UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) August 1, 2005

STURM, RUGER & COMPANY, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 001-10435 (Commission File Number) 06-0633559 (IRS Employer Identification Number)

ONE LACEY PLACE, SOUTHPORT, CONNECTICUT 06890 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (203) 259-7843

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

On August 1, 2005, the Company issued a press release announcing the election of Rear Admiral Joseph C. Strasser (USN, Ret.) and Mr. John A. Cosentino, Jr. as Directors of the Company, effective August 1, 2005. Rear Admiral Strasser, is Executive Director of the Naval War College Foundation and former President of the Naval War College. Mr. Cosentino, is a partner of the Ironwood Manufacturing Fund, LP and Chairman of the Board of Simonds International. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or By-laws; Change in Fiscal Year

On July 26, 2005, the Board of Directors of the Company adopted a resolution approving an amendment to Article 3 Section 2 of the Company's by-laws in order to increase the number of directors from six to eight. This amendment became effective July 26, 2005. The full text of the resolution is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

- 99.1 Press release of Sturm, Ruger & Company, Inc. dated August 1, 2005, announcing the election of Rear Admiral Joseph C. Strasser (USN, Ret.) and Mr. John A. Cosentino, Jr. as Directors of the Company, effective August 1, 2005.
- 99.2 Resolution of the Board of Directors of Sturm, Ruger & Company, Inc. adopted by the Board of Directors on July 26, 2005 to increase the number of directors from six to eight.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

STURM, RUGER & COMPANY, INC.

By: /S/ THOMAS A. DINEEN

Name: Thomas A. Dineen Title: Principal Financial Officer, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: August 1, 2005



August 1, 2005

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Mr. William B. Ruger, Jr., Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer Mr. Stephen L. Sanetti, Vice Chairman and President Sturm, Ruger & Company, Inc. (203) 259-7843

STURM, RUGER ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF NEW DIRECTORS

SOUTHPORT, CONNECTICUT, August 1 – Sturm, Ruger & Company, Inc. (NYSE:RGR) announced today that its Board of Directors has voted to increase the number of Directors to eight and has elected Rear Admiral Joseph C. Strasser (USN, Ret.), and Mr. John A. Cosentino, Jr. as Directors of the Company, effective August 1, 2005.

Rear Admiral Strasser is the Executive Director of the Naval War College Foundation, former President of the Naval War College, former Campus Executive Officer of Pennsylvania State College, and former Dean of Commonwealth College. RADM Strasser was also a Staff Officer to the Chief of Naval Operations, Executive Assistant to the Commander in Chief of the U.S. Pacific Command, and Executive Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Mr. Cosentino is a partner of the Ironwood Manufacturing Fund, LP and Chairman of the Board

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of Simonds International, former Group Executive of the Danaher Corporation, former Vice President of Operations for the Stanley Works, and former President, North American Operations of Otis Elevator, a division of United Technologies Corporation.

Company Chairman William B. Ruger, Jr. commented that "Messrs. Strasser and Cosentino bring valuable and diverse business experience to the Board. Their appointment as Directors will complement the already exceptional leadership skills of our Board as we guide the Company's future endeavors."

Sturm, Ruger was founded in 1949. Since 1950 it has never failed to show an annual profit and has never required financing from outside sources. The Company is the nation's leading manufacturer of high-quality firearms for recreation and law enforcement, and is a major producer of precision steel and titanium investment castings components for consumer industries. Sturm, Ruger is headquartered in Southport, CT, with plants and foundries located in Newport, NH and Prescott, AZ.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF STURM, RUGER & COMPANY, INC. AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS

RESOLVED: that effective as of July 26, 2005 pursuant to Article 3, Section 2 of the by-laws of the Corporation, the number of Directors constituting the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be increased to eight (8) until such time as the number is increased or decreased by resolution of the Board of Directors.