

# ~ Northern Colorado Rod & Gun Club ~

“The Best Little Rifle Range in Colorado”

July, 2009

## Upcoming Events

- Executive BoD Meeting: See the NCRGC Web Site,
- Next Range Cleanup: Saturday, July 4, 2009 (check website to be sure due to holiday)
- Defensive Pistol Shoot: July 5, 2009
- IDPA Match: July 18, 2009
- Shotgun: July 12 & 26, 2009
- Hunter's Safety Course: July 18 & 19, 2009
- **Annual Members Meeting: Saturday, August 1, 12:00 noon at the NCRGC Range**

## Classified Ads:

Please visit the NCRGC web site for information on classified ads:

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

To place an ad, send an email to: [webguy@ncrgc.org](mailto:webguy@ncrgc.org)

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## An Independence Day Story

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

As we approach this Independence Day holiday, I wanted to share some thoughts, as well as a Declaration of Independence related story to help commemorate this important holiday.

Here is a story that has been told a variety of different ways, but I'm not sure how many people are actually aware of it. In this version that I heard recently, while some of the details can't be verified, the spirit and the gist of the story has been consistent in the various versions.

To set the stage: In what is now Lower Manhattan in New York City, Battery Park sits at the southern tip. Just to the north of Battery Park is another small park known as the “Bowling Green.” In 1776,

there stood a gilded lead statue of King George III on horseback. This statue and park is the setting for this Declaration of Independence Day story.

One July 9, 1776, the “town crier” stood in the middle of the Bowling Green near the statue of King George III and read aloud the newly signed Declaration of Independence. The people present, in a state of patriotic “inspiration” after hearing the declaration, threw ropes around the head of the statue and tore it down. The statue broke into several pieces. It was reported that the head of the statue was sawn off, and is reported to have been taken to England, but has not

been seen since.

As the pieces of the statue lay on the ground, there



were a number of women present, whose names have been long forgotten by history. One of the women called to the others to fetch a wagon, and they began loading the pieces of the broken statue into the wagon. The King's soldiers questioned this, and the

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## Legislative Corner

### Knife Control?

Knives may be the next thing in your toolbox of self defense and utility items to be targeted. According to Knife Rights, USA:

*“U.S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP) just a bit*

*over two weeks ago on May 21st proposed revoking earlier rulings that assisted opening knives are not switchblades. The proposed new rule would not only outlaw assisted opening knives, its new broad definition of a switchblade would also include one-handed opening knives and could be*

*easily interpreted to cover most other pocket knives, even simple old-fashioned slip-joints. At this point, one-hand opening and assisted opening knives are 80% of U.S. knife sales (per AKTI industry sources). For most knife companies, they represent all or the*

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## An Independence Day Story (continued)

women replied that they were just cleaning up the mess. The soldiers let them continue cleaning up the pieces.

The wagon was then driven down to Litchfield, Connecticut, and taken to the home of Gen. Oliver Wolcott. Gen. Wolcott erected a shed in his orchard and supervised several family members and friends, who melted the pieces of the lead statue down—to make lead balls for Continental Army muskets. 42,800 musket balls to be exact.

On one anecdotal account, it was said that: *“One wit predicted that the king’s soldiers ‘will probably have melted majesty fired at them.’”*

Well—we certainly know from our history that they did indeed!

It is stories like this one that give me

great pause. I think that the folks who were alive at the time of our country’s birth were very much in tune with what it meant to be under tyrannical rule, and have their liberties and freedoms abused and infringed. Through a patriotic sense of duty and wanting these God given liberties and freedoms protected, our Founding Fathers paid a bloody and terrible price to finally win our freedoms. And thus America was born to become the beacon of liberty and the last great hope for oppressed people throughout the world.

Through the ages, I think that many Americans have slowly but surely been replacing these patriotic feelings with apathy and a sense of “what’s in it for me?” The politicians have become more concerned with their own power, and less concerned with doing what’s right.

To quote one radio personality, who recently stated: *“I just love my country, and I fear for it.”* I share that feeling. With all that is happening recently, the rapid spiral into out of control debt, the appointment of several new “czars” and the constant assault on our rights (especially the right to bear arms), I fear that our country is in desperate need of something to wake people up and get that patriotic spirit back. I hope and pray that my fellow Americans will get active and let those in power know that we must restore America to what we once were. America needs to be restored, NOT rebuilt. Please contact your representation and let them know how you feel. Attend a Tea Party. Do SOMETHING! Get involved—I beg of you!  
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## Concealed Carry in Colorado (C<sup>3</sup>)

### National Concealed Carry Reciprocity:

One popular thought is that it would be desirable for federal legislation so that all states would recognize all other state’s concealed carry permits. This type of legislation is introduced from time to time, but never seems to get any traction.

