club, 3616 Hopson Rd, Morrisville, NC, 27560

**When:** Saturday, April 6, 2024. Sign-in begins at 8:00am. Last Session ends at 3:50pm.

<b>Agenda:</b>	8:00 – 8:30 Sign-in	<b>Clinic Sessions:</b>	Skeet
	8:30 – 8:50 Safety Briefing		Pistol
	9:00 – 10:00 Session 1		Rifle Silhouette
	10:10 – 11:10 Session 2		Archery
	11:20 – 12:20 Session 3		Trap
	12:30 – 1:30 Lunch		
	1:40 – 2:40 Session 4		
2:50 – 3:50 Session 5			

**Cost:** **\$35.00 (Registration required;** checks or cash – no money orders).  
Cost includes: use of firearms, targets, ammunition, safety gear and lunch. Limited to 60 ladies.  
**NOTE:** *Registration Fees for cancellations after March 25, 2024, are non-refundable.*

**Contact:** Brandi Martin via email: [brandi.wot@gmail.com](mailto:brandi.wot@gmail.com)  
Lisa Williams via email: [lisawillms.wot@gmail.com](mailto:lisawillms.wot@gmail.com) Phone: (919) 939-6578

**Registration opens March 4, 2024**

**Check payable to Durham County Wildlife Club**

**Mail Check and Registration to:**  
Lisa Williams  
Attn: NRA Women On Target® Instructional Shooting Clinic  
5689 Parham Woods Ct.  
Oxford, NC 27565

**\*\*\*if you are registering as a group,  
Please indicate on your registration form or send forms together\*\*\*\*\***



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**Registration Form: WOT, 5689 Parham Woods Ct., Oxford, NC 27565**

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a little Information about yourself:  
I have

never shot before

some shooting experience

experienced shooter

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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under 18 (\_\_\_\_\_age)



Sir Walter Gun Club, Inc.  
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**Registration begins March 25, 2024**

**\*\*\*\*Cannot be Postmarked before March 25, 2024\*\*\*\***

**Where:** Sir Walter Gun Club, 4570 Sir Walter Way, Creedmoor, NC 27522

**When:** Sunday, April 28, 2024. Sign-in begins at 8:00 am. Last Session ends at 3:50 pm.

<b>Agenda:</b>	8:00 – 8:30	Registration
	8:30 – 8:50	Safety Briefing
	9:00 – 10:00	Session 1
	10:10 – 11:10	Session 2
	11:20 – 12:20	Session 3
	12:30 – 1:30	Lunch
	1:40 – 2:40	Session 4
	2:50 – 3:50	Session 5

<b>Clinic Sessions:</b>
• Bullseye Pistol
• Pistol Plinking
• High Power Rifle
• Smallbore Rifle
• Skeet

**Cost:** \$35.00 (**registration required**; cash or checks – **no money orders**).  
Cost includes: eyewear, earplugs, ammunition, targets, use of firearms, instruction & lunch.  
Registration limited to 60.

**Note:** Registration fee is non-refundable for cancellations after April 15, 2024.

**Contact:** Lisa Williams via email at [lisawillms.wot@gmail.com](mailto:lisawillms.wot@gmail.com) Cell: 919-939-6578  
Registration may be found at [www.sirwaltergunclub.com](http://www.sirwaltergunclub.com) in the Special events section.

**All registrations must be postmarked on or after March 25, 2024**

**\*\*\*If you are registering as a group, please indicate on your registration form or send forms together\*\*\***

**Send Registration to: (make checks payable to: Sir Walter Gun Club)**

Lisa Williams  
Attention: Women On Target Event  
5689 Parham Woods Ct.  
Oxford, NC 27565

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a little information about yourself:
I have: _____ never shot before
_____ some shooting experience
_____ experienced shooter
My age is: Birthdate _____ / _____ / _____
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_____ under 18 (_____ age)

**Please print legibly! If I can't read it, I can't get you registered!**

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# THE CAST BULLET ASSOCIATION, INC



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The Cast Bullet Association was founded in 1976 and is an organization of shooters who enjoy shooting cast lead bullets in rifles and handguns for competition, hunting, or informal target shooting. The Association's central purpose is to help shooters enjoy cast bullet shooting by:

- Stimulating and encouraging experiments in casting and handloading cast bullets that will improve the design, accuracy and effectiveness of the ammunition and increase the satisfaction and enjoyment of shooters.
- Provide well-regulated shooting competitions programs including postal matches that can be shot on the shooter's home range, for those who would like to test their loading and shooting skills against others.
- Publishing an official journal, The Fouling Shot, to serve as a forum for the exchange of ideas, to report on the results of experiments, experiences, and competitions with cast bullets; and to report all affairs of the Association to the membership.
- Conducting the Associations affairs in a manner which presents a favorable impression of the private ownership of firearms to the general public and to otherwise support the citizen's right to keep and bear arms.

