

## **WHAT IS CANADA'S NATIONAL FIREARMS ASSOCIATION DOING FOR YOU?**

So, what do I get for my membership fee?

Apart from providing good reading on firearms issues, promoting firearm education, providing the cheapest and best firearm liability insurance available, and fighting for your rights to enjoy the shooting sports, Canada's NFA has been working behind the scenes with government representatives to amend existing firearms legislation and provide input on any proposed legislation which will affect firearm owners.

Here are a few of the things Canada's NFA has done for you:

### Fighting Gun Bans and Reclassification

For all intents and purposes the Ruger Mini 14 is a semi-automatic hunting rifle. It is a light handy rifle, convenient for shooters of light build and for storage in a pickup truck or saddle scabbard. Because some in government thought it looked like an assault rifle, there was a concerted effort to have the previous government ban this rifle. The AR-15 was proposed for similar treatment and is now classed as restricted. Canada's NFA advocated against prohibiting these firearms and proposed bans were halted. Most recently Canada's NFA has helped fund a court challenge to the re-classification of the Type 97 rifle, and a case on magazine parts. We have also provided case law on self-defense to citizens embroiled in charges related to using a firearm for protection.

### Non-explosive reloading components

Bureaucrats were pushing to regulate the non-explosive components of ammunition, that is, metal casings for handguns and rifles, and plastic casings for shotguns, as well as plastic wads used in reloading, all this without knowing what the components were or how they were used. Canada's NFA advocated against this proposal and was successful.

### Reloading at home

Again the bureaucrats wanted to bring in regulations governing the reloading of ammunition at home. Among other proposals was a minimum safe distance between a reloading site and a neighbouring dwelling. In short, these proposals would have effectively banned all reloading at home. Canada's NFA fought this and won.

### Gunpowder and primers

Currently, this is a dead issue. The last round of talks involved limiting the amount of gunpowder, particularly black powder that could be stored in one place. Another organization wanted a compromise that would have severely affected black powder shooters, not realizing that a compromise involving one shooting segment can quickly turn into compromises for all segments. Canada's NFA quickly contacted the responsible agency and federal minister in charge. As a result, all discussions on this topic were stopped for the time being and the proposed changes withdrawn.

### A voice at the United Nations

We are very fortunate to have Prof. Gary Mauser as our representative to the U.N. He is working hard to preserve our rights to enjoy the shooting sports. Make no mistake, the U.N. is working toward total, world-wide civilian disarmament. That's right; the U.N. wants to ban your guns. He also represents the NFA at the World Forum of Shooting Sports, the International Association for the Protection of Civilian Arms Rights, the Outdoor Caucus Association of Canada and the Ministers Firearms Advisory Committee. Prof. Mauser is an internationally recognized researcher, authority on firearms issues, and advocate for firearms owners. Canada's NFA is registered as an NGO at the UN to help protect the rights of Canada's firearms owners.

### NFA Legal

Should you be unlawfully charged with a firearms offense, the NFA can assist your lawyer by providing information on precedent setting case law. Our record on fighting unsafe storage charges is phenomenal. We have provided suggested approaches, case law, and tips that have often resulted in charges being dropped.

### Advocating for firearm owners

The NFA works with the federal government on such issues as gun show regulations and postponing/changing UN marking regulations. The NFA presents itself as an advocacy organization. Professor Mauser serves as our representative to the Firearms Advisory Council. NFA Executive members maintain ties with federal ministries that can affect firearm matters.

### Do you travel?

Your membership entitles you to special discounts at Howard Johnson, Ramada Hotels, Days Inn and Travelodge across Canada and the US. Each hotel chain's phone number and Associate number will be listed on the back of your membership card.

Global Travel deals for "Members Only" can be found on our website.

You will also be eligible for membership savings on various rental options at Hertz.

For the price of a box of ammunition or a dinner at a restaurant you can help the NFA in its battle to preserve your right to own and enjoy firearms. We are only as strong as our members make us – won't you join us in standing up for your civil rights?

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