



Upcoming Events

- Next BoD Meeting: See NCRGC Website,
- Next Range Cleanup: Saturday, February 6, 2010
- Defensive Pistol Shoot:: February 7, 2010
- IDPA Match: February 20, 2010
- Shotgun: February 14 & 28, 2010
- Hunter's Safety Course: See NCRGC Website
- Straight Shot Sporting Clay Event: August 13 & 14, 2010 (See NCRGC January 2010 News Letter for details)

Classified Ads:

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

To place and ad, send an email to: webguy@ncrgc.org

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Do Gun Free Zones Work? (Part 2)

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

Last month, this article series discussed the proposed gun ban at Colorado State University, where even people with lawfully obtained and valid concealed carry permits would be banned from carrying their guns on campus. This type of proposal takes away the rights of citizens to protect themselves, and further enables criminals to enjoy a target rich environment for carrying out their acts of violence.

Examples were given last month in which gun free zones invariably resulted in injury and loss of life. Now – let's look at some instances where an attack occurred, and where armed citizens did make a difference on the outcome of the attack:

New Life Church in

Colorado Springs, CO: A gunman comes onto the church grounds with approximately 1,000 rounds of ammunition, an AR-15 rifle, and two pistols. This, after killing several people in a church group in Arvada, CO (there were no armed citizens there). He commenced shooting and killed two people. But an armed citizen drew her pistol, walked into the line of fire and took him down before he could put his thousand rounds of ammunition to work to kill any more. Still alive but badly wounded, he realized he was done and ended his own life. The result: People lived. <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/14808321/detail.html>

Convenience Store Holdup: A 70-year-old man shoots and wounds



two would-be robbers who were attempting to rob his store. The store owner's daughter, working in a nearby store, came running to the scene immediately, also armed with a handgun. The reaction took place before police could even arrive. People lived. <http://>

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Legislative Corner

New Legislative Session:

There are three important new pro-gun bills that have been introduced in the new Colorado legislative session. Please start writing to your representatives who are on these committees immediately

and urge their support for moving these important bills forward.

SB-51: (Renfro/ Sonnenberg) Eliminates the authority of the governor to suspend or limit the sale, dispensing, or transportation of firearms during a state of disaster emergency.

(Status: Senate State Affairs Committee)

SB-92: (Schultheis/King) The bill exempts from federal laws and regulations all firearms, firearm accessories, and ammunition that are manufactured in Colorado by persons who

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Do Gun Free Zones Work? (continued)

www.floridatoday.com/article/20091118/NEWS01/911180352/Melbourne-store-owner-shoots--wounds-robber

East St. Louis Burglar Shot to Death by Storekeeper: Two men tried to rob a store at gunpoint. The store clerk shot and killed one of the suspects. The result: The law abiding storekeeper lived, and a violent predator died. <http://www.ksdk.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=190187>

The Civilian Gun Defense blog is full of stories that happen every day where armed citizens are able to protect life and property through the responsible use of firearms. They are able to do so long before police can arrive to assist. <http://www.thearmedcitizen.com/gundefenseblog/blogger.html>

What is it that the people who want

to disarm these students don't get about the fact that the Virginia Tech shootings didn't happen because students were able to lawfully carry their firearms? The shopping mall shooting in Omaha didn't happen because law abiding mall patrons were armed. These shootings all happened because these were yet more cases of a gun free zone where the shooter(s) KNEW that victims would be unarmed, and were further enable by these laws to commit their heinous acts. The police didn't arrive in time to prevent or help, and people died.

Furthermore - what incident has happened at CSU where a student legally carrying his or her firearm has created an incident, perpetrated a shooting, or even had a firearms related accident. I don't seem to recall any. Is a shooting at an already gun-free-zone school more than two

years ago the basis for this sudden decision? Looks to me like these folks at CSU are indeed reacting to something that happened at a gun-free-zone school awhile ago, and the knee-jerk reaction is just now catching up with them.

There was enormous support from students who said they wanted to keep the right to carry their firearms. These students were crying out to the CSU leadership to allow them to continue to have the ability to defend themselves. I hope CSU plans on beefing up their efforts to protect these students. If their security people are not there the very micro-second that the unarmed students need them, then their blood will be on CSU leadership's hands.

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Concealed Carry in Colorado (C³)

CCW Training Requirements:

When I got my pilot's license, the old WWII vet who gave me my check ride handed me my temporary pilot's license and said to me: "This is your license to LEARN how to fly an airplane." What he meant by that was that I should practice my flying skills, and seek further training. That thought has stuck with me over the years, and I find it especially relevant when talking about training for carrying a concealed handgun.

The Colorado requirement for the required training needed to submit an application for a concealed handgun license (often referred to as CCW or CHL) simply calls for handgun proficiency training. The Colorado Revised Statute says in part the following:

18-12-203. Criteria for obtaining a permit.

(h) Demonstrates competence with a handgun by submitting:

(VI) A training certificate from a handgun training class obtained within the ten years preceding submittal of the ap-

plication. The applicant shall submit the original training certificate or a photocopy thereof that includes the original signature of the class instructor. In obtaining a training certificate from a handgun training class, the applicant shall have discretion in selecting which handgun training class to complete.

Those who carry concealed handguns already know the enormous amount of responsibility they have accepted when they carry concealed. So now I want to take this opportunity to reach out to those contemplating applying for their CCW permit for the first time. And since we do have to go through the application process, and some sort of handgun training (or accepted alternative such as military service) is a requirement, I wanted to talk briefly about that training. For those just starting out, basic pistol training is a great place to begin. NRA instructors offer the NRA Basic Pistol Shooting course, which includes such things as learning firearms safety and storage, the parts of a gun, how to select and maintain a firearm, and the basics of shooting a pistol. That training will

give you the required training to apply for the permit, but does not necessarily give you the required skills to responsibly carry a concealed firearm.

Once you receive that basic training and apply for your permit, don't stop there. Participate in some skill building events, such as NCRGC monthly IDPA and defensive pistol shooting events. Various indoor shooting ranges in the area offer pistol leagues and events for building skills. Seek out additional training by attending NRA courses such as Personal Protection Inside/Outside the Home, or advanced handgun courses elsewhere.

Once you receive that basic training, and have received your CCW permit, you are legally permitted to carry. But remember – you have the additional moral obligation to be proficient – follow the old WWII vet's advice:

"Practice your skills and receive further training."

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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What's Happening Around NCRGC?



Steel Challenge matches at NCRGC will start in 2010.

At first, many of the Steel Challenge stages will be mixed in with the monthly Defensive Pistol matches

until all the steel is on site. This will give shooters a chance to get used to the new targets and rules.

Please see the Northern Colorado Rod and Gun Club web site for more infor-

mation on this exciting activity!

This would be a marvelous way to keep up those shooting skills, meet new people, and participate in a new event at your NCRGC range.

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

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are not federally licensed and that are sold and remain in Colorado. The bill makes conforming amendments. (Status: Senate State Affairs Committee)

HB-1094: (Gardner/Harvey) The bill extends the right to use deadly force against an intruder under certain conditions to include owners, manag-

ers, and employees of places of business. (Status: House Judiciary Committee)

The Rocky Mountain Gun Owners organization strongly supports all three of these important bills. It is important to contact the people who sit on the committees in which those bills now sit and express your thoughts on the bills to get them advanced.

A link to these bills and more information can be found at the Rocky Mountain Gun Owners web site, on their "Bill Watch" page:

<http://www.rmgo.org/alerts/2010-billwatch.shtml>

As more information is received on these important bills, it will be reported in the NCRGC news letter.

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."