

GRASSROOTS H.3482 IS NOW LAW

Mike Walguarnery, and countless other grandfathers and people like him in South Carolina can now breathe a sigh of relief and sleep a little better. Gov. Sanford signed H.3482, GrassRoots common sense gun law reforms, into law August 16, 2004. With the signing of H.3482, South Carolina citizens are now several steps closer to our goal of good citizens being able to carry firearms wherever and whenever they choose.

Good, law abiding people like Mike don't have to worry now about breaking the law when they take someone out shooting. They can now let guests shoot pistols at their gun clubs and on their private property without worrying about being convicted of a FELONY as they would have before H.3482 was signed.

Thanks to the efforts of GrassRoots members from around the state, in South Carolina:

- Gun clubs won't be shut down for breaking the law.
- Grandpas won't go to jail for teaching their grandsons to shoot pistols at the range.
- Private property owners can legally let guests shoot pistols on their property.
- Motorcycle riders can have a pistol with them just as car and truck drivers can.
- Drivers of trucks, SUVs and minivans with no trunks and little or no glove box or closed console space can now legally have a pistol in their vehicle.
- CWP holders can legally disarm before entering public buildings and nice restaurants.
- Gun shows and gun shops

won't be closed down for people illegally bringing their pistols into them - a crime before H.3482 was signed!

But it almost didn't happen. H.3482 was inexplicably held up in the Senate till almost the last minute - too late to get a Special Order vote if one was needed. With the clock running out, NRA endorsed Sen. Brad Hutto (D Orangeburg) threatened to kill the bill if his amendments weren't added. Despite all that, with the help of GrassRoots members sending in their post cards and making the calls to their state legislators we asked them too, and GrassRoots leaders lobbying and walking the halls at the state house, H.3482 passed the House and Senate.

But, then the NRA state association at their annual meeting called for the governor to VETO H.3482!!! Fortunately the Governor didn't listen to them, recognized that H.3482 was good for South Carolinians and signed it.

We were happy to get more than we asked for when Sen. Danny Verdin's S.1033 bill to allow motorcycle riders to carry a pistol in a closed bag on their vehicle was added to H.3482.

We didn't get all we wanted though. We had wanted for business owners to be able to let their employees carry a pistol at their place of business. SLED wanted them to have to get a CWP and that got written into the law. Sen. Hutto wanted them to have to have the permission of the

business owner (well, DUH!). That got written in too.

When playing checkers, or chess, you sometimes have to sacrifice a piece to set you up to win the game on the next move. That's what happened here. The CWP requirement for people to carry in a business is unnecessary. For starters, there's no duty to retreat and you don't have to know where you can't carry if all you're going to do is carry at your place of business. That sets us up for what we hope will be a slam-dunk next session--- getting the CWP requirement removed so a business owner can give permission for his employees to carry (just as the owner himself can), at his fixed place of business without a CWP.

We'll be back for that and a lot more in the next session of the South Carolina General Assembly that starts January 11, 2005. And with the help of GrassRoots members like you, we'll get what we want - more! More of the Right to Keep and Bear Arms in South Carolina.



Why are we smiling? Cause granpa won't go to jail now for showing me how to shoot at the range. (Pictured Mike Walguarnery with his grandson, Drake)

For complete details, we've printed the amended Pistol Regulations on page 3

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On May 1, 2004, Reb was elected by the South Carolina Libertarian State Convention to run as the LP candidate for the U.S. Senate. Reb will be on the November ballot. Reb says, "The editors of the media and press syndicate have decided to block all information from candidates from any of the third parties." We think that's bad. Check out Reb's website.

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President's Message



Ed Kelleher

Nothing is ever simple, except ...

In the last Defender I reported that H.3482 had passed and been signed. Oopsy! I was wrong. The bill was passed by the Senate, and the House concurred with changes the

Senate made, on May 20, 2004. The bill was finally ratified (formally adopted by both houses) and sent to the Governor on June 2, 2004 -- the day before the legislative session ended. That was right when we were getting the last Defender out and when we were right smack in the middle of an intense fight to kill some gun grabbing legislation (H.3130) posing as a Criminal Domestic Violence bill (report in the next Defender).

The Governor had 5 days to sign H.3482 after it was ratified, or veto it. Otherwise it became law. I expected he would sign it and put that in the headline of our late breaking news article. I thought I'd take it out of if he hadn't signed it before our press deadline. That's what I get for thinking. Like I said, things were crazy. I faxed the Governor's office asking him to speedily sign H.3482 into law. But, it turned out H.3482 was just 1 of over 100 bills that were ratified in the last few days of the General Assembly. The article got sent to press, without the Governor actually having signed H.3482 and without me fixing the headline.

And, while the Governor had 5 days to sign the bill, or have it become law without his signature, it turns out those are 5 legislative days - days the legislature is in session.

Only 2 days had passed before the legislature adjourned for the year. So, the 5 days wouldn't be made up till the legislature started their new session, Tuesday January 11, 2005.

Then the NRA at their state association annual meeting said H.3482 ought to be VETOED! What the heck?? More calls and faxes to the Governor's office telling them to ignore the NRA, that H.3482 was overwhelmingly beneficial to gun owners in the state.

Finally, Governor Sanford signed H.3482 into law and it became effective, Monday August 16, 2004.

Good, common sense changes to make the law what everyone already thought it was in the first place - and it took 2 years! Nothing's ever simple. As we continue to go on knocking down the infringements on our rights we find we need more people involved in the fight. We need to grow if we're going to be successful in getting our CWP's recognized in more states, carry when we take our families to nice restaurants and carry when we drop our kids off at school.

To help us keep up with our growth, GrassRoots has hired a part time Executive Director, Skip Cunningham. Skip has been a GrassRoots member since the beginning, is a fellow shooter and has assisted with Jake Knotts' CWP classes.

Rob Butler and I have both known Skip for quite awhile and have interviewed him and have the greatest confidence that he is EXACTLY the right person for this job.

Many of you also are probably familiar with Skip. He's a long time GrassRoots and Mid Carolina Rifle Club member. He's volunteered to work gun shows and help with Jake Knott's CWP classes. Skip recently retired after 18 years as Marketing Director for Central Electric Power Co-op. He's been a long time teacher at Midlands Tech. He's used to organizing and planning things.

Skip set up and organized the South Carolina Heat Pump Association and is familiar with working the

political and membership arenas for associations. Very much like what we need for GrassRoots. And most important of all, Skip is right on target as far as our gun rights are concerned! He KNOWS we have the God given, nobody can take it away from us, right to keep and bear arms. Skip has written an introduction on page 4.

Yes, nothing is ever simple. Except for the fact that we have an unalienable right to defend ourselves! It's simple. It's real simple. It is flat out wrong for the state, or anyone else to deprive anyone of the right to effectively defend themselves. When the state tries to take our guns under the guise of preventing CDV, it's simple - it's wrong! When the state denies us our guns in nice restaurants, when dropping our kids off at school, or when picking up our automobile tags, that is simple - it's WRONG! There are lots of things to distract us and lead us astray. But keep this one thought in mind - YOU are responsible for your own self and those you love and who depend on you. Defending yourself with a firearm is a RIGHT, not a privilege. If you know that, and act upon it, you're one of us. We're GrassRoots and we're STICKING to our guns!



Do you have letters, photos or articles you would like to share with other GrassRoots members?

Send them to skip13@sc.rr.com or mail them to Skip Cunningham, PO Box 212091, Columbia, SC 29221.

Deadline for our next issue, October 7th.

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GrassRoots South Carolina, Inc. is a South Carolina 501(c)4 nonprofit corporation. Our mission is to educate and promote acceptance of responsible firearms ownership within the State of South Carolina and to protect the rights of gun owners. Our objectives are to improve all aspects of lawful ownership and carrying of firearms in South Carolina.

GrassRoots South Carolina, Inc. members contact their elected representatives to promote or oppose legislation concerning all gun owners and issues surrounding the Right to Keep and Bear Arms in South Carolina.

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 23, Title 16 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Article 1”

Handguns

Section 16 23 10. When used in this article:

- (1) 'Handgun' means any firearm designed to expel a projectile and designed to be fired from the hand, but shall not include any firearm generally recognized or classified as an antique, curiosity, or collector's item, or any that does not fire fixed cartridges.
- (2) 'Dealer' means any person engaged in the business of selling firearms at retail or any person who is a pawnbroker.
- (3) 'Crime of violence' means murder, manslaughter (except negligent manslaughter arising out of traffic accidents), rape, mayhem, kidnapping, burglary, robbery, housebreaking, assault with intent to kill, commit rape, or rob, assault with a dangerous weapon, or assault with intent to commit any offense punishable by imprisonment for more than one year.
- (4) 'Fugitive from justice' means any person who has fled from or is fleeing from any law enforcement officer to avoid prosecution or imprisonment for a crime of violence.
- (5) 'Subversive organization' means any group, committee, club, league, society, association, or combination of individuals the purpose of which, or one of the purposes of which, is the establishment, control, conduct, seizure, or overthrow of the government of the United States or any state or political subdivision thereof, by the use of force, violence, espionage, sabotage, or threats or attempts of any of the foregoing.
- (6) 'Conviction' as used herein shall include pleas of guilty, pleas of nolo contendere, and forfeiture of bail.
- (7) 'Division' means the State Law Enforcement Division.
- (8) 'Purchase' or 'sell' means to knowingly buy, offer to buy, receive, lease, rent, barter, exchange, pawn or accept in pawn.
- (9) 'Person' means any individual, corporation, company, association, firm, partnership, society, or joint stock company.
- (10) 'Luggage compartment' means the trunk of a motor vehicle which has a trunk; however, with respect to a motor vehicle which does not have a trunk, the term 'luggage compartment' refers to the area of the motor vehicle in which the manufacturer designed that luggage be carried or to the area of the motor vehicle in which luggage is customarily carried. In a station wagon, van, hatchback vehicle, or sport utility vehicle, the term 'luggage compartment' refers to the area behind, but not under, the rearmost seat. In a truck, the term 'luggage compartment' refers to the area behind the rearmost seat, but not under the front seat.

Section 16 23 20. It is unlawful for anyone to carry about the person any handgun, whether concealed or not, except as follows, unless otherwise specifically prohibited by law:

- (1) regular, salaried law enforcement officers and reserve police officers of a municipality or county of the State, uncompensated Governor's constables, law enforcement officers of the federal government or other states when they are carrying out official duties while in this State, deputy enforcement officers of the Natural Resources Enforcement Division of the Department of Natural Resources, and retired commissioned law enforcement officers employed as private detectives or private investigators;
- (2) members of the Armed Forces of the United States, the National Guard, organized reserves, or the State Militia when on duty;
- (3) members, or their invited guests, of organizations authorized by law to purchase or receive firearms from the United States or this State or regularly enrolled members, or their invited guests, of clubs organized for the purpose of target shooting or collecting modern and antique firearms while these members, or their invited guests, are at or going to or from their places of target practice or their shows and exhibits;
- (4) licensed hunters or fishermen who are engaged in hunting or fishing or going to or from their places of hunting or fishing while in a vehicle or on foot;
- (5) a person regularly engaged in the business of manufacturing, repairing, repossessing, or dealing in firearms, or the agent or representative of this person, while possessing, using, or carrying a handgun in the usual or ordinary course of the business;
- (6) guards authorized by law to possess handguns and engaged in protection of property of the United States or any agency of the United States;
- (7) members of authorized military or civil organizations while parading or when going to and from the places of meeting of their respective organizations;
- (8) a person in his home or upon his real property or a person who has the permission of the owner or the person in legal possession or the person in legal control of the home or real property;
- (9) a person in a vehicle if the handgun is secured in a closed glove compartment, closed console, closed trunk, or in a closed container secured by an integral fastener and transported in the luggage compartment of the vehicle; however, this item is not violated if the glove compartment, console, or trunk is opened in the presence of a law enforcement officer for the sole purpose of retrieving a driver's license, registration, or proof of insurance;
- (10) a person carrying a handgun unloaded and in a secure wrapper from the place of purchase to his home or fixed place of business or while in the process of changing or moving one's residence or changing or moving one's fixed place of business;
- (11) a prison guard while engaged in his official duties;
- (12) a person who is granted a permit under provision of law by the State Law Enforcement Division to carry a handgun about his person, under conditions set forth in the permit, and while transferring the handgun between the permittee's person and a location specified in item (9);
- (13) the owner or the person in legal possession or the person in legal control of a fixed place of business, while at the fixed place of business, and the employee of a fixed place of business, other than a business subject to Section 16 23 465, while at the place of business; however, the employee may exercise this privilege only after: (a) acquiring a permit pursuant to item (12), and (b) obtaining the permission of the owner or person in legal control or legal possession of the premises;
- (14) a person engaged in firearms related activities while on the premises of a fixed place of business which conducts, as a regular course of its business, activities related to sale, repair, pawn, firearms training, or use of firearms, unless the premises is posted with a sign limiting possession of firearms to holders of permits issued pursuant to item (12);
- (15) a person while transferring a handgun directly from or to a vehicle and a location specified in this section where one may legally possess the handgun.
- (16) Any person on a motorcycle when the pistol is secured in a closed saddlebag or other similar closed accessory container attached, whether permanently or temporarily, to the motorcycle.

