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Hooray! The Gun Bills In The State Legislature Never Passed

By: Roger Boyce, VP DSSA

What happened?

Did the Mom's Demand Action decide that they were being too aggressive and back off? (Probably not).

Did the Coalition Against Gun Violence have a change of heart? (Laughter here is appropriate).

Did the gun control zealots in the State Legislature realize the errors of their ways? (Sure, you betcha).

Perhaps they realized that the proposed gun bills would not do anything to curb violence and crime in our State. (I have a bridge to sell that you may be interested in).

So what happened? We know for a fact that the Democrats in the democratically controlled Senate were all on board to shove the Magazine Ban and Permit to Purchase bills down your throat "Virtually". Every one of them. And it is clear that the House was more reasonable and rational in the process. The bills are still there. But they were never sanctioned by both houses of the Legislature.

We may never know exactly what caused the bills to be stopped this legislative session. But you can be sure that the credit for stopping these bills goes mostly to you, the gun community of Delaware.

You see, in the Gun Community there are key organizations such as DGR, NRA, NSSF and DSSA, local clubs, good Representatives and good Senators working to protect us from the zealous. But how do these organizations and entities help protect the gun community?

Out of the hundreds of volunteers and gun enthusiasts that work very hard to speak, raise money, and support the effort, we are fortunate to have four highly skilled advocates that work publicly as well as behind the scenes. In my opinion, without these gentlemen working every day for Delaware's Gun Community, we would have long ago been New Jersey/Maryland look-a-likes when it comes to gun control.

Let me introduce you to some key players that you may have never met who are working every day in our state and nationally to effectively protect your gun rights here in Delaware:

Scott Kidner – C.S. Kidner Associates/Capitol Strategies-
Dover, Delaware



Scott is the lobbyist in Dover representing the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF). Scott is one of the most well-known and effective lobbyists in Delaware. He has the respect of both legislators and government officials and has excellent communication and persuasive skills.

Rick (John) Armitage - Armitage DeChene & Associates



Rick is the lobbyist for NRA working in Delaware. Rick has a long history with the Delaware Legislature having represented the City of Newark, the University of Delaware and other major constituents. NRA was lucky to attract Rick. His role representing the NRA and the needs of the Delaware Gun Community has been stellar.

Mitch Denham – President of Delaware Gun Rights



If you own a gun in Delaware, you know about DGR and their infamous evolution in Delaware politics and the gun community in Delaware. Mitch's tireless efforts to promote and protect the rights of the Delaware Gun Community are unequalled.

Jeff Hague – President, Delaware State Sportsmen's Association



Jeff is the lobbyist in Dover representing DSSA. As president of DSSA, Jeff is tied with Mitch Denham for being the most visible gun rights advocate in Delaware. Jeff's years of experience working in Legislative Hall as a State employee and now as a lobbyist have proven most effective and are crucial to prevent gun control and related legislation.

These four gentlemen work as a close-knit, cohesive team. Each one brings unique skills and long-term relationships to the table -qualities which are essential for a successful outcome in the Delaware State Legislature.

These four, along with many great legal, political and pro-gun legislators (both Dems and Republicans) are the reason year-after-year the oppressive gun bills are defeated or mitigated to the point where they do no harm.

So, if you think we just got lucky, there is some truth to that but for the most part it is due to the skill and hard work of people like Scott, Rich, Jeff, Mitch and many others within our gun community. If you get to speak or meet any of these guys,

please let them know we appreciate their efforts on our behalf.

Also, please remember that protecting our gun rights is a never-ending proposition. We won this one so far. But these bills, along with other outrageous proposals will be coming next January. So please stay engaged. Speak out, participate and donate. We have just begun to fight.

Glock Wins (And Biden Loses) In Major Liability Suit

By Paul Bedard, Washington Secrets Columnist
<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/washington-secrets/glock-wins-and-biden-loses-in-major-liability-suit>

Submitted by: Vickie Prickett

God didn't deliver for President Joe Biden, who recently begged "the Lord" to help him erase the congressionally approved immunity that gun-makers have from lawsuits.

In a little-noticed decision with a major impact on the firearms industry, a federal judge in Arizona has ruled in favor of pistol manufacturer Glock and dismissed a suit brought by the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence on behalf of a man who was accidentally shot and paralyzed.

U.S. District Court Judge Susan Brnovich upheld liability immunity granted in the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act passed in 2005 to block gun-makers from a potential wave of industry-killing lawsuits.

Brnovich, nominated by former President Donald Trump and the wife of Arizona Attorney General Mark Brnovich, dismissed multiple claims in the suit that the act's protections were illegal, writing, "The statute is constitutional."

While she made her decision in mid-March, it is just now winning attention as Biden and top congressional Democrats begin a campaign to impose new gun control restrictions and end liability immunity for gun-makers.

"The dismissal of this case is welcome news and demonstrates the importance of the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act," said Mark Oliva, the spokesman for the industry trade group National Shooting Sports Foundation.

"These attempts to hold manufacturers responsible for the criminal and negligent misuse of firearms are misguided and are attempts at legislation through litigation. The PLCAA law was passed with a bipartisan majority in both chambers of Congress to keep activists from attempting to bankrupt firearm manufacturers by tying them up in court with unfounded claims. This demonstrates why protecting this legislation against attacks by President Biden and gun control factions in Congress is critical," he added.

