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## Draft Firearms Control Act Amendment Bill Withdrawn

On 30 January 2017 news broke that the draft Firearms Control Act Amendment Bill (2015) was withdrawn by the Minister of Police and that a task team has been appointed in the Secretariat to do a comprehensive revision of the Firearms Control Act.

We do not know what this revision entails, or the extent to which it may/will differ from the previous draft Bill.

We hope this means that government will be looking at all the representations submitted in January 2015 and the issues raised in the Parliamentary conference on firearms in March 2015. It is uncertain as to what consultative process will be followed and when the new Bill will be available.

The withdrawal of the Bill has no real impact on the late licence

renewal process, nor on the ongoing court cases. Further, although the issue of micro dotting and ballistic testing was a major part of the bill, there were some other portions that may have had a positive impact on firearm owners, such as the implementation of the transitional arrangements regarding the validity of green licenses, and the licensing of percussion cap revolvers and actions.

## 1000 Man Shoot Hits Its Mark

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*Henry Repeating Arms and NRA pair to let 1,000 people fire simultaneously in a celebration of firearm freedom.*

The sound of freedom echoed through the desert hills outside of Phoenix on Nov. 14, 2016, as 1,000 shooters from across the country took positions on the firing line at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility, shouldered their Henry Golden Boy rifles and let fly a thunderous volley.

They were participating in the 1000 Man Shoot, an event that will go down in NRA annals as a record number of participants to simultaneously fire rifles. However, it was intended to be much more than that, to show the world that, despite what some politicians and media elites wanted to sell the public, Americans adamantly support the right to keep and bear arms.

Anthony Imperato, president of Henry Repeating Arms, hatched the idea for the 1000 Man Shoot more than a year before the shots rang out, during a time when gun rights were under siege.

“We’re all gathering to make this very patriotic event one of unity, one of unwavering support of the Second Amendment—and to have a lot of fun as well,” Imperato said to the 1,000 participants, 400 instructors and safety officers, and many onlookers who attended.

Henry donated the rifles to the NRA, the one organization Imperato knew could muster the support and handle the logistics of such an event. The NRA, in turn, is using the gift rifles to raise money for its continued fight to protect the Second Amendment. Shooters were offered an opportunity to purchase the commemorative .22-cal. Golden Boys they fired; those that went

unpurchased will be auctioned at Friends of NRA banquets in the future. The hope is that the sale will net about \$1 million for NRA programs.

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## 4 New Year's Resolutions (You Won't Mind Keeping)

*While December might seem like ages ago, these resolutions could be implemented at any time!*

Why do we do it to ourselves?

Late each December, we make a list of resolutions for the coming new year. And if you're anything like me, by March that list has accumulated alternating layers of dust and procrastination... Perhaps the mistake we're all making is that our New Year's Resolutions are more of an exercise in masochism than a genuine blueprint for self-improvement. Doing things that are good for us and improve our lives doesn't have to cost hundreds of dollars a year in gym fees or involve a Spartan training schedule. This year, try this list of four New Year's Resolutions that you genuinely won't mind keeping:

### 1. Take a Concealed-Carry Course

.... there are a few things you can expect to learn: the parts and nomenclature of handguns, the basics of how they function, the basics of firearm safety and the laws as they relate to self-defense...

### 2. Take a Newbie To the Range

When you take a new shooter to the range with you, you're doing so much more than whiling away an afternoon. You're teaching someone how to be safe with a firearm. You're empowering them in the pursuit of their own person-



al safety. You're demonstrating to them that a lot of what the media has been telling them about guns and how they work is wrong. You're taking away the mystery behind firearms, and replacing it with the kind of knowledge that can only be gained by personal, hands-on experience. If you're able to make the experience fun and successful for them, you may even have yourself a brand-new range buddy.

### 3. Try a New Shooting Sport

If you're like many people who weren't raised around guns and hunting, it's likely you purchased your first firearm for personal defense reasons. There's absolutely nothing wrong with that. However, there are so many wonderful shooting sports out there that can add a whole new dimension, not just to your life as a firearms owner, but to your social life as well. One of the best things about the shooting sports is that you don't have to be big, strong or fast to succeed in them...you could have spent your whole life as "the last kid to get picked for kickball" and still be a dynamo behind the trigger.

What's more, you'll soon learn that participating in the shooting sports is a great way to make new friends from all walks of life. Whether it's pistol shooting competitions, rifle shooting competitions, clay games, 3-gun, cowboy action shooting...there's something out there that will work with your personality and your budget.

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### 4. Explore ....Wilderness With Your Family

The best way to teach your kids to treasure the outdoors is to spend time in it with them. It's not as hard as it sounds ... Whether it's touring a national monument site, renting a cabin ..., going on a camping trip or taking a drive through the wilderness, there's sure to be something to fit your budget and your family's particular quirks. ...

This coming year, set yourself up for success by taking on a resolution list that leaves you feeling better, not worse, than you were before you took pen to paper. It's the easiest way to make sure you have a happy New Year!

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## Keep Your Concealed Carry Gun From Showing: 6 Tips

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Many people who carry concealed firearms are concerned with preventing other people from noticing their gun, and rightly so. Carrying concealed offers a tactical advantage in that an attacker does not immediately know that you are armed, but keeping your firearm out of sight can also prevent a lot of headaches and questions. Many factors play into effective concealment, and these include your activity type and level, the gun you carry and the season. It's far simpler to hide a gun in the winter under bulky clothes than in the hot summer months, but with the right methods and tools you should be able to carry comfortably year-round without anyone knowing.

Here are six tips to keep that concealed firearm, well, concealed.

### 1. Choose the Right Holster

I didn't add firearm selection to this list because gun choice is largely a matter of personal taste, and many people can't afford to buy a new gun. But there are lots of reasonably-priced holsters that work well and can hide even relatively large firearms like Commander-length .45-caliber 1911s under light clothing. I prefer a low-bulk, inside the waistband (IWB) holster for such applications, and there are a lot of great options from various manufacturers. Belly bands are a great choice because they keep the gun close to you....

It's also important to choose a holster that is comfortable. Constantly shifting and adjusting an uncomfortable rig advertises to the world that you're armed.

### 2. Modify Carry Position

Most people carry on their hip, and most people look for a gun on someone's hip. Moving the gun to a slightly different position—say two or four o'clock on the hip for right-handed shooters—can help hide the firearm against your silhouette. Appendix carry is great for concealment too, so long as you find a method that is both safe and comfortable. Ankle rigs can hide compact pistols even under light athletic pants, jeans or dress slacks without forcing you to resort to off-body carry. I often carry at the two o'clock position and put my cell phone or wallet on the same side, effectively breaking up the outline of the firearm.

### 3. Wear Carry-Friendly Clothes

In the winter this is easy because you'll have plenty of clothing, but don't bury your firearm under so many layers of fleece and flannel that you can't get to it in a hurry. In the summer, try breathable fabrics that keep you cooler than traditional cotton. Additionally, layering light shirts won't increase body temperature that much (so long as you are wearing a breathable, light material), but that layering does help hide your gun. Cool, loose-fitting button-up tactical shirts are another good idea, but again, access to that firearm should not be slowed.

### 4. Avoid Drastic Movements

Most people print when they make what I consider a drastic movement—bending over at the waist to pick up something they have dropped or reaching high on

a supermarket shelf to grab the last box of Frosted Flakes. When you carry, avoid these movements but do so in a natural manner; kneel on one knee to pick up objects on the ground, and if you do need to access something above your head, do so with your weak-side hand while your strong hand holds your shirt or jacket in position.

### 5. Proper Posture

Standing up straight goes a long way toward helping you conceal a firearm on your hip. By standing upright your clothing hangs parallel to the barrel of your firearm and does a more effective job of concealing it. By slouching, you are adding angles that make it easier to see a firearm under your clothing. Who knew that the never-ending orders to stand up straight that your mom barked at you as a kid had tactical applications?

### 6. Hide In Plain Sight

Sometimes you don't need to hide your gun at all. ...a few companies make holsters that fit on your hip and look like a case for an electronic device, and since the majority of the world's population is never outside arm's reach of their mobile device, it probably won't shock anyone to see one of these cases on your hip. They're light, easy and secure, and there's no digging around under layers of clothing when you need to access that gun.

## Why Millennials Should Try Hunting



by Connor McKibbin  
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As much as I hate being lumped in with the group, at 25, I am undoubtedly a “Millennial.” This moniker isn’t a pleasant one because other groups (Generation X, Generation Y and the Baby Boomers) have negative perceptions of Millennials. We’re considered lazy and entitled, and these traits have sadly become our defining characteristics. We want the respect of these people, as they’re our bosses, teachers, politicians and parents. To start reframing our image, we need to use previous generations’ rites of passage to prove that what they did is not beyond us. One of these is hunting. Here’s why we should give it a try—even though many of our peers disdain it.

### #Hunting is Conservation

Millennials are perhaps the most environmentally conscious generation yet. But that doesn’t mean all the “save the animals” groups are right. In fact, hunting contributes more to conservation than any of those groups ever have. How? Hunters fund the majority of conservation efforts for the environment and the animals our generation wants to protect.

### #Hunting is Healthier

Millennials are perhaps the most health-conscious group, too. (Probably too much sometimes.) But if “store-bought meat is bad, mmmmkay,” how can we live “organically,” and still get protein that actually tastes good (sorry not sorry, soy)? By hunting, because we know exactly where our meat came from because we personally harvested it! Can’t cook it? There are numerous cookbooks available specifically for wild game. Besides the health benefits, the prices at the store can’t be beat because...

### #Hunting is Cheaper

.... By hunting your food, you will save loads of cash. The initial investment might be more, as rifles and bows aren’t cheap—but you can always buy one used, or even borrow one. And a tag? A drop in the bucket compared to what it would cost to purchase all that meat at retail prices. ....

### #Hunting Experiences (Yes, Even the Experience of Failure)

You’re probably asking, “Well, what if I don’t catch something?” First, do yourself a favor, and use the word “harvest” rather than “catch.” Hunting and fishing aren’t the same thing. Second, you’re right: Success isn’t guaranteed. But if it’s a sure bet, what’s the risk? And without risk, what’s the reward? And without the reward, why bother? Our generation acts for the sake of experience. People think Millennials are afraid to fail. Let’s prove them wrong. Yes, failure stinks. It’s not fun. But once we learn how to overcome, we can also experience...

### #Hunting Success

Even considering the negative “what-ifs,” there are positive outcomes. More exciting are the “what-ifs” of success. One of my proudest moments was when I shot my one and only bull elk to date (hopefully there will be many more). He wasn’t a monster by any means, but man, was it cool, and it brought a sense of confidence in my own abilities, as well as a newfound respect from my family and friends. The same could be said of my first successful lone deer hunt. What it taught me was well worth the effort, but the payoff of bagging my deer by myself was quite the reward, too. Which brings me to my next point; hunting lets you join...

### #The Hunting Community

Every interest, hobby or sport has its community, and it’s never a bad time when you can talk with like-minded people. Hunting is no different. Hunting even has its own types of cons (“conventions”, for the non-Millennials).... And it’s a great way to build your community...including your offline one.

Hunting can be a way to show we’re more than our hipster stereotypes. I can think of several other benefits to hunting, but if these don’t do it, maybe the older generations were right...

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