From The (Sort Of) New Guy—Skip Cunningham

Picture of Skip

Skip Cunningham

I can't begin to tell you how pleased I am to have been selected to help run the day-to-day operations of GrassRoots. Some of you already know me (and I hope you won't hold that against me). To most of you, I really am "the new guy". I'll try to somewhat introduce myself here, and will work at meeting as many of you as I can as soon as that can happen.

When I got my CWP back in 1997, I was looking for a place to shoot. Since Norm Price conducted my CWP training, he invited me to Mid Carolina Rifle Club. (Is there anyone in the South Carolina shooting community whose life Norm hasn't touched?) Through him I met Ed Kelleher and Rob Butler and began to hear of GrassRoots. So I've been a member going way back.

At some gun shows and at State Legislative meetings I've met several more kindred souls. When my daughter gave a speech in college on the absurdity of gun control, many of you offered your encouragement, guidance and direction. (Yes, she got an A.) I read the SC Firearms forum discussions each day, and although I only post occasionally, the education I continue to receive is invaluable. I mean that in the nicest way possible. So I "know" some more of you only through e-mails. I plan for that to change in the months and years ahead. I really do like putting faces to names.

I'm a member of IDPA, but Saturday matches were tough for me to get to. I'll do better in the future (better at getting there and participating, not necessarily scoring better.) I've met others of you while helping out at CWP classes at the range. While I tend to prefer Glocks (and thereby have just polarized the group :), my philosophy on weapons choice has always been that the best personal defense gun is the one you have with you. (Does that somewhat salve the Glock haters among you??)

As I began this note, I used the word "help". I believe that is what I am being asked to do. GrassRoots is a great organization populated by committed people who sincerely believe that our Second Amendment was writ-

ten by our founding fathers to remind us that it protects all our other Constitutional rights and freedoms. I hope you'll realize over time, as we get to know each other better, how deeply I share that belief. I hope to help us progress---together. GrassRoots is OUR organization. We succeed (and will continue to succeed) because we will all work together to make that happen.

In this edition of The Defender, you'll notice that some of our articles are re-prints or re-edits of things you've seen before. Some things do bear repeating, and deserve a re-focus of our attention. I've included a reminder about our GrassRoots PAC. I also thought, with an election coming, it might be appropriate to reflect again on Rob Butler's excellent ideas on a Game Plan for Victory.

So...what will you see in the months ahead??? Quite a bit of that will be up to you.

- Before the end of the year, all CWP holders will be sent a survey asking for their input and ideas on a variety of issues. We really do want to know what you think we should be pursuing on your behalf.
- We really want your letters, photos and "op-ed" pieces for publication.
- We plan to coordinate and conduct a legislative tactics seminar before the South Carolina legislature convenes in mid-January.
- We would like to take stock of our GrassRoots Gorillas. Who among you can show up at a moment's notice and be a presence at legislative meetings (sub committees, committees, etc.)?
- How can we help coordinate and become a type of clearinghouse for intelligence that you, our members, gather about gun rights issues as they come up in local communities (both pro and anti issues)?
- I can attest first-hand how important it is, when we appear before the legislature and other public bodies, speaking on behalf of GrassRoots, that we can show those "public servants" that we are a voting force to be reckoned with. For that we need MEMBERS. We really want to focus on increasing membership.

These are just some of the areas in which we plan to be very active in 2005. There is more than enough work to go around. You, all of you, are the backbone of this organization. I promise to do my very best to be an asset to you. Please help me do just that. I am so glad to be aboard!!!!

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GunRights PAC -How to Make the MOST of Your Political Donations

Politicians need money to win elections. Politicians would love to keep track of and remember every donor, but the reality is that they get too many contributions to be able to remember them all. But, the politicians do keep track of and remember those people who contribute the larger donations of money.

South Carolina politicians will remember those people who donate \$500 and more. Anything less and the donor could easily be forgotten because there are so many smaller contributors. That may not be what we want, but it is reality. Like it or not, this is how the political \$\$\$ game is played!!!