Last month, Biden falsely claimed that the firearms industry is "the only industry in America" that can't be sued, and he called for divine intervention to end that.

During a Rose Garden event, he said, "This is the only outfit that is exempt from being sued. If I get one thing on my list, (if) the Lord came down and said, 'Joe, you get one of

these,' give me that one." He added, "Because I tell you what, there would be a come-to-the-Lord moment these folks would have, real quickly."

The suit was filed against Glock, an Austrian gun-maker, on behalf of Carlos Travieso Jr., who was in a car with others returning from a church retreat in 2018. Another teenager found the 9 mm pistol in the car and apparently thought it was safe because the magazine holding the bullets was missing. However, there was a bullet in the chamber, and when she pulled the trigger, it hit Travieso, paralyzing him.

The suit charged that Glock, the No. 1 firearms manufacturer in U.S. sales, did not have adequate safety features on the gun warning that a live round was in the chamber. The pistol does have a chamber indicator, but the suit said the gun was defective because it did not include other warnings or safeties.

Glock said it was covered by the immunity act because the shooting was a criminal act.

Oliva told Secrets, "This is an example of lawyers attempting to put the blame for negligent use of a firearm on a manufacturer. The facts of the case are clear. The negligent mishandling of a firearm resulted in tragic effects. There was no defect in the product, design flaw, and as the opinion clearly notes, claims of warning notifications do not make for a claim of product defect."

Brnovich agreed with Glock in her victory for the Second Amendment. She also noted that even the liberal U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has repeatedly rejected challenges to immunity for gun-makers.

"A fair reading of the PLCAA shows that Congress intended the scope of its preemption to include claims like the plaintiff's. The PLCAA's plain text extends preemption to plaintiff's tort and products liability claims. Its unambiguous terms bar any civil cause of action, regardless of the underlying theory, when a plaintiff's injury results from 'the criminal or unlawful misuse' of the person or a third party, unless a specific exception applies," she wrote.

Details of the case may be found here:

<https://casetext.com/case/travieso-v-glock-inc>

Taking Back Our Language From The Gun Grabbers It's Time To Stop Using The Other Side's Hate Speech

By: Lee Williams

Submitted by: John Sigler

<https://thegunwriter.substack.com/>

I was on a good friend's radio program Sunday night when one of the other guests raised a tremendous point: We need to take back our language from the anti-rights crowd and the legacy media.

Specifically, words like assault weapon, mainstream media, gun violence and many more have been creeping into our vocabulary and – mea culpa – even some of my stories. Folks, it's time to stop playing by their rules. It's time to stop using their labels, which are both inaccurate and designed to frighten the public into supporting their anti-civil rights agenda.

Besides, there are better words to use in place of theirs. I've come up with a few examples. Of course, there are many more. If I missed any, please let me know.

Assault weapon – True assault weapons use intermediate-length cartridges and are capable of select-fire. The term is a rough translation of the German Sturmgewehr. A modern AR does not meet this definition, even if it has a chainsaw bayonet attached.

Assault weapon ban – A violation of the Second Amendment and the Fifth Amendment's taking clause.

Mainstream media – We are the mainstream, not the gun prohibitionists. They are the fringe. There are more gun owners in this country than non-gun owners, so rather than referring to their lapdog media as mainstream, let's call it the legacy media.

Gun buybacks – It doesn't matter if it's a buyback held at a local city hall or the mandatory buybacks President Biden has planned for our ARs – the government cannot buy back something it has never owned. And we should start referring to Biden's plan as what it really is – mandatory confiscation.

Gun violence – Do we say knife violence? Do we say fist or feet violence? How about baseball bat violence or cast-iron-frying-pan violence? It's time to call violence what it really is – violence – regardless of the mechanism used.

Loopholes – There are no legitimate loopholes. The gun show loophole doesn't exist. The online loophole is a joke. I've got a good friend who has a standing offer of \$10,000, which he'll pay to anyone who can show him a website that will sell him a firearm and ship it to his home without a background check. The Charleston loophole should be renamed the FBI-incompetence loophole. Loopholes are a fallacy. Unless we're talking about the loopholes used by urban snipers, it's time to stop using the term.

Pro-gun and Anti-gun – Instead, we should say pro-rights and anti-rights.

Gun rights – This term is should be replaced by human rights or civil rights.

High-capacity magazine – Standard-capacity magazine is far more accurate, even though the folks who coined the term don't know the difference between a clip and a magazine.

Permitless carry – Constitutional carry is the only term for this because you do not need a permit for a Constitutional right. It's the true intent of the Second Amendment – what the Framers had in mind. Everything else is unconstitutional.

Concealed carry permit – An unconstitutional act that occurs when the government strips you of your Second Amendment rights and then sells them back to you for a set fee, but only for a limited amount of time, and only if you behave.

Gun control – Let’s use crime control instead, rather than focusing on the weapon a criminal chooses to use. Do we say knife control? Knives and fists and feet are used far more frequently by criminals than firearms. Besides, for the gun grabbers it’s all about control anyway.

Gun-control advocate – Anti-rights activist.