On September 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, The Cast Bullet Association will be conducting its 47<sup>th</sup> Annual National Tournament at Piedmont Gun Club in Rutherfordton NC.

The military competition will take place on Thursday, and this consists of 100-yard and 200 yard score and 10-shot groups. On Friday there will be “fun” matches which consists of Little Bore, Quarter Bore and Off-hand matches at 100-yards. They shoot both score and group targets for these matches.

The main event takes place on Saturday, shooting at 100-yards and Sunday, shooting at 200-yards. Competitors will show their cast bullet skills by shooting for score, completing four 5-shot groups and two 10-shot groups at both yardages.

Piedmont will host another large Cast Bullet Association tournament when the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Southern Regional Tournament takes place May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 2024.

The military regional will take place on Friday, and competitors will be shooting 100-yard and 200-yard score and 10-shot groups.

The benchrest matches will take place on Saturday, shooting at 100-yards and Sunday, shooting at 200-yards. Competitors will be shooting score, four 5-shot groups and two 10-shot groups at both yardages.

The Cast Bullet Association has matches monthly at the Piedmont Gun Club. Dates of matches include 2/24, 3/23, 5/3-5, 6/22, 7/27, 8/24, 9/5-8 and 10/26. Lunch is available at midday for a nominal fee. Daniel Hisle, Match Director can be reached at 865-310-9686 or [dryfish2@yahoo.com](mailto:dryfish2@yahoo.com) with questions.

The range is located at 2078 Maple Creek Road, Rutherfordton NC

# ATF Official: Federal Prosecutors Turning a Blind Eye to Straw Purchasers, Again

Ammoland Inc. Posted on February 6, 2024 by Lee Williams



The U.S. Attorney's Office for Arizona is not prosecuting straw-purchase arrests with speed and vigor, which can allow weapons purchased illegally in the United States to "walk" across the border into Mexico, according to a retired ATF deputy assistant director who blew the whistle the first time this happened, in what became known as ATF's "Operation Fast & Furious" scandal.

Peter J. Forcelli said the U.S. Attorney's Office in Phoenix, which is overseen by U.S. Attorney Gary M. Restaino, suffers from a "culture of laziness and ineptness and a fear of getting beaten in court."

Forcelli served at the Phoenix ATF Office from 2007 to 2011 before working his way up to a series of senior positions. He said Restaino's office has long had a reputation for being "among the worst U.S. Attorney's offices to deal with in the country." Today, he said, little has changed.

"The U.S. Attorney is turning a blind eye to straw purchases, which is fueling what's going on in Mexico," Forcelli said. "The prosecutors who work there haven't changed their ways. They have a habit of kicking the can down the road and not taking straw purchase cases. These are not purchasers who are buying guns for target shooters. These are guys who are sending guns to Mexico to slaughter human beings."

The Mexican government sued several American firearm manufacturers, arguing that the Protection of Lawful Commerce and Arms Act (PLCAA), which shields gunmakers from liability if their products are used in the commission of a crime, does not apply. Last month, a three-judge panel of the First U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned a ruling from a lower court, which dismissed Mexico's lawsuit after finding it violated the PLCAA. In October 2021, President Joe Biden nominated Restaino as U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona. In April 2022, Biden appointed him as acting director of the ATF – a temporary position Restaino held for nearly three months after Biden's first attempt to shepherd his pick for ATF director, David Chipman, imploded during the Senate confirmation process.

Forcelli was a homicide detective for the New York Police Department before joining the ATF as a special agent. After serving at ATF's Phoenix office, Forcelli rose through the ranks, eventually becoming a deputy assistant director, where he was in charge of ATF operations for the Eastern United States. He has held leadership positions within ATF in Phoenix, Canada, Miami and at ATF Headquarters. He served as ATF's head of training before retiring in October 2021.

