



FOURTH QUARTER NEWSLETTER-PUBLISHED OCTOBER 1, 2021

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's already October... Wow! It's just a few short months until we elect new members to the Board of Directors. We will have one 1-year Director, two 2-year Directors, Secretary and Vice President/President Elect positions open. If you have an interest in helping to lead the Club into the future, please let one of the Board members know! Nominations will close following the November meeting.

Speaking of meetings, at least for the foreseeable future, they will continue to be held outdoors on Bay 1 of the Pistol Range. Many of the possible venues are hesitant to open back up due to our Governor's ever-changing C-19 mandates.

I want to say a huge "Thank you" to the Boy Scouts of Troop 357 and their Leadership for presenting an outstanding Flag Retirement Ceremony on September 11th. It was a very solemn and dignified ceremony and restored my hope for our Nation's future.

Our Club is unique in so many ways, yet I often feel that many of our members don't realize or forget what great shooting opportunities we provide. I know of no other facility like ours. We can shoot from dawn to 10:00 PM on any of our outdoor ranges, and 24 hours a day on the Indoor Rimfire and Archery ranges. As members, the Club belongs to each of us, but it's those who routinely volunteer their time and energy who make it the best range/Club in the Nation, and I thank you all.

Some of y'all who are less involved with the Club activities may wonder where our funding comes from. Your initiation fees and dues certainly provide some of the Club's income, but far more income is generated by our volunteer Match Directors, Instructors and Coaches. The Club hosts several classes every month which are led by teams of volunteer Instructors. All the income from our classes goes straight to support other Club activities and improvements. Likewise, the money generated by the San Bernardino Sheriff's CCW Requalification program, which is staffed entirely by volunteers, goes back to the Club.

I'd like to take a moment to encourage each of you to do a couple of things. We all have family, friends or acquaintances who know very little about firearms and the shooting sports. Some are rabid anti-gun; others are just ill-informed. I challenge each of you to seek out at least one of those

individuals and bring them to the range and show them a positive experience. Second, if you're not politically active, please get active. Personally, I am a single-issue voter because I firmly believe that without our 2nd Amendment, the rest of our Constitution is worthless. Any politician who says "I support the gun rights, but..." won't get my vote. I urge you to join others by joining and supporting California Rifle and Pistol Association, San Bernardino County Gun Owners, and any other pro 2nd Amendment organization; and get actively involved!

Today is a great day to be on the Range. I'll see you there!

Tracey Graham  
President, Apple Valley Gun Club

## FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT-ELECT

October is upon us, and hopefully cooler temperatures will follow in the next few months.

Once again, I'd like to send out a huge THANK YOU to all the volunteers for their support including our dedicated RSO's who continuously volunteer their time to help keep the range safe for all of us.

As always, SAFETY is our number one priority. Over time our Policies and Procedures, our Range Safety Rules and our Bylaws have been updated. If you are a longtime club member, I encourage you to look at the current version of these documents so you can become familiar with any changes that have been made since the date you joined. For all our newest members, please take the time and familiarize yourselves with these documents which were included in your membership packets. Quite often, updates and changes involve range safety rules having to do with safety and safe gun handling and it's important that members be familiar with these and follow the current safety protocol on the range.

