



**Upcoming Events**

- Executive BoD Meeting: See the NCRGC Web Site,
- Next Range Cleanup: Saturday, May 2, 2009
- Defensive Pistol Shoot: May 3, 2009 (weather permitting)
- IDPA Match: May 16, 2009 (weather permitting)
- Shotgun: May 10 & 24, 2009 (weather permitting)
- Hunter's Safety Course: May 16 & 17, 2009
- Friends of NRA Banquet: May 8, 2009, see [this link](http://www.friendsofnra.org/Events.aspx?sid=6&sc=CO) for more information:

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**Thoughts From a “Right-Wing-Extremist...”**

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

It looks like many Americans have gone from being every-day people to learning that they are in fact now labeled as “right-wing-extremists.” Our new leaders are on a world tour apologizing for us on our behalf, and changing the face of terrorism from being called “terrorism” to being labeled as merely “overseas contingencies.” This year has been interesting because also, in light of all this “change,” Americans are finally waking up and getting active about all the spending, apologizing, confusing statements, and are just fed up with politics in general.

So what does this all have to do with guns and gun clubs, you ask? Everything! If our basic human rights as citizens get

trampled on and our beloved U.S. Constitution gets thrown under the bus, then you can believe that our rights as gun owners will soon be nothing more than a memory. I am writing to you this month, not as a News Letter Editor, but as a citizen: to tell you about some of the things that Americans are doing to show their opposition to debt and their support for the principles on which our Founding Fathers built this country. There is a huge amount of emotion being churned up and people are finally saying that enough is enough.

One such effort that is growing in popularity here in Northern Colorado is something known as the

“9.12 Project.” For those of you who follow the Glenn Beck Program on Fox



News, you know that the 9.12 Project came out of a desire for our leadership to follow principles and values rather than politics, promises, and empty rhetoric. There are nine principles and twelve values that we have embraced as being important to our solution to problems. But oddly

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**Legislative Corner**

COLORADO: This is an update. As previously reported, HB09-1180 was on the Senate Floor for discussion. The bill was passed by the Senate and is now back in the House for discussion and approval. The purpose of this bill, as originally written, is to allow Colo-

rado residents with valid CCW permits to bypass the Brady Checks (NICS check) when purchasing a firearm.

If this bill is passed. More updates to this legislation will be reported here!

**2nd Amendment Applies to States:** This is from the

NRA-ILA site, and talks about a ruling recently made by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in California.

*“This week, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit marked a milestone in Second Amendment his-*

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## Thoughts From a Right-Wing-Extremist... (continued)

enough – that is not what the “9” and the “12” are about. What this is about is remembering who we were on 9/12/2001. On 9/10/2001, we were care-free and oblivious to imminent danger. We had our heads in the sand. On 9/11/2001 we were in shock and wondering how an attack could happen on our soil. On 9/12/2001, we woke up and became determined Americans who resolved not to let these attacks happen again. The goal of the 9.12 Project is to turn us all into “9.12ers” again. Resolved and determined that we would not let our great country slip silently into the night or become a distant memory. This is not about becoming anti-government or finding ways to disrespect our President. This is not about political parties. This is about liberty, freedom, and taking responsibility for our own lives, lest the government step in and decide they can do a

better job.

Let me repeat: This isn’t about political parties – honest! Too many people have become tired of all the corruption, politics as usual, and empty rhetoric—from BOTH of the major parties. People have gotten tired of their country being called arrogant and being apologized for. 9.12 Project web sites, blogs, and online discussion boards are springing up all over the place to show that regular citizens care and that what this country needs are values and principles, not power-grabs, control of every aspect of our lives, debt, and out of control spending.

Personally, I think that people are getting concerned about the thought that by ignoring principles and values, so much of what we have as Americans could possibly be turned over for others to decide for us. What

I mean by that is the notion that our Constitution and founding documents have been deemed to be out-dated, dynamic, and in need of “change.”

America started as the greatest miracle on earth, and has been the last true hope for the entire world. If we let our country fade away into a sea of debt, complacency, apologies, and letting the rest of the world decide what rights our citizens should have, then that hope will be gone. There will be no great, last refuge for the oppressed people of the world to seek. If America becomes one of the oppressed, then there is nothing left.

For information about the 9.12 Project here in Northern Colorado, visit the following web site:

<http://www.wewillnotfall.com>

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## Concealed Carry in Colorado (C<sup>3</sup>)

### Concealed Carry Training:

For those who already have a permit to carry a concealed handgun in Colorado, it is already known that training is a requirement just to get the permit. But what kind of training is actually required? The rule that the Sheriffs appear to go by in Colorado is that the training must be from an “approved” instructor. That usually means an NRA certified instructor. Requirements for live fire being part of the training are not really specified in the law, and “handgun specific” courses may or may not be required. In fact, in Larimer country, the Hunter’s Safety card meets the training requirement.

