

Mark Lewis	New	
Charles Camden	New	
Thomas Sullivan	New	
Andrew Gates	New	
Ronald Crobett	New	
Kevin McDonald	New	
David K. Phillips	New not THE David Phillips	
Brook J. Thomas	New	
Richard Ross	New	
Calvin Streeter	New	
Diane Streeter	New	Associate
Aaron Streeter	New	Junior
Brian Streeter	New	Junior

It is required that new members receive their badges at a General Membership Meeting as stated in the Membership packet. The following approved NEW MEMBERS have badges ready to be issued at the next General Membership Meeting on 5/17/2007:

- Heath Wooton
- Jeff Hancock
 - Sarah Hancock
 - Marco Hancock
- Kent Filleman
 - Priscilla Hubenak
 - Sam Filleman
- Mike Downey
 - Gillian Downey

EDUCATION REPORT by Sandy Rigg

ARC Celebrates on Armed Forces Day

Armed Forces Day is Saturday, May 19. The Austin Rifle Club will celebrate this day by hosting an open house and fundraiser for the club. The public will get a chance to come out and get a hands-on instruction in many of the shooting disciplines the club offers. We hope you'll join us too.

To raise some funds and help attract a sizeable crowd, we are selling raffle tickets. For \$5 you can be in the drawing for an M1 Garand and help out the club. McBrides assures us this is a nice firearm so come to a meeting or see Hugh Morrison and buy a ticket. We will draw for the big prize once 400 or more tickets have been sold. Goal is May 19th. Club shirts will also be available. All current servicemen and women wearing their uniform get in free. See the flyer for more information about the day.

We have an exciting class coming up on June 2. The class, Tactical Medicine for the Non-Medic and the accompanying CPR/AED class are taught by Vicki Smith, a S.W.A.T. qualified and Para-rescue specialist.

We anticipate high interest in the class so if you're interested, sign up now through education@austinrifleclub.org.

We need instructors to help complete the 2007 Schedule. We are always looking for people with a variety of experience to help teach classes and you don't necessarily need official certifications. If you're able to help out, we'd love to hear from you.

Course Dates

Concealed Handgun Classes - May 12, 20, 24; Jun 9, 17, 21

(students must register through www.chl-texas.com)

Tactical Medicine for the Non-Medic – Jun 2

Range Orientation – 3rd Saturday/month

Check the website for full class listings:
<http://austinrifleclub.org>.

Contact education@austinrifleclub.org for more information

~Sandy Rigg, Education Director

TRADING POST: This space is available to ARC members to sell, swap, or buy stuff. E-mail your ad to newsletter@austinrifleclub.org or call the newsletter editor at the number listed in the [Club Officers](#) table below.

Remington 700 Classic, 8X57, NIB, very nice wood, \$550.

High Standard Super Matic Mod. 106 Military. \$575.

1903A3 Smith Corona, complete, very nice, \$795.

Willing to work out trade for old-model Winchester Model 70s.

Ellis Huffman: 512-892-2800

Colt Officer's Match .38 spec. w/ 6" barrel, herret grips, holster wear on outside, great condition inside. \$195. Bill Young (512)428-9146

For Sale: complete skeet reloading outfit including:
1 Ponsness Warren size-o-matic 900 with 28 ga. tooling
1 Ponsness Warren size-o-matic 900 with 410 tooling
1 Mec Grabber 12 ga.
1 Mec Grabber 20 ga.

Assorted powder bars, powder and shot bushings for above.

\$1200 complete with other assorted components and accessories.

Also willing to negotiate as to selling separately, but would prefer package deal.

For more info contact Dave Werner at 794-3848 or davewerner@sbcglobal.net

Signs of Intelligence?

By Fred Thompson

One of the things that's got to be going through a lot of peoples' minds now is how one man with two handguns, that he had to reload time and time again, could go from classroom to classroom on the Virginia Tech campus without being stopped. Much of the answer can be found in policies put in place by the university itself.

Virginia, like 39 other states, allows citizens with training and legal permits to carry concealed weapons. That means that Virginians regularly sit in movie theaters and eat in restaurants among armed citizens.

They walk, joke, and rub shoulders everyday with people who responsibly carry firearms — and are far safer than they would be in San Francisco, Oakland, Detroit, Chicago, New York City, or Washington, D.C., where such permits are difficult or impossible to obtain.

The statistics are clear. Communities that recognize and grant Second Amendment rights to responsible adults have a significantly lower incidence of violent crime than those that do not. More to the point, incarcerated criminals tell criminologists that they consider local gun laws when they decide what sort of crime they will commit, and where they will do so.

Still, there are a lot of people who are just offended by the notion that people can carry guns around. They view everybody, or at least many of us, as potential murderers prevented only by the lack of a convenient weapon. Virginia Tech administrators overrode Virginia state law and threatened to expel or fire anybody who brings a weapon onto campus.

In recent years, however, armed Americans — not on-duty police officers — have successfully prevented a number of attempted mass murders. Evidence from Israel, where many teachers have weapons and have stopped serious terror attacks, has been documented. Supporting, though contrary, evidence from Great Britain, where strict gun controls have led to violent crime rates far higher than ours, is also common knowledge.

So Virginians asked their legislators to change the university's "concealed carry" policy to exempt people 21 years of age or older who have passed background checks and taken training classes. The university,

however, lobbied against that bill, and a top administrator subsequently praised the legislature for blocking the measure.

The logic behind this attitude baffles me, but I suspect it has to do with a basic difference in worldviews. Some people think that power should exist only at the top, and everybody else should rely on "the authorities" for protection.

Despite such attitudes, average Americans have always made up the front line against crime. Through programs like Neighborhood Watch and Amber Alert, we are stopping and catching criminals daily. Normal people tackled "shoe bomber" Richard Reid as he was trying to blow up an airliner. It was a truck driver who found the D.C. snipers. Statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show that civilians use firearms to prevent at least a half million crimes annually.

When people capable of performing acts of heroism are discouraged or denied the opportunity, our society is all the poorer. And from the selfless examples of the passengers on Flight 93 on 9/11 to Virginia Tech professor Liviu Librescu, a Holocaust survivor who sacrificed himself to save his students earlier this week, we know what extraordinary acts of heroism ordinary citizens are capable of.

Many other universities have been swayed by an anti-gun, anti-self defense ideology. I respect their right to hold those views, but I challenge their decision to deny Americans the right to protect themselves on their campuses — and then proudly advertise that fact to any and all.

Whenever I've seen one of those "Gun-free Zone" signs, especially outside of a school filled with our youngest and most vulnerable citizens, I've always wondered exactly who these signs are directed at. Obviously, they don't mean much to the sort of man who murdered 32 people just a few days ago.

— Fred Thompson is an actor and former United States senator from Tennessee.

State Quashed Bill Allowing Handguns On Campuses

By Art Moore

Monday, April 16, 2007

More than one year before today's unprecedented shooting rampage at Virginia Tech, the state's General Assembly quashed a bill that would have given qualified

college students and employees the right to carry handguns on campus.

At the time, Virginia Tech spokesman Larry Hincker said he was happy to hear of the bill's defeat, according to the Roanoke Times.

"I'm sure the university community is appreciative of the General Assembly's actions because this will help parents, students, faculty and visitors feel safe on our campus," the Virginia Tech spokesman said.

At least 32 people were killed today at Virginia Tech in the worst campus shooting in U.S. history.

The proposal, House Bill 1572, was initiated by Del. Todd Gilbert, R-Shenandoah County, on behalf of the Virginia Citizens Defense League.

But the bill didn't pass its first stage, the House Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety.

Most universities in Virginia require students and employees, other than police, to check their guns with police or campus security upon entering campus.

