



Upcoming Events

- Next BoD Meeting: August 19, 2008
- Next Range Cleanup: Saturday, August 2, 2008
- Defensive Pistol Shoot:: August 3, 2008
- IDPA Match: August 16, 2008
- Shotgun: August 10 and August 24, 2008
- Hunter’s Safety Course: August 16 & 17, 2008
- Annual Membership Meeting: August 23, 2008
- Membership Renewal: Notices sent out in July/August timeframe, renewals must be received no later than September 30, 2008.

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The Supreme Court Has Confirmed My—Responsibilities?

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

The Supreme Court ruled the only way that it could, in my opinion – that the right to keep and bear arms is an individual right, membership in an organized militia not required. To me, this not only confirms my individual rights, but my ability to live up to some of my individual responsibilities using the methods and tools that I think will best help me do the job.

There are the general “common sense” responsibilities of gun ownership, to be sure: Be safe, keep guns out of the hands of those who only like to commit crimes with them, and all that. But that particular aspect of responsibility is not the focus of this article. What I am talking about are the responsibilities that we as

gun owners have decided to accept with regard to ourselves, our families, our communities, and our nation as a whole. Gun owners, and our reasons for owning guns, contribute greatly to the health and well being of our country.

To set the stage, let’s take a look first at why we own firearms, then break it down to see how the responsibilities are connected. According to a 2005 Gallop poll, the three main reasons for owning guns are personal protection (67%), target shooting (66%), and hunting (58%).

Source: <http://www.gallup.com/poll/20098/Gun-Ownership-Use-America.aspx>

Personal Protection: One of the primary reasons the Supreme Court was decid-



ing the D.C. versus Heller case. We as individuals have a right to protect ourselves and our families. I will go farther and say that we have the responsibility to do so. Even the Supreme Court has ruled that police departments and the government do not have the responsibility to protect in-

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Range Rule of the Month:

"Review the range rules!"

As we get ready to send out membership renewal notices, it is important to remember that it is also time to review our range rules and to remember why we have them.

Two range rules of par-

ticular significance this month involve guests and our own responsibility to review the rules. Rule # 14 states in part that:

“Guests are allowed to shoot, with a member present, two times a year.

The member who invites a guest must review these Range Rules with their guest before shooting.”

A previous news letter discussed the value of bringing a friend to the

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Summary of June 2008 Board Meeting

June, 2008 Board Meeting Highlights by Dean Meyer, Secretary

President Eric Baker called the meeting to order at the Jax Outdoor Store at 7:02 pm.

The Minutes from the May 20, 2008 meeting were approved.

President Eric reported that two federal agencies have approached the club to use the club range for training purposes. The Board has experienced past problems in letting a couple of entities use the range and that we, as a club, didn't want to open the range to organizations. It creates liability issues, possible conflicts with member utilization, possibility of conflict with the County and our zoning and destruction of facilities.

Loren Gitchel provided a draft copy of the new/renewal application to be used for the upcoming 2008/2009-membership year. Several modifications were suggested and we will have a final draft for review at the July Board meeting. Loren reported that after sending out a letter to the approximately 75 members who do not have Internