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# NEWSLETTER

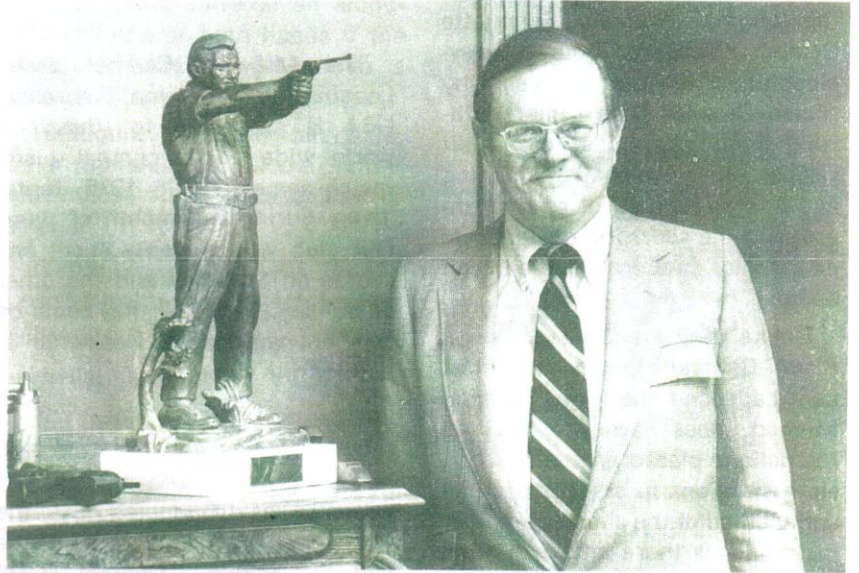
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The main ballroom of the Astro World Hotel in Houston glittered with the scene of the Third Annual Outstanding American Handgun-Award presentation. The trophy and program are sponsored by Lee E. Jurras and, naturally he presented the massive, bronze, hand-gunner sculpture to this year's winner, William "Bill" Ruger, President of Sturm, Ruger Company.

Bill, as he is called by all who know him well, deserves the trophy and honor well. More than any other person he sparked the meteoric growth of handgunning in the 1950s. He did it by designing, producing, and marketing superb, simple, but thoroughly reliable autos and revolvers at realistic (for the shooter) prices. Today you can buy a Ruger .44 Magnum revolver for hardly half the price of any other comparable, domestically produced gun. That alone is saying much, and there is more, but we lack the space to tell it here.

Jim Cirillo, in the dress uniform of the New York City Police Department, held forth as master of ceremonies, introducing the "Top Ten" handgunners, who were also honored, industry representatives, and of course, the principal guest speaker, Senator H. L. (Bill) Richardson, and Houston area dignitaries who attended.

It was especially noted that Houstonites didn't give off that "anti-gun smell" we've experienced in other cities. There they still love and appreciate guns and shooting in the traditional manner. In short, our welcome in Houston typically Texan with all the stops out. With that in mind, we certainly hope it will be possible for future Outstanding American Handgunner programs to be held there. GCN

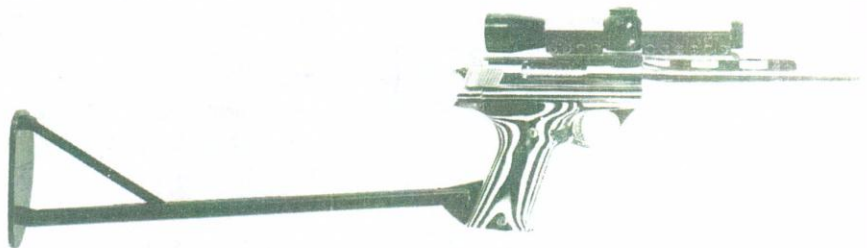


Bill Ruger, Third Annual "OUTSTANDING AMERICAN HANDGUNNER" shown with his award.

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## BULLETINS:

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Combat Pistol Matches  
June 21 & 22, 1975 at  
Tucson, Ariz  
**MILLER COMBAT MATCHES**

### WHAT IS MILLER COMBAT?

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The Miller Combat Rules and Regulations stress safety above all and shooters must adhere to them or they will be disqualified from the match. All matches are shot on steel silhouettes and the bullet, even jacketed rounds, flatten out like a lead washer and drop to the ground. The silhouettes are painted flat black and hits are obvious. A hit is a hit and the shooter must shoot each silhouette in the given sequence before going on to the next one.

Remember, the officer's handgun is his life insurance and every time he practices with it he has paid another premium on his policy.

For entry blanks, contact: Mr. Dale Miller, P. O. Box 123, Pomerene, AZ 85627

## MIDWEST COMBAT PISTOL LEAGUE, INC.

Attention: David P. Greer  
3523 South 106th St.  
Omaha, Nebraska 68124  
USA

The Midwest Combat Pistol League, Inc. of Omaha, Nebraska, USA is proposing to "host" a world wide postal combat pistol match some time in 1975, tentatively during the month of June. Our club will probably shoot one course on Saturday and the other on Sunday. However they could be shot on consecutive weekends or both on the same day.