Smart guns – Smart guns are pure science fiction. The tech simply isn’t there. We should call them Sci-Fi guns. I will start carrying a smart gun when Mr. Spock beams one into the glovebox of my flying car.

Ghost gun – Americans were building firearms at home long before there was a United States of America. To be clear, it is perfectly legal to build a firearm in your home. I’ve been referring to them as home builds.

Arsenal – How many times have you read a news story about an arrestee who had an “arsenal” of weapons in his or her home, even if it was just a handful of firearms and a couple boxes of ammunition? What the legacy media refers to as an arsenal, I refer to as a collection or a good start.

Concealable assault weapon – This term is new, and the Dems already want to ban them. It was recently coined by the gun prohibitionists to describe an AR pistol with a brace. It is the dumbest term they have ever come up with since assault pistol, which they invented to describe the TEC-9. I burst out laughing every time I hear a cable TV news actor use it in a sentence. Let’s let them have this one. It’s hilarious.

Commonsense – Commonsense sounds like a good term. We do need commonsense gun laws. However, the problem is who gets to decide what’s commonsensical. If it’s the folks inside the Beltway, we’ve got problems. Best not to use the term.

Second Amendment infringements – Civil rights violations.

Strong gun laws – Show me a state with strong gun laws and I’ll show you a state with strong civil-rights violations.

National Firearms Act of 1934 and Gun Control Act of 1968 – Draconian, unconstitutional gun laws written by grandstanding politicians in response to two specific criminal acts committed by a notorious gangster and a communist lunatic.

Gun owners – How about well-informed voters.

Hollow points – Standard defensive ammunition.

Mass shooting – How about just calling it a shooting

Mass shooter – Felon or murderer.

Military grade or Milspec – The media uses the terms interchangeably to imply that a military grade or milspec firearm is super lethal or extra-scary. It’s a derisive term. Most civilian ARs and AKs are not military grade or milspec. They’re lightyears beyond that. Today’s ARs are far superior to anything made for the DoD by the lowest bidder.

Silencer or suppressor – Gun muffler.

Need – The anti-civil rights crowd constantly brings up need – as in no one needs a AR. I can’t find the term in the Second Amendment. I’ve looked. Just like deer hunting – it’s not there.

NRA, GOA, SAF, JPFO, FPC, CCRKBA and all others – Civil rights organizations.

Giffords, Everytown, Demanding Moms, the Brady Bunch and the Biden administration – Anti-civil rights organizations.

Gun grabbers – Gun grabbers. It fits.

As always, thanks for your time.

Lee

Gun Control Explained

Submitted by: Roger Boyce

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pHLGeV73B5w>

<https://www.firearmsunknown.com/copy-of-the-three-little-pigs-and-the-wolf-on-the.html>

The Solutions To Wilmington's Gun Violence

Demand Persistence

By Wilmington, DE Mayor Mike Purzycki

Submitted By: Roger Boyce

<https://www.delawareonline.com/story/opinion/contributors/2021/05/12/wilmington-mayor-we-must-persist-against-gun-violence/5044547001/>

Mayors of cities with high rates of poverty experience an inevitable feeling of helplessness when violent crime spikes as it has recently in Wilmington, and the public wants to know what he or she is doing about it. Senseless murders challenge our sense of reason. The violence is deliberate and remorseless. Witnesses are too frightened to come forward. Families themselves beg for help with unmanageable young men.

The usual list of suggested panaceas resurfaces: curfews, rehabilitation programs, violence interrupters, social programs and intervention specialists. All promise more than they can deliver. While I remain dedicated to assisting those individuals returning to the community from prison, I have come to believe that while these various strategies can be effective in helping individuals, they are not effective in transforming widespread behaviors.

Rest assured that if there were a clear roadmap to follow, Wilmington, like cities across America, would be following it. There is no roadmap. Crime is a symptom of weak social structures, poverty and social isolation. These problems are deeply organic in nature. The violence is generally born of gang activity, petty interpersonal conflicts and drug-related competition for territory among unemployed and alienated young men. We see a growing pattern of perpetrators of gun violence becoming shooting victims themselves. A recent homicide victim was shot while on probation after pleading guilty to a shooting when he was 15. All of this is a function of a street culture that glorifies this very violence. Young men

carry, they say, to defend themselves. You hear them say that they do not expect to live to 25. That they would rather be judged by twelve than be carried by six. These are, unfortunately, deeply ingrained belief systems that promote destructive personal behaviors.

Wilmington has long endured stubborn poverty and an intractable crime problem. After experiencing the lowest level of violent crime in a decade in 2018, Wilmington's gun crime rate slowly increased at the end of 2019 and then spiked throughout 2020. Thirty-one people lost their lives to gun violence in our City last year, a 35% increase over the year before. One hundred sixty-eight people were shot, a 50% increase over 2019. Almost one shooting every other day.

Based on the size of our population and depending on where one lives, Wilmington can be a dangerous city.

The question for us is what we do about it.

It is important for context to understand that Wilmington is not alone in experiencing an increase in violent crime. A report by the Council on Criminal Justice found that among 21 cities with relevant data, homicide rates increased by 42% year over year during the summer of 2020 and 34% during the fall. Cities like New York, Philadelphia, Atlanta and New Orleans all are experiencing sharp increases in homicides. The Police Executive Research Forum found that homicides increased 28% in the first nine months of 2020 among 223 agencies. If anything, matters have gotten worse in 2021. None of this lets us off the hook for taking responsibility for managing our own crime problem, but it is helpful to understand that there is a social dynamic occurring that is surely not unique to Wilmington.