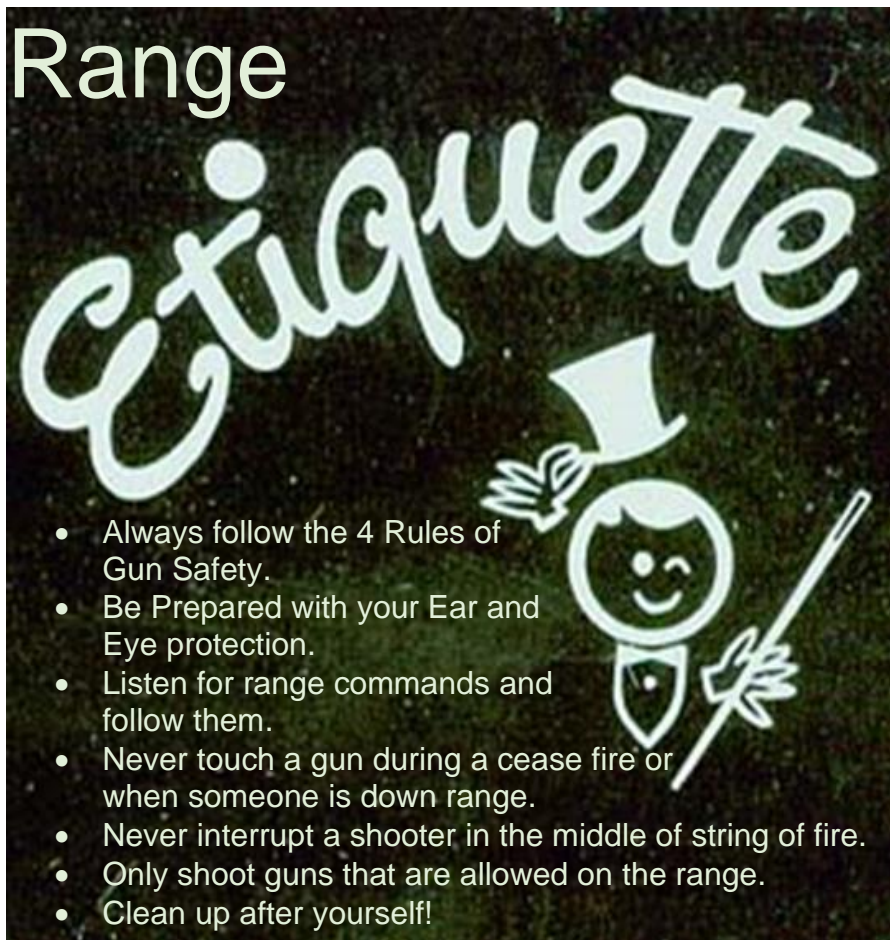
I'd like to remind everyone that should another member approach you while you are on the range, they are most likely doing so to point out something that you are doing that is either unsafe or against the range rules. Please remember that most often that member is also a Chief RSO, RSO, NRA Instructor, Range Chair, Board of Director, or all of these. Sometimes, a member on site may be contacted by an off-site member with access to our surveillance cameras, who witnessed the safety violation on camera. A member may be asked by one of us to approach you and to please point it out to you. Our goal is to educate all members on current safety policies and procedures. Attitude/Good Sportsmanship behavior is critical on the range. Please remember that when approached by another member on the range.

Safety is always our number one priority at the Apple Valley Gun Club. A safe place to shoot is the number one reason why our membership continues to grow. I want to remind members once again to remember to uncase and case your firearms ONLY at the bench. Never behind the bench. Never lay a loaded firearm down on the bench at any time. All firearms on the bench MUST have the action open, port side up, mag well empty. This makes it easy for you, your guests, and others walking by to verify that firearms resting on the benches are unloaded. If you need to set a firearm down on the bench simply remove the magazine, lock the slide to the rear, make sure the muzzle is pointed down range, port side up. Never touch a firearm laying on the bench, sitting in a case, or holstered when someone is anywhere in front of the bench and down range.

Jenaraye Graham  
Vice President/President Elect



# Range



- Always follow the 4 Rules of Gun Safety.
- Be Prepared with your Ear and Eye protection.
- Listen for range commands and follow them.
- Never touch a gun during a cease fire or when someone is down range.
- Never interrupt a shooter in the middle of string of fire.
- Only shoot guns that are allowed on the range.
- Clean up after yourself!



## Spent Brass



You may have noticed the large spent brass recycle barrels on the various ranges. After you shoot, you are free to collect the spent casings you have shot. Otherwise, please deposit your spent brass into the recycle bins. As a not-for-profit club, part of our fiscal strategy relies on various sources of income. By providing recycle barrels, the club has used the money collected from recycling and put it back into our community programs!

## **SAFETY** is always the #1 priority at the Apple Valley Gun Club.



It is the role of the Safety Committee to review Incident Reports and discuss various safety violations with the members. It is never the intent of the Safety Committee to embarrass, ridicule, disparage, or make any member feel unwelcome. Rather, the Safety Committee is there to help educate members that are ignorant or have become complacent. The goal is always to teach and help the members become safer on the range for everyone. Below are some of the MOST COMMON incidents that are reported on the range. By notifying the membership of these violations, the hope is that you will recognize any of these behaviors in yourself and learn from them so that you become a safer shooting partner on the range.

- Firearm on the bench, slide closed, magazine out. There was still a round in the chamber and the member did not know it was there. Always, keep the slide locked open and clear the chamber.
- Guns uncased on the back bench, muzzles pointing at other people. Only uncased guns at the bench with the muzzles pointed down range
- Not having control over guests. If you need **not** shoot to have control over your guests, then don't shoot.
- Picking up guns whiles people are down range. Never touch a gun when someone is down range.

