



"This couple's guns are out in the car. S.C. politicians forbid them from protecting their lives by carrying w/ a CWP. WHY???"

You Spoke, We Listened!

Carry in Nice Restaurants and Carry in More States Are Your Top Two Choices!

The survey results are in! You - the concealed weapon permit (CWP) holders of SC - have spoken loud and clear. With 25% of the CWP holders having already voted (the experts told us we would only get a 2-3% response rate), and more coming in each day, there are two issues that top your list of desired changes. You told us you wanted (1) to be able to carry in nice restaurants that happen to serve alcoholic beverages and (2) to be able to carry in more states. Nothing else was even close.

GrassRoots GunRights is listen-

ing! We have already started working for you!

Carry In More States:

GrassRoots GunRights saw that Rep. Mike Pitts had already introduced a CWP recognition bill (H. 3110) in the House. He introduced the same bill last year, but it never got out of the Judiciary Committee. But, this year, GrassRoots GunRights has already started working on getting this bill passed.

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"Beggars Can't Be Choosers"

Choose NOT TO Beg! GunRights PAC - the Tool for Victory!

By Robert D. Butler, President of GunRights PAC

[IMPORTANT NOTE: If you only read one article in this issue of The Defender, read this one. If we fail to fund GunRights PAC as written about in this article, then we will most likely fail in our efforts to pass the GrassRoots GunRights legislative agenda this legislative session and in future legislative sessions. This article is a little long, but it is worth the time if you are serious about winning back your rights.]

The single most important thing you can do to protect your gun rights is to fully fund GunRights PAC, and we must all do it NOW!

Gun owners in SC have the power to get everything we want out of the General Assembly. But, we have to be willing to play hardball to win. Are you willing to play hardball to win, or would you rather just play for fun and lose?

If you are happy just playing gun rights games and don't really care about winning, then go read another article. But, if you want to know how we can win even more than we already have, then read on and learn.

First, you need to understand a couple of basic ideas concerning politics. Then, we will show you how to use these basic ideas to your benefit.

Most politicians are political animals whose number one concern is staying in office. The easiest way to stay in office is to not make waves - just accept the status quo and be happy. Passing pro gun legislation rocks the boat and upsets the status quo. Therefore, passing pro gun legislation is to be avoided at all costs, if possible. We must let politicians know that it is not possible without paying a price.

Politicians divide time into two seasons. There is the legislative season - when they do things to and for us, and the election season - when we get to do things to and for them.

Politicians do not want you to link the two seasons. Politicians want to keep legislative season separate from election season. We can not allow that to happen. We must let the politicians know we will hold them responsible during election season for what they did - or did not - do during legislative season.

A politician's biggest fear is organized opposition. Organized opposition can come either during legislative season or election season. Organized opposition during election season is the worst thing that can happen to a politician.

Politicians know most voters will forget what the politicians did during the legislative season once the heat of the election season battles are going on and thirty second sound bites fill the air. So, politicians know they can ignore most legislative season opposition without fear of "pay backs" come election season.

Politicians also know some organizations will not forget what happened - or did not happen - during legislative season. These organizations will cause election season trouble for the politicians. The politicians know these organizations must be dealt with and not ignored.

Organized opposition during election season means the politician will have to engage in a public fight at election time. That means the politician might lose. Public fights during election season are to be avoided if at all possible.

GrassRoots GunRights must become known as the organization that does not forget. And GunRights PAC must become feared as the organization that (1) repays politicians who have failed

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President's Message



Ed Kelleher

Wakeup! or Just Do It!

The people in Ukraine recently had an "Orange" revolution. They got tired of being oppressed and rose up and did something about it.

They rejected Russian manipulation of their politics and resisted, not only in word, but in action - effectively! But this revolution was a long time coming. The Ukrainians have been persecuted and oppressed for a very long time. From time to time, some Ukrainians have tried to stir their brothers and sisters up, but to little effect. One of their most revered poets wrote:

*It's terrible to lie in chains
And rot in dungy deep
But it's still worse, when you are free
To sleep, and sleep, and sleep.
- Tara Shevchenko*

He wrote this in 1845. It took 160 years, but the Ukrainians finally acted.

To me, this bit of verse describes a lot of gun owners today - they think they're free, but they're really just asleep. Thankfully, GrassRoots members aren't asleep at the switch. They know something must be done. But unlike others, who leave the heavy lifting to someone else, they get *involved* in getting things done -- with actions and not just words!

But let's not pat ourselves on the back too quickly. How wakeful are we really? Are we awake with our heart pounding and our senses alive, or are we stumbling around looking for a cup of coffee with sleep still in our eyes? To help you decide, just measure yourself against our Larry Coble Activist Award winners. We intentionally give examples of GrassRoots men and women DOING things so you can see how you stack up. Howard Jones, the first LCAA winner of 2005 is a typical example. He works full time during the week and then, even gives up sleep to help further yours and my gunrights on the weekends. Congratulations, Howard, and other LCAA winners!

One very effective way *all* of us can support GrassRoots is to contribute to the GunRights PAC. GrassRoots Legislative Director (and a true political Guru) Rob Butler has plainly explained in this edition of *The Defender* why this is so. Read his coyote analogy. Read it, then read it again. It's the 100% refined real deal! Read it, then ACT on it!

One problem with getting active though is that you stick out above the others, it makes you a target. This is one of the things that saddened me when I heard of the passing of Neal Knox. He was a good man. He *believed* in the rights of free men to be armed. He *acted* on that belief and worked hard, at great personal sacrifice, to advance the recognition of those rights. Like most leaders, he received a lot of abuse; nonetheless he kept on plugging. I know the Lord is righteous, and unlike men, will not forget or overlook the good he did. I think that's something we all should remember when the going gets a little tough.



Ultimately, like getting out of bed in the morning when it's cold outside, we

just have to do it! GrassRoots has an ambitious agenda. It will take a lot of work, and unfortunately, fighting to achieve that agenda. Having good intentions and talking about it won't get things done. We just have to do it! Mail the postcards! Make the calls! Man the gun shows, recruit others, support our PAC -- these are all things you can DO to make a difference!

Please, *just do it!*

Ed Kelleher
President
GrassRoots GunRights
South Carolina Inc.

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A Democrat Said:

"Certainly one of the chief guarantees of freedom under any government, no matter how popular and respected, is the right of citizens to keep and bear arms. ... The right of citizens to bear arms is just one guarantee against arbitrary government, one more safeguard against the tyranny which now appears remote in America but which historically has proven to be possible."

Hubert H. Humphrey
Senator, Vice President
22 October 1959

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



Send them to execofficer@scfirearms.org or mail them to Skip Cunningham
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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.

GrassRoots Electronic Communication

Our newspaper is our primary means of communication with our members, but it only comes out once a quarter. Direct mailing to our members is effective, but it still takes about two weeks to compose, print and mail – and costs us several thousand dollars a pop!

Electronic communication via Email is the timeliest and most efficient way for us to get the word out to our members. But many of our members still don't have computers. If you're thinking of getting a computer, please do! Then sign up for our GrassRoots Email Action alerts and ENewsletter and join the Email discussion groups where people's firearms related questions are answered, often with lively discussion.

We send out Email Action alerts when immediate action is necessary. We might send several in one week, as when we successfully fought the doubling of CWP license fees. Or, we might go several months without an alert when things are quiet. Every GrassRoots member with a computer should be on this list. The ENewsletter is put out periodically with items of interest to gun owners. You can sign up for either, or both, by sending an email to:

ENewsletter@SCFirearms.org

Subject: Email Alert, ENewsletter Subscribe

If you have questions relating to firearms, their usage, carry, purchase, sale or whatever, the best place to post your question is on the SCFirearms email discussion group. You'll get immediate, useful replies from knowledgeable (and not so knowledgeable) South Carolina gun owners. You may sign up to receive individual emails (usually 10 or so a day from various members) or you may receive 1 email with a "digest" of the previous days emails and replies. The Defender newspaper often prints informative or provocative emails posted on this discussion group. Anyone may join by sending an email to:

SCFirearms-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

GrassRoots has a special discussion group relating to the activities of GrassRoots. Only GrassRoots members may join by sending an email to:

Grassroots_Leadership-subscribe@yahoogroups.com



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Action Steps to Take NOW!

1. Find the names of every senator and representative who represents people in the county in which you live. Please refer to the "GrassRoots GunRights Contact Information Page" on page 7 to find their names. For example, if you live in Charleston County, there are seven (7) Senators and fourteen (14) Representatives representing the people of Charleston County. Politicians usually listen to all people from the counties they represent.

2. Write the name of each of these politicians on the front of a pre addressed postcard. Be sure to put Senator's names on postcards addressed to the Senate, and Representative's names on postcards addressed to the House of Representatives.

3. Get the postcards that are pre addressed to the bill's sponsors and House and Senate leadership. A bill's sponsor likes to hear from everybody. Political leaders need to know how everybody feels, not just the people in their districts. It is

important that you send these postcards.

4. Put your return address on the front of every postcard. If you don't put your return address on the postcard, the politicians will ignore those postcards and some of the others, too. The politicians will think the postcards are coming from either people not from their county or people are sending more than one postcard to each politician. So please, only send postcards to politicians representing your county, and only send one postcard to each politician for each person sending a postcard (i.e., both a husband and wife should send in postcards to each politician because both are voters and (hopefully) CWP holders).

5. Sign the back of every postcard. If you don't sign the postcards, the politicians will claim the postcards are not coming from real people and they will ignore those postcards.

6. Put a stamp on each postcard. Postcards only need a 23¢ stamp. But rather than waiting to get

GRASSROOTS HELPS BOY SCOUTS

GrassRoots got the following request 11/6/04. We put the word out and GrassRoots member Howard Jones responded to the call. This is one of the reasons Howard was chosen as the first Larry Coble Activist award winner in 2005.

Dear Ed

I am contacting you in hopes that you can help me with a youth outdoor event, the Trailblazer Adventure Day, which will be held on November 13 at Mepkin Abbey in Moncks Corner, SC.

The U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation is working with the Coastal Carolina Boy Scout Council to teach Boy Scouts and their families about outdoor sports. I need a few people to help teach the Scouts about BB gun and shotgun shooting. It turns out that some of the volunteers I was planning on are not going to be able to help.

