



Upcoming Events

- Next BoD Meeting: See NCRGC Website,
- Next Range Cleanup: Saturday, January 2, 2010
- Defensive Pistol Shoot: January 3, 2010
- IDPA Match: January 16, 2009
- Shotgun: January 10 & 24, 2010
- Hunter's Safety Course: See NCRGC Website (Internet HS courses now available)
- Straight Shot Sporting Clay Event: August 13 & 14, 2010 (See NCRGC January 2010 News Letter for details)

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Do Gun Free Zones Work? (Part 1)

By: W.P. Flinn (NCRGC News Letter Editor)

All the recent hubbub about CSU's banning of lawful concealed carry (CCW) on campus brings up questions about why folks think that so-called "gun free zones" do any good. At issue appears to be the fear by CSU faculty and "security experts" that there would be another Virginia Tech type massacre on campus. But what is really at stake, in my opinion, is yet another example where an uninformed body of people in power with an unfounded fear of guns has yet again considered disarming law abiding citizens. This only creates another target rich environment for predators and others who wish only to do people harm - where they know they will not be stopped by armed citizens. The criminals know full well

that once they begin their attack, police or security people will not show up for several minutes – enough time for the attacker to do a great deal of destruction, harm and damage.

When word of this discussion first emerged, a number of students from the Association of Students responded with an eight-page resolution asking school president Tony Frank to continue to allow people with lawfully obtained concealed-weapon permits to go armed on campus. To quote an article by the Denver Post:

"Twenty-one members of the Associated Students of CSU Senate voted in favor of the eight-page resolution (in favor of allowing concealed

carry); three voted against, and five members were absent or abstained.



CSU is one of a few U.S. colleges that allow weapons carried by those with permits. Campus police, other safety experts and Frank's cabinet said in October that the campus should be gun-free except for security officers.

The mass shooting at Vir-

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Legislative Corner

Support Needed to Re-Open Rampart Range:

Following a shooting accident, the Forest Service closed the popular Rampart Shooting Range. Located in the Pike National forest, the Rampart Range is the only free public shooting range in El Paso

County, and receives 40,000 visitors per year. From the Colorado State Shooting Association: *"The Forest Service has listed requirements that must be met before it will reopen Rampart. There is no timetable for meeting these requirements and likely no money to cover costs. The most significant*

issue is the requirement of requiring full time supervision. Most ranges on federal lands operate without supervision and this requirement could place all such ranges in jeopardy. Rampart Range is in need of improvements which were identified more than

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Do Gun Free Zones Work? (continued)

ginia Tech University in 2007 prompted CSU's faculty senate to ask for a review of the gun policy last year."

To illustrate the effects of these types of decisions, let's look first of all at some examples where gun free zones have had a very serious effect on the outcome of a violent attack:

Virginia Tech: The school is a gun free zone. The school was a gun free zone at the time of the massacre. That didn't seem to stop the shooter from coming on campus and shooting students. Guess he didn't read the sign? Was it that he didn't know about it? No! He knew but didn't care. How effective was that gun free zone policy? The effect was that people died

Shopping Mall in Omaha: Posted as a gun free zone. That didn't seem to stop the shootings that took place. Did the bad guys not read the sign? Did

they not know the mall was a gun free zone? No! Again it was a simple matter of those intent on doing harm to others not caring about the law. The effect was that people died.

Luby's Café in Texas (aka The Luby's Massacre): Laws prohibited armed citizens from having their guns in the restaurant. A crazed man drives his truck through the front of the café, gets out and commences shooting, killing several people. Suzanna Gratia-Hupp, a lawfully armed citizen, left her gun in her car because of this law. Both of her parents were shot execution style and killed. Did this man not realize that there was a law preventing him from having a gun there? NO! He didn't care. He was intent on killing, and all the laws in the world would not stop him. The effect was that people died

This whole discussion by CSU leadership was prompted by the fear that another Virginia tech massacre would happen. Ummmm.. I'm no rocket scientist, but I do pay attention to the news—Virginia Tech was already a gun free zone when that massacre happened, wasn't it?! And the shooter was not a lawfully permitted CCW permit holder. As was the case in the shopping mall in Omaha, and Luby's café in Texas. So as far as I can tell, gun free zones and signs don't seem to make a difference.