Too many guns on the streets

An objective look at crime in Wilmington reveals the weaknesses in our system. First, there are too many guns on the streets owing in part to America's obsession with firearms. There were 40 million guns purchased in America last year. Second, there are too many offenders with prior gun charges walking the streets of our City. Our violent crime inevitably increases as these individuals are released back into the community.

It is an article of faith that if we do not fix the society's underlying economic and social ills, we will never reduce crime in the long run. But while we wait for long-term strategies to take root, we are left with turning to our police to manage these problems.

The public can have every confidence that the Wilmington Police Department is doing its job, but the system itself is failing us. Consider that in 2020: the WPD made 307 gun arrests that involved 293 defendants.

Of the 293 arrested, 148 had prior gun arrests and one defendant had six prior gun arrests, forty-two had two prior gun arrests, and 75 had one prior gun arrest.

Through April 1st of this year, 99 gun arrests have been made by the WPD, which is a 33% increase over the record setting 2020. Of those arrested, 35% had prior gun arrests and one individual had five prior offenses.

Of the 168 shooting victims in 2020, 18 were victims in prior shooting incidents, sixty-seven had prior gun arrests, twenty-eight had gun arrests on multiple occasions and three were arrested on gun charges four times.

Of the 120 individuals arrested for gun offenses thus far in 2021, 69 are out on bail and 45 have prior gun arrests.

These facts point to structural failures in dealing with those individuals who are chronic gun offenders. There are too many guns on the streets and too little resolve in the criminal justice system to remove the offenders from our community. No one wants to see young men waste their lives in prison, but we are left with no other choices. The public demands and deserves protection. No one who is a person prohibited from carrying a firearm should be given a low bail when found carrying a handgun. And no one who has multiple gun arrests should be released into the public before serving a serious sentence.

In fairness, because of the pandemic, the criminal justice system has been on pause for more than a year, which has limited the disposition of criminal cases, including serious gun charges. In other words, too many of those who have been arrested have been out in our neighborhoods during this past year while waiting for trial. In Wilmington in 2020, two men were murdered while on bail awaiting trial. Furthermore, the pandemic has created not only economic stresses but social stresses as well, resulting in deadly personal confrontations that would have been brushed off in more normal times. Lastly, there is a wide belief among law enforcement professionals that a proliferation of firearms is a major contributing factor in the level of gun violence.

We must stay the course

The public should know that I consider every shooting a personal failure. But I cannot afford to feel helpless. I will continue to do what I believe, in the long run, are the only things that will work for our city. We must rebuild our failing neighborhoods, provide better living conditions for young people, partner with social service agencies, support better mental health services, and promote stronger schools. And finally, we will work with our criminal justice partners to ensure that those who are a threat to our community are not released back into our neighborhoods while they pose a threat to residents.

I have committed the city government to spend tens of millions of dollars in our neighborhoods over the next several years to rebuild housing, remove blight, and demolish vacant and dilapidated properties. This is in addition to the \$11 million to improve our parks and a city recreation center over the past four years. These investments are part of an overall effort to create a healthier city and in the end to reduce criminal behavior.

Our objectives are clear; to be a just city where our aspirations can flourish and the means to reach them are available to all. As we acknowledge that achieving these goals defy simple solutions, our institutions, including the community itself, are called upon to support our neighbors, to support the police whose job it is to protect us, to embrace our

children and to demand a concern for the public good from each of us.

Mike Purzycki is mayor of Wilmington.

3 Gun Fears You Can Ignore

People Who Know Nothing About Guns Will Try To Scare You With These Three Fears ... But You Can Ignore Them

By: Wendy LaFever

Submitted by: Vickie Prickett

<https://www.nrawomen.com/content/3-gun-fears-you-can-ignore>



Women who are thinking of arming themselves for self-defense face a number of challenges, but among the most insidious and pervasive are the “challenges” we receive from our friends, family and the world at large. There are a number of cultural myths that people who know nothing about guns will repeat to you to try to scare you away from gun ownership. Many of those people mean well—they simply don’t know what they don’t know. That said, some of those people are projecting their own inadequacies and fears onto you. Whatever the motivation of these scaremongers, here are three gun fears that you can safely ignore. (We promise.)

1. You’re just going to hurt yourself!

People who know nothing about firearms will present this myth to you in a number of different ways, but the underlying message is always the same: They think that you are incapable of safely handling a firearm. Step back and take a moment to consider what they are really saying.

If you’re like most American women, every day you get behind the controls of a powerful machine that weighs a ton or more and is loaded with explosive vapor. You then take that machine out and pilot it at 60 mph among hundreds or thousands of other people doing the same, many of whom regard things like “turn signals” and “lane markers” as suggestions. You do this accurately, effectively and without fear.

Ask yourself this: Why do these people think that it would be harder for you to manipulate a 2-lb. piece of metal engineering designed from the ground up to be safe, than it would be to survive the average American urban commute?

