



Upcoming Events

- Executive BoD Meeting: See the NCRGC Web Site, JAX Sporting Goods
- Next Range Cleanup: Saturday, April 4, 2009
- Defensive Pistol Shoot: April 5, 2009 (weather permitting)
- IDPA Match: April 18, 2009 (weather permitting)
- Shotgun: April 12 & 26, 2009 (weather permitting)
- Hunter’s Safety Course: April 25 & 26, 2009

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Fanning the Fire and Feeding The Media

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

To be honest, I have been extremely busy lately, and have had so many issues running through my mind that I ran into a serious case of “writer’s block” this month. Things are just moving so quickly with our new administration, that I (just as I feel is the same with you) have been literally drowning in information. Blood shoots out of my eyes on a daily basis from the news about bailouts, proposed gun bans, and tragic events.

This month’s article, even though it is a touched up and re-written version of an article I wrote about a year ago, just kind of jumped out at me as being an appropriate thing to write about again this month. With so much emotion, and our country’s

citizens reaching a boiling point over so many issues, this article was worth re-prising.

With the media anxiously exploiting so many shootings lately, I can’t help believe that a lot of the visibility surrounding these incidents is very closely related to the fact that we have a new administration with their eyes set on finding ways (translation: excuses) to limit or eliminate our rights as gun owners. Those in office have positioned themselves, with the help of the media, to sway the public based on any number of emotional issues. The media’s attempt at sensationalizing these shootings is providing a great deal of leverage for their

agendas against gun ownership rights.

Gun rights versus gun con-



trol is indeed at the heart of the agendas of many politicians, and those in office are leaping at the opportunity to illustrate gun related incidents —and how they can best address them.

We, as an organized rod and gun club, have a

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Legislative Corner

COLORADO: This is an update. As previously reported, HB09-1180 is currently on the Senate Floor for discussion. The purpose of this bill, as originally written, is to allow Colorado residents with valid CCW permits to bypass the Brady Checks (NICS check)

when purchasing a firearm. Several changes were made to this bill, however, but it has been reported that the original wording has been restored. The Rocky Mountain Gun Owners Association has gone from listing this bill on their web site with a recommendation to

“Support” to “Strongly Support.”

CCW permit holders already have shown their trustworthiness and ability to be law abiding citizens. RMGO Executive Director Dudley Brown was interviewed on KCOL radio re-

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golden opportunity to contribute positively to the outcomes of any newly introduced legislative issues.

First—we need to get involved. Study the current events, reflect on the possible future outcomes that any new legislation might bring, and most importantly—be ready to write to your elected representation to let them know what you want them to do!

Join an organization, such as the National Rifle Association or Rocky Mountain Gun Owner’s Association. Pick one (or more) organizations whom you feel will represent your views on gun ownership, and leverage their organizational and lobbying horsepower to get the word out.

I can’t say enough about how important it is to make sure that your elected representatives know how

YOU feel about the issues. As I said in a recent article: Too many people have said too little for too long.

The next important role that we as a gun club plays is to set an example. Unfortunately, there is no recognition for NOT having an accident or an incident. So the best we can do is make sure that we don’t get into the news by having safety or other newsworthy attention called to us personally and to our club. Nothing can hurt our survival as a club more than to be in the news because of careless or negligent behavior.

The more we become recognized as a viable and important part of our community, the more we will help our reputation and public perception. The points mentioned previously will go a long way toward fostering a good reputation. But there is even more that we can do, which brings me to

my final point: Bring a (possibly non-gun-owning) friend to the range to watch an event or introduce them to shooting.

I know from talking to others, and from my own experience, that when you take someone along to the range who doesn’t own a gun, introduce them to gun safety and let them shoot, they walk away with a little more appreciation for firearms. Somehow, guns are no longer “evil” in their minds, and they now have an understanding for why shooting is an enjoyable activity.