Next month, I will continue this article with a segment that takes a look at examples where armed citizens were able to defend themselves and lives were saved. Law abiding, armed citizens stopped an attack and people lived. Gee, what a concept! Stay tuned!

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Concealed Carry in Colorado (C³)

Myths About Concealed Carry:

Since this month's front page article deals with the banning of carrying of guns at CSU by people with valid concealed carry permits, I wanted to illustrate some of the popular concealed carry (CCW) myths that lead to these types of bans. The following is some great information that I found in a free publication titled "[Gun Facts](#)" that can be obtained from the [Buckeye Firearms Association web site](#).

The following information is quoted from that publication:

Myth: CCWs will lead to mass public shootings:

Fact: Multiple victim public shootings drop in states that pass shall-issue CCW legislation. (Source: *Multiple Victim Public Shootings, Bombings, and Right-to-Carry Concealed Handgun Laws: Contrasting Private and Public Law Enforcement*, Lott John R., Landes William M.; University of Chicago – covers years 1977 to 1995)

Myth: People do not need concealable weapons.

Fact: In 80% of gun defenses, the defender used a concealable handgun. A quarter of the gun defenses occurred in places away from the defender's home. (Source: *Armed Resistance to Crime: The Prevalence and Nature of Self-Defense with a Gun*, by Gary Kleck and Marc Gertz, in *The Journal of Criminal Law & Criminology*, Northwestern University School of Law, Volume 86, Number 1, Fall, 1995)

Fact: 77% of all violent crime occurs in public places. This makes concealed carry necessary for almost all self-defense needs. But due to onerous laws forbidding concealed carry, only 26.8% of defensive gun uses occurred away from home. (Sources: *Criminal Victimization in the United States*, U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics, 1993 and Kleck and Gertz, *National Self Defense Survey*, 1995)

Fact: Often, small weapons that are capable of being concealed are the only ones usable by people of small stature

or with physical disabilities.

Fact: The average citizen doesn't need a Sport Utility Vehicle, but driving one is arguably safer than driving other vehicles. Similarly, carrying a concealable gun makes the owner – and his or her community – safer by providing protection not otherwise available.

Myth: Police are against concealed carrying by citizens

Fact: 66% of police chiefs believe that citizens carrying concealed firearms reduce rates of violent crime. (Source: *National Association of Chiefs of Police, 17th Annual National Survey of Police Chiefs & Sheriffs*, 2005.)

Banning the right to carry concealed handguns for self defense is often a result of misinformation. Criminals don't pay attention to laws, especially laws that tell them they can't carry a gun. Carrying concealed handguns is all to often the law abiding citizen's only defense against those who don't follow the law.

Range Rule of the Month "Review the Range Rules"

While there is a period of relative "down time," and not many people going to the range. The cold winter months are a good time to review those range rules!

Two range rules of particular significance this month involve guests and our own responsibility to review the rules.

Rule # 14 states in part that:

"Guests are allowed to shoot, with a member present, two times a year. The member who invites a guest must review these Range Rules with their guest before shooting."

A common idea that we often men-

tion is that of brining your non-shooting friends to the range to introduce them to the fun of shooting. What an appropriate time to refresh our own memories of the rules and remind ourselves of the necessity to be safe—especially with guests present who may not be as familiar with firearms.

Rule # 15 states:

"Failure to observe these Range Rules or to otherwise act as to jeopardize other persons or property is cause for revocation of range privileges and/or

club membership upon review of such actions by the NCRGC Board of Directors as provided for in the Bylaws."

"The member who invites the guest must review these range rules with the guest before shooting."

