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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)

APRIL 30, 2003

STURM, RUGER & COMPANY, INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE 001-10435 06-0633559

(State or Other Jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification Number) Incorporation)

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

06890 (Zip Code)

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

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

On April 30, 2003, the Company issued a press release announcing the retirement of Erle G. Blanchard as Vice Chairman, President, Chief Operating Officer, Treasurer and Director as of April 30, 2003. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENT, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits Description

99.1 Press release of Sturm, Ruger & Company, Inc. dated April 30, 2003, announcing the retirement of Erle G. Blanchard as Vice Chairman, President, Chief Operating Officer, Treasurer and Director as of April 30, 2003.

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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/ Stephen L. Sanetti

Name: Stephen L. Sanetti
Title: Senior Executive Vice
President and General

Counsel

Dated: April 30, 2003

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