Let's assume there are 25 gun owners living in the same political district. Each one donates \$20 to the same

politician. After the election, the politician does not remember a single one of the gun owners who contributed to his campaign because each donation was too small to really get the politician's attention. The politician doesn't know that gun owners made a difference in his election. Thus, all the donations made by gun owners did nothing to promote gun rights in SC.

Now, let's assume that these same 25 gun owners made the same \$20 donations. But, this time the gun owners made their \$20 donations to the GunRights PAC instead of directly to the politician. GunRights PAC could then make a \$500 (25 x \$20 = \$500) donation to the same politician. After the election, the politician will remember that gun owners made a difference in his election because he

will remember a \$500 donation. It doesn't matter that the politician got \$500 either way. The reality is that the politician will not remember 25 small donations, but he WILL REMEMBER one large donation.

If you want to make politicians take notice of how gun owners DO make a difference in their election campaigns, then send your donations to the GunRights PAC instead of directly to the politician. You can earmark your donation for a particular candidate, or you can just let GunRights PAC decide which politicians are most deserving. Then, GunRights PAC will combine all of the donations sent in and earmarked for a particular candidate into one large contribution, and make the larger donation on behalf of all gun owners. This will do much more for protect-

ing our gun rights than simply giving the money directly to the politicians.

Please use your donations to get the most bang for your buck. Send the political donations you were going to send directly to the politicians to the GunRights PAC instead. Then, your donations will really make an impact. And, gun owner voices will be heard even better after the election!

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South Carolina Gun Shows Scheduled for 2004

Greenville - Palmetto Expo Center
Feb. 28-29 May 22-23 Oct. 9-10 Dec. 18-19

Spartanburg - Spartanburg Expo Center (formerly Waccamaw)
Jan. 24-25 April 24-25 July 17-18 Oct. 23-24

Columbia - Jamil Shrine Temple
Jan. 10-11 May 1-2 July 31 - Aug. 1 Nov. 13-14

Columbia - SC State Fairgrounds
June 19-20 Dec. 11-12

Florence - Florence Civic Center
Mar. 6-7 July 24-25 Nov. 6-7

Charleston - Exchange Park, Ladson
Jan. 17-18 June 5-6 Sept. 18-19

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. GrassRoots plans to have a table at each Gun Show listed above. We need volunteers to help man these tables. If you would like to volunteer for a shift please contact your area GrassRoots Gun Show Organizer a week or so prior to the show date.

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HOLSTERS IN REVIEW

By R.K. Campbell

(Note: Yep...we know we ran this before. Had some requests to for a reprise of this excellent discussion of the basics of concealed carry)

I have discussed the best types of holsters for a particular use at length, and have 'written the book on holsters.' (HOLSTERS FOR COMBAT AND CONCEALED CARRY, Paladin Press) But the basic rules bear repeating. The holster should be of high quality, specifically molded for the particular handgun. The strong side belt holster is the easiest to achieve perfection with, but by no means an easy feat. Just every holster maker simply doesn't get it.

Let's look at two of the more difficult holsters to achieve true efficiency with, and discuss their relative merits. These are the crossdraw holster and the shoulder holster. The crossdraw is controversial largely because it presents the pistol butt to the adversary practically in as good an angle for a draw from the adversary as the user. I have heard this argument, but it is largely overblown. Gun grab attempts come from behind as well but most often occur on the draw, and the crossdraw holster can be protected by the weak side arm in such a situation. Don't get me wrong, the strong side carry and draw is the best carry when we can properly conceal and carry a handgun in this manner, but in certain situations the crossdraw is a fine option.

If your job requires that you be seated most of the time, the crossdraw holster is a good choice. You can remain seated with your fingertips almost on the crossdraw, in a good position to make a rapid presentation. When driving, the crossdraw makes a great deal of sense. For those who desire a more specialized crossdraw for pure driving duty, the VAMPIRE for the snubnose .38 from Ken Null is among the finest rigs every designed for driving use. The holster lies

across the belt and presents the handle at a perfect angle for a fast draw to address the problems of a car jacker. The standard crossdraw offers good concealment worn just forward of the hipbone, tightly against the body. A word of caution- a good crossdraw from a maker who knows what he is doing is a fine companion, but a crossdraw from someone who does not understand the proper angle or fit of a crossdraw is a nuisance, practically useless.