Membership in NCRGC is a wonderful privilege, especially given the reduction of places to shoot in our area. But with that privilege comes some awe-

some responsibilities. Safety is first and foremost, and our range rules provide the foundation for safe shooting. They also allow us to set a good example for others!

Straight Shot Sporting Clay Event:

Cerebral Palsy of Colorado is sponsoring their 5th annual Straight Shot Sporting Clay fund raising event in August 2010. I went down and visited their facility, and was overwhelmed by how many lives these folks touch with their various programs. To say that they are incredible is an understatement! I think their own words speak for themselves.



From the CPoC website: *"By participating in the Straight Shot Sporting Clay Event, you'll be taking aim at more than just clay targets. You will also be helping to raise funds*

for UCP Colorado's programs and services. Last year alone, UCP Colorado provided help to nearly 29,000 Color-



doans in the areas of Early Education, Employment Services and through their six Statewide Family Support Services."

For more information about this incredible and worthwhile event to benefit Colorado

families, please visit the United Cerebral Palsy of Colorado website: <http://www.cpcocolorado.org/clay.html>

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two years ago. Such improvements can be addressed and implemented with the range reopened. The Forest Service has said that it could take up to five years before Rampart is reopened, but there is no guarantee that it would reopen Rampart in that timeframe or at any time in the future.

... we need the help of Colorado hunters and shooters to show the Forest Service and your elected officials that the federal government cannot continue to close public lands to recreational shooting, and certainly not without replacing those areas lost with other areas of the same or great value. Rampart Shooting Range is an important resource for the shooting commu-

nity along the Front Range. There is no incentive for the Forest Service to reopen Rampart unless the shooting sports community demands it!"

Please let your state and national representation know your thoughts on this issue. See the CSSA website for contact information:

<http://www.cssa.org/portal/news.php>

FRIENDS OF NRA BANQUET, MAY 8, 2009.
SEE [THIS LINK](#) FOR DETAILS AND TICKETS

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The Northern Colorado Rod & Gun Club was founded in 1948 through the merger of four sportsmen groups; Fort Collins, Loveland, Greeley and Estes Park.

The club is located on Owl Canyon Road off U S 287 on the Weaver Ranch north of Ft Collins, Co.

We're on the Web!

<http://www.ncrgc.org>



Shooting and Gun Ownership Information

Colorado AR-15 Shooters:

<http://www.co-ar15.com/co-ar15.htm>

Colorado State Shooting Association:

<http://www.cssa.org/>

NRA Institute for Legislative Action:

<http://www.nra-ila.org/>

Rocky Mountain Gun Owner's Association:

<http://www.rmgo.org/>

Gun Owners of America:

<http://www.gunowners.org/>

Citizen's Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms:

<http://www.ccrkba.org/>

Second Amendment Foundation:

<http://www.saf.org>

National Association for Gun Rights (NAGR):

<http://www.nationalgunrights.org/>

NAGR Bill Watch:

<http://www.nationalgunrights.org/billwatch.shtml>

U.S. Handgun Laws:

<http://www.handgunlaw.us/>

Keep And Bear Arms dot Com:

<http://www.keepandbeararms.com/>

Jews For The Preservation of Firearm Ownership:

<http://www.jpfo.org/>

FAQ About Firearms Laws in Colorado (RMGO):

<http://www.rmgo.org/faq/>

Appleseed Project:

<http://www.appleseedinfo.org/>

U.S. Concealed Carr Association:

<http://www.usconcealedcarry.com/>

International Defensive Pistol Association:

<http://www.idpa.com/>

U.S. Handgun Laws:

<http://www.handgunlaw.us/>

Gun News Daily:

<http://www.gunnewsdaily.com/>

Civilian Gun Self-Defense Blog:

<http://www.claytoncramer.com/gundefenseblog/blogger.html>

"If a candidate was anti-gun in the past, they are anti-gun now and will be in the future, regardless of their campaign rhetoric. A liberal president will nominate anti-gun liberal justices like Breyer and Stevens to the court. That's a fact."

Source: San Diego Rifle and Pistol Association