9/11/2001



*Never Forget*

September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 marked the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the worst terrorist attack in history. The horrific day came as a series of four organized terrorist attacks, planned by Al-Qaeda, targeting the United States of America. The attacks killed approximately **2,996** people and injured more than **6,000**. This deadly attack involved four passenger airlines flying to California from the northeastern parts of the US. United Airlines Flights 175 and American Airlines Flight 11 were crashed by Al-Qaeda into the South and North towers in that order, in New York's World Trade Center. In less than two hours the two 110-story towers had collapsed, resulting in mounds of debris and multiple

fires. American Airlines Flight 77 plowed into the Pentagon, Virginia where the western side of the building collapsed. United Airlines Flight 93, the fourth plane, crashed in Stonycreek Township although the attacker's aim was Washington, D.C.

Many of us remember exactly where we were and what we were doing when we got the news. I was at home, getting ready to head to my college campus, and remember immediately emailing my Political Science professor, who happened to be an expert in terrorist organizations. I remember pleading for some kind of explanation of what was happening. It's hard to imagine that 20 years have gone by! Many of the youth in our club weren't even born yet and they learn about this piece of history in school, the way we did about Pearl Harbor or the World Wars. As we strive to create a better world for our youth, let us continue to remember our past, be reverent in our hearts and minds, and most importantly, practice love and kindness to create a better future.

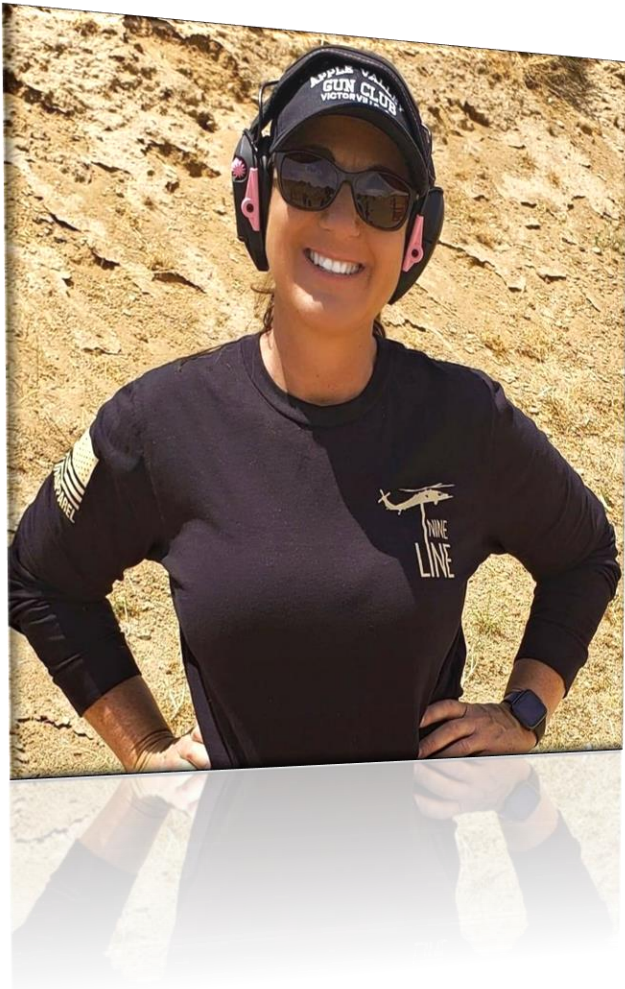
## **BOY SCOUT TROOP 357 FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY SEPTEMBER 11, 2021**





# Welcome to the Board of Directors Jody!

Jody Patterson was appointed to the empty Director seat on the Board of Directors. Pursuant to our Bylaws, the Board of Directors has an obligation to fill an empty seat when there is a vacancy. After discussion and consideration of multiple candidates, the Board decided Jody would be a fantastic fit to complete the remaining months of the 2-year term that ends with the coming elections. The Board would like to send a HUGE THANK YOU to Suzan Green for her contributions to the Board and we look forward to her continued commitment to the Finance Committee, and of course her friendship on and off the range.



Hi my name is Jody Patterson. My family and I moved to Apple Valley in 2012. I grew up in Long Beach...I am the daughter of a retired LAPD homicide detective.

