



Upcoming Events

- Executive BoD Meeting: February 17 2009, 7:00pm, JAX Sporting Goods
- Next Range Cleanup: Saturday, February 7, 2009
- Defensive Pistol Shoot:: February 1, 2009 (weather permitting)
- IDPA Match: February 21, 2009 (weather permitting)
- Shotgun: February 8 & 22, 2009 (weather permitting)
- Hunter’s Safety Course: February 21 & 22, 2009

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The Appleseed Project—Getting Back to Our Heritage as a Nation of Riflemen

In a previous news letter, I wrote an article entitled [“People Don’t Talk Like That Anymore.”](#) In that article, I discussed how in the days of our Founding Fathers, they spoke of values that they held dearly, values revolving around their belief in God, and values revolving around liberty and being truly free people. If you look at the wording that our Founding Fathers used in the **Declaration of Independence**, for example, you see a rich and powerfully worded dialogue about being tired of enduring “...*usurpations and abuses...*” at the hands of a tyrannical, oppressive government.

I think we have further drifted away from not talking about those things any more, and talking

more about *“what’s in it for me?”* and finding ways to *“change”* our country – just for the sake of change. But “change” it to what, exactly? I don’t think we need “change” in the context of how it is spoken about by current government leaders, but rather we need “change” in that we need to get back to thinking about the fundamental beliefs that the Founding Fathers held dear. We need to get back to the notion that **“We The People”** run this country, and that the powers enjoyed by those in office are simply powers that we have lent to them.

I would like to tell you about one such way that I recently discovered that will

help us remember our heritage and get back to those values that our Founding



Fathers held to be so very important is through the **Appleseed Project**. One very important tenet of the Appleseed Project is to teach Americans how to once again become a “Nation of Riflemen.” Why do you think the Founding Fathers felt that the right to own firearms was so important? It has nothing to

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Legislative Corner

Governor Ritter is presenting a budget proposal for a \$15 dollar tax on CBI checks that satisfy the requirement for background checks for firearms purchases. This represents a further tax on firearms purchases. We could instead use the federal national instant

check system for firearms purchase background checks which would cost the state nothing.

This was from the Colorado State Shooting Association:

“...THIS FEE IS A TAX ON ALL GUN PURCHASERS

IN COLORADO AND MUST BE STOPPED... PROMISED THAT GUN OWNERS WOULD NEVER PAY FOR THIS UNNECESSARY, REDUNDANT CHECK SYSTEM...”

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do with hunting or sport shooting, but has everything to do with their experiences as farmers and civilians who had to defend themselves against a tyrannical government who had a powerful and well organized army, and the belief that their land could be overrun by invaders from far-away places.

Would it really be so terrible and dangerous if all Americans were proficient at rifle marksmanship, and knew how to handle a rifle? I unequivocally state: "No!" Contrary to the belief of those who are so adamant about gun control, the purpose for getting back to being a Nation of Riflemen is NOT so that we can be more proficient at creating violent people. The purpose, in my opinion, is to get people to return to having their bellies on fire with the spirit of freedom, and a burning appreciation

for the spirit that gave us liberty from a tyrannical government in the first place.

An Appleseed event is a place to get back to the nearly-forgotten-about history behind our heritage and our nation, and the solemn events of April 19, 1775. An Appleseed event is a place to learn how to handle a rifle, shoot it proficiently, and shoot safely. The rich heritage and culture brought from our Founding Fathers is responsible for the birth of our nation, but I fear that failing to remember why they did what they did will lead America down a path that we really don't want to go. We can either get back to being a prosperous and powerful nation, or we can continue down the path of mediocrity and fade into the sunset. We need to get back to our roots, and we need to do so quick, fast, and in a hurry. The

times are changing too swiftly to ignore the need to remember the events that ushered us into existence as a free nation.

The requirements are small. A simple .22 caliber rifle is all it takes to attend. The cost for a weekend is \$70, but women and children shoot for free.

My wife and I will be attending an Appleseed shooting event in Douglas, Wyoming in May. I will follow up to this article and share our experiences. But I will tell you that after already meeting some of the Appleseed folks in person, I can honestly and enthusiastically say that this will most likely be a weekend to remember.