Backers of the bill wanted to prohibit public universities from making "rules or regulations limiting or abridging the ability of a student who possesses a valid concealed handgun permit ... from lawfully carrying a concealed handgun."

The bill's sponsor, Gilbert, told WND that with today's tragedy still unfolding, he is uncomfortable commenting and cannot assert the university's policy in any way contributed to the shooting. But he said, nevertheless, it's clear it couldn't have stopped the attack.

"The one thing that this tragic event does illustrate is that there is not a single gun law, rule or regulation that will stop someone with this kind of evil intent from going about their business and taking life at will, if they are committed to doing that," Gilbert said.

While advocates of gun control often believe they are improving safety, they are depriving law-abiding citizens from defending themselves in dangerous situations, he contended.

"Had I been on campus today, and otherwise been entitled to carry firearms for protection and been deprived of that, I don't think words can describe how I would have felt, knowing I could have stopped something like this," Gilbert said.

People who are willing to jump through all the legal hoops necessary to get a weapons permit usually are not people society needs to worry about, he argued.

In the spring of 2005, a Virginia Tech student who had a concealed handgun permit was disciplined for bringing a handgun to class, the Roanoke paper reported. Second amendment groups questioned the university's authority, but the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police argued against guns on campus.

In June 2006, Virginia Tech's governing board approved a violence prevention policy that reaffirmed the school's ban.

MATCH RESULTS

100yd Hunter Benchrest Score Sheet Apr-07

Match Hunter	Score	Cal
1ST Charlie Kirkpatrick	250/12X	30/284
2ND Curt Gallaher	247 9X	30/44
3RD Virgil Howarth	247 8X	30HBR

Factory Varmint

1ST Joe Hutchens	235 3X	22/250
2ND Sam Randall	235 3X	308
3RD Sean Teall	232 2X	22/250

Varmint for Score

1ST Ted Heckerman	249 15X	25 Heck
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comment: ten entries

Black Powder Match

We had a good turnout with 7 shooters, some of whom were our 4-H members. Hope they keep coming!

1st Keaton Harlow	102
2nd Wayne Harlow	75
3rd Paul Oats	68

A.R.C. CALENDAR: May 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> • 9:00 am -12:00 pm : Range Workday - Range Closed
<u>6</u> • 9:00 am -3:00 pm : Range C - High Power Rifle Match • 3:00 pm -5:30 pm : Range A - Junior Muzzleloading Practice	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> • 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm : Board Meeting - China Star	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u> • 9:00 am -11:00 am : Range A - Junior Pistol Practice • 11:15 am -1:00 pm : Range B - CHL Class
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<u>20</u> • 9:00 am -3:00 pm : Range A - 2700 Conventional Pistol Match • 11:15 am -1:00 pm : Range B - CHL Class • 1:00 pm -4:00 pm : Range D/E - Smallbore Rifle Silhouette Match	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> • 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm : Range B - CHL Class	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> • 9:00 am -1:00 pm : Range D/E - NRA Smallbore Rifle Match
<u>27</u> • 10:00 am -12:00 pm : Range C - Varmint Benchrest Match • 1:00 pm -5:00 pm : Range D/E - Blackpower Rifle Match • 1:00 pm -3:00 pm : Range C - Hunter Benchrest Match	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>		

A.R.C. CALENDAR: June 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> • 9:00 am -12:00 pm : Range Workday - Range Closed • 9:00 am -6:00 pm : First Aid/CPR Class
<u>3</u> • 9:00 am -3:00 pm : Range C - High Power Rifle Match • 3:00 pm -5:30 pm : Range A - Junior Muzzleloading Practice	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u> • 9:00 am -11:00 am : Range A - Junior Pistol Practice • 11:15 am -1:00 pm : Range B - CHL Class
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Always a good time to be had at an IDPA shoot. This is a scene from a Pearland shoot. The shooter pictured consistently scores at the top of all classes, not due so much to speed as accuracy.