The truth is that firearms are tools, just like any tool, and learning how to use them safely is a considerably shorter and simpler process than it is to parallel park. (But hey, don’t take my word for it ... sign up for a Basic Pistol course today and see how easy it is!)

2. The criminal will take your gun away and use it against you!

This is a favorite among people who not only know nothing about guns, but who are additionally utterly ignorant on self-defense or criminal psychology. It’s difficult, therefore, to unpack every different way in which it’s wrong ... but I’ll try. First, the vast majority of defensive gun uses do not involve a shot being fired. It’s impossible to say exactly how many, but estimates run from 80 to 95 percent. That indicates that most of the time, the criminal sees the firearm and remembers urgent business the next county over and vamooses.

Second, the first thing you will learn in your Basic Pistol course is how to hold your firearm. It’s a strong, two-handed, push-pull grip that would require a tremendous amount of force to break. The hypothetical Bad Guy who would be hypothetically grabbing your gun out of your hands would need to do that while you were in the act of shooting him. This is a poor survival tactic for the Bad Guy.

Third, and I recognize that this is anecdotal, we here at the NRA have been tracking armed citizen encounters for about 150 years now, and it appears that having the bad guy get control of the good guy’s gun happens so rarely as to be statistically nonexistent.

3. You’re not one of *Those* People, are you?!

This last “gun fear” is far more subtle than the rest, and more pervasive. There is a bedrock cultural message that women are supposed to be caring, nurturing and (above all else) nonviolent...and that gun ownership negates all of the above. People who discover that you own a firearm or are thinking of buying one will subtly (or not-so-subtly) indicate that this says something bad about your moral fiber. That, perhaps, you aren’t the nice person they thought you were.

For the record, loudly enough so they can hear us in the cheap seats, we state: There is no conflict between firearms ownership and being a caring, nurturing, nonviolent person. Firearms cannot supernaturally possess you and turn you into a different woman than you were before. In fact, gun ownership can and will bolster your ability to be a caring, nurturing, nonviolent person by helping keep you alive if you are ever forced to defend your life.

Whether or not to own a gun, what kind of gun, where you’ll keep it, and when you’ll carry it, are all matters of personal choice. We here at NRA Women can help guide you through those choices. We can also assure you that you are perfectly capable of handling your firearm safely and effectively, no matter what “they” say, with the right training and mindset.

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Open to everyone, Beginners, Experienced, all are welcome. 5 Bays of Shooting fun for Kids, Teens, Adults including Airguns (come try a full auto BB gun), .22 LR, Rimfire guns, PC Carbines, AR 15's, Pistols. All in separate bays. Even if you've never shot a firearm before, don't own one—NO PROBLEM— Firearms will be on hand for you to try and we will have Experienced Instructors and Range Safety Officers to help everyone that comes and instruct them in all safety aspects of shooting skills and fun. Some Ammo will be provided. (If you bring your own gun, you must provide your own ammo). Vendors will be on hand displaying firearms, steel targets and more. Organizations such as USCCA, NRA NSSF, etc. and Shooting Disciplines such as IDPA, USPSA, Well Armed Women, Cowboys, IBS Benchrest, F Class/High Power etc, will be on hand to answer questions and help. IDPA and Cowboys will also do live fire demos and instruction throughout the day alternating every 1/2 hr., between 10:30 and 3:30 Come meet and greet local Dignitaries (Senators, House Representatives, Mayors and Candidates for 2022 elections) as they join in the shooting fun and try out the different firearms on many of the steel targets. We will have giveaways and drawings for many door prizes that have been donated for this awesome event. There will be Food trucks (ie: Vanderwendes' Ice Cream, Mojo's to Go, and others) on hand.

Volunteers for this event are welcome and needed.

Non Members, Members, everyone from Delaware towns & Communities and surrounding states are welcome - Here's a chance to get outside and bring your family and friends and experience the Fun, safety and Camaraderie of the Shooting Sports. Foam ear protection will also be on hand for those that don't have any.

Masks are optional, (there will be masks on hand), Hand Sanitizer, etc. will be at each shooting table and all firearms will be sanitized after each use. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Bridgeville Rifle and Pistol Club or Mr. Bruce Smith, Bridgeville "Family Day at the Range, Wounded Warriors, First Responders Shoot" Director : 443-366-6277 or email: info@bkkfirearms.com

May-June High Power Report

By: Frank Nedza

May 22-23 Delaware State Mid-Range Championship.

This match format consisted of two days of shooting. The first day was a three stage match at 300, 500, and 600 yards. In the Palma class, Matt Zagorski took the early lead, with a nice 598-31X, dropping one point each at the 500 and 600 yard lines. In the match and service rifle category, the leader was Jeff Browning, shooting a triple clean, posting a 600-42X with his 6BR –nice shooting Jeff! In the Master Class, Chris Moriarty posted a darned nice 596-34X. On the F-Class (Open) side of things, Steve Singleton put up a nice 597-34X, dropping one point at each yard line. In F-T/R, High Master Austin Coiro notched a nice 593-30X.

