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Greetings From the Folks At Austin's TN Firearms

You are viewing and reading Bullet Points, the ezine from Austin's Tennessee Firearms School and our newest division, or our "pro Shop" as it were, Austin's Tennessee Firearms.

This electronic publication will be coming to you twice a month with news and shooting tips that we are sure that you will find helpful.

Hunter Education Saves Lives But State Reduces Access



Tennessee's Hunter Education program works. Since 1975, when a formal hunter education program was introduced, the number of hunting and firearm related accidents in Tennessee has declined dramatically.

What the Law says...

Tennessee Code Annotated 70-2-108 became law in 1985 and states:

Every person born on or after January 1, 1969, before hunting, shall possess, in addition to all other licenses and permits required, proof of satisfactory completion of an agency approved hunter education course...

Those under 10 years of age do not need a Hunter Education certificate, but must be accompanied by an adult at least 21 years of age, who must remain in a position to take immediate control of the hunting device.

Who is eligible to take a Hunter Education class?

The course is offered free of charge to anyone interested regardless of age; however, you must be nine years of age or older in order to become a certified hunter education graduate.

Parents are encouraged to go through the course with their child. Parents who participate and who pass the test will receive hunter education certification. Many states require hunter education certification regardless of age. Parents that do not wish to become certified, typically find the class is

both informative and enjoyable.

Class Schedules Cut

Austin's Tennessee Firearms School has hosted the TWRA Hunter Safety Education program each fall for the past two years. This year we had instructors that were scheduled to attend the TWRA Academy so that we could give the Hunter Education program courses without the assistance of a TWRA officer. This would not only reduce the work load on the county officer but would allow the school to offer the classes more than once per year. The academy was cancelled this year for unknown reasons and now we find that the officer in Anderson County has been ordered to reduce her work schedule in order to reduce the "comp time" that would require the agency to pay the game wardens over time pay. In essence the Anderson County officer has been told that she is to only work one day on the lake and only one court day per week. Other than that she is to take off in order to use up the comp time she has accumulated due to the fact that the agency either can not or will not hire the number of officers needed to do the job it is taxed with.

What does that mean to those aspiring hunters of Anderson County? It means that you either go to the class at the Anderson County High School on 20, 22, 27 and 29 August, you travel longer distances outside of the county to find another class or you simply don't get a hunting license this year. If you have a scheduling problem or if you may have a hard time learning in a class of over 100 people crammed into a hot cafeteria for three hours a night over four nights, then the class at ACHS is not an option for you. You could drive all the way to Lenoir City, Vonore, Jefferson City or Sevierville for four nights of classes and a day of shooting. That is difficult for a lot of folks due to scheduling, school and the cost of gas these days.

We feel like the state is short changing the residents of Anderson County and we are working hard to get our instructors certified to teach this class. Stay tuned for further details in upcoming issues of **Bullet Points**.

Contributors Wanted:

Bullet Points is dedicated to bringing you information on topics regarding firearms safety, self defense and sport. We are always seeking new input on these topics and welcome all intelligent correspondence regarding these matters. If you would like to share ideas with the shooting community please submit your article to:

admin@tngunshop.com

We'll review it and contact you if we think it is useful. Thank you for your time in reading our ezine.

When firearms go, all goes- we need them every hour.

-President George Washington

Gun-ban Lawsuit Part Deux



Plaintiff Dick Heller, who successfully challenged the District's ban on handguns, stands outside the Supreme Court in Washington, D.C.

Exactly two weeks ago, Mayor Adrian Fenty and

the D.C. Council was told that the overbearing emergency legislation regulating gun purchases, registration and ownership they passed would face a lawsuit. The week before, they were told how to possibly avoid litigation. City Hall did not listen. Despite the Supreme Court ruling, the District remains onerous. A lawsuit was filed Monday by Dick Heller, the very gun-rights advocate who challenged the city's strict handgun ban that led to the Supreme Court decision. The high court affirmed that citizens do indeed have the individual right to bear arms. In his latest suit, Mr. Heller is contending that the new D.C. regulations are "unreasonable and burdensome" for prospective gunowners. Mr. Heller argues, for example, that the city's classification that a machine gun is any weapon that shoots

Arms in the hands of citizens (may) be used at individual discretion ... in private self-defense.