This is indeed an important time for gun ownership rights. Our heritage, our rights, and the ability to enjoy our shooting sports are at stake. Be a responsible NCRGC member, get involved, and don’t feed the media. Our future depends on it!

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Concealed Carry in Colorado (C³)

Concealed Carry Resources:

There are a wealth of resources available for those of us who choose to carry concealed weapons in Colorado. As many are aware, deciding to carry concealed involves a great deal of willingness to take on responsibilities, not only to be willing to defend life and property with deadly force, but to know the applicable laws, and to maintain proficiency and skill.

There are a number of organizations that will help with supporting and fostering training and general knowledge needs. The International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA) is one such organization. In fact, the Northern Colorado Rod and Gun Club holds monthly IDPA matches. This is a great way to meet others who carry concealed, swap stories and ideas, and polish defensive pistol skills. Membership in the IDPA is \$40 per year, but membership in IDPA is not required to participate in the NCRGC IDPA matches.

For more information on IDPA membership, please visit <http://www.idpa.com>, or show up at an NCRGC IDPA math. These matches are held the third Saturday of the month.

Another local organization for concealed carry information and training can be found by visiting the Rocky Mountain Gun Owners Organization (RMGO) web site. RMGO has links to the current Colorado laws as well as information on CCW training courses that they offer.

RMGO Executive Director Dudley Brown has been an outspoken and adamant defender of concealed carry in Colorado. Membership in RMGO is \$25 a year, and even includes a free, and very cool bumper sticker, as well as the ability to post advertisements in their companion site, Colorado Gun Market. Information about RMGO and Colorado Gun Market can be found at <http://www.rmgo.org>, and <http://www.coloradogunmarket.com> respectively.

A more “commercial” resource, but one that nonetheless provides some very good information is the US Concealed Carry Association (USCCA). While USCCA appears to many to be more of a money making enterprise than one based on gun rights activism (like RMGO or NRA), the USCCA does provide a wealth of information about concealed carry issues, gear, training, and a variety of other relevant topics.

A subscription to USCCA ranges in price from \$27 to \$47 a year, and includes a hard-copy magazine (mailed to you bi-monthly), access to a very sophisticated and well done online discussion forum, and offers for training and merchandise discounts.

Information about the USCCA can be found by visiting:

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

If you have any ideas for the monthly C³ section, please send an email to newsletter@ncrgc.org

Range Rule of the Month “Hunting on The Range”

Two important range rules to talk about this month. Rule #2 concerning hunting on the NCRGC range, and Rule #3 concerning not shooting when livestock are down range, go hand in hand.

Range #2 states:

“No hunting allowed on the NCRGC range or anywhere on the Weaver Ranch Property.”

The NCRGC range is not a hunting range—period!

Rule #3 states:

“Do not shoot when there is livestock downrange. When in doubt, call a

cease fire until the livestock moves off.”

The first thing to remember about this is that if you shoot livestock, you are shooting someone’s privately owned animals. This could lead to a whole host of legal concerns for both the person who shoots the livestock and the club.

Another important aspect of this rule is the possibility that people could get impatient and try to scare

away the livestock using a variety of potentially dangerous measures. Do NOT shoot guns into the air to try to scare them off. First, this is an unsafe practice. And secondly, as so eloquently pointed out at an NCRGC member orientation, the animals don’t “hear” the gun shot anyway.

They are used to us! Respect the property of others by obeying these important rules.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: The road to the ranges is in terrible shape. What is being done to solve this problem, and what am I allowed to do to avoid damaging my vehicle?

A: The NCRGC Board of Directors is currently discussing alternatives to fixing the road. Those alternatives range from a simple grading to a full-blown project to completely

rebuild the entire road. The various alternatives involve various degrees of cost, however. But this matter is being addressed and is a high priority for the Board of Directors to address.

In the mean time, please DO NOT drive on the pasture to by-pass the road. This presents a fire hazard, among other things, and is not per-

mitted—period!