Day two saw a bit of shifting of leads but not too much, with Austin Coiro continuing to lead in F-T/R posting a score of 596-29X. John Sigler was top dog on Day 2, posting a nice 597-33X for the Day 2 win in F-Open. On the sling side, in Match/Service Rifle, Joe Wawrzaszek took the Day 2 win with a 599-43X, while Nate Guernsey took the Palma class Day 2 win at 600-39X. Of special note, we also had 2 junior shooters; Shannon Moriarty in Sharpshooter/Marksman Class, shooting a nice 1154-35X, and Conner Browning in AR-Tactical Class, shooting a 994-13X.

Overall winners are:

Nate Guernsey	Palma Rifle	1196-77X
Jeff Browning	Any Rifle	1199-81X
Steve Singleton	F-Open	1193-63X
Austin Coiro	F-T/R	1180-54X

This match also served as a fundraiser for DSSA, with \$10/day for each entry fee going to support Delaware Gun Rights. We were able to raise \$800 over the course of the match.

June 13th 3 x 600 Mid-Range Match. A great day for a match, with pleasant temperatures and great blue skies evident. We had 26 shooters for this match, which is down a bit from our normal participation. I chalk that up to the shortage of components at this point, and hope that situation remedies itself soon. Anyway, on to the results;

In F-T/R, Austin Coiro took the win with a nice 592-27X, including a clean in the first match (200-10X). Nicely done, Austin! Over in F-Open, our newest Delaware transplant, Jack Neith took the win with a very nice 598-29X, including a clean in the second match (200-11X). I believe this was a personal best for Jack as well. Well done, Jack! Keep up the good work! On the sling side of things, Joe Fogg had a pretty good day, taking the win with a nice 598-36X, shooting iron sights. He too, had a clean, this one in the first match (200-13X). We had a first time competitor join us for this match too. Kathleen Lodge-Brannan came out to shoot AR-Tactical class, and did quite well for a first-timer, shooting a 486-4X. This is especially noteworthy because; A) it was her first time shooting at 600

yards. B) she was shooting Federal American Eagle 55 grain ammo (not exactly match-grade ammo) in a short barreled AR-15. If she can come out and do that, a whole bunch of the rest of you can too! Ammo and inexperience may have held up her scores a bit, but it didn't stop her from coming out, learning, and having fun! I hope to see her on the line again soon, and predict that she will do better with each match she shoots.

June 25-27 Mid-Atlantic Long-Range Regional. This match was an F-Class V2 qualifier, as well as a regional long range match. Friday morning consisted of a practice session followed by 'for fun and bragging rights' team matches. This was a good time to get/confirm rifle zero's on the longest 1000 yard range in the East, and work on team shooting strategies and practices. Team shooting is a different skill set, and a lot of fun. Plus, calling wind for other shooters will teach you a lot about, well, calling wind 😊.



Saturday dawned with threatening skies, and a total of 57 shooters, down from our normal 75. We even had some 'wild' spectators, including a Bald Eagle who did a flyby, and this little bitty guy.



I am blaming the ever-present component shortages for the reduced number of shooters, and hope that situation will ease

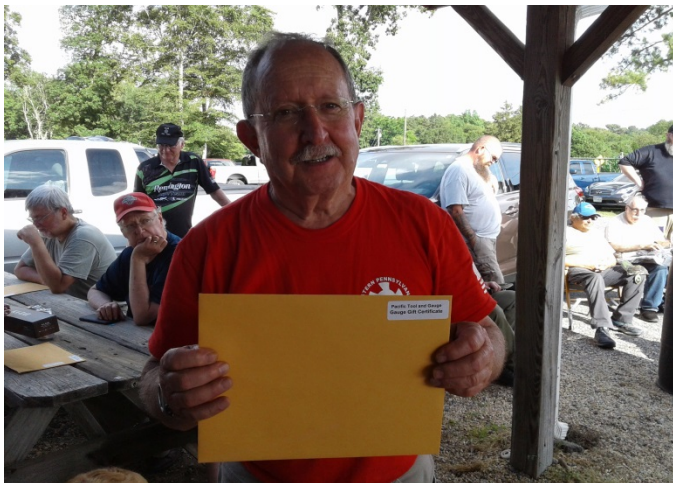
soon. The weatherman, of course, insisted that it wouldn't rain until late afternoon. As you might imagine, he was completely **WRONG**. We had two medium length rain delays, and one longer one, all before noon! It wasn't all bad though, as the last rain delay allowed us to charge the laptop batteries and change out the main target battery. The afternoon was nice and clear, and super-mirage-ey. Despite the rain delays, we managed to get all three matches in. On the Sling-side, at the end of the day, Dave Kerin led the way in High Master Any Rifle posting a nice 598-30X. That is some mighty fine shooting Dave!

In the combined Master/Expert/Sharpshooter/Marksman class, Madonna Nedza was the class winner, shooting a nice 588-23X. Nice shooting Kiddo! In F-Open, George VanWhy led the way with a pretty stout 586-23X. In the Master Class in F-Open, Joe Spina (probably soon to be High Master), took the class win with a 585-12X.

In F-Open Expert/Sharpshooter/Marksman class, Paul Duret shot a nice 580-18X for the class win. In F-T/R, Art Tooker posted the class win, with a 585-17X. After shooting was over, the feast began, and everyone was a winner. Fat Daddy's barbeque was the order of the day, and I think everyone went home full and happy. Immediately following the feast was the prize drawing. We had a really nice prize table, with enough nice prizes such that everyone came away with something besides a hat.