For more information, visit:

<http://www.appleseedinfo.org>

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Summary of January 2009 BoD Meeting Minutes

NCRGC Board Meeting Minutes Summary for January 17, 2009 Board Meeting
Submitted by Dean Meyer, Secretary

President Brian called the meeting to order at the Jax Outdoor Store at 7:00 pm.

President Brian gave a brief overview of the Executive Committee meeting held on January 18, 2009. He covered the three items the Committee wanted to make priorities for the 2008 – 2009 Club year. They are: Membership renewal process, Financial process, and update Range Rules and compliance. Brian also talked about new procedures for the monthly Board meetings. Keeping the meetings to one hour by sending out an agenda, placing committee reports, minutes and any motions that are known ahead of time in the Call to be sent out prior to the meeting for review by the Board members.

A new portion for the meeting will be community comment that will be opened immediately following the Presidents comments/report. This

will be used to briefly discuss items not on the agenda. Those items that need further exploration will be added to the next month's agenda.

Secretary Dean made a motion to approve the December 2009 minutes, seconded by Treasurer Dan P. The minutes were approved unanimously with two spelling corrections to names.

Loren G. reported regarding the Treasurers report, all bills have been paid. There is approximately \$53,100 at the new bank, New Frontier and there is still approximately \$8,320 at the old bank, Wells Fargo. Treasurer Dan P submitted a written report regarding additional financial information. This report is part of the minutes. Gerry M made a motion to accept the financial reports, seconded by Dave L. Approved unanimously.

Range Master BJ Patterson reported the January 3, 2009 range cleanup was well attended with 9 people participating. They cleaned up the rifle and pistol range areas. BJ wanted to remind people to shoot at targets, not the lum-

ber that make up the frames.

Shotgun Chairman John B reported that we have had shooters in spite of cold temperatures. On December 28, 2008 we had 5 shooters and they shot 10 rounds. On January 11, 2009 we had 10 shooters and 19 rounds were shot.

Defensive Pistol Chairman, Keith M reported that the economy has affected the DP/IDPA shoots. The weather caused the December match to be cancelled. January 2009 saw 7 Defensive Pistol and 15 IDPA participants.

Webmaster Gerry M reported the Club website has been re-designed. The layout change is to facilitate better navigation.

Thanks to the following folks for helping in the 1/09 range clean-ups:

[Eric Paul](#), [Jennifer Paul](#), [Tom Herick](#), [Steve Taylor](#), [Allen Berbow](#), [Dave Johnson](#), [John Sifford](#), [Dan](#)

Range Rule of the Month

“Wearing Badges on the Range is a Requirement”

It’s time once again for a reminder about the requirement to wear club badges while on the range. Our club badges allow for quick and easy identification of our members. There are a number of issues why we use membership badges, ranging from legal to insurance. And rule #16 of our range rules specifically states:

“Members must wear their ID badge so that it is visible at all times while on range property.”

With a club membership as large as NCRGC enjoys, the ability to quickly identify our members—those who are authorized to use the

range— is vitally important.

This is a simple rule to follow, but can have dramatic affects on safety, as well as the time spent monitoring the range by club leadership. In these times of serious legal and insurance issues, we want to do everything we can to make sure that NCRGC is not making itself vulnerable to any unnecessary legal or insurance costs.

This is primarily for the safety of all of us so that our club leadership

(the members with the solid colored badges) can quickly identify you. In addition to the issues mentioned previously, we also have to make

sure that only authorized club members are present—especially when sponsoring guests who don’t have badges.

Please wear your

badge, keep it visible, and don’t lend it to anyone. This will help ensure the integrity of our club, and help avoid problems.

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Frequently Asked Questions

How do I use the classifieds section on the NCRGC web site?

As many of you may have noticed, the NCRGC web site has been redesigned. Among the features that are more easy to navigate, there is a classified section where members may post items of interest. Here are some of the guidelines for using the classifieds section of the

NCRGC web site:

Members wanting to sell or purchase related firearms items can send an email with the specifics to the Webmaster at: (webguy@ncrgc.org).