-John Adams,
A defense of the
Constitutions of the
Government of the United
States of America (1778)

Oppressors can tyrannize only when they achieve a standing army, an enslaved press and a disarmed populace.

-James Madison

more than 12 rounds without reloading makes most semi-automatic pistols off limits and does not conform to the public's perception of what a machine gun is nor with the definition in any English language dictionary.

But there are other encroachments, including a provision that requires residents to keep their guns unloaded and disassembled in the home or equipped with a trigger lock. Worse is a provision that makes it impossible for residents to even register a newly purchased handgun: "The applicant takes his or her completed application to a licensed firearm dealer to take delivery of the pistol. If the dealer is outside the District, the dealer transports the pistol to a licensed dealer in the District to complete the transaction."

There are five federally licensed dealers in the District, including the Shakespeare Theatre Inc. Arena Stage and some others, but none are selling or transferring firearms. The facts regarding the how-to of registration are singularly ironic because one of them is anti-gun lobbyist Josh Sugarman. He is the founder and executive director of the Violence Policy Center, a group dedicated to gun control. But he is neither selling nor transferring firearms. Mr. Sugarman has devoted much of his life to ending gun violence and defending gun laws. (The policy center has even advocated guns be regulated as a public-health product.)

That D.C. residents have no D.C. option when it comes to purchasing and registering firearms is unacceptable and turns any measure of common sense and reasonableness on its head.

City Hall could easily spare the Violence Policy Center and the Shakespeare Theatre the hardship by striking the provision when it returns from summer recess. But that is as likely as Mayor Adrian Fenty testing the onerousness of his own bureaucracy and anti-gun logic by trying to buy and register a handgun. Indeed, the mayor is seemingly refusing to yield even to the Supreme Court when it comes to handgun rights. Mr. Fenty's response to the second lawsuit filed by Mr. Heller sounds as if the mayor was not even aware that the court had ruled in Mr. Heller's favor: "The Office of the Attorney General will vigorously defend the District's laws as reasonable regulations of firearms, and as the lawful action of the people's representatives, the Mayor and the Council."

The issue is not whether City Hall "will vigorously defend" the city's statutes. The issue is twofold: 1) why City Hall refuses to obey the Supreme Court; 2) and why City Hall is becoming so litigious. The coolest of heads are needed when litigation involves the Constitution.

Free Clinic Days

Hey, don't forget about our Free Clinic days at the range. They are always on the Sunday after the second Saturday of the month. They are open to all students and are a good opportunity to get in a little practice with your firearms whether they be pistols, rifles or shotguns. Unless there is a weather problem such as lightning, torrential down-pour or severe cold and/or blowing snow the range opens at 1:00 pm and will remain open until 5:00 pm. If the weather is "iffy" and you are unsure, call the school line at 865.483.1108 to be sure.

The best we can hope for concerning the people at large is that they be properly armed.

-Alexander Hamilton, The Federalist Papers

Accuracy is the product of consistency.

(Unknown)

Gun Control Groups Fear Top Activist Was A Spy

PHILADELPHIA -- A gun-control activist who championed the cause for more than a decade and served on the boards of two anti-violence groups is suspected of working as a paid spy for the National Rifle Association, and now those organizations are expelling her and sweeping their offices for bugs.

The suggestion that Mary Lou McFate was a double agent is contained in a deposition filed as part of a contract dispute involving a security firm. The muckraking magazine Mother Jones, in a story last week, was the first to report on McFate's alleged dual identity.

The NRA refused to comment to the magazine and did not respond to calls Tuesday from The Associated Press. Nor did McFate.

The 62-year-old former flight attendant and sex counselor from Sarasota, Fla., is not new to the world of informants.

She infiltrated an animal-rights group in the late 1980s at the request of U.S. Surgical, and befriended an activist who was later convicted in a pipe bomb attack against the medical-supply business, U.S. Surgical acknowledged in news reports at the time. U.S. Surgical had come under fire for using dogs for research and training.