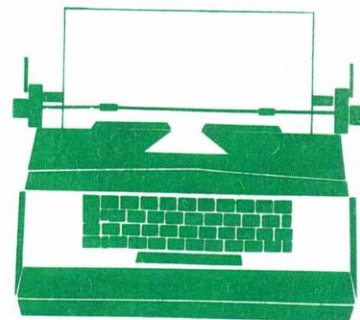
The shoots will be the Ambidexterious Defense and the Cooper Assault, as conducted by the Southwest Practical Pistol League and the Midwest Combat Pistol League. Your club may enter either or both matches. Obviously the winning club and individual will be one who shoots both courses. The Ambidexterious will be shot against set time as specified in the rules, the Cooper will be scored on hits and time taken.

We would ask all clubs to shoot within a two week period and airmail the results to our club. Upon receipt of all results we would tabulate the scores and announce the winning shooters and clubs in a mailing to all clubs that enter the competition.

The course instructions and scoring procedures will be mailed to competing clubs by the first of April, 1975.

If your club would like to enter such a match, please let us know.

# Letters



### EDITOR:

I would like to know how many .44 Auto Mags were built under the brand name of High Standard. The one that I have bears this name and has a serial no. of H-34. I'm just wondering where this piece stands in relation to the number of Auto Mags built. Any information that you can supply will be appreciated. Thank You.

John P. Reinhart #0339

Dear Mr. Reinhart:

Although numerous Auto Mags have been produced with the High Standard emblem on the barrel extension, only (132) guns were produced with the "H" series of serial numbers. It might be noted not all of these 132 guns were in numerical sequence. Other Auto Mags emblazoned with the High Standard logo carry the standard T.D.E. serial numbers designated with an "AO".

LEJ

### EDITOR:

Please note my new address as shown below. I moved up here to mountain and plain country to get some air and a chance to do some of the hunting that I've wanted to do for some time. Incidentally, I was surprised to learn, three days before the move, that another club member lived a block away, Bob Price # 0393. We had a meeting of two, the Brentwood Section of the Club de Auto Mag.



I would like to hear from any of the club members in Montana, Idaho, Wyoming area. I'd like to propose a get together later in the year to compare notes and maybe arrange some Auto Mag oriented events for those of us who can't make the Texas thing. Well, good hunting.

Ben Burroughs, # 106  
2 Faculty Court  
Bozeman, MT 59715

Ed: Any club member or potential member in the area, give Ben a holler.

LEJ

Commissioner  
**Pennsylvania Game Commission**  
P. O. Box 1567  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

I recently purchased a Pennsylvania 1974-75 hunting license with the intentions of hunting Black Bear and Whitetail Deer with my .3576-.44 Auto Mag pistol. Upon reading regulations, I learned that it is unlawful to hunt with an autoloading pistol.

Disappointing but understandably, this ruling was put in effect prior to the invent of the Auto Mag pistol. Up until now there had not been a autoloading pistol with the power, accuracy and range comparable to the big caliber revolvers necessary for clean sportsmanlike kills on the big game found in Pennsylvania.

In presenting this information, I would like to ask for a review of the handgun restrictions, granting a dispensation which would allow for the use of the Auto Mag pistol. As the popularity the Auto Mag grows, I would also like to express my hopes that a permanent amendment be added to the game rules to the same effect. Your consideration in this matter will be appreciated, hopefully resulting favorably in the use of this fine hunting arm in the hunting season.

James H. Herringshaw # 0229  
Eculid, OH 44117

Dear Mr. Herringshaw:

The present Game Law prohibits the use of autoloading guns except semi-automatic shotguns may be used for hunting and killing small game, predators and unprotected birds; and except that a semi-automatic shotgun may be used for hunting and killing big game by a person having suffered an amputation of one or both hands if the shotgun has been limited to a three-shell capacity.

Handguns for hunting big game, other than autoloaders are permitted, except rimfires, 25 Caliber or smaller.

It would take an act of the Legislature to make autoloading pistols legal for hunting in Pennsylvania.

The Game Commission and the public have been opposed to the use of autoloading rifles in Pennsylvania. Any attempt to make the autoloading pistol legal would certainly meet with the opposition and could result in a loss of some privileges we now enjoy.

Earl E. Geesaman, Chief  
Division of Law Enforcement

ED:

Club Member Herringshaw certainly shows his initiative and indicates he is a firm Auto Mag believer. It might also be noted Jim built a special magazine (modified to use his Auto Mag as a single shot) and thus was able to legally hunt with his Auto Mag in Pennsylvania.

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[Lower]



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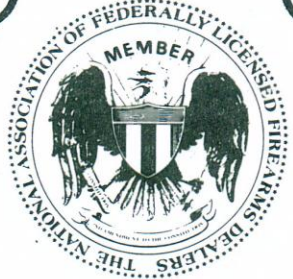
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