The firearms are provided, we just need a few folks who can help instruct. I hope you and perhaps a few other GrassRoots GunRights members are available to help show the Scouts about firearm safety. Please contact me using the information below to discuss this further.

Many thanks and I look forward to working with you.

Beth Ruth

U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation

Ed,

I covered the Boy Scout event at Mepkin Abbey this past Sat - was caught a little off guard, though. Thought it was to teach some firearms safety - turned out I had to run about 300 scouts through a "quicky" intro, then put them through a "turkey shoot" setup - turned into quite a production, as I only had 2 helpers, neither of them GrassRoots or instructors. The Alliance provided 10 Charles Daly 20 ga youth models (had to put them together, 2 were broken and the remaining 8 were pretty rough), and they also provided - get this - high brass #8 game loads - was kinda funny watching some of the younger ones shoot those! Anyway, it went well and the Scouts and the Alliance reps were very pleased - another GrassRoots victory. Only problem was that it was so late by the time I got in Fri nite that I didn't get a chance to get any sleep before I headed to Moncks Corner for a 7am curtain call - was about wore out by the time I left about 6pm ... but the food was excellent!

Howard Jones

Walterboro

around to buying 23¢ (and possibly forgetting to send the postcards in altogether), just put a 37¢ stamp on the postcards and get them into the mail ASAP.

7. If the postcards are bent, then place them under a couple of phone books overnight to straighten them out and send them out in the next days mail.

8. Call your Representative and Senator and ask them to support BOTH H. 3110 and the CWP carry in nice restaurants bill sponsored by Sen. Danny Verdin. The Senate phone number is (803) 212-6700. The House phone number is (803) 734-2402. Just ask to speak to your senator or representative and the switchboard operator will transfer your call.

When calling your elected representatives, please be sure to be polite. There is no need to get into a long discussion. They don't listen to you, they simply count the number of calls. Just tell them that you want them to support both H. 3110 and the CWP carry in nice restaurants bill sponsored by Senator Danny Verdin.

Tell them that GrassRoots GunRights speaks for you. Tell them you will be waiting to see what they do, and that GrassRoots GunRights will help keep you informed as to what they do.

The above phone message accomplishes two things at once. It lets your elected representatives know which issues are important to you, and it shows them that you are part of an *organized* movement. Politicians don't like it when people get organized over an issue because then that organization could be used to oppose them come election season.

9. Mail the postcard addressed to GrassRoots. Please be sure to write in the county of the politicians that you sent your other postcards to. As you probably already know, some politicians lie to us. So, we need this information to know how many postcards each politician really gets.

PRINT your name on this card only. SIGN all the others.



Skip Cunningham

POINT OF THE SPEAR

I'd like to take two seemingly different trains of thought and then tie them together. The first has to do with the recently completed survey in which many of you participated. We wanted to know if our priorities were consistent. You can see by reading one of our front-page articles that we do indeed share those priorities. We all need to pull together; the survey was a way of taking a bearing on our direction. We were very gratified by the tremendous response. Opening, reading and tabulating over 9500 responses was indeed a job-but a job happily undertaken.

The next idea builds upon a phrase a lot of us probably heard used in a military context---"the tip of the spear". When used that way it usually means the unit or contingent on the point of attack that will bear the brunt of the initial contact with the enemy. The spear itself, of course, is the entire force brought to bear.

We, the members of GrassRoots GunRights are the spear in our fight to reclaim the rights which are ours. The battleground most of the time is the South Carolina legislature. Rob Butler and Ed Kelleher have been the points of our spear. I'd like to focus on Rob for a bit. He truly knows how to engage the fight. It is his credibility that establishes GrassRoots

GunRights as **THE** pro-gun organization in South Carolina. Legislators know they can count on him to do what he says he'll do.

However, he becomes just a spear point if there is no spear attached. As I've said, WE are that spear. If we're going to send Rob (or anyone for that matter) out on the point, we **MUST** arm him. He needs to be able to show the size of the spear to the politicians. He has to be able to **back up** that he can indeed do what he says.

Politicians can respond to a carrot or a stick. We have to give Rob both, and when it comes time to use the stick, he has to have a darn **BIG** one!!!

That stick is actually two-pronged. One prong is **membership**. GrassRoots GunRights has to have a solid, large membership base that Rob can point to when he talks to politicians. When he says he speaks for GrassRoots GunRights there has to be a substantial organization behind him. That's **US**, folks. We have to join, or renew our memberships. We must be current. We must get others to join. We are going to be working on that in the months ahead. Watch for our calls to you to help. When the membership is called upon to take action (mail postcards, for example), we have to have a strong, active **LARGE** base from which to conduct our operations.

The other prong of that stick is the **GunRights PAC**. I cannot emphasize this enough. We can support politicians who help us (hand out carrots) and punish those who do not

I Can Give Up...

No, **WE** won't give up the fight to restore our rights. But, in that vein, what might **YOU** give up to put real teeth into our fight? To get your imagination going, here's a short list of things that are in the more-or-less \$10 price range. Surely you can think of others. Which of these might you consider giving up purchasing **one time in 2005**, and instead send that money to help **fund the GunRights PAC**? That's all it will take if each member of GrassRoots GunRights would do this.

Oh....and please feel free to give up 2 things,

- A box of ammo
- A couple of fast food super-sized combo meals
- A couple of tickets to a movie (before 6 PM)
- An 18-pack "suitcase" of beer
- About 10 vending machine drinks
- Between 2 and 3 movie rentals
- Add your own here _____

You get the idea.

Use the PAC envelope. Please just do it-NOW!!

(wield the stick). The politicians will know how big our stick is and will fear it (or not) based upon its size and our willingness to use it. **Rob will use it!!** But we have to be sure it is substantial enough to do damage. Very shortly (about 15 April) the politicians will open the public books of our PAC and see how big the stick really is. What will they find? Is Rob on the point unarmed? That's up to us. Please read the PAC article that begins on page 1. Then read it again. Then look at the things that cost about \$10 (above), and decide which

ONE THING you would give up **ONCE THIS YEAR** to build a really big stick.

Through our survey, CWP holders have given Rob our endorsement of the direction we want to go this legislative session to continue the fight to recover our rights. We have helped set the priorities. Now will we fund the PAC so that we can send out the point of our spear?? I like to think I already know the answer to that.

Skip Cunningham

Legislative Tactics Seminar To Be Held in the Lowcountry

Would you rather **talk** to your politicians about restoring our gun rights, or would you rather actually **WIN YOUR RIGHTS BACK???** If you are serious about protecting your gun rights (and if you are a member of GrassRoots GunRights you likely are serious), then you need to attend the LTS! In fact, it's required for those who want to take leadership positions in GrassRoots.

GrassRoots GunRights will be conducting another LTS, this time in the Lowcountry. It will be held at the Dockside Condominiums, 330 Concord Street, in downtown Charleston, next to the South Carolina Aquarium. It will be held on **Saturday 16 April 2005 from 0900 to about 1500**. Lunch will be provided for a nominal fee (we're targeting \$5/person, though that may change). The timing could not be better. There will be a fight this legislative session. We are not playing games. **We intend to WIN.**

Please RSVP here: <<http://www.clutter.com/LTS/register.html>>, or email to gunshow@clutter.com or phone 843.769.0659. We'd like to get an early headcount so we can better prepare. We will update the details as we get closer.

For those of you who may not have seen this on the website, and to refresh your thinking if you have read this before, here's a reminder of why the LTS is such an important part of our **game plan to WIN.**

Firearms are better for self defense than whistles, or a cell phone (to call 911), or keys or clubs or whatever. In protecting your gun rights from the gun-grabbing politicians, there are also certain things that have been proven to be more effective.

Education is not the key to winning.

Polls are not the key to winning.

Books are not the key to winning.

If you want to know the key to winning, then come to the LTS.

But only come if you want to play to win!

Some people carry a gun just for show. Others (like GrassRoots GunRights members) have seriously considered their circumstances and carry a firearm as a necessary tool to meet their responsibilities.

Likewise, the LTS is for those who are serious about protecting and regaining their rights.

Collectively we can accomplish a lot. Our different abilities complement one another. But often times we take action individually - we're all alone with no one to ask.

The LTS will show you what actions **win** and give you the confidence necessary to get in the game and **play to win!** The LTS will also make you a better team player because you're going to know the play book we use.

This seminar is not a bunch of statistics (" 2.5million uses per year", etc., and blah blah blah). The LTS will teach you the principles of effective action - how to judge what actions are best for different situations - something we **ALL** are faced with every day if we are at all involved in the fight to regain our freedom.

Did we mention? **The LTS is for GrassRoots Members ONLY!!** You must be a GrassRoots member to attend. **We will not accept applications at the door.** We'll be sending confirmations out shortly, including directions, to the LTS meeting place. Get it on your calendar **NOW. RSVP NOW!**

Saturday 16 April 2005, 9AM to 3PM

Dockside Condominiums

330 Concord Street

Charleston (next to the Aquarium)

It's a nice place and will seat 10-50 easily. People can carry if they want to.

You can get a map at www.mapquest.com

There are plenty of seats available. Registration at the door is possible, but if you do that you'll have to bring your own lunch.

Be there ... or lose.

CARRY

from page 1

Rep. Pitts' bill was a good bill, but it was drafted in such a way that it could have been used to deny SC residents the right to carry in some states. It needed to be amended to fix that problem.

GrassRoots GunRights drafted a friendly amendment and presented it to Rep. Pitts. Rep. Pitts agreed to support the GrassRoots GunRights proposed amendment. GrassRoots GunRights sent copies of the proposed amendment to each member of the Criminal Laws subcommittee asking them to adopt the GrassRoots GunRights proposed amendment at the public hearing on February 3. The subcommittee adopted the most critical aspect of the GrassRoots GunRights proposed amendment, but failed to direct SLED to maintain a list of those states with which South Carolina has reciprocity agreements. This needs to be fixed in the Senate.

The bill then went before the full Judiciary Committee for a vote on March 8, where it was passed with

“we are the good guys!”

amendment and sent to the full House, which passed it on March 11 and sent it to the Senate. But, final passage is not assured. There are many politicians who don't want to rock the boat. Please read “Beggars Can't Be Choosers” starting on the front page to understand why.