I have been an RN for 24 years with background in emergency, infusion, home health and hospice. I am currently the Director for High Desert Hospice. My husband and I have 2 boys. Oldest (Danny) is in his second year of Pharmacy school up at Pacific University in Oregon and our youngest is 16 (Troy) and a junior at AV High. Troy joined SASP at AVGC 2 years ago.

My husband and son started spending a lot of time up at Apple Valley Gun Club, I was curious, so I started joining them. I took some classes, got my very own gun and I was hooked. 😊

I still have so much to learn, but I have enjoyed learning this new sport and the people we have met along the way.

I am very excited to represent this great club and strive to help make our community safer. I believe people should be responsible for their own safety and

wellbeing when possible. I am an advocate in the community for gun rights, proper education for safe gun use and for having a safe and fun place to practice.

Thank you for allowing me to represent AVGC.

# It's Enough to Make You Quiver!

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Open Archery

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Straw Bales

Crossbow

Compound

Riser

Arrow

Bow

Finger Tab

Arm Guard

Release

Sandy

Draw

Do you need old straw bales? We've got you covered! Our Archery Range is looking to get rid of their old straw bales to make room for some new straw bales! So, whether you are throwing a Western themed party, need some mulch, want to get fall crafty, or want to set up your own archery range in your backyard, contact Range Chair, Sandy Oberlies to make arrangements to pick up your bales! 760-282-4395





# SASP RECEIVES A DONATION!

Thank you, Tim Neubauer, for your generous donation of a Ruger 10/22 Target Lite with custom painted stock! We are sure the kids will love it!



Check out those jerseys! Keep up the good work Mojave River Rats!



## Another Successful Women on Target Program

**Ladies! Listen Up! If you have not participated in one of our Women on Target events you are missing out!! It is a full day of fun, shooting, hanging with friends, and learning about guns! It is a safe and friendly environment and no experience or equipment is necessary. Just check out these smiling faces! Go sign up for our next program on Eventbrite!**



# AVGC BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS ARE AROUND THE CORNER

Do you have great ideas for the future of the club? Are you looking for a way to be productive and get your volunteer hours in? Your club needs YOU! Consider running for a seat on the Board of Directors. Nominations open at the October membership meeting and close following the November membership meeting. If you have questions about the Board and its responsibilities, reach out and ask! Then, get your name on the ballot!



**Speaking of Elections...the California Recall election was held on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021. As a not-for-profit organization the AVGC cannot endorse any political candidate. Here was the breakdown:**






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**Looking for Targets on the Pistol Range?**

**Look no further!**

**You can find what you need in the connex where the bathrooms are!**

CANDIDATE	VOTES	PCT.
 no (remain governor) 	5,840,283	63.92%
 yes (remove from office)	3,297,145	36.08%

*AP estimates 68% of ballots have been counted.*

Voters have chosen **not** to recall California Gov. Gavin Newsom, and he will remain in office.

\*Infographic source: <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/the-nos-have-it-gov-gavin-newsom-survives-in-california-recall-election>



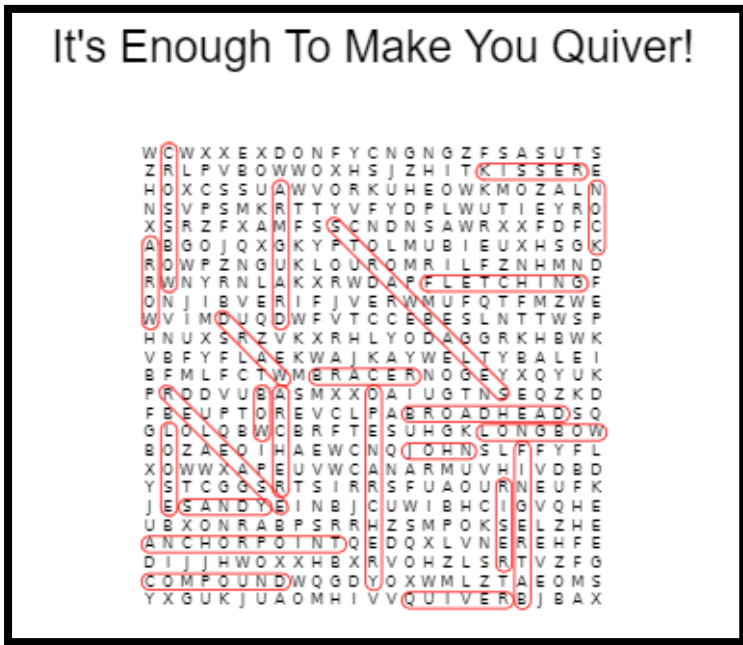
# WHAT IS THE BEST HOME DEFENSE GUN?

