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) March 3, 2006

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 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On March 3, 2006 the Board of Directors of the Company adopted a resolution to amend and restate Article IV, Section 5 of the Company's bylaws which defines the responsibilities of the Chairman of the Board, Vice Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, effective immediately. Prior to the amendment to the bylaws, Article IV, Section 5 provided that the Chairman of the Board served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Company and the President served as the Chief Operating Officer of the Company.

Pursuant to the amendment to the bylaws, the President shall serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the Company, unless a separate Chief Executive Officer has been designated by the Board of Directors, in which case the President shall serve as the Chief Operating Officer of the Company. The full text of the amended and restated Articles IV, Section 5 of the Company's bylaws is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 8.01 Other Events

On February 24, 2006, the Company issued a press release announcing the appointment of Vice Admiral James E. Service, U.S. Navy (ret.) to be its Chairman of the Board, effective immediately. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.2 to the Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- Exhibit No. Description
- 99.1 Amended and restated Article IV, Section 5 of the Company's bylaws which defines the responsibilities of the Chairman of the Board, Vice Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer.
- 99.2 Press release of Sturm, Ruger & Company, Inc. dated February 24, 2006, announcing the appointment of Vice Admiral James E. Service, U.S. Navy (ret.) to be its Chairman of the Board.

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: <u>S/THOMAS A. DINEEN</u> Name: Thomas A. Dineen Title: Principal Financial Officer, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

Dated: March 3, 2006

Amended and Restated Article IV Section 5 of the Sturm, Ruger & Company, Inc. Bylaws

Section 5. Chairman of the Board, Vice Chairman, President and Chief Executive

Officer. The Chairman of the Board, if one is elected, shall preside at all meetings of the stockholders and directors and he shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board. The Vice Chairman, if one is elected, shall preside at meetings of the stockholders and directors in the absence or disability of the Chairman of the Board and shall have such other duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board. The President, or if a separate Chief Executive Officer is designated by the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, shall be vested with all the powers and perform all the duties of the Chairman of the Board in the absence or disability of the Vice Chairman of the Board. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation, unless a separate Chief Executive Officer has been so designated by the Board, in which case the President shall be the chief operating officer of the Corporation. The President, or if a separate Chief Executive Officer is designated by the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, shall have general supervision and direction of the business of the corporation, shall have all the general powers and duties usually vested in the chief executive officer of a corporation, shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board are carried into effect and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board. If a separate Chief Executive Officer is designated by the Board, the President shall have general supervision and direction of the day-to-day operations of the corporation subject to the Chief Executive Officer and shall have all the general powers and duties usually vested in the chief operating officer of a corporation.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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STURM, RUGER & COMPANY, INC. NAMES NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

SOUTHPORT, CONNECTICUT, February 24, 2006—The Board of Directors of Sturm, Ruger & Company, Inc. (NYSE-RGR), is pleased to announce the appointment of Vice Admiral James E. Service, U.S. Navy (ret.) to be its Chairman of the Board. Admiral Service has been a member of the Board of Directors since 1992, and will continue to serve as the Chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

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's business segments are engaged in the manufacture of the world famous *RUGER*[®] brand of sporting and law enforcement firearms and titanium and steel investment castings for a wide variety of customers and end uses. Plants are located in Newport, New Hampshire and Prescott, Arizona. Corporate headquarters is located in Southport, Connecticut.