Rep. Pitts told GrassRoots GunRights leaders the orange postcards GrassRoots GunRights members send in to legislators could easily make the difference between this bill becoming law or not. Please be sure you send in ALL of the enclosed postcards ASAP. We must not let the politicians think we don't care about this bill. Please read and follow “Action Steps to Take NOW!” on page 3 to help get this bill passed. Your help can make the difference!

Carry In Nice Restaurants:

CWP carry in nice restaurants that also happen to serve alcoholic beverages is a time tested and safe practice. Over 30 states already allow CWP holders to carry into such restaurants. These states contain over 75% of the population of the country. These states are not having problems with drunken shootouts at restaurants. In fact, SC used to allow CWP holders to carry into *any* restaurant prior to 1996 regardless of how much of the revenue came from the sale of alcoholic beverages. There were no problems then. Why would SC people be any different now?

Are the politicians telling us we are somehow either morally or genetically inferior to the vast majority of the rest of the country? Why would politicians want to cater to hysterical anti gun fear mongers more than honest law abiding citizens? We either

need new laws or new politicians!

The fear mongers will start screaming that there will now be shootouts between drunken diners, and that we better be prepared to see blood on the floor - not just with our steaks - when we go out to eat. But, just like in 1996 when they hysterically screamed there would be blood in the streets from CWP holders shooting people over fender benders, there is nothing to be reasonably afraid of here either. The fear mongers don't seem to be able to understand that *we are the good guys!*

GrassRoots GunRights drafted a bill to allow CWP holders to carry into nice restaurants that happen to serve alcoholic beverages. It was patterned after the laws in Texas and Florida. The proposed law would have allowed CWP holders to carry into restaurants that get most of their revenue from the sale of food. Since the vast majority of restaurants get most of their revenue from the sale of food, you would be allowed to carry in most restaurants.

When GrassRoots GunRights leaders asked politicians to introduce and support this bill, we ran into a lot

of resistance. The politicians were afraid of the mass media. The politicians were afraid to upset the status quo. They just wanted us to go away.

One senator refused to meet with GrassRoots GunRights leaders. Instead, he had his staff tell us that he was a strong supporter of the 2nd Amendment and is a life member of the NRA. When asked if that meant he would introduce our bill to allow CWP holders - the proven good guys - to carry in nice restaurants, the staff person said “No, but the senator is a strong supporter of the 2nd Amendment and is a life member of the NRA.” When asked if that meant he would at least support our bill to allow CWP holders - the proven good

guys - to carry in nice restaurants, the staff person said “The senator will support your bill once it gets enough support that it will pass anyway, but not until. The senator is a strong supporter of the 2nd Amendment and is a life member of the NRA.”

If we get our bill to the point that it will pass without the help of this senator, then what has he done to help get our bill passed? All he would be doing then is jumping on the band wagon. That is hardly what a reasonable person would call a

strong supporter of the 2nd Amendment, even if he is a life member of the NRA.

Other senators who claim to be gun rights supporters - and who want our votes come election season -

Senators Verdin and Knotts know that they are opening up a hornets nest of trouble. They know that the mass media will viciously attack them. They know that the attacks will not be fair or balanced. But, they are

Senators Verdin and Knotts told GrassRoots GunRights leaders that they need at least five (5) co-sponsors on this bill to give it the wheels it needs to have a chance of passage.

refused to introduce our bill. Some even refused to publicly support our bill at this time.

Thankfully, there is a real hero in the Senate. Sen. Danny Verdin stepped up to the plate and said he would introduce our bill. Interestingly, Sen. Danny Verdin does not even have a CWP! But, Sen. Danny Verdin knows the difference between right and wrong.

After Sen. Danny Verdin agreed to be the primary sponsor for our bill, Sen. Jake Knotts agreed to be the number two sponsor of our bill. This was a vitally important addition. Many senators consider Sen. Jake Knotts to be the lead pro gun senator. If Sen. Jake Knotts does not sign onto or support a pro gun bill, then the bill will most likely not get very far in the Senate because many senators will simply follow Sen. Knotts' lead.

Senators Verdin and Knotts told GrassRoots GunRights leaders that they need at least five (5) co-sponsors on this bill to give it the wheels it needs to have a chance of passage. Therefore, it is up to YOU to make contact with your senator and let him or her know that you want them to not only support the CWP carry in nice restaurants bill sponsored by Sen. Danny Verdin, but you want them to sign on as a co-sponsor of the bill!

willing to work for you. The real question is whether we will be willing to work to reward them for sticking their necks out for us. Please read “Beggars Can't be Choosers” on the front page to understand what we need to do to show them we are ready, willing, and able to help them later when they will need our help.

When politicians start getting thousands upon thousands of postcards all with the same message and at the same time, they start to listen. Sending in the enclosed postcards will put the politicians on notice that *you want your rights restored*, and let them know that *you* are part of an *organized movement* to get the law changed.

Speaking of organized movements to restore our rights, the bigger the organization the better. If you have not yet joined GrassRoots GunRights, please fill out the application on page 15 and join us. Then, you too can get the preprinted postcards to send to politicians when we do our next mailing. And, you will be kept informed as to those politicians who really help us, and those who only say they want to help but don't. Please, help us help you. Join GrassRoots GunRights today!

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The more co-sponsors a bill has, the better the chances of it getting passed into law. The way you can help to get more co-sponsors to sign on is to follow the “Action Steps to Take NOW!” on page 3. Success or failure depends upon you doing the simple little things that need to be done. Then, when thousands and thousands of other gun owners join you, the politicians will know they must do the right thing or face opposition come election season. Working together, we can win!

SOUTH CAROLINA

LEGISLATION WATCH: 2005-2006

S. 48: A bill to legally classify stun guns as weapons. Stun guns are primarily defensive weapons, not offensive weapons. This would turn women who carry defensive stun guns for protection while attending night school classes into felons. Why would anyone other than rapists want to take non lethal defensive weapons away from law abiding women - one of which could be your wife, daughter, sister, or mother?

Principles Involved: The right to effective self defense is a God given right and no government has the moral right to deny a God given right. But unfortunately, the government does have the earthly power to deny us our God given rights.

GrassRoots Position: We strongly oppose this bill.

Current Status: In the Senate Judiciary Committee

Primary sponsor: Short

Full Text:
http://www.scstatehouse.net/sess116_2005_2006/bills/48.htm

S. 177: A gun confiscation bill hiding behind the excuse of preventing criminal domestic violence.

Strangely, the sponsors of this gun confiscation bill do NOT try increasing the penalties for criminal domestic violence, which are only up to 30 days or up to \$500 fines. This bill would only punish abusers who own guns, but not abusers who don't own guns. If domestic abuse is truly the issue of concern, then why don't the sponsors punish all abusers? If the sponsors truly cared about preventing domestic violence - instead of wanting to confiscate guns, they would increase the penalties for criminal domestic violence - not confiscate guns. This poorly drafted bill even cites a section of law which has been repealed as a reason to prohibit possession of a firearm. Another section of law cited as a reason to prohibit firearms possession is a felony, and thus already denies a person the right to possess a firearm. This bill essentially serves only to additionally punish those who have committed a minor misdemeanor, or who have been served with a routine restraining order in a divorce case.

Principles Involved: The right to keep and bear arms is a constitutionally guaranteed right.

Constitutionally guaranteed rights are too important to be denied merely for committing a minor misdemeanor.

GrassRoots Position: GrassRoots strongly opposes this bill. If the sponsors are truly interested in preventing criminal domestic violence, then they should increase the penalties for all abusers, not just those who own guns.

Current Status: In the Senate Judiciary Committee

Primary sponsor: Leventis

Full Text:
http://www.scstatehouse.net/sess116_2005_2006/bills/177.htm

S. 211: A bill to prohibit the discharge of firearms within 25 yards of the Palmetto Trail, whether on private or public lands. The major penalty is the forfeiture of the guns and equipment in the violator's possession at the time of the violation. There is no provision for ensuring that the Palmetto Trail is clearly marked so that people will know exactly where the boundaries of the Palmetto Trail are located.

Principles Involved: Private property owners should not be turned into criminals for safely discharging a firearm on their own private property just because it is near the Palmetto Trail. Also, people need to be given proper notice that what they are doing is wrong before they are punished for doing something that is otherwise legal.

GrassRoots Position: GrassRoots opposes this bill until provision is made to ensure the Palmetto Trail is clearly marked and until the rights of private property owners are protected.

Current Status: In the Senate Fish, Game and Forestry Committee

Primary sponsor: Leventis

Full Text:
http://www.scstatehouse.net/sess116_2005_2006/bills/211.htm

H. 3054: A bill to waste tax money on ballistic "fingerprinting" and to start a SC gun registration program. Ballistic "fingerprinting" is not fingerprinting at all. Human fingerprints do not change over time and are not easily changed. But, ballistic "fingerprints" do change over time as the gun wears, and can be easily changed at any time with something as simple as a rat tail file. Gun registration is a prelude to gun confiscation and should be rejected any time it is proposed.

Principles Involved: The Second Amendment is not about duck hunting, it is about the right of the people to possess the means to fight tyranny. Gun registration and ballistic "fingerprinting" are steps towards nullifying the Second Amendment because they lead to gun confiscation. Government spending on a program proven to be worthless is wasteful and simply another way to harass gun owners.

GrassRoots Position: GrassRoots strongly opposes this bill.

Current Status: In the House Judiciary Committee

Primary sponsor: J. Brown

Full Text:
http://www.scstatehouse.net/sess116_2005_2006/bills/3054.htm

H. 3110: A bill to turn SC into a

CWP recognition state, not a CWP reciprocal state. This bill would allow CWP holders from other states to carry in SC without a prior reciprocal agreement existing between SC and another state. In turn, this will allow SC CWP holders to carry in many more states than we can carry in now. There is only one problem with this bill as originally drafted. It removes all powers from SLED to enter into a reciprocal agreement with another state. The unintended consequence of removing all powers to enter into reciprocal agreements is that if another state requires a reciprocal agreement (just as SC requires now) prior to honoring a SC CWP, there is no one in SC who can enter into the needed reciprocal agreement. Thus, people from other states could be allowed to carry here while we would be denied the right to carry there. GrassRoots has drafted an amendment to fix this problem

Principles Involved: The right to keep and bear arms and the right to self defense should not be limited by state boundaries.

GrassRoots Position: GrassRoots strongly supports this bill. But, the bill needs to be amended to better protect the rights of SC CWP holders.