Whether or not you plan to get a concealed handgun license (CHL/CCW) in Colorado, building proficiency and learning about the laws that affect your actions is a must. It goes without saying that those who have decided to obtain a CCW permit have made the decision that they are willing to use deadly force to protect themselves and their families. By

becoming proficient at shooting and knowledgeable of the laws surrounding the use of deadly force, then those citizens have taken an important step in practicing the required “due diligence” of taking on this serious responsibility.

A side benefit of training, believe it or not, is the potential savings in ammo costs. By being more proficient and having a good practice regimen, you can actually do more to make your shots count than simply going out and firing off several rounds with no particular purpose, other than hearing the gun go bang.

Northern Colorado has some excellent resources for training. NCRGC offers monthly proficiency building opportunities through the Defensive Pistol matches and the IDPA matches. Although these matches are not recognized as training for CCW permit issuance purposes, they provide an excellent way to build shooting skills. One of our own NCRGC members gives monthly Hunter’s Safety training. See the NCRGC web site for information about schedules for these events.

Rocky Mountain Shooter’s Supply in Fort Collins (<http://www.rmss.com>) offers several different courses that meet the CCW training requirement. The RMSS courses are taught by NRA approved instructors and typically include live-fire training in their own in-door 25-yard shooting range. RMSS also offers shooting leagues from time to time, which is another way to help maintain and increase proficiency.

Rocky Mountain Gun Owner’s (RMGO) offers frequent classes in Northern Colorado, usually in Windsor (<http://www.rmgo.org>), with the proceeds of the training going to RMGO lobbying efforts to help protect Colorado gun owner’s rights. The RMGO courses are approved for obtaining the Colorado CHL permit, but do not include live fire.

**If you have any ideas for the monthly C<sup>3</sup> section, please send an email to [newsletter@ncrgc.org](mailto:newsletter@ncrgc.org)**

## Range Rule of the Month “Pack it In, Pack it Out...”

Usually, I use this section to remind everyone of the “range rule of the month” to give a refresher on our NCRGC range rules. But this month, I wanted to talk about rules that should apply to all shooting venues: The rules of consideration and common decency.

Recently, I had the opportunity to attend an organized shooting area cleanup out on the Pawnee Grasslands. Instead of using Earth Day to perpetuate the myth of off-setting carbon footprints, a number of us decided to just go out and pick up trash. I was amazed, first by the fact that not many people showed up, and secondly by the fact that

after two short hours we managed to completely fill up a huge dumpster with shot up electronics, spent shotgun shells, broken booze bottles, beer cans, and all kinds of other rubbish. There was even an abandoned refrigerator out there!

The point I am trying to get across is simply this: If you go shooting, clean up your mess! If you are on the NCRGC range, keep in mind that our range is on private property and deserves to be kept clean, for safety’s sake, and just for

the sake of common decency. If you shoot out on the Pawnee Grasslands, please remember that that is public land, and represents a

“survivor” among quickly dwindling public (and FREE) shooting areas. It would be a tragedy for yet another shooting venue to be shut down. Don’t give our

legislators, who want to shut down shooting on public land, fuel for their anti-gun efforts. Be responsible – pack it in, pack it out.

*“...rules that should apply to all shooting venues: The rules of consideration and common decency.”*

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: Since NCRGC moved all of the accounts to New Frontier Bank in Windsor, and New Frontier Bank was recently taken over by FDIC, how does this affect the financials of NCRGC?**

**A:** The NCRGC Board of Directors, in an emergency move to preserve continuity, has moved all accounts

back to Wells Fargo Bank. The accounts at Wells Fargo Bank were still open due to the continuing of the movement of all accounts to New Frontier, and had not been closed yet. A resolution was being drawn up by the NCRGC Board of Directors to then close the New Frontier accounts.

In an effort to allow for continuity of

financial needs, and allow for the proper search for a new banking institution, NCRGC will leave the accounts at Wells Fargo. This will allow for financial transactions to continue uninterrupted, while at the same time allow the BoD to search for a new bank to meet our needs. No NCRGC funds were lost or are at risk from this issue.

## Legislative Corner (continued)

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*tory by ruling that the Second Amendment applies to the states through the due process clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. NRA has been involved in, and supportive of, this case for the past ten years and has filed several amicus briefs in the case.*

*‘The historic Heller decision was a*

*major victory for law-abiding gun owners and recognized that the federal government and the District of Columbia cannot infringe on our Right to Keep and Bear Arms,” said NRA-ILA Executive Director Chris W. Cox.*

*“This week’s decision, which applies to the states in the Ninth Circuit (Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington), ensures that the fundamental*

*freedoms affirmed in Heller are not just limited to the residents of Washington, D.C.’ ”*

This was not a total victory for gun owners, however. The 9th Circuit Court also in that same ruling upheld an Alameda, CA ordinance that bans guns on county property, thereby eliminating gun shows from taking place at the Alameda County Fairgrounds.

**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