A weakness of the cross draw is that when the handgun is drawn, the draw crosses the body of the assailant, across the body, rather than into the body as in the case of a conventional draw. In other words, if we pull the trigger prematurely in the standard strong side draw, we may still hit the opponent somewhere, whereas with the cross draw we most likely will miss him completely. This is true if we are squared to the target, but if the threat originates from the weak side the cross draw is more formidable. When the threat comes from the weak side or we can turn our body to have the strong side away from the threat, the gun is drawn and presented immediately into the weak side support hand and then fired if need be. This is a wonderfully quick presentation taught by tactical expert, trainer and holster maker Mark Garrity among others. Remember, the bad guys do not play it on the street like they we practice on the range and the man who understands the practical aspects of the crossdraw can use it to good effect.

The shoulder holster should never be chosen because it is racy, sexy, or 'expected'. I have seen some pretty poor contraptions posing as shoulder holsters, and plainclothesmen who really had no idea what the shoulder holster was designed to do. I have seen the gun worn practically below belt level in a flopping, poorly adjusted holster. Let's look at what the

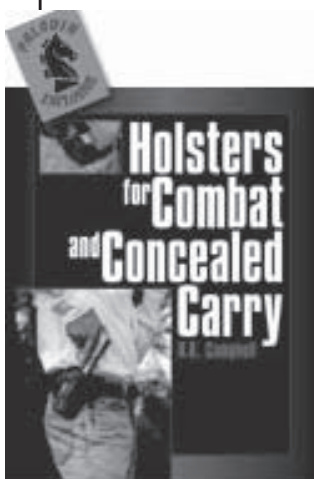
shoulder holster does. First of all, the shoulder holster excels in concealment when a light jacket can be worn. The jacket material must be thick enough so that the shoulder holster does not print through or show lines under the jacket. The shoulder holster can get the gun and spare ammunition off of the belt and onto the shoulders where the weight is spread out much better. If you have a lower back problem, the shoulder holster is a Godsend. The shoulder holster offers much the same advantages of the crossdraw when the wearer is seated, driving, or moving. But the shoulder holster must be properly adjusted so that the gun does not fall forward when the wearer bends. When it comes to shoulder holsters, this is one application that I think is ideal for heavy duty fabric. Among the best choices in shoulder holsters comes from Passport Ports. I have used several examples of these holsters with excellent results. The Passport Sports holsters feature a thumbbreak, which a shoulder holster must incorporate into the design. The holster has to have a bit looser fit than a belt holster, as there is less leverage to remove the gun from the holster, so a thumbbreak is a good addition to the shoulder holster. The Passport Sports holster is very comfortable, the straps spread the weight of the gun and magazines about, and the fabric, while strong, is thin enough to conceal under a light jacket. This shoulder holster is also about the most affordable quality shoulder holster on the market.

There are some shooters who simply cannot acclimate to wearing the crossdraw. Some find that it cramps them and makes it difficult for them to breathe. There are other choices for them. But for those who can successfully deploy the shoulder holster, it has good points related to the cross draw. When driving or seated, the shoulder holster offers rapid access. The heavy weight of a handgun is taken off the belt, a good thing for those of us with back problems. And this weight is well spread out and carried on the shoulders.

The crossdraw and the shoulder holster each have good and bad points that should be considered. Choose wisely and you will have a tactical advantage.

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Game Plan for Victory

By Rob Butler



(Just a note here: Rob wrote this article and a companion piece, "Politics is About Power", to explain how politicians are motivated and influenced, and to explain the PROCESS on how we will succeed in getting our agenda passed. As we approach election season, it would serve us well to review this as we form our decisions on who will get our votes, and how we communicate to them WHY we vote the way we do. The time of reckoning is fast approaching. This will be the foundation for our game plan when we go to the legislature in the upcoming session to begin another winning season).

To be able to win, you must first understand we CAN win!

"Politics is About Power" showed us that winning an election is usually decided by a determined minority.

Now, we are going to show you how we can win. Lets look at the numbers to see how we do it.

We were taught in school that a candidate needed 50% plus 1 to win an election. Trying to get 50% plus 1 is a daunting task and discourages people from fighting within the system. So, most people just shake their heads and accept whatever the politicians give them. That is why so few people bother to vote.

But, we were taught **wrong**. Effective special interest groups know the truth. You only need a determined minority to win an election. Now, GrassRoots is going to teach you what the campaign professionals know.

Let's start out with 100% of the people. Do we need 50% plus 1 to win the election? Is that true?