Current Status: Passed by House. Now in Senate Judiciary Committee.

Primary sponsor: M. A. Pitts

Full Text:
http://www.scstatehouse.net/sess116_2005_2006/bills/3110.htm

H. 3258: A bill to further restrict the right to self defense under the guise of protecting school children. Current law makes it a felony to UNLAWFULLY discharge a firearm at or into a house, dwelling, building, structure, or enclosure regularly occupied by persons. Current law also makes it a felony to UNLAWFULLY discharge a firearm at or into a vehicle, aircraft, watercraft, conveyance, or equipment while it is occupied. This bill would delete the requirement that the discharge be unlawful. Thus, any good Samaritan gun owner who came to the rescue of innocent people and was forced to discharge a firearm to effect such rescue would be turned into a felon. This proposed change is wrong headed and contrary to good public policy. This bill would add a new section of law making it a felony to discharge a firearm at or into any property owned, operated, or controlled by a public or private school. There is no exception for the lawful discharge of firearms. Thus, all shooting activities whether criminal, sport, or self defense would become felonies. This bill makes no exception for property not posted as belonging to a school. Thus, innocent people could be turned into felons

just because the property was not posted to give adequate notice to the gun owner. This bill serves as another attempt to demonize all guns and gun owners.

Principles Involved: Self defense or defense of others should not be criminal. A person should be given adequate notice that what he is about to do is illegal.

GrassRoots Position: GrassRoots opposes this bill.

Current Status: In the House Judiciary Committee

Primary sponsor: Kirsh

Full Text:
http://www.scstatehouse.net/sess116_2005_2006/bills/3258.htm

H.3143, H.3649: These bills are very similar in wording and do many things involving Criminal Domestic Violence (CDV). Both of these bills will make it a felony, with mandatory \$1000-\$5000 fine, and/or 1-5 years imprisonment, to possess a firearm for one convicted of misdemeanor CDV, a crime which only has a maximum sentence of 30 days and a \$500 fine. GrassRoots believes if it's a serious crime, let them do some time. The bill raises the time only for second conviction Misdemeanor CDV, and that to just 90 days!! and third conviction CDV to 120 days!! But, they'll take away your right to effective self defense for a first conviction. GrassRoots doesn't condone CDV in any form or fashion, but demonizing firearms will prevent women from using the most effective deterrent to CDV - a firearm!

Principles Involved: The right to keep and bear arms is a constitutionally guaranteed right. Constitutionally guaranteed rights are too important to be denied merely for committing a minor misdemeanor.

GrassRoots Position: GrassRoots strongly opposes this bill until the gun control provisions are removed. If the sponsors are truly interested in preventing criminal domestic violence, then they should increase the penalties for all abusers, not just those who own guns.

Current Status: In the House Judiciary Committee

Primary sponsor: Hunter-Cobb (H.3143), Haskins (H.3649)

Full Text:
http://www.scstatehouse.net/sess116_2005-2006/bills/3143.htm
http://www.scstatehouse.net/sess116_2005-2006/bills/3649.htm

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GRASSROOTS LARRY COBLE ACTIVIST AWARD

Howard P. Jones, III

“True American patriot, military veteran,
outstanding GrassRoots member”

Ladson, SC - It's a cold and cloudy day, but on this Saturday morning the crowd inside the low country fairground expo hall is warming up to another Land of the Sky Gun Show event. Promoter, Mike Kent, greets most of the patrons, while directly across the narrow entrance a brightly arrayed GrassRoots South Carolina banner proclaims “Guns Save Lives.” And, working the GrassRoots show table, devoted member Howard Jones, enthusiastically signs yet another addition to South Carolina's largest gun owner group.

Howard P. Jones, III, a ten year resident of Walterboro, South Carolina, has become a regular fixture at the Charleston, SC area gun shows, working every GrassRoots table that he can fit into his busy and varied schedule. On most days Howard will be found driving a container-laden eighteen wheeler between the Port of Charleston and delivery points throughout the Southeast. But, if he can possibly make it, Howard will find his way back home by Friday evening to set up the GrassRoots show table and make ready to sign the next, new cadre of GrassRoots members.

Born in Schenectady, New York, Mr. Jones, 54, spent some twelve years in the US Air Force, much of the time as a combat controller. Howard mentions a few exotic locations and “exciting” encounters, while respectfully declining to name a few others. Serving his fellow citizens from an early age, a young Howard joined the Civil Air Patrol at age eleven. He then enlisted in the Air Force shortly after graduating from Summerville High School. These days, Howard enjoys hunting, fishing and working the

GrassRoots gun show tables, an activity that has become sort of a hobby in itself.

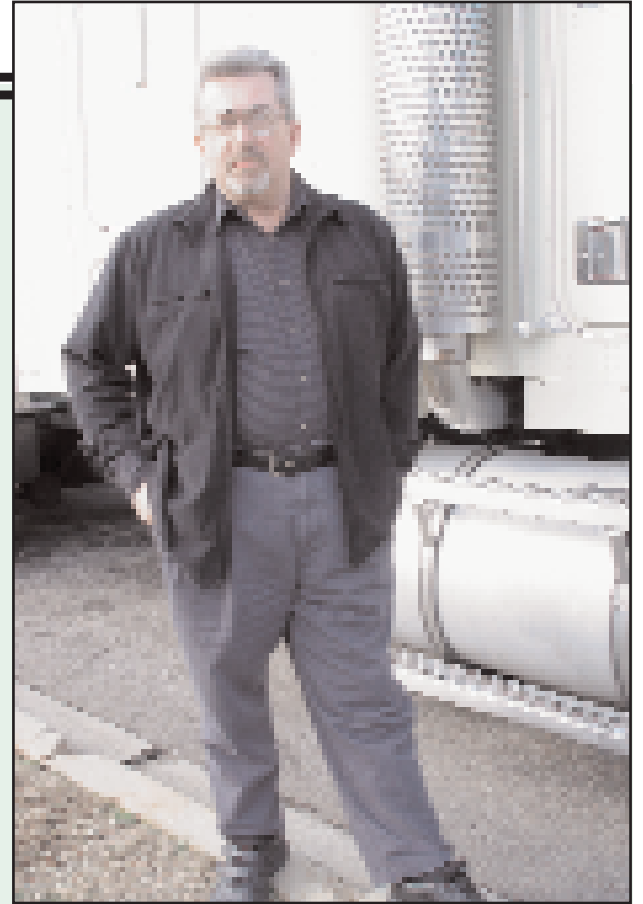
Asked about how he learned of GrassRoots South Carolina, Howard explains, “I took a CWP course and picked up a GrassRoots brochure from the instructor. I liked what I read so much that I drove to Columbia and attended the next GrassRoots monthly meeting. The GrassRoots leadership really had it together as far as I was concerned and I have been a member ever since. I want to help the cause as much as I can.” Since that meeting, Mr. Jones became a CWP instructor and encourages his students to join GrassRoots during his courses. Howard adds, “*The Defender* provides some of the most beneficial and timely information that a South Carolina CWP holder can find anywhere. It just doesn't get any better.”

We'll second that, Mr. Jones. And, we're honored to have you as an active GrassRoots GunRights member.

Howard P. Jones III. True American patriot, military veteran, outstanding GrassRoots member, Larry Coble Activist Award recipient.

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Larry Coble Activist Award recipient, Howard P. Jones, III.



Howard speaks with show promoter Mike Kent and GrassRoots member, Ken Leach of Summerville.



Howard works the GrassRoots table while at a gun show in Ladson, South Carolina.

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Each issue of *The Defender* will include an article featuring an active Grassroots member who is directly involved in advancing the cause of fully restoring our Constitutional and God-given rights to self-defense and the protection of those around us. This quarterly feature is named for founding GrassRoots member and activist, Mr. Larry Coble.

Why the .38 Is Still Special

Using and Carrying the Snub .38

By R.K. Campbell

Over the years, many writers have maligned the .38 Special as an ineffective cartridge. Some of this is a result of the development of new handguns that while quite light and compact, are chambered for cartridges more powerful than the .38. Compact revolvers in .357 Magnum caliber are common and compact .45 autos have raised the bar in modern technology. However, the average defensive shooter can be well served by the .38 Special. This cartridge represents the least amount of power, caliber and mass I feel comfortable with, and offers about all the cartridge recoil many shooters can handle. The revolver is versatile, capable of digesting a myriad of special purpose loads without a hiccup. I think that much of the damage done to the .38's reputation was done when the most common defensive loading was the 158 grain round nose .38 Special loading. I still see handgunners packing this round, but I wonder why. There have been better choices available for at least seventy years.

Among the first attempts at invigorating the .38 were various 'Hi Speed' loads that bumped the velocity of the standard cartridge up from 750 fps to about 1,000 fps. These loads often used a flat point bullet or even better, a semi wadcutter design. The semi wadcutter uses a broad driving band that results in a sharp cutting shoulder and a long nose that features a flat point. Penetration is excellent with this bullet when the loading pro-

duced sufficient velocity, and the bullet is considerably more effective than a round nose bullet. A simple test confirms this opinion. Shoot a paper target with round nose bullets and with the SWC design. The roundnose bullet tears a small hole that will actually be smaller than the caliber diameter. The SWC cuts a full caliber hole. Penetration is the prime requisite of a defensive cartridge, and the 158 grain SWC has that. I have hand loaded 165 grain SWCs and even heavy 200 grain SWCs in the Special case- but we avoid hand loads for defense use. Possibly the best defense load in the caliber is the Winchester 158 grain SWC HP, a SWC with a hollow point in the soft lead bullet. This design has proven capable of getting the tired old .38 Special off its feet, providing good effect when delivered to vital areas.