McFate resurfaced in Pennsylvania and has since spent years as an unpaid board member of CeaseFirePA and an organization called States United to Prevent Gun Violence. She also twice pushed unsuccessfully to join the board of the nation's largest gun-control group, the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence. - MaryClaire Dale, Associated Press, 6 August 2008

Personal Protection in the Home

 <p>Dialing 9 1 1 takes only seconds</p> <p>Waiting for help could take the rest of your life!</p> <p>Be prepared to hold out until the police arrive</p> <p>because your family's safety and security are top priority</p>	<p>Home Invasions are on the rise all across the nation and it happens in all types of neighborhoods from the modest to the moneyed. News stories of people being brutalized in their own homes and apartments by thugs willing to seriously injure or even kill them for their money or property are almost a daily occurrence. Just last week a couple was beaten and robbed at knife point in the Married Student</p>
<p>Housing apartments on Cumberland Avenue at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Normal folks know that college students don't</p>	

God is not on the side of the big battalions, but on the side of those who shoot best.

-Voltaire

have much money and it seems that anyone would know that married students especially have very little money. That didn't deter the gang that kicked in the door and terrorized a young couple.

On 23 August Austin's Tennessee Firearms School will offer the NRA's **Personal Protection in the Home Course**.

This course is much more than just a routine shooting course.

You will learn:

Strategies for home safety and responding to a violent confrontation

- Levels of awareness in and around your home
- Firearms and the law: possession, ownership and the use of firearms in self defense
- Introduction to defensive shooting
- Basic defensive handgun skills

The class will be held on Saturday, August 23 from 8:30-4:00. The classroom portion will be held at the schools facility located at 154A Talmeda Rd. in the Jackson Square area of Oak Ridge while the shooting exercises will take place at our private range. Call or email for more information or to register. Previous students will receive a 10% discount.

A Little Humor to Knock the Edge Off

The Duck & the Lawyer

A big city lawyer went duck hunting in rural Tennessee . He shot and dropped a bird, but it fell into a farmer's field on the other side of a fence.

As the lawyer climbed over the fence, an elderly farmer drove up on his tractor and asked him what he was doing.

The litigator responded, 'I shot a duck and it fell in this field, and now I'm going to retrieve it.'

The old farmer replied, 'This is my property, and you are not coming over here.'

The indignant lawyer said, 'I am one of the best trial attorneys in the United States and, if you don't let me get that duck, I'll sue you and take everything you own.'

The old farmer smiled and said, 'Apparently, you don't know how we settle disputes in Tennessee . We settle small disagreements with the 'Three Kick Rule.'

The lawyer asked, 'What is the 'Three Kick Rule'?'

The Farmer replied, 'Well, because the dispute occurs on my land, I get to go first. I kick you three times and then you kick me three times and so on back and forth until someone gives up.'

The attorney quickly thought about the proposed contest and decided that he could easily take the old codger. He agreed to abide by the local custom.

The old farmer slowly climbed down from the tractor and walked up to the attorney.

His first kick planted the toe of his heavy steel toed work boot into the lawyer's groin and dropped! him to his knees.

His second kick to the midriff sent the lawyer's last meal gushing from his mouth.

The lawyer was on all fours when the farmer's third kick to his rear end, sent him face-first into a fresh cow pie.

The lawyer summoned every bit of his will and managed to get to his feet.

Wiping his face with the arm of his jacket, he said, 'Okay, you old fart. Now it's my turn.'

The old farmer smiled and said, 'Nah, I give up. You can have the duck.'

Hillbilly Mirror

After living in the remote wilderness of Eastern Kentucky all his life, an old hillbilly decided it was time to visit the big city of Pikeville.

In one of the stores he picks up a mirror and looks in it. Not ever having seen one before, he remarked at the image staring back at him, 'How about that! Here's a picture of my daddy.'

He bought the mirror thinking it was a picture of his daddy, but on the way home he remembered his wife didn't like his father, so he hung it in the barn, and every morning before leaving for the fields, he would go there and look at it.

His wife began to get suspicious of these many trips to the barn.

One day after her husband left, she searched the barn and found the mirror. As she looked into the glass, she fumed, 'So that's the ugly hussy he's runnin' around with.'

In Closing

We hope that you have enjoyed this issue of **Bullet Points**. The next issue will appear in your inbox in the third week of August. We'll be back in the first week and the third week of every month with helpful shooting tips, news you can use and a joke or two. Until then, stay safe.

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