What you CAN do: Slow down. We realize that the “wash-boarding” on the road is bad, but slowing down will help a great deal. You will still get to the range, reduce wear and tear on your vehicle, and your adherence to this will receive the appreciation of club members and the owner of the range’s land.

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cently, and gave some very important insights as to some of the arguments against this bill, one of which was that: *“A Colorado concealed carry permit is good for five years. A lot can happen in that five years...”*

Brown stated the fact that if anything does happen to make a concealed carry permit holder eligible for that

permit, that the issuing county Sheriff will immediately revoke the permit. Physical possession of the permit is required to be able to use it to by-pass the NICS check when purchasing a firearm, making this notion that *“a lot can happen in that five years”* a meaningless excuse not to pass it.

But Brown also warns that this bill is guarded with cautious optimism, as passage might require a centralized

database of concealed carry permit holders to be made available to more than just the law enforcement entities that already have access to this information.

There is still time to write more letters, folks! Tell your state representation that you would like to see that this bill is passed. More updates to this legislation will be reported here!

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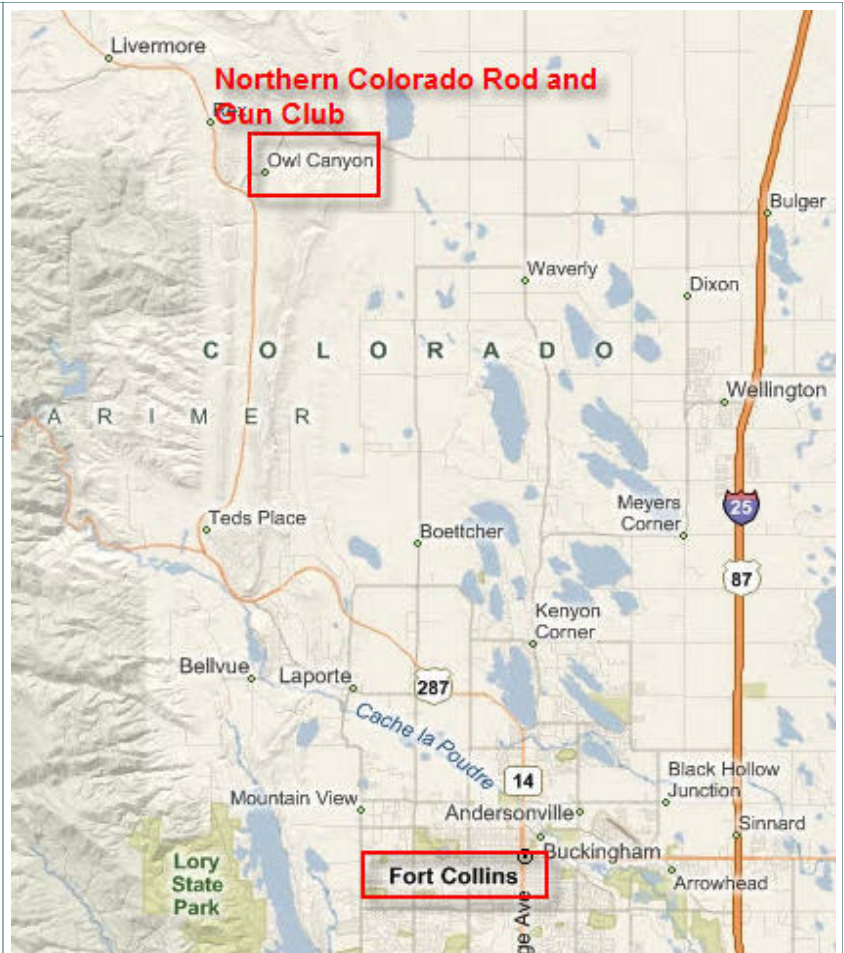
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The Northern Colorado Rod & Gun Club was founded in 1948 through the merger of four sportsmen groups; Fort Collins, Loveland, Greeley and Estes Park.

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