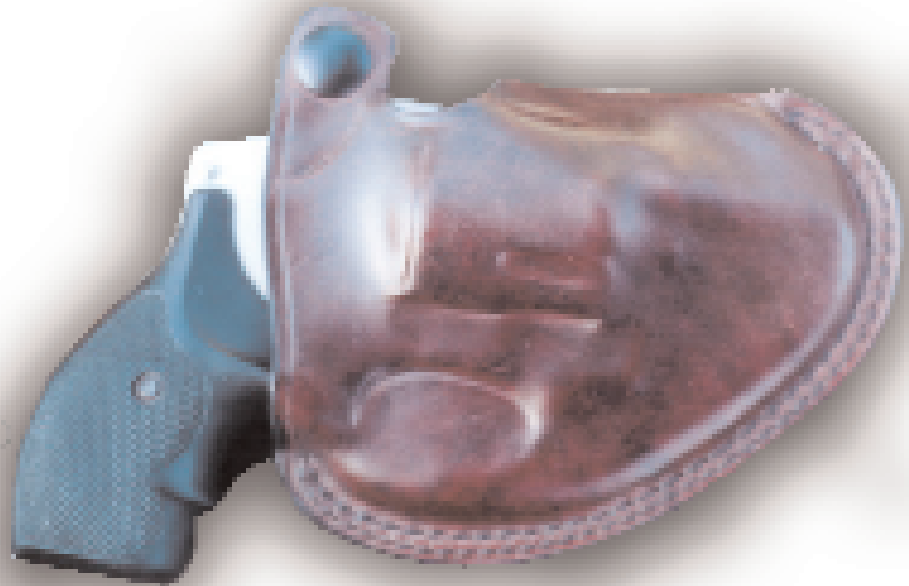
There is no doubt the .45 ACP and the .357 Magnum are better performers. On the other hand the .38 is a far more comfortable handgun to fire. The revolver is a simple mechanism compared to the semi auto, with few bells and whistles. Simply draw and fire. Readiness demands a handgun we can bring into action instantly. For all but a few highly skilled individuals, the .38 caliber revolver offers that instant access to protection. Probably the most useful of all .38s is the five shot two inch barrel or 'snub-nosed' revolver. This is a well chosen primary arm for many individuals, but it is the weapon of choice



This Graham Gunleather holster has given excellent service for many months.

as a backup to a larger arm, deployed by many armed professionals. The .38 is handy, reliable, easy to conceal, and will not jam or malfunction if not held perfectly. The revolver can be

placed against an opponents body and fired repeatedly, while the semi auto would jam if used in the same manner. The snub nose revolver makes a lot of sense for concealed carry. The .38 is not the best choice among fighting cartridges, but it is a reasonable choice. When used in a medium frame four inch barrel revolver, it is a model of comfort and controllability. Enjoying range time can be important. When we go to a light two inch barrel revolver, much of this comfort is lost but the portability and ergonomics of the piece make this extra work demanded to master the gun a worthwhile trade.



The Null Vampire is the ultimate driving holster.

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Carrying the snub .38-

There are several profitable carry modes for the short .38, and the one chosen should fit your personal life style. For most uses, there are three holsters that work well. These are the strong side belt holster, the inside the waistband holster, and the pocket holster. Shoulder holsters are also good, as are paddle holsters, but if we utilize this type of holster we can probably carry a heavier weapon. I have tested several holsters specifically designed for the short .38 of late and I think they are arguably the best ever offered. Let's look at a few of the better designs and how to best utilize them.

Pocket holsters-

I know a fellow named Preston Owens who recently went through a handgun class as the only participant using a snub .38. This is his right back pocket gun and he did very well with the handgun. He can draw and fire that .38 while most people are thinking about it! Preston's overall pockets are pretty secure but most of us would prefer some type of pocket holster. Pocket holsters accomplish several things. They stabilize the handgun, keeping it steady for a repeatable draw. This prevents the handgun from moving around in the pocket. Second, they break up the outline of the revolver, aiding in concealment. They can offer a snag free draw. The trick is to learn the draw

and not draw the handgun and holster together. To do so, we have to understand the difference in top loading (jeans) and side loading (suits and work pants) pockets. When drawing, we must grasp the handgun and tip the edge of the holster on our pocket. But we must also learn not to make a fist in the pocket as we grab the gun- or we will never draw the gun. We must blade our hand on the draw and only affirm the grip as we draw the handgun. This is relatively simple with practice. Among the holsters I have used lately is a relatively simple holster from K and D. This holster features excellent outlining and riveted construction. There is a cylinder welt that aids in retention when the gun is holstered, and a pronounced lip that allows snagging on the holster on the draw. Another very serious design by a master maker comes Rusty Sherrick. Rusty crafts his wares from premium horsehide. This holster enclosed most of the revolver, a good feature when the piece will be carried in a jacket pocket. The Sherrick holster differs from others in that it features a lip at the top or the hammer of the revolver, meaning the holster is designed to be best utilized in jacket carry. This is the ideal holster for peace officers carrying the snub .38 as a backup. Of course it is a fine pocket holster, but it is the top jacket pocket holster in it's class.

It was bound to appear, and we now have kydex pocket holsters for revolvers. The Eight Ball from Mach Two Enterprises is a sturdy holster with good features. The upswept lip of this holster would not be possible with a leather holster. This lip allows a very positive retention in the pocket, but also keeps the holster stabilized as the weapon is drawn. This is an excellent all around pocket holster with many good features. Moving to inside the belt holsters, we find the New York style from B and J. This holster is designed to be worn in the appendix position, between the hip bone and the belt buckle. A short .38 is ideal for this carry. This holster features double loops for retention.

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us during legislative season, and (2) supports the heros who introduce and fight for our pro gun bills during legislative season. We must be able to offer both a carrot and a stick.

Politicians keep a look-out during legislative season for whoever might organize during election season in opposition to their re-election. The best way to ensure a well organized election season opposition does not form is to give those people what they want during the legislative season.

Imagine you are a politician. Just like most politicians, you don't really care one way or the other about the rights of gun owners. All you really care about are the issues that made you run for office, such as better roads and schools for your community. But, there are two groups of people in your district who want two mutually exclusive things, i.e., the anti gun bigots and liberal mass media want more gun control and the pro gun rights citizens want their rights restored.

You can not satisfy both groups if you do anything in support of either group. So, your best alternative is to do nothing while simultaneously making excuses to each group as to why you could not help them. You got elected without really taking sides on the gun rights issue, so why do anything now? Why rock the boat? "This too will pass", is what you will tell yourself. So, you will do nothing and wait to see what happens. If each group accepts your excuses and your self serving declarations of support (but without any real action in support), then you get a free pass during election season and get to keep your cushy job.

Is doing nothing to help restore our gun rights acceptable to us - the pro gun voters? Are empty words enough? Well, it sure isn't acceptable to me or enough for me!

The way to get most politicians to do what we want is to make it more painful to do nothing than to do what we want done. So, what causes a politician pain?

Organized opposition during election season is what causes a politician pain.

The best way to make things painful for a politician is to force him to spend lots more money and effort trying to get re-elected. That is

where GunRights PAC comes in. It is said a farmer doesn't have to shoot every coyote on his farm to get rid of the coyotes raiding his barnyard. All he has to do is shoot a couple of coyotes and put their hides on the barn door. GunRights PAC can

work the same way, but only with your help!

Right now, GunRights PAC is virtually empty. We spent every dollar we had to support those politicians who helped get GrassRoots GunRights legislation passed during the last four years. But, that was not enough!

GunRights PAC needs money to fund independent political efforts such as direct mail attacks upon a couple of wishy washy politicians who should support your gun rights, but don't. These are the politicians who need the votes of gun owners to get elected, but don't want to rock the boat and help us. Right now, these wishy washy politicians are afraid the anti gun bigots and liberal mass media will organize against them, and confident we won't do so. So, they fail to help us while we continue to help them get reelected. They tell us what we want to hear, but they do nothing to back up their empty words.

GunRights PAC must fund the defeat of a couple of wishy washy politicians who think telling us "NO" is less painful than telling the anti gun bigots and liberal mass media "NO". Once we hang the hides of a couple of politicians on our barn door, the rest will start to fall into line and do the right thing for fear that GunRights PAC will target them next.

If you want to make sure the GrassRoots GunRights legislative agenda gets passed, then make a donation to GunRights PAC - and do it NOW!

GunRights PAC could - and should - easily have \$100,000 to spend every election season! Imagine if 5,000 GrassRoots GunRights members each contributed a mere \$10 every year to GunRights PAC. That is less than the cost of one box of ammo a year! That is less than eating out once a year! All of those small contributions combined would give us \$100,000 every two years to use to inflict pain upon those wishy washy politicians who refuse



"The old fashioned way of handling coyote problems."

to do the right thing and support the GrassRoots GunRights legislative agenda. Surely you can afford to give up eating out once a year and instead send the money to GunRights PAC. If you did, then GunRights PAC would become fully funded and ready to

February 4, 2005

Dear GunRights PAC Contributors,

Your contributions to my re-election campaign this past year are greatly appreciated. Many of you made individual contributions as well. My campaign organization and message was greatly benefitted by your generosity.

I commend you for organizing this PAC and feel confident your political arm will exert ever-increasing strength in the SC General Assembly in the years ahead.

I am very happy to advance your 2nd Amendment rights and legislative agenda, particularly as it relates to the CWP law. I invite each and every one of you to stop by my office in Columbia whenever possible.

As always, you are welcome to contact me at any time on any issue of importance or concern to you.

Sincerely,

Danny Verdin
SC Senate #9

work for you.

If GunRights PAC had \$100,000, then we could effectively target wishy washy politicians who should have voted our way but didn't. We could find where one or two of these wishy washy politicians had primary opposition. Then, GunRights PAC could take the money we collected from gun owners all over SC and use it to target and defeat one or two of these wishy washy politicians every election cycle.

GunRights PAC would spend \$40,000 to \$50,000 on one or two races and bring about the defeat of one or two wishy washy politicians each two year election cycle. More money would allow us to become even more effective by getting involved in more races. So, if you can afford more than \$10 every year, please send what you can afford. The more money we have, the more wishy washy politicians that can be replaced.

Other wishy washy politicians would start to fear they could be next on the GunRights PAC list of wishy washy politicians needing to be defeated. This fear would force them to see the light and get them to start supporting GrassRoots GunRights legislative efforts, or face the wrath of gun owners at the next election season for failing to do so. This is the same strategy that allows all the people of SC to be safer just because a few of us carry concealed. The bad guys don't know who might be forced to pay the price for trying to harm a CWP holder instead of an unarmed victim. It works on the street, and it will work in the General Assembly.

GrassRoots leaders were told by pro gun politicians that this plan would work miracles! These pro gun politicians would love to see GunRights PAC start playing hardball to win back our rights. No other pro gun organization has ever done this in SC - GunRights PAC would be the first. And, it is so simple to do! It

will only cost you \$10 a year (more if you can afford it to make up for those who can't).

GunRights PAC should be full of money RIGHT NOW! Then, when politicians want to know how serious gun owners are about the pro gun rights fight during this legislative season, all they will have to do is look at the war chest sitting in GunRights PAC. The politicians will see gun owners are ready, willing, and able to wage a well armed election season fight.

The financial records of every SC political action committee - including GunRights PAC - are a matter of public record. Any politician can easily see GunRights PAC is a toothless tiger right now. This will make them think they can tell us "NO" with impunity. We can not let that happen.

If you want to put the fear of defeat into wishy washy politicians who should be supporting us - but don't, then contribute as much as you can afford to GunRights PAC today. Then, when politicians look to see if gun owners have the money to dish out pain to their enemies, they will see GunRights PAC is no longer a toothless tiger. They will see we have the means to cause pain to those who cause us pain.

A fully funded GunRights PAC serves as a deterrent to wishy washy politicians who might think we don't really care. A fully funded GunRights PAC tells these politicians we will be taking names and kicking heinie come election season. A fully funded GunRights PAC tells these politicians we are no longer satisfied being beggars.

Make no mistake about it - there is going to be a real fight over whether to pass the GrassRoots GunRights legislative agenda of getting more states to honor a SC CWP and to allow CWP carry into nice restaurants. Some politicians are already saying the anti gunners and

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the liberal mass media will give them more pain for passing more pro gun rights legislation than the pro gun forces will give them for refusing to pass more pro gun rights legislation.

Most politicians are just like electricity - they take the path of least resistance. The politicians are going to tell us - the pro gun rights people - that what we want passed just can't happen now. Are you willing to accept that as their final answer?

We could start getting what we wanted from the General Assembly if we organized and funded the defeat of a couple of wishy washy politicians each election cycle. Politicians would decide it was easier to give us what we wanted than to fight us every year, especially since *we are the good guys!*

In addition to punishing wishy washy politicians, GunRights PAC must be prepared to give serious help to those heroes in the General Assembly who introduce our legislative proposals. Just as we will target those who fail to help us, our enemies will seek to destroy the primary sponsors of our legislation. Our enemies will want to destroy and defeat our heroes to make examples of our heroes so as to discourage other politicians from introducing (or even supporting) the GrassRoots GunRights legislative efforts.

The sooner we fully fund GunRights PAC, the sooner we will get the respect we deserve. GunRights PAC must be able to use both a carrot and a stick. Please, send a donation today.

What you have just read is a game plan for victory. But, this game plan for victory also has a downside - it also reveals our weaknesses to the wishy washy politicians.

Politicians are now going to start watching the public filings of financial records for GunRights PAC at the Ethics Commission. If politicians don't see a war chest full of money in the next (April 10, 2005) Ethics Commission filing for GunRights PAC, then they will NOT pass the GrassRoots GunRights legislative agenda. But, if YOU help fully fund GunRights PAC, then politicians will fear GunRights PAC and pass the GrassRoots GunRights legislative agenda.

The choice is yours! Either you help fully fund GunRights PAC to give us the muscle to win, or you continue to sit back and beg for scraps from politicians who laugh at us and our feeble underfunded efforts. Please, give GunRights PAC the muscle to win for you! Stop being a beggar! Send a donation TODAY!

[Personal note from Rob Butler, GrassRoots GunRights Legislative Director: I am told I should be up front and forthright with the GrassRoots GunRights membership. With that in mind, I must tell the GrassRoots GunRights membership how important I consider the funding of GunRights PAC to be. I know a failure to fully fund GunRights PAC will be the cause for failing to pass the GrassRoots GunRights legislative agenda this legislative session and in sessions to come.

Working together, we have won some relatively small battles and started restoring our rights. The battles to come will make what we have been through seem like a cake walk. The battles to come will be large battles. We need - and must have - another weapon in our arsenal. We need - and must have - a fully funded GunRights PAC.

I make a lot of personal sacrifice to represent GrassRoots GunRights. It

has negatively impacted my personal situation. I have persevered because I truly support the cause. But, I can no longer justify the personal time spent doing the work for GrassRoots GunRights if we are not going to play to win. I need to know the GrassRoots GunRights membership is serious about *winning* these political wars, not just *playing* the game of politics.

I know the politicians will now be watching the financial condition of GunRights PAC. The next filing of financial statements for GunRights PAC will be April 10, 2005. If the GunRights PAC is not adequately funded by that time, then the politicians and I will be forced to conclude the GrassRoots GunRights membership is not truly serious about winning the legislative wars. If that is the case, then the politicians will know they can continue to ignore us. And, I will know I need to go spend my time catching up on those personal things that I have put off. It will be time for GrassRoots GunRights to find a new

legislative director.

The choice is yours. I hope you will see the value of funding GunRights PAC and keep me working to restore our rights. But, if you don't, then I will step aside and let someone else play the role of beggar at the General Assembly.]

**Please, send donations ASAP to:
GunRights PAC
220 Isobel Ct.
Lexington, SC 29072**

All donations, regardless of size, are needed and welcomed - especially the large contributions. If you contribute more than \$100 in one calendar year, the election laws require you to tell us your occupation because we must report it to the Ethics Commission (or pay a \$100 per day fine for failing to do so). I hope to learn the occupations of a large number of you!

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Gun Containers In Cars

GrassRoots received a question regarding the following section of SC law that was recently changed:

(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;

Question?: Would a zippered range bag or gun rug satisfy the "closed container" requirement, or must the closed container have a latch or a lock?

Answer: Gun rugs and zippered gym bags were some of the things that were mentioned as acceptable when we talked with SLED. SLED was initially saying "locked". We didn't want that because then likely someone would add the requirement that glove-boxes and consoles be "locked" as well. Sen. Hutto tried to add that in subcommittee anyway.

Zipppers are fasteners and they are "integral" i.e. built-in, integrated into, a part of the container and thus perfectly acceptable. The plastic or metal latch or sliding fastener on gun cases or ammo cans are fine. They fasten the container closed and are built-in, a part of, the container. Even the plastic lip on a Glock factory box, if fully secured all the way around would be an "integral fastener" - it fastens the top and it is built in.

Things without integral fasteners would include cardboard boxes and paper and most plastic bags.

I'd think a cloth bag with just a draw string would be sort of "iffy", though if there were a plastic clip that clamped the draw string I'd say that was fine.

Interestingly, a separate pad lock would not be an "integral" fastener though as it is not "built in".

Editor's Note, here's the definition of "luggage compartment" from current law: (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. Rob Butler, at a House subcommittee meeting with a SLED representative present, clarified the matter by showing a plastic handgun case with slide closures and a zippered gun rug as examples of what would satisfy the law.

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The Gould and Goodrich ankle holster offers the option of the boot laces being combined with the holster retaining straps- an excellent option.

The holster fits between the trousers and the body, allowing good concealment. The double loops keep the holster secure. A strong spine and a very strong, well molded welt add to the holster's utility. This is an excellent choice for deep cover, virtually unequaled for simplicity and utility. In strong side belt holsters, we find the ideal home for the snub .38. As long as the handgun can be adequately concealed, there should always be a very good reason for leaving the strong side holster behind. Among the fastest and best designed holsters of all time comes one from Ken Null, among our premier holster makers. Ken uses top grade shell horsehide in his gear, and they are guaranteed to

last considerably longer than any other type of holster. I have several that have been in constant use for years, and they have not degraded in fit and speed. I have worn and scratched them, but they are still attractive. The Null Speed Scabbard offers excellent retention, and when you grasp the handgun it fairly leaps into your hand from this holster. The snub .38 is very, very fast from the proper holster and this holster is among the very best. It is a light weight on the belt but a true heavy duty holster. Null also offers the Vampire, a special purpose crossdraw holster that carries the holster at an angle when seated. The snub .38 fairly well leaps into the hand with such a holster. Not ideal for all around carry this specialized holster is the mark of a professional bodyguard. Returning to strong side holsters, I have enjoyed excellent results with the Graham Gunleather holster and my Taurus 85 .38. The Taurus is easily my favorite .38 and the Graham Gunleather holster compliments this handgun well. There are numerous agencies that mandate the thumb break holster for off duty carry, and quite a few civilian gun carries feel more comfortable with a thumb break holster. K and D offers a good thumb break that offers real security while keeping the handgun stable during hectic movement. For High Noon fans, the Topless is offered in a snubnose variant. This holster features the beautiful tanning and golden nylon threat High Noon is justly renowned for, but also features a handy and effective retention screw. Overall, this is a holster with an excellent balance of speed and retention.

For working cops carrying a backup handgun, the ankle holster has many advantages. I do not recommend ankle carry as primary carry. It is slow to access, so much so it has been called the Dead Man's draw. However, when the officer is knocked down on his back, the ankle gun can be drawn by drawing the ankle to the gun hand. When seated in a vehicle the ankle draw is also fast. This is a situational draw that can work with a

proper holster. Gould and Goodrich offers a well designed, effective ankle holster that can be laced into the bootstraps. This is a holster designed by people who really understand the needs of peace officers. Female shooters are not left out of the ball game in snub holsters. Chris Cunningham offers female specific designs that have received critical acclaim for excellent of design, with the proper draw angle and cant for female shooters.

These holsters will at least give you a good beginning in choosing the proper leather to compliment your snub .38. Leather selection means much and the snub .38 is more versatile with a set of holsters to allow proper deployment. Take a hard look at the snub .38 and it's support gear. This just may be the proper system for you.

Manufacturers

Gould And Goodrich
709 E. McNeil Street
Lillington, NC 27546

Rusty Sherrick
507 Mark Drive
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

K and D Holsters
612 Elnor Street
Plant City, Florida 33563

B and J Concealment Leather
Rt 1 Box 55A
Kermit, WV 25674

Null Holsters 161 School St. NW
Resaca, GA 30735

Chris Cunningham
20202 SW 8th Avenue
PMB 162
West Linn, Oregon 97068

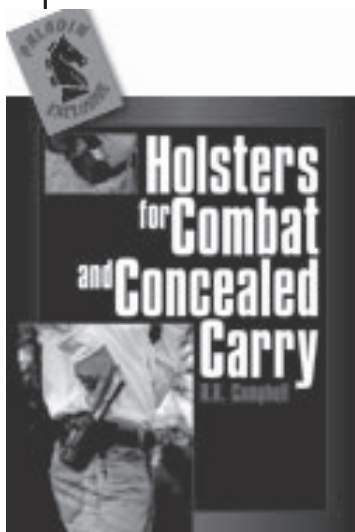
High Noon Holsters
PO 2138
Palm Harbor, Florida 34682

Mach 2 Holsters
612 Elnor St
Plant City, Florida 33563



The Chris Cunningham female specific holster is of good design and offers the proper cant and angle for the female form.

Book Offer...



GrassRoots member and professional gun-writer R.K. Campbell has contributed many articles to this newspaper. He has a new book being published, **Holsters for Combat and Concealment**. Paladin Press is publishing the book. However, you can get a signed copy, with a personal note from the author by sending \$22 plus \$3.95 for S&H to:

MHC
3288 Reidville Road
Spartanburg, SC 29301

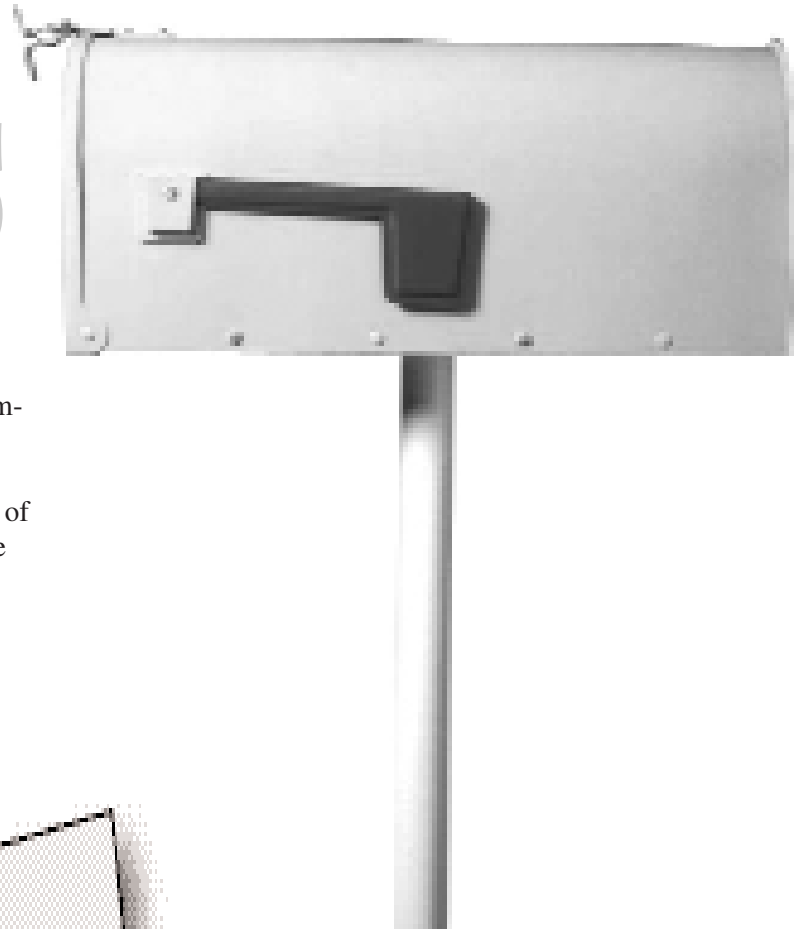
Make check or money order for \$25.95 payable to: R K Campbell.

It is always the way; words will answer as long as it is only a person's neighbor who is in trouble, but when that person gets into trouble himself, it is time that the King rise up and do something.

Mark Twain
Personal Reflections of Joan of Arc

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LETTERS



We received about 10,000 responses to the survey sent to South Carolina CWP holders. That is just an OUTSTANDING response. We opened every envelope and read every comment. Those comments numbered in the thousands. Many of those surveys had notes and letters attached, which fell into different categories of topics. We are providing excerpts from some of those to give you a flavor of what CWP holders are thinking. Thanks to all of you who responded and took the time to write a note, letter, or to make a comment on the card.

We received about 100 requests for membership information with comments like this from Mrs. Myra Jo Bullions of Belton:

"Thank you GrassRoots GunRights. I'm very proud to be a CWP owner. Thanks for what you do for law abiding gun owners and for protecting our rights and our guns. My husband will be getting his CWP soon."

"As a retired law enforcement officer w/ 24 years of service, I support law abiding citizens to carry. There were many times where a police officer was helped by citizens, including saving the life of the officer....I am enclosing a check for \$35 for membership. If it costs less, keep the money to continue your work."
Frank Fosco

Mack Dixon sent a photo of his 6-month old daughter, and said,

"As a single parent I am all she has. When I have to disarm I am helpless to protect her. If she could speak she would say thank you for being our voice."

"I approve of your efforts and I am thankful we have an organization to address these issues."
Thomas Miller
Columbia

Another common theme, literally repeated **thousands of times** is reflected in the actual comments taken from the survey cards:

"Bad guys carry everywhere. Why can't we?"

"Don't the politicians realize we are the good guys?"

"I should be able to carry anytime, anywhere. I have never committed a crime."

"I am a good citizen. I should not be at the mercy of the criminals out there."

"Criminals go everywhere. Why should our politicians not allow me to defend myself everywhere?"

You, the citizens of South Carolina who choose to defend your life and the lives of your loved ones by carrying a concealed firearm, have spoken loudly and clearly to us at GrassRoots GunRights. Now you need to help us speak loudly and clearly for you. If you read no other article, read the article on page 1 that "Beggars can't be Choosers."

Don't reduce us to beggars at the Statehouse. Please fund the PAC. **Just do it-NOW!!**

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Letters...we get letters....But we want more!!!

We want to re-establish a letters from readers section in each edition of *The Defender*. Please send us your comments and opinions.....especially about issues and topics that are top of mind for you. We'll try not to edit TOO much....just if we need to trim for room, or to keep the point you're making.

Snail mail them to the attention of Skip Cunningham, c/o The Defender, P.O. Box 2446, Lexington, SC 29071

Better yet!!! E-mail Skip Cunningham at excofficer@scfirearms.org Please put "Letter to the editor-Defender" in the subject line. That way, we'll know you want it published. It will help separate it from all the other correspondence we get.

However you do it and whatever you want to put on the envelope or in the subject line-PLEASE WRITE. The diverse opinions and ideas we get make us all think!!!!

Neal Knox Passes On

Folks, it with great sadness we report the passing of Neal Knox on January 17, 2005. Below is a letter from Neal and his wife Jay. We're going to miss his sword. - Ed Kelleher

From the Desk of Neal Knox

The Firearms Coalition
PO Box 3313
Manassas, VA 20108

Written on 05 January 2005 by Neal Knox before his death

Dear Friends,

I've always made it a point to deliver the news to you straight - good or bad. Now I'm afraid I have some unpleasant news. As you're aware, I have been fighting colon cancer for the past year. The doctors tell me that my fight is almost over.

I believe in miracles. I believe in God's healing power and eternal life through Jesus Christ. I know it will take nothing short of a miracle for me to win this battle.

Should that miracle be granted, I will rejoice; but I rejoice nonetheless, for I've been blessed with a wonderful life, a great family, work that I love, and many wonderful friends. Most of

all, I thank God for my long-suffering wife Jay Janen who not only put up with me, but has actively supported my efforts for the Second Amendment for nearly forty-nine years.

It's been a great run!

I had always assumed that long life was my birthright. My father passed away just this past fall at the age of ninety-two.

I counted on the same sort of life-span and was planning accordingly. We've barely settled into that house in the country that I've been promising Jay for so long. I started rebuilding her classic Mustang convertible and have it in pieces in the basement garage. I've laid out a 100- yard range next to the house, and was looking forward to having my dear friend Ken Oehler help me set up a ballistics lab in the basement.

Time for those projects was budgeted into the next generation of the Firearms Coalition. The plan was to have sons, Chris and Jeff take more prominent roles in the fight, freeing me up to do other things like shooting and writing books. Jeff moved out here for that purpose over a year ago but my illness sidetracked those plans.

I have long wanted to evolve the Firearms Coalition into a resource for grassroots activists and organizations. The goals of the Coalition would be to provide activists with the resources,

training, and technology they need to be more effective in the fight.

Now, I hope you will help Jay and the boys as it looks like they will be taking on this important task without me.

There will be more details in the weeks and months to come, including a new book that Chris, Jeff and I have been collaborating on. I regret that I am unlikely to see it in print, but I am confident in their ability to see it through.

I am thankful for you and the many other friends that have blessed my life making me a truly wealthy man. There have been disagreements, even fights, but the goal of freedom has been a unifying force.

I ask your prayers, both for me and for my family, especially for Jay who never expected to see me go first. I urge you to continue the fight. Continue your support of the ongoing efforts of the Firearms Coalition and keep the grass roots growing.

Thank you for keeping me in the fight for all these years.

As always Yours for the Second Amendment,

Neal

From Jay Janen Knox (Neal Knox's wife)

Neal passed away early this morning, January 17, 2005. He was surrounded by our children and his brothers and went quickly without pain.

A memorial service has been scheduled for Thursday, January 20, 2005 at the Manassas Church of Christ, 8110 Signal Hill Road in Manassas, Virginia. The service will begin at 1030 AM with a luncheon to follow.

It was Neal's wish that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Firearms Coalition or to Rainbow Children's Home in Gainesville, VA.

Firearms Coalition
P.O. Box 3313
Manassas, VA 20108

Rainbow Christian Services
6004 Artemus Rd.
Gainesville, VA

Neal's condition deteriorated so rapidly that there wasn't time to get the letter above out before his death. He very much wanted to let his friends and supporters know what was

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Gun Shops Support GrassRoots

The following gun shops help GrassRoots by putting a GrassRoots Membership Flyer holder in a prominent location near their cash register or customer checkout.

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| <p>ATP Gun Shop
Helen Bone
843-824-0779
516 St. James Ave.
Goose Creek, SC 29445</p> | <p>Lexington Pawn & Gun
4884 Sunset Blvd.
Lexington, SC
803-957-4998</p> | <p>Rook's Sales
Jerry Rooks
239 N. Main St.
Bishopville, SC 29010</p> |
| <p>Bear Creek Firearms
Lynn Waller
9388 Macedonia Church Rd.
Prosperity, SC 29127</p> | <p>Low Country Outfitters
843-837-6100
Moss Creek Village
Hilton Head, SC 29926</p> | <p>Santee Pawn Shop
803-854-2255
220 Santee Business Park
Santee, SC 29142</p> |
| <p>Clemson Gun & Pawn
864-654-8596
553 Old Greenville Highway
Clemson, SC 29631</p> | <p>Marineau Gunworks
Class 2 Manufacturer/Full Auto
803-463-4925
616 Twelfth St.
West Columbia, SC 29169</p> | <p>Tony's Guns & Police Supplies
4308 Broad St. Extension
Sumter, SC 29154
803-494-4867
www.tonysguns.com</p> |
| <p>Dick's Sporting Goods
803-749-0756
1110 Bower Pkwy.
Columbia, SC 29212</p> | <p>Mike's Gun Shop
803-482-7094
www.mikesgunshop.com
435 Gunsite Rd.
Winnsboro, SC 29180</p> | <p>Top Dollar Pawn
843-681-3400
7 Central Plaza, Mathens Dr.
Hilton Head, SC 29926</p> |
| <p>Grady's Great Outdoors
Tim Shirley
3440 Clemson Blvd.
Anderson, SC 29621</p> | <p>Palmetto State Shooting Ctr
358 A Browns Cove Rd.
Ridgeland, SC
843-379-4867</p> | <p>Totem Pole, Inc.
Tommy Bell
864-427-9545 • 864-427-9543
315 Belvue Rd.
Union, SC 29379</p> |
| <p>Greer Gun & Pawn Shop
Mark Roberts
1457 W. Wade Hampton Blvd.
Greer, SC 29650</p> | <p>Pappy's Gun Shop
Clyde Baker
803-789-3028
4955 Tinker Creek Rd.
Edgemoor, SC 29712</p> | <p>Trader's Gun Shop
Larry or Richard
864-292-6544
3314 Wade Hampton Blvd.
Taylors, SC 29687</p> |
| <p>The Gun Doctor
Bob Elam
1928 S. Live Oak Dr.
Moncks Corner, SC 29416</p> | <p>Personal Security Supplies
Ernie Lawson
3390 Boiling Springs Hwy.
Boiling Springs, SC 29316</p> | <p>Wateree Arms
803-695-7056
9321 Gamers Ferry Rd.
Hopkins, SC 29061
www.watereearms.com</p> |
| <p>Hunter's HQ
560 Bypass 72 West
Greenwood, SC 29649
864-229-2034</p> | <p>Port Royal Gun & Pawn
843-524-7043
2204 Mossy Oaks Rd.
Port Royal, SC 29935</p> | <p>West Ashley Pawn & Consignment Ltd.
Randy Frisch
829 Savannah Hwy.
Charleston, SC 29407
843-769-0794</p> |
| <p>Island Outfitters
843-522-9900
180 Sea Island Pkwy.
Beaufort, SC 29902</p> | <p>Ricky's Gun Service & Sales
843-521-4866
75 Burton Hill Rd.
Beaufort, SC 29906</p> | |
| <p>J&S Gun Depot
Sharon Waldrep
864-859-9065
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"You can make laws against weapons but they will be observed only by those who don't intend to use them anyway. The lawless can always smuggle or steal, or even make a gun. By refusing to wear a gun you allow the criminal to operate with impunity."

Louis L'Amour

Attention Gun Shop Owners Potential New Feature

We want to see if there's any interest among gun store owners to place in each of the quarterly editions of *The Defender* a "Gun Store of the Quarter" article. We haven't fleshed this out yet. We want your feedback and ideas. We may feature several stores in each issue. Some possibilities: You would have to provide us a write-up we can edit, provide photos if you wanted to (in jpeg) format, things like that. Let us know what you think. E-mail Skip Cunningham at execofficer@scfirearms.org with your comments, ideas, and suggestions.

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going on. We will post more information on the web site, <http://www.NealKnox.com>

I can't tell you how much Neal has loved the difficult work to which he dedicated his life. It has cost us much while at the same time being extremely rewarding in so many ways. The greatest reward has been the love and friendship that we have found along the way.

You're an important part of that.

Thank you so much,
Jay Janen Knox

Obituary

<http://www.nealknox.com/Obituary.html>

Letter from GrassRoots member RT Moore regarding the passing of Neal Knox.

I sometimes wonder when I can get a year or six months without finding another good friend has passed. By now most of you have heard of the death of my good friend Neal Knox. I have known Neal for over 20 years and have been honored to be able to ask his advice and guidance. The revolt in Ohio in 1977 and the work

of many NRA members to steer the NRA towards the defense of our rights was the main reason I paid for a Life membership in the NRA in that year. Neal was at the forefront of that fight and many other battles to push the NRA into working for all gun owners and not just the cops and match shooters.

Neal convinced me to donate to the old Hardcore group years ago and when the Firearms Coalition was formed I donated to that as well. As the years went by and NRA once again slipped it was Neal who convinced me to stay the course and not give up on the NRA. From phone calls to seeing him at NRA conventions he kept pressure on me and a lot of others to keep fighting to elect directors and state leaders who would make the NRA stronger and listen to folks other than just the career politicians. Our fight is not over with Neal's passing. We will mourn and then fight on to let the truth be allowed to be out there.

Keep Jay and the "kids" in your prayers, keep his spirit of never letting up on the foes of gun rights alive. With greatest sorrow, RT Moore.

Robley T. Moore

"No man is a failure if he has friends"

It's a Wonderful Life

What Happens When I Hit the Road?



by Paul Peters, Firearms Instructor

South Carolina has concealed weapon permit (CWP) reciprocity with nine states: Alaska, Arkansas, Louisiana, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas, and Wyoming. "Reciprocity" means that two states have officially agreed to honor each others' permits. However, a number of additional states will also honor your SC CWP. You can extend further your ability to carry in still more states by getting "non-resident" permits from other states. Two of the most useful for South Carolinians are the Florida and New Hampshire permits. The NH permit (\$20) is useful primarily because it adds Georgia, but it also adds four more states. The FL permit (\$117) adds Georgia, three other southeastern states, and five more states.

The following information is from www.packing.org. The legal requirements for concealed carry and the prohibited places vary from state to state. Do not rely on this information. Things change. **It is your responsibility to check the laws for each state.**

States that will honor your SC CWP: Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Idaho, Indiana, Louisiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, N. Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Wyoming. (Vermont and Alaska require no permit, although SC and Alaska have reciprocity, which enables Alaskans to carry in SC.)

States that honor a non-resident FL CWP: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Wyoming. (Web site for ordering a "Concealed weapon or firearm license" application: <http://licgweb.doacs.state.fl.us/license/forms.html>)

States that honor a non-resident NH CWP: Alabama, Alaska, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Utah, Wyoming. (Web site to download PDF version of application: <http://webster.state.nh.us/safety/nhsp/plupr.html>)

Summary

Eighteen other states will honor your SC CWP (including Alaska). However, both Alaska and Vermont allow concealed or open carry without a permit. You can apply for a NH CWP for \$20. Six additional states (including NH) will honor a NH "non-resident" CWP. You can apply for a FL CWP for \$117. Nine additional states (including FL) will honor a FL "non-resident" CWP. There is some overlap of coverage by the NH and FL permits.

Result of getting various permits:

SC = Concealed carry in 20 states. 18 other states honor the SC CWP (plus SC and Vermont)

SC + NH = 26 states. Adds 6 states (Alabama, Colorado, Georgia, Mississippi, New Hampshire, and North Dakota)

SC + FL = 29 states. Adds 9 states (Alabama, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, and South Dakota)

SC + FL + NH = 30 states. Adds 10 states (Alabama, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, and South Dakota)

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A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court

GRASSROOTS GUNRIGHTS INSTRUCTOR PROGRAM

FRANK HEADLEY
NRA TRAINING COUNSELOR/CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR
CERTIFIED CWP INSTRUCTOR

I was recently asked to take over the program to fill the vacancy caused by the untimely death of Norm Price last summer. I had known Norm for many years. I had the pleasure of working with him two weeks before his death at an NRA Instructor class sponsored by GrassRoots GunRights. Norm was dedicated to training people in the safe use of firearms and he is missed by all of us.

We have almost 300 instructors enrolled as GrassRoots Instructors at this time. We have mainly concentrated on CWP classes but all instructors are able to advertise and promote the other classes that they teach. FREE web space is available for all instructors to advertise themselves or their group on scfirearms.org. Instructors can also have a link to their web site.

Individual classes are listed separately with dates and times and can be submitted online. We have noted some problems and we are working now to make the process of listing on the web site as well as individual class listings easier and more user friendly for those with computers. We are also working on a process for those instructors who still do not use computers to advertise these classes on the GrassRoots web site. As you know we are all volunteers and some things have fallen through the cracks from time to time. If that has happened to

you we apologize. Please bear with us as we will be improving the system to help you.

Instructors are a very important part of GrassRoots. They are often the first contact with members of the public wanting to learn how to safely use firearms. Some instructors teach just CWP classes; some teach a wide variety of pistol, shotgun, and rifle courses. Some teach to a wide variety of student types (from civilian to law enforcement to training other trainers). No matter what an instructor teaches, he or she needs to be a GrassRoots Instructors member. The instructors program within GrassRoots GunRights will promote all the shooting sports.

The cost is \$25 and the instructor now receives free web site space and the ability to advertise their classes. Very soon instructors will receive preferential ad rates in *The Defender* and incentives to recruit new members.

We will soon be sending a questionnaire asking for suggestions. In the meantime call me in the evening at 803-776-1226 or on my cell phone 803-920-2673 or email me at instprog@scfirearms.org Thank you for your help and support.

Please join GrassRoots GunRights or renew now.

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We want to re-establish a letters from readers section in each edition of *The Defender*. Please send us your comments and opinions.....especially about issues and topics that are top of mind for you. We'll try not to edit TOO much....just if we need to trim for room, or to keep the point you're making.

Snail mail them to the attention of Skip Cunningham, c/o The Defender, P.O. Box 2446, Lexington, SC 29071

Better yet!!! E-mail Skip Cunningham at execofficer@scfirearms.org Please put "Letter to the editor-Defender" in the subject line. That way, we'll know you want it published. It will help separate it from all the other correspondence we get.

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