Shotgun	Rifle	Pistol
<p>Pros:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• they send a lot of lead downrange</li> <li>• They are affordable and reliable.</li> <li>• the familiar *ka-chunk* sound of racking a pump action shotgun is the universal “get out of my house.”</li> </ul>	<p>Pros:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Higher magazine capacity.</li> <li>• Easier to shoot well.</li> <li>• Upgradeability</li> </ul>	<p>Pros:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They are smaller.</li> <li>• Higher capacity and reload speed</li> <li>• Easy to add lights</li> <li>• Large choice of ammo and calibers</li> <li>• Price ranges from \$200 to sky is the limit.</li> <li>• One hand is free to make an emergency phone call.</li> </ul>
<p>Cons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They are usually heavy and long</li> <li>• Recoil is harsh</li> <li>• Capacity is limited.</li> <li>• Reloading is more difficult</li> <li>• 00 Buck has the tendency to over penetrate walls</li> </ul>	<p>Cons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Price</li> <li>• Longer length.</li> <li>• It's a little harder to aim</li> <li>• Over penetration</li> </ul>	<p>Cons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• it's a little harder to aim and be accurate.</li> <li>• Reliability and Failures</li> </ul>

Your final decision will come down to a variety of factors such as:

- What you personally shoot best
- Size and location of your home
- Overpenetration risk
- Family members’ location and skills

Answer Key:



# **"Brief" History of Gun Control in the United States**

**1791** - The Bill of Rights, including the Second Amendment, gains final ratification.

**1927** - The U.S. Congress passes the Miller Act, a law banning the mailing of concealable weapons.

**1865** - In a reaction to emancipation, several southern states adopt "Black codes" which, among other things, forbid Black persons from possessing firearms.

**1837** - Georgia passes a law banning handguns. The law is ruled unconstitutional by the state's Supreme Court and is thrown out.

**1871** - The National Rifle Association (NRA) is organized around its primary goal of improving American civilians' marksmanship in preparation for war.

**1934** - The National Firearms Act of 1934, regulating the manufacture, sale, and possession of fully automatic firearms like sub-machine guns is approved by Congress.

**1938** - The Federal Firearms Act of 1938 places the first limitations on selling ordinary firearms. Persons selling guns are required to obtain a Federal Firearms License, at an annual cost of \$1, and to maintain records of the name and address of persons to whom firearms are sold. Gun sales to persons convicted of violent felonies were prohibited.

**1986** - The Armed Career Criminal Act increases penalties for possession of firearms by persons not qualified to own them under the Gun Control Act of 1968.

The Firearms Owners Protection Act relaxes some restrictions on gun and ammunition sales and establishes mandatory penalties for use of firearms during the commission of a crime.

The Law Enforcement Officers Protection Act bans possession of "cop killer" bullets capable of penetrating bulletproof clothing.

**1976** - The District of Columbia enacts an anti-handgun law which also requires registration of all rifles and shotguns within the District of Columbia.

**1968** - The Gun Control Act of 1968 is enacted for the purpose of "keeping firearms out of the hands of those not legally entitled to possess them because of age, criminal background, or incompetence."

**1972** - The ATF is created, listing as part of its mission the control of illegal use and sale of firearms and the enforcement of Federal firearms laws. The ATF issues firearms licenses and conducts firearms licensee qualification and compliance inspections.

**1989** - California bans the possession of semiautomatic assault weapons following the massacre of five children on a Stockton, Calif., school playground.

**1990** - The Crime Control Act bans the manufacturing and importing semiautomatic assault weapons in the United States. "Gun-free school zones" are established, carrying specific penalties for violations.

**1988** - President Ronald Reagan signs the Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988, making it illegal to manufacture, import, sell, ship, deliver, possess, transfer, or receive any firearm that is not detectable by walk-through metal detectors.

**1994** - The Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act imposes a five-day waiting period on the purchase of a handgun and requires that local law enforcement agencies conduct background checks on purchasers of handguns.

The Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 prohibits the sale, manufacture, importation, or possession of several specific types of assault-type weapons for a 10-year period. However, the law expires on September 13, 2004, after Congress fails to reauthorize it.