Advertisements sent to the Webmaster will be posted on the Classified page for a maximum of 45 days. It will be up to the member to re-

quest removal of any postings prior to that time.

NCRGC assumes no responsibility for items sold or purchased thru the NCRGC web page. That responsibility rests solely on the member posting the Classified Ad.

<http://www.ncrgc.org/Classified.htm>

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More on CSSA’s evaluation: <http://www.cssa.org/portal/news.php>

“**Make My Day Better**” has once again failed to pass out of committee. This Colorado bill would have provided enhancements to the “Make My Day” law which protects citizens who use deadly force in the defense of

their homes. The “Make My Day Better” law was designed to extend to businesses as well. This bill was postponed indefinitely.

Another bill was postponed indefinitely, the “**Heller Enforcement Act.**” This bill: *“Prohibits a local government from enacting an ordinance, regulation, or other law that imposes a requirement that a person store a fire-*

arm in a manner that renders the firearm inoperable. Declares void and unenforceable any such ordinance, regulation, or other law previously enacted by a local government.”

Both of these bills were strongly supported by the Rocky Mountain Gun Owners organization. Members are highly encouraged to ask their representatives what roadblocks exist that keep these types of bills from passing.

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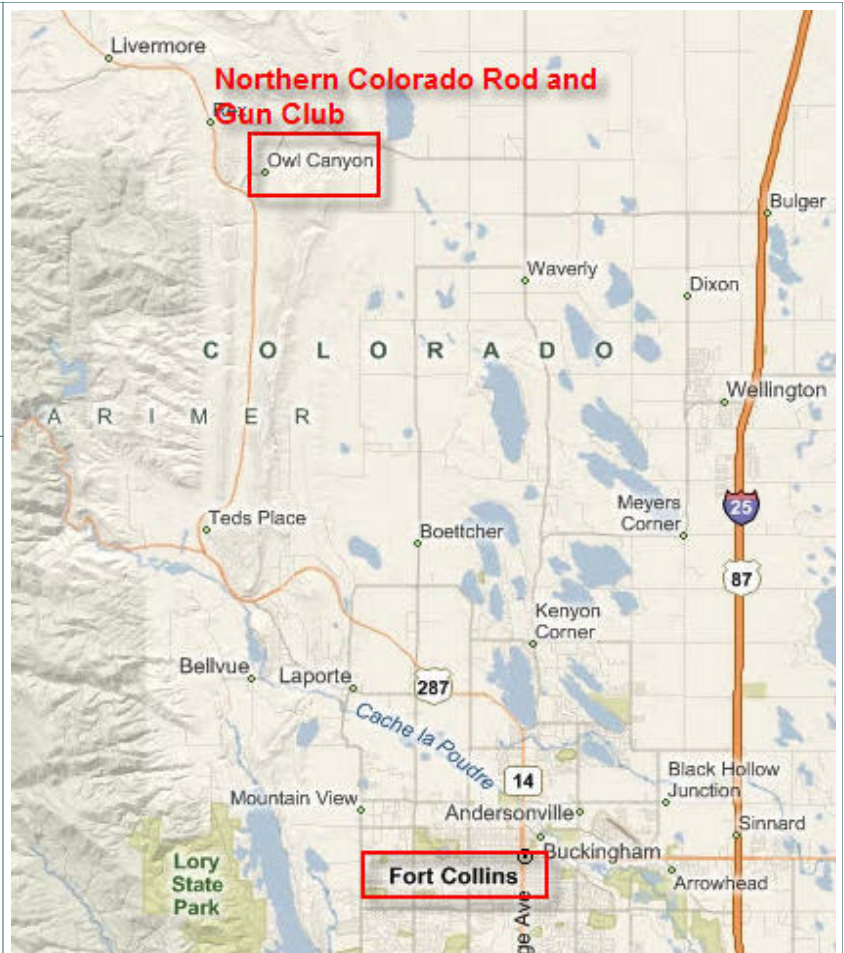
News Letter Email:
newsletter@ncrgc.org

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