

SEANNE'S WISH

Many people can not imagine the horror of losing a child. Unfortunately some people have to live that horror.

On September 5th-2003, 12 year old Sean Caroline II, son of Jeanne and Sean Caroline, was accidentally shot and killed by a school friend who found his father's firearm hidden under a couch.

Jeanne has since dedicated her life, through the charity Seannes Wish Foundation, to teaching gun safety to children and educating firearms owners about securing their firearms in a way to prevent accidents.

Since you are reading this in a pro-gun firearms magazine, you are probably wondering where I am going with this and why I am even addressing this issue and giving coverage to this charity.

The answer is simple. It is clear in our mission statement:

Florida Gun News is published to support, promote and educate on responsible and ethical gun ownership, whether it be for defensive, competition or hunting purposes.

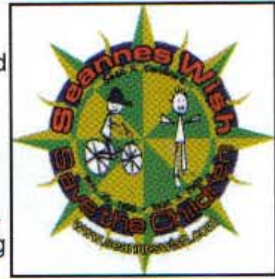
This is where the 'responsible' part comes in.

When Tony Cianci, the editor of Full Throttle Magazine, sent me Jeanne's email originally, I was extremely skeptical. Too many anti-gun groups hide behind charities claiming to be just concerned about 'child safety'. After having a long conversation with Jeanne myself, I have been assured that Seannes Wish Foundation is neither pro or anti-gun. They are pro education and pro safety. They do not want to ban handguns or take away your Second Amendment Rights, they just want to help make sure that guns are not made available to children. That is something that Florida Gun News can support.

In fact, the foundation was approached by both Handgun Inc. and the Million Mom March and Jeanne turned both organizations away. After looking at their web site (<http://www.seanneswish.com>) I mentioned some anti-gun links to firearms regulations on the web site to Jeanne, and within 24 hours they were removed and replaced by links to the NRA Firearms law pages and to the Eddie the Eagle Program.

Gun safety for children and education about responsible firearms storage and security is something that I think every gun owner out there supports.

Be sure to check Seannes Wish out.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY SID



It was a happy, "45 caliber," birthday party for 45 expert Sid Reames at Bullseye Indoor Pistol Range in Palmetto. Sid is a slightly older model, but since he always sports a Colt 45, we decided this was an appropriate tribute. The cake looked too good to eat, but we forced ourselves anyway. Stop in to the range, visit Sid and check out the 45's. It is a piece of cake. They are a great bunch of people down there. The guys and gals from Bullseye asked me to extend a special thanks to Janice, of Albertson's bakery, for a great cake.

Tom Santoro

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