No! Many of those people are children, mentally incompetent, people in prison, ex-felons, or otherwise ineligible to vote. Only 65% of the people are eligible to vote. **So, do we need half of 65% (32.5%) plus 1 to win the election?**

No! Only about half of those people who are eligible to vote bother to register to vote. Thus, we need only be concerned with how 35% (which is 32.5% rounded up) of the people are going to vote. **So, do we need 17.5% plus 1 to win the election?**

No! Only about half of those registered to vote bother to do so. Thus, we need only be concerned with how 18% of the people are going to vote. So, do we need 9% plus 1 to win the election?

No! Of that 18%, approximately 6% are Group 1 voters who will vote Republican regardless of who the Republican candidate is. Another 6% are Group 2 voters who will vote Democratic regardless of who the Democratic candidate is. These Group 1 and Group 2 voters cancel out each other's votes. So, practically speaking, the only votes that really come into play when determining who is going to win the election are the Group 3 swing voters.

Group 3 swing voters comprise approximately 6% of the voting people. These Group 3 swing voters determine who wins the elections. The mass media likes to call these voters the moderates. Have you ever noticed how most every candidate moves to the middle ground during election season? It is because the candidates are trying to capture the

Group 3 swing voters. Getting a majority of the Group 3 swing voters is the real difference between winning and losing elections.

What the above numbers prove is that all it really takes to determine the winner in an election is a determined minority of 3% of the people plus 1. If a candidate can get any of the 6% of swing voters on his own, then an even smaller determined minority can make a difference.

Group 4 voters are too few to be concerned with here. But, the greater the number of Group 4 voters, the smaller the number of votes needed by the determined minority to swing the election.

Now, lets look at South Carolina. There are less than 3,000,000 people in South Carolina. Concealed weapon permit (CWP) holders make up almost 1.5% of the total number of people in South Carolina and all are eligible to vote. Take the 1.5% that are CWP holders and add the spouses, family, and friends of that 1.5% that are CWP holders, **and suddenly we have way more than the 3% plus 1 of the people needed to win the election!**

If CWP holders are willing to play to win, we will win! We can get all of our gun law and CWP reforms passed. All we have to do is become determined Group 3 swing voters. If we fail to follow through at election time, then we forfeit our power to demand change. But, we can get our pro-gun rights legislative package passed if we have the will to play to win. Are you willing to play to win?

Unfortunately, winning is not always the goal for some "pro-gun" organizations. Too often the goal is fund raising, not winning. Too often the goal is personal gain, not winning. Too often the goal is turf protection, not winning. GrassRoots is determined to lead the way to victory. Are you willing to play to win?

Now Let's Apply the above Ideas to Getting our bills Passed.

There are approximately 45,000 concealed weapon permit (CWP) holders in South Carolina. There are only 46 senators. **If each CWP holder only contacted two senators in his/her county, then each senator would get over 1,300 voter initiated contacts!**

Politicians know that for every person who contacts them, there are 10 others who feel the same way. Politicians also know that most people will not bother to take the time to contact their elected representatives. These two facts are what make a determined minority so powerful. Politicians cannot take the chance that the contacts from the minority group do not reflect how the voters will respond.

Imagine the impact if every Tuesday GrassRoots members and supporters contact the senators from their county and politely ask the senators to pass our bills. It's that simple of a message "Please pass our bill." Imagine the first day of the workweek for the senators as they each get over 1,300 voter responses in support of any bills we want passed. Now imagine this happens not just one time, but week after week. This is the power of grassroots activism. This activism by *GrassRoots* members will get our bills passed! This is playing to win!

Are you willing to play to win?

Remember, most politicians are Group 3 politicians who are only interested in getting reelected. If politicians ignore the overwhelming input from the voters, they could easily lose the next election. But, they will not want to "rock the boat" and do what we want done. Initially, politicians will try to ignore us and hope we go away. They will try to get some "pro-gun" organization or "leader" to sell us excuses as to why we can not get our legislation passed. They will do whatever they can to convince us we "want too much" so that we will settle for excuses instead of pushing on to win. Are you willing to play to win? The way to show these politicians that we are determined to get any bill passed is to NOT go away. We must reject all excuses. We must show them we will "Remember in November". *Are you willing to play to win?*

As we re-initiate our agenda and pre-file legislation for the 2005-06 session, we will be communicating with you and asking you to take specific action at specific times. We hope that you understand the underlying process so well that you will be chomping at the bit to take action. Promise yourself and each other to be ready !!!!!