I would like to take a moment to recognize Bear Creek Arsenal, Geissele Automatics, and PMA Tool for going 'above and beyond' with their donations. Bear Creek provided a really nice 'swag bag' for every single shooter, as did Geissele Automatics. PMA Tool provided money to help defray the cost of the feed, as well as providing Gift Certificates to our prize table. Thank you very much!! A huge **THANK-YOU** to the rest of our sponsors as well!! I hope that everyone who attended this match, and everyone reading this report will take note, and support the companies and people who are taking an active role in supporting us, the shooters.



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Day two was clear, but hot and very humid –a real challenge to the shooters. Winds were moderate, but still proved to be as Jim Crofts notes; "Haunted". We shot two matches on Sunday to finish out a 100 shot aggregate score for the weekend. In summary, I think the match went very well, despite the rain we experienced on Saturday, and I hope that everyone enjoyed the match and the camaraderie that match shooting brings. Class winners are as follows;

Conventional (Sling)

1. Carl Bernosky 996-44X
2. Dave Kerin 994-46X
3. Nate Guernsey 988-41X (Palma)



- F-Open**
1. George VanWhy 980-39X
 2. Joe Spina 974-22X
 3. Dave Kokoszka 972-36X



F-T/R

1. Austin Coiro 964-18X
2. Art Tooker 958-23X
3. Jim Crofts 953-22X



As a side note, this match was a fundraiser for DSSA (Delaware State Sportsmen's Association), with \$10/Day/Shooter being collected to help fund the fight to keep and preserve our rights to keep and bear arms in Delaware. We were able to raise over \$1000 to fund DSSA's efforts on the behalf of all shooters in the state.

IS THIS WHAT'S COMING TO DELAWARE???

We have seen how Delaware's Governor Carney blindly followed New York's Governor Cuomo like a mouse following the Pied Piper as he used his executive power to shut down the government and the economy. We've seen how Delaware's political elite followed New York's example during the pandemic, ignoring the will of the people and exercising powers no one ever believed was possible.

Is it happening again? Will Carney once again follow Cuomo? If so, what could it mean for the law-abiding gun owners of Delaware?

Read Governor Cuomo's declaration of war on the law-abiding gun owners of New York and brace yourself - this kind of totalitarian arrogance could soon be on display here in the First State - and remember, elections have consequences."

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 211

DECLARATION OF A STATE WIDE DISASTER EMERGENCY DUE TO GUN VIOLENCE

WHEREAS, gun violence poses a serious threat to the health and quality of life of all residents of the state of New York; and

WHEREAS, gun violence is reaching crisis levels: gun violence is the leading cause of premature death in the U.S. and gun injuries total \$280 billion in healthcare/societal costs annually; and

WHEREAS, since January 2021, gun violence is up 48% in New York City, 22% in Albany, 88% in Buffalo and 95% in Rochester; and

WHEREAS, urban communities in New York State are disproportionately affected by the direct and indirect consequences of gun violence; and

WHEREAS, urban communities in New York State typically experience a spike in gun violence in the summer months; and

WHEREAS, at least 50% of homicides and 55% of nonfatal shootings involve people associated with gangs or more loosely-affiliated "street groups"; and

WHEREAS, the cycle of escalatory gun violence provides insight into where future shootings will occur which allows an immediate crisis response; and

WHEREAS, the collection and analysis of data from local law enforcement agencies can help target state funds and services needed to reduce gun violence and save lives in communities with high rates of gun-related violence; and

WHEREAS, data collected can be utilized to support proven community violence intervention programs, summer employment opportunities and other investments known to reduce crimes and make our neighborhoods safer; and

WHEREAS, the state has an obligation to act in a manner consistent with the science and data on gun violence in order to prevent imminent and immediate harm to communities across the state; and

WHEREAS, the science and data suggest that deployment of more violence interrupters, and provision of summer employment programs will have an immediate ameliorative effect on the increased violence that has been occurring in these communities; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to suspend certain provisions of law, rule or regulation which would otherwise hamper the efforts of the State to respond to this crisis;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDREW M. CUOMO, Governor of the State of New York, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the State of New York and Section 28 of Article 2-B of the Executive Law, do hereby declare a State-wide disaster emergency effective July 6, 2021, and until further notice across New York State; and

FURTHER, I direct the creation of the Office of Gun Violence Prevention and the creation of the Governor's Council on Gun Violence Reduction and direct all relevant agencies to take appropriate action to protect State property and to assist affected local governments and individuals in responding to and recovering from this disaster, and to provide such other assistance as necessary to protect the public health, welfare and safety.