**1997** - The U.S. Supreme Court, in the case of *Printz v. United States*, declares the background check requirement of the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act unconstitutional.

The Florida Supreme Court upholds a jury's \$11.5 million verdict against Kmart for selling a gun to an intoxicated man who used the gun to shoot his estranged girlfriend.

Major American gun manufacturers voluntarily agree to include child safety trigger devices on all new handguns.

**June 1998** - A Justice Department report indicates the blocking of some 69,000 handgun sales during 1997 when the Brady Bill pre-sale background checks were required.



**Nov. 30, 1998** - Permanent provisions of the Brady Act go into effect. Gun dealers are now required to initiate a pre-sale criminal background check of all gun buyers through the newly created National Instant Criminal Background Check (NICS) computer system.

**October 2005** - President Bush signs the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act limiting the ability of victims of crimes in which guns were used to sue firearms manufacturers and dealers. The law includes an amendment requiring all new guns to come with trigger locks.

**February 2010** - A federal law signed by President Barack Obama took effect allowing licensed gun owners to bring firearms into national parks and wildlife refuges as long as they are allowed by state law.

**August 2019** - "Red flag" laws also proposed to allow police or family members to file a court petition to remove firearms from individuals who might pose a danger to themselves or others.

**Dec. 1, 1998** - The NRA files suit in federal court attempting to block the FBI's collection of information on firearm buyers.

**Sept. 13, 2004** - After lengthy and heated debate, Congress allows the 10-year-old Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 banning the sale of 19 types of military-style assault weapons to expire.

**January 2008** - President Bush signs the National Instant Criminal Background Check Improvement Act requiring gun-buyer background checks to screen for legally declared mentally ill individuals, who are ineligible to buy firearms.

**Oct. 4, 2017** - Less than a week after the Las Vegas shooting, U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) introduces the "Automatic Gunfire Prevention Act" that would ban the sale and possession of bump stocks and other devices that allow a semiautomatic weapon to fire like a fully-automatic weapon.

**Feb. 21, 2018** - President Donald Trump orders the Justice Department and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to review "bump fire stocks"—devices that allow a semi-automatic rifle to be fired similarly to a fully-automatic weapon. On February 20, Sanders stated that the president would support "steps" to raise the current minimum age for buying military-style weapons from 18 to 21.

**July 1998** - An amendment requiring a trigger lock mechanism to be included with every handgun sold in the United States is defeated in the Senate. But the Senate approves an amendment requiring gun dealers to have trigger locks available for sale and creating federal grants for gun safety and education programs.

**May 20, 1999** - By a 51-50 vote, with the tie-breaker vote cast by Vice President Al Gore, the U.S. Senate passes a bill requiring trigger locks on all newly manufactured handguns and extending waiting period and background check requirements to sales of firearms at gun shows.

**Aug. 24, 1999** - The Los Angeles County, Calif., Board of Supervisors votes 3-2 to ban the Great Western Gun Show, billed as the "World's Largest Gun Show" from the Pomona fairgrounds where

**December 2004** - Congress fails to continue funding for President George W. Bush's 2001 gun control program, Project Safe Neighborhoods.

Massachusetts becomes the first state to implement an electronic instant gun buyer background check system with fingerprint scanning for gun licenses and gun purchases.

**June 26, 2008** - In its landmark decision in the case of *District of Columbia v. Heller*, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the Second Amendment affirmed the rights of individuals to own

**July 29, 2015** - In an effort to close the so-called "gun show loophole" allowing gun sales conducted without Brady Act background checks, U.S. Rep. Jackie Speier (D-Calif.) introduces the Fix Gun Checks Act of 2015 (H.R. 3411), to require background checks for all gun sales, including sales made over the internet and at gun shows.

**Oct. 5, 2017** - Sen. Feinstein introduces the Background Check Completion Act. The Background Check Completion Act would require that a background check be fully completed before any gun buyer who purchases a gun from a federally-licensed firearms dealer (FFL) can take possession of the gun.

**January 20, 2020** - Rep. Hank Johnson, introduced H.R. 5717, which would ban the purchasing and possession of assault weapons. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., introduced in February the Senate version of the bill, S.3254. The bill addresses background checks, taxes on firearms and goods related to firearms, gun storage, accessibility of guns on school campuses, and more.

\*Citation for information contained herein located at the end of this publication\*

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