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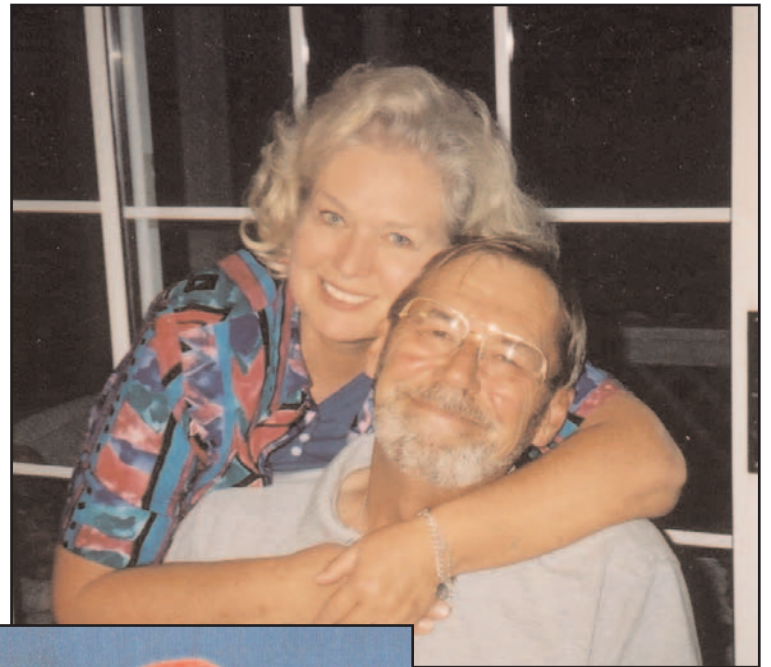
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Because of our publishing schedule, we'd like these in hand no later than October 7th.

In Memory of Norm Price

By Mike Walguarnery



Norman Price passed away unexpectedly in the evening of June 25. I lost a good friend. Many of those reading this who knew Norm will feel they lost a good friend too. But even people who never knew him also lost a friend, one that they hadn't yet met.

Behind a sometimes gruff facade Norm was exactly the sort of person you would choose as a friend. He was caring and helpful, but not offensive or pushy, someone to confide in and to joke with. He was the sort of guy who would be there for you when you needed it, and he rarely met someone he didn't like or who didn't like him.

Norman Lee Price, born October 10, 1941, grew up in St. Louis, Mo., the oldest son in a family of six. He was a big brother to one brother & two sisters, and a good one from what we've been told.

Norm joined the Marine Corps right out of High School and remained proud of that fact for his entire life. In 1963 he moved to Huntsville, Alabama to attend The University of Alabama and graduated in 1969. During this time Norm found and married his bride Helen.

After living in Florida and Atlanta, Norm and Helen, along with their sons and daughters, Jay, Patrick, Tara and Amanda, became South Carolinians in 1989, moving to Spartanburg. They arrived in Columbia in 1992.

Norm was always a believer in "The Right to Keep and Bear Arms". He believed, as we do, that good people had the right to defend themselves against attacks from the bad guys. He was a small arms instructor in the service and became a certified firearms instructor in the civilian world too. Norman was one of the very first instructors to have his credentials certified by SLED, and he became one of the first Concealed Weapons Permit Instructors, just after the passage of South Carolina's "Citizens Self Defense Act" of 1996, our CWP "shall issue" law. I've talked with a diverse group of people who knew Norm, from students, fellow instructors, and SLED officials. He truly earned their respect.

More than just knowing his subject extremely well, Norm had the talent to effectively share his knowledge with students and others. His insights were both practical and helpful. Most of us could identify with the examples he chose to tell. His common sense approach to these things was easy to understand and put into practice. He became a very good friend to an ever growing number of people, from all walks of life.

Often an "unsung hero" Norman would go out of his way to do things for people he hardly even knew, but they were "the right kind of folks" and deserved his help. At least that is how he saw it, and there are a lot of us who are very grateful he felt that way. Many will miss Norm's helpful ways, wisdom and no nonsense approach to challenges.

By helping so many people whom he knew, his influence indirectly reaches beyond them and into the lives of many within their circle of friends. Many people are a little safer because they know somebody who knew Norm. That was the Norm I knew. If you were fortunate enough to know him too, you probably agree. If you didn't, I'm sorry you missed that chance. The good news (and it will be his legacy) is that he was still your friend.

-Mike Walguarnery