FURTHER, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 29-a of Article 2-B of the Executive Law to temporarily suspend or modify any statute, local law, ordinance, order, rule, or regulation, or parts thereof, during a State disaster emergency, if compliance with such would prevent, hinder, or delay action necessary to cope with the disaster emergency or if necessary to assist or aid in coping with such disaster, I hereby suspend the following effective July 6 through August 5, 2021:

- Section 112 of the State Finance Law, so far as it applies to contracts, leases, licenses, permits or any other written agreements that may be entered into for purposes of mitigating such disaster emergency;
- Section 136-a of the State Finance Law so far as it applies to contracts, leases, licenses, permits or any other written agreements that may be entered into for purposes of mitigating such disaster emergency;
- Section 139-d of the State Finance Law so far as it applies to contracts, leases, licenses, permits or any

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- Any rules, regulations or guidelines established pursuant to, in conformity with, or for purposes of implementing any of the aforementioned provisions of law;
- Any other provision of any New York State statute, local law, ordinance, orders, rules or regulations, or parts thereof, that may apply to contracts, leases, licenses, permits, program or operational plans, or any other written agreements that may be entered into for purposes of mitigating such disaster emergency; and
- Subdivision twelve of section eight hundred and thirty seven of the Executive Law is modified insofar as to require that all primary police departments in Gun Involved Violence Elimination (G.I.V.E.) jurisdictions: Albany, Buffalo, Hempstead, Mount Vernon, Nassau County, Newburgh, New York City, Niagara Falls, Poughkeepsie, Rochester, Schenectady, Suffolk County, Syracuse, Troy, Utica, Yonkers, Binghamton City, Jamestown City, Kingston City and Spring Valley Village shall be polled by Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) weekly for the following data: shooting incidents, shooting victims and individuals killed by gun violence. All departments shall be surveyed for the following incident level data: date, time, location, victim age, victim sex and victim race and where an arrest has been made, perpetrator age, perpetrator sex and perpetrator race.

GIVEN under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State in the City of Albany this sixth day of July in the year two thousand twenty-one.

ANDREW M. CUOMO, Governor of New York

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well the 1st session of the 151st General Assembly has finally drawn to a close. Legislative business ended shortly after midnight June 30th when the General Assembly adjourned to the call of the chair. The House and Senate will most likely be called back in session in October to deal with re-districting, which is required every 10 years. The new districts will be based on the census date that is just being released.

How did we do in protecting our right to keep and bear arms? Overall, I would say we held our own and kept a couple of major restrictions on our constitutional rights from being passed by both houses.

The two major pieces of legislation are Senate Substitute 1 for Senate Bill 3 (SB 3 for short) and Senate Bill 6. Both were introduced on March 25th. As we all know, SB 3 would require everyone to obtain a permit prior to purchasing a handgun. I won't go into all the particulars, but suffice it to say, this is a really bad bill.

As a result of the COVID-19 restrictions, all proceedings dealing with legislation was conducted virtually. While the Democrats touted how the virtual sessions actually provided the public with more access, those of us that work there know better. The virtual sessions were just an excuse to allow legislators to hide from being in direct contact with their constituents and lobbyists.

The committee hearing on March 31st was nothing short of a sham. There were over 800 people signed up to participate, but only about 50 were permitted to speak. The hearing lasted only 2 hours. As we all know the bill came out of committee and was immediately placed on the Senate Agenda for the following day. There is a requirement that any bill with a fiscal note, this one is about \$3.5 million, has to go through the Senate Finance Committee. This one did, in the dark of the night, literally, the same day it was reported out of committee. Talk about transparency!!!

The vote on the virtual Senate floor, was 13 yes and 8 no. All Republicans and Senator Ennis voted no. This was on April Fools Day. Go figure. According to Senate Leadership the bill had to be considered expeditiously due to the alleged public necessity because of the bill's importance to public safety. Can anyone say, bull****?

The bill then went to the House where it was assigned to the Judiciary Committee. After a 4 hour hearing, at least the House considered it somewhat important to allow more public comment, it was released from the committee on May 11th. Due to the fiscal note, as in the Senate, about \$3.5 million per

year, it was assigned to the Appropriations Committee. It still resides in that committee.

The other bad bill is Senate Bill 6, known as the “Magazine Ban” bill. This bill was also introduced on March 25th. The Senate hearing was only six days later, March 31st. Were the liberals in the Senate trying to ram it through? Oh yea! Same deal, 2 hours with hundreds of citizens denied their right to participate in the process. The bill was reported out that day and placed on the Senate agenda for April 1st. Same vote totals, 13 yes and 8 no. It was then assigned to the House Judiciary Committee and the hearing was held on April 27th. Again, the House believed in a bit more participation and transparency and held a 4 hour hearing. It was reported out the same day and awaited action. On May 12th House Amendment 1 was attached to the bill. House Amendment 2 was attached on June 23rd. This is the important amendment.

While the original bill banned almost every magazine in existence, in our learned opinion, HA 2 was more reasonable. That amendment allows possession of whatever you may have and only bans sales of pistol magazines with a capacity greater than 20 and rifle magazines with a capacity greater than 30.

One of original sponsors of the bill Rep. Chukwuocha was also the prime sponsor of HA 2. His explanation of the amendment was most refreshing. After some debate the bill as amended passed the House with 24 yes and 16 no, with 1 absent. Back to the Senate where it will sit.

Both bills are not “dead”. They are only in limbo until next January. Believe me, the anti’s will be loaded for battle next session and we need to be there ready to do battle to save our rights to keep and bear arms. We, meaning all the folks in the DSSA and those in Delaware Gun Rights that also supported us, need to be ready to redouble our efforts come January.

One huge factor in next years efforts will be the results of re-districting that will be decided, most likely in October.

Stay tuned, and my heartfelt thanks for all your efforts and support.

Jeff Hague, President DSSA

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