But as Dudley Brown, Executive Director of the National Association for Gun Rights states:

*“This strategy could have some very real — and negative — consequences for gun owners. If the federal government sets the standard for when and where to carry a gun, then state laws governing the issuance of permits will be next on the chopping block.”*

Brown goes on to warn that:

*“I can see a liberal appellate court legislating from the bench and requiring that all states comply with a Federally mandated standard for issuing a permit. Such a Federal mandate would*

*no doubt include an excessive and draconian waiting period, expensive and impractical training requirements, and exorbitant fees. Federal overreaching of this type could effectively neuter all current state CCW laws.”*

Personally—I think that the states should maintain control on how CCW permits are issued in their states. Until all the states adapt a system such as Vermont or Alaska, where CCW permits are not even required to carry concealed, I feel that the states should maintain authority as to how CCW permits are issued, and which permits they will honor. I personally don’t want to become part of a national database. There are a few states where CCW permits are not even allowed—which is fine with me. If all the frightened people want to move there so that they don’t have to be around people who lawfully carry firearms for protection, I don’t mind a bit. They can continue to enjoy their higher than average violent crime rate, while we bask in the knowledge that we have the abil-

ity to defend ourselves in a state that does allow CCW.

### Practice “Shooting” On The Move:

In these times of high-priced and scarce ammo, I have actually found a very unusual, yet effective way to keep my shooting skills sharp, while saving drastically on ammo expenses. Shoot hoops! That’s right—practice with a basket ball. I usually go to the gym several times a week, and part of my regimen is to shoot hoops. I take all my shots from outside the 3-point ring. I can shoot on the move from random positions. I can close my eyes and move to a random position, open my eyes, then acquire the hoop and then shoot. This method helps me a great deal with things like acquiring the target while on the move, judging distance, and proper trajectories, making quick decisions from random positions, and shooting off balance. Not the same as shooting a gun, but the improvements it has made to my mind-set in acquiring a target and shooting accurately has been amazing.

# Range Rule of the Month “No Tracers or Fireworks Allowed!”

As we approach our 4th of July holiday, fireworks are a popular way to celebrate. We wanted to send out an important reminder that we want you to enjoy Independence Day 2009, but at the same time keep our range safe from fire and other dangers.

This time of year, and especially with all the rain we have had lately, the weeds are growing quickly, and there is a lot of brush that could easily catch fire due to fireworks or using tracer ammunition that is not allowed on our range. If our rains cease for the summer, as they often do, the existing weeds will dry out quickly and present even more of a

fire hazard.

**Range Rule #6 states:** *Absolutely no tracer or armor piercing ammunition is to be used. The tracer ammo could start a grass fire and the armor piercing ammo damages the steel gong targets. Do not place targets on or in front of the steel rails or target frames. They are expensive to the club and difficult to replace.*

No fireworks allowed anywhere on the Weaver property—which in-

cludes the NCRGC shooting range. This is an important rule, especially this time of year. We want to avoid grass fires, but we also wish to avoid the costly damage done to the steel target frames and the steel gong targets that can be caused by using armor piercing ammunition.

*“The tracer ammo could start a grass fire...”*

Please help keep our range safe this Independence Day holiday, and all throughout the year by following this important range rule.

## What’s Happening Around NCRGC?

### Please—Treat Our new Road With Care:

The new and much improved road is in place. However, one of our members thought it would be nice to do burn-outs and dig new ruts in our road. This senseless act caused that part of the road to have to be redone. Please drive safely on our new range road.

### Members With Bright Red

**Badges:** NCRGC recently held some orientation courses to bring in new members. We are close to renewal, so it was decided that the temporary badges would be good for the remainder of this membership year. Regular badges will be issued to those who renew their memberships for the 2009/2010 membership year. Please welcome our new members.

**NCRGC Going Hi-Tech:** The NCRGC BoD has decided to use Pay-

Pal to make membership renewals much easier this year. This method of payment will provide a safe, secure, and encrypted way of paying online, and will provide you instantly with a temporary badge to use until your new badge arrives in the mail.

**NCRGC BoD Opening:** There is still an opening for Club Vice President. Email [bod@ncrgc.org](mailto:bod@ncrgc.org) to express interest in this position.

## Legislative Corner (continued)

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*majority of their product lines. These are the knives Americans take with them to work and to play everyday.”*

We will keep you informed of any proposed legislation that affects this issue.

### Colorado State A.G. Signs On To

**Letter to A.G. Holder:** In a June 11 letter to US Attorney General Eric Holder:

*“We share the Obama Administration’s commitment to reducing illegal drugs and violent crime within the United States. We also share your deep concern about drug cartel violence in Mexico. However, we do not believe that restricting law-abiding*

*Americans’ access to certain semi-automatic firearms will resolve any of these problems,” the letter said.*

The letter notes congressional opposition to bringing back the ban, and calls for increasing enforcement of existing laws. See the CSSA web site for more information:

<http://www.cssa.org>

**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