Forcelli has written a book about his experiences titled "The Deadly Path: How Operation Fast and Furious and Bad Lawyers Armed the Mexican Cartels," which will be released by Knox Press on March 5, and is now available for presale on Amazon and other retailers. The book details how he blew the whistle and paid a steep price.

Forcelli said the misconduct occurring in Phoenix mirrors the misconduct he witnessed during ATF's original gunwalking scandal, "Operation Fast & Furious," in which the Arizona U.S. Attorney's Office and ATF's offices in Phoenix and Tucson intentionally allowed Federal Firearm Licensees to sell weapons to illegal straw purchases from 2006 to 2011. ATF hoped they could track the weapons to Mexican drug cartel leaders, but by 2011 none of the cartel leaders had been charged. However, the weapons surfaced at crime scenes involving the deaths of hundreds of Mexican nationals and the 2010 murder of Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry.

Forcelli doesn't have much of a history with U.S. Attorney Restaino.

"I never dealt with him in Phoenix. He was there during Fast & Furious, but wasn't part of the case," Forcelli said. "I have heard he's personable and a likeable guy, but not a ball of fire."

Forcelli said when he testified before Congress about Fast & Furious, then-Congressman Trey Gowdy, himself a former federal prosecutor from South Carolina, questioned him about the Arizona U.S. Attorney's hesitancy to allow proffers – a standard legal tool that allows a suspect to offer some information so law enforcement can determine whether they want to extend formal cooperation in exchange for more information.

"They were sheepish about straw purchases and very hesitant to proffer anybody," Forcelli said. "After I got back to Arizona, a supervisor from the U.S. Attorney's Office literally met with me to redefine their definition of a proffer."

Little has changed since he worked at the Phoenix office, Forcelli said.

"They still don't decline cases in writing. The declinations are made verbally. If the shit hits the fan, they can deny it. That's the scam they pull," he said.

Forcelli explained that ATF cases are presented to prosecutors in blue binders known as "blue jackets."

"One sat on an AUSA's windowsill for over a year in the Phoenix sun until it was bleached white," he said.

As a result, Forcelli said some ATF agents would ask the Maricopa County Attorney's Office to prosecute their cases.

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“Special agents can’t be successful without a partnership with prosecutors,” Forcelli said. “If the agents are constantly told no, they can’t meet their full potential.”

#### No comment

Neither U.S. Attorney Restaino nor his spokespersons returned calls or emails seeking their comments for this story. In fact, no one involved in Arizona law enforcement was willing to comment about Forcelli’s allegations.

The National Border Patrol Council, the union for more than 18,000 Border Patrol Agents, did not return emails seeking comment.

Sgt. Joaquin Enriquez, a public information officer for the

Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office said in an email, “I will need to do some research on this, but I will get with our detectives and get back to you.” No subsequent emails were received from Sgt. Enriquez.

The Maricopa County Attorney’s Office, which is the third-largest public prosecutorial office in the country, did not respond to calls or emails seeking comment.

Forcelli drew a sharp distinction between ATF special agents and their Industry Operations Investigators, or IOIs, whom Biden weaponized as foot-soldiers in his war against Federal Firearm Licensees.

## NC State Indoor Rimfire Championship 2023

NC Pistol and Rifle Association’s 2023 North Carolina State Indoor Rimfire Championship was hosted at Triangle Shooting Academy in Raleigh, NC on November 5, 2023. We had a total of 14 competitors from around the state. The championship consisted of a 900 point aggregate using the NRA B2 and B3 50 foot pistol targets. The championship was conducted with 2 relays in the 11 stall range bay. Competitors waiting for their relay or competitors who finished their relay relaxed and enjoyed the company of colleagues in the member’s lounge.

There was a representation of various 22 handguns which included the 1911 22 conversions, Pardinis, Smith and Wesson, and Hammerli. Robert Peele shot his Smith and Wesson rimfire revolver for the match. Marksmanship skills and gun reliability was key to Jonathan Lane winning the state indoor pistol title.

The awards are as follows:

State Indoor Champion: Jonathan Lane

2nd Place: Willie Trowell

3rd Place: Tom Willats

1st Expert: Steven Welch

1st Sharpshooter: Robert Peele

### The Triangle Precision Pistol League

The pistol league at Triangle Shooting Academy in Raleigh, NC meets several times a month to compete. The range is indoor with excellent climate control. The league occupies an 11 position bay with turning target carriers that move the targets up to 25 yards. The league shoots various matches related to precision pistol shooting to include the precision pistol 900 aggregate (at 25 yards or 50 feet), Walter Wise format matches, courses of fire that prepare competitors

for the CMP 1911 As-issued and M&P match, as well as matches that prepare competitors for the GSSF Camp Perry challenge. During the cold weather months the league hosts a 60 shot air pistol match on a Sunday. Annually, the league hosts the NRA Indoor Precision Pistol Sectional Match.

For more information, contact Willie Trowell at [trowellw@gmail.com](mailto:trowellw@gmail.com)



Photo - Winner Jonathan Lane on the right (with the hat on)



Photo - First relay of the championship



The North Carolina Rifle & Pistol Association is the official state association of the National Rifle Association. It is the only state wide organization affiliated with the NRA. As such the NCRPA plays a critical role in delivering NRA programs but remains a separate organization. An example of this role is sanctioning state championships under NRA rules in a variety of shooting sports. Also the NCRPA works closely with the NRA in legislative activities in the NC legislature.

In December of 2023 the NCRPA received a grant from NRA Clubs & Associations department for office equipment to maintain our membership database and communications. This was a significant help in our efforts to support the firearms owning community in North Carolina.

Thank You to NRA Clubs & Associations for helping NCRPA and NC gun owners.

## Mini-Palma North Carolina Shooting Sports Games

The North Carolina Rifle and Pistol Association ([www.ncrpa.org](http://www.ncrpa.org)) proudly sanctions the 2023 edition of the North Carolina Shooting Sports Games.

The Durham Pistol and Rifle Club hosted the 4 November 2023 Mini-Palma NC Shooting Sports match. The course of fire is an 800-yard target reduced to 100 yards with unlimited sighters, and a 900 and 1,000-yard reduced target with two convertible sighters. Each stage is 15 record shots for a total possible aggregate of 450-45x fired using the 22 Long Rifle.

The match began at 9:00 AM with no wind but temperatures in the high 30s, warming to high 50s by completion.

David Stoenner was the only F-Class prone competitor with a score of 449-26x. Dewey Hales, Gabe Rowe, and Dan Warren posted sling scores of 423-12x, 413-8x, and 408-5x respectively.



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Joel King, Match Director



# N.C.R.P.A. Needs You

By David McFarling



Every time we have an NCRPA Board Of Directors (BOD) meeting one thing strikes me, “we ain’t getting any younger”. What I mean is that we need new DNA in our leadership. Just as in Washington D.C. younger people are needed in positions of leadership.

Technically oriented people are needed to help us keep up to date and maintain our website. Would be a big help. Someone knowledgeable in public relations would be a godsend to say the very least. The BOD level positions of membership director and Treasurer could also be had.

Provably our most pressing need is for a person to work with and eventually take over for Dennis Allen working in the Legislature. This is a very hands on job and requires a very “people” Person. If you have ever felt the need to get in the fight for gun rights this is a great opportunity for a person motivated not to be run over by the powers that be.

## Why Gun Control Doesn’t Work

From the NRA-ILA Website

The Second Amendment guarantees law-abiding Americans the Right to Keep and Bear Arms. But over time, gun control laws have placed limits on that freedom.

Some politicians and gun control proponents argue that these laws are necessary — even at the cost of infringing upon a fundamental American right. But the fact is, gun control doesn’t work the way advocates argue it does.

What is Gun Control?

Gun control is an umbrella term that refers to laws and ordinances that restrict how law-abiding citizens can buy, own, or use firearms. These vary at the federal, state, and local levels.

This means that while the Second Amendment protects your Right to Keep and Bear Arms, there may be different restrictions placed upon that right depending on where you live.

Gun control at the local level ranges widely. For example, in some towns, citizens who are licensed to carry concealed firearms cannot do so in public parks. And in Chicago, it’s unlawful to own most semi-automatic firearms.

Federal gun control legislation like the Gun Control Act of 1968 and the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act (1993) created nationwide requirements that make it more difficult to obtain a firearm.

These laws have been in place for decades, and by now, the evidence is crystal clear. Gun control doesn’t work. Some of the key reasons are detailed below.

Criminals Don’t Obey Gun Control Laws

Criminals, by definition, do not obey the law. Gun control laws only affect law-abiding people who go through legal avenues to obtain firearms.

Criminals overwhelmingly obtain their firearms through illegal channels and will never be deterred by state and federal laws. That’s why background checks have virtually no impact on criminals.

A 2016 Obama administration study by the Bureau of Justice Statistics examined how prison inmates obtained the firearms they used during crimes — and the results weren’t surprising. The study found that only about 10.1% obtained their firearms through a retail source.

The vast majority of criminals obtained their firearms through other means, including: [1]

- Illegal underground sales
- Bought, borrowed, traded, or rented from friends or family
- Gifts
- Purchased by another individual for them
- Theft
- From their victims
- From the scene of a crime

Criminals who go through illegal avenues to obtain firearms aren’t going to submit to background checks while doing so. Ultimately, only law-abiding citizens would be impacted by expanded background checks.

Background Checks Aren’t Effective

Even if criminals did submit to background checks, we’ve seen that these checks aren’t effective at stopping those who intend to use guns to commit crimes.

Consider the following scenarios.

A person with no criminal history walks into a store to buy a gun they’ll use to commit a crime. A background check most likely

won't stop them.

A drug addict lies about their addiction on a federal background check form. Although this individual is committing a federal crime, a background check most likely won't stop them.

A person with serious mental health issues but no history of treatment or institutionalization goes to buy a gun. A background check most likely won't stop them.

It makes sense then that background checks have no impact on violent crime.

Just take a look at California, a state that's had background checks in place for decades. In 2018, a study was released that examined the effect of comprehensive background checks on the state. The study examined nearly two decades (1981-2000) of data and found that background checks had no effect on homicide rates in California. [2]

Again and again, firearm background checks have proven to be ineffective. What we do know is that they simply make the gun buying process more difficult for law-abiding citizens.

### Crime Goes Down When Good Guys Have Guns

On the other hand, allowing law-abiding citizens to more easily access firearms does help reduce violent crime.

Gun control advocates have long promoted the idea that making firearms more accessible would increase crime. But time has told a different story. Gun ownership is up, and violent crime is down overall.

Let's look over some quick facts:

Over the past three decades (1991-2019), violent crime rates have dropped by more than half. The number of privately-owned firearms in the United States doubled in that same period. [3][4]

The number of people carrying a firearm for protection outside the home has also risen to all-time highs as violent crime dropped. [5]

Mass murderers have repeatedly been deterred or stopped by citizens carrying lawfully concealed firearms. [6]

Concealed carry laws help reduce the number of rapes and robberies overall. [7]

It makes sense that criminals would be far less likely to commit a crime if they believed their victim might be armed. In fact, a major study of 2,000 felons in state and federal prisons across the United States showed that criminals actually fear armed citizens more than they fear the police. [8]

### Cities with the Strictest Gun Control Have the Highest Crime Rates

Does gun control reduce crime? The evidence says no.

In fact, cities with some of the most stringent gun laws, like New York and Chicago, suffer from some of the highest violent crime rates.

Shooting and murder rates in Chicago surged 50% in 2020, and that city recorded the highest number of gun-related homicides on record. [9] Gun-controlled Chicago became the most murderous city in the country.

New York City saw similarly alarming statistics. In 2020, homicides increased 41%, and shootings increased an astounding 95%. [10]

Studies have shown that homicide rates tend to rise when law-abiding citizens are unable to own and carry firearms for self-defense. [11] And the recent statistics from some of the country's most anti-gun cities confirm this conclusion.

Gun control doesn't work, so what does?

### The Solution: Crime Control

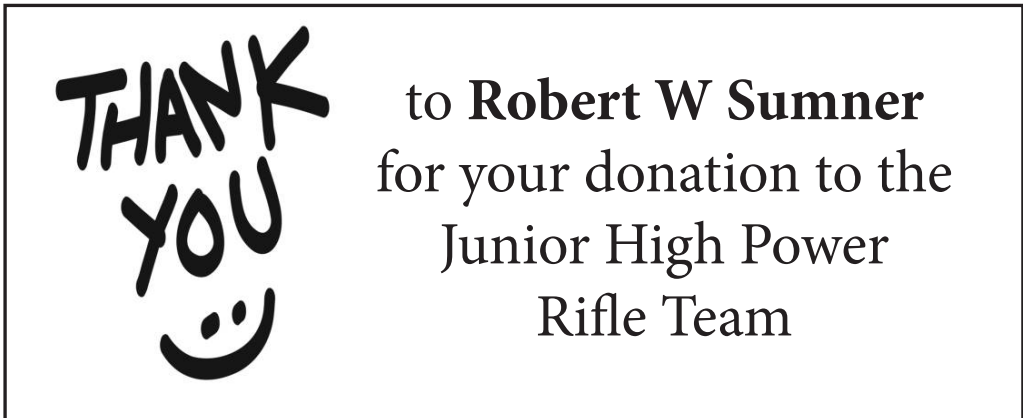
The simplest solution is crime control — enforcing existing laws aimed at criminals who carry and use firearms to commit their crimes.

We know that homicides in cities trend down when elected officials encourage solid police work and harsh penalties for gun criminals. We've seen it work in past years in Chicago when the city gave additional resources to law enforcement.

We've known for decades that crime control works. A good example is "Project Exile," a program launched in Richmond, Virginia in 1997. Faced with a sky-high homicide rate, Richmond prosecutors began enforcing existing gun laws to the fullest, imposing lengthy sentences against drug dealers and other criminals who were carrying firearms illegally.

The project was an enormous success. Law enforcement took hundreds of illegal guns off the street, and Richmond's homicide rate plummeted. [12] Other cities implemented the program with similar success.

In short, "Project Exile" demonstrated beyond a doubt that focusing on gun criminals, not placing undue burden on law-abiding citizens, is the best way to curb violent crime and make the American people safe.



# AND THE WINNERS ARE !

First off I would like thank all of you who bought raffle tickets in 2023 to support the Jr. rifle team. The support of the membership, by buying raffle tickets is our main source of income each year. In 2023 with your help we raised 4760 dollars.

The winners of the 2023 raffle prize rifles are as follows. The winner of the CMP M-I rifle is Mr. Bruce Bailiff of Advance N.C. The winner of the Savage .22 rifle is Randy Donaldson of Winston N.C. I want to congratulate both of these fellows for supporting our Jr. rifle team and enjoy your prize rifles for many years to come.

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The second prize will be a

### Savage .22 bolt action repeater



which will be delivered by B&B firearms located in Randleman N.C.

We really appreciate all of your participation in our raffle. The dollars you donate in this fashion go a long way in supporting our program. The drawing for the two rifles will be at the NCRPA annual meeting in December and the winners will be announced shortly afterward. Tickets are available in each copy of State Shots and by mail. Please send requests for tickets to:

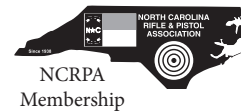
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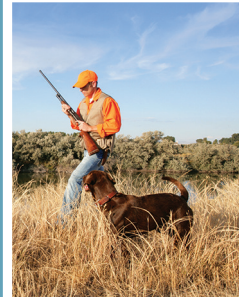
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Ashe County Wildlife Club  
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Buccaneer Gun Club, Inc.  
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“Necessity is the plea for every infringement of human freedom. It is the argument of tyrants; it is the creed of slaves.”

- William Pitt (the Younger),  
Speech in the House of Commons,  
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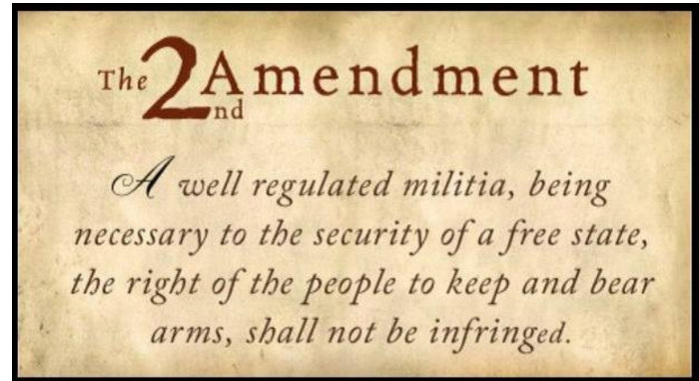
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## ALWAYS

Keep Your Finger Off The Trigger Until Ready To Shoot

When holding a gun, rest your finger alongside the frame and outside the trigger guard. Until you are actually ready to fire, do not touch the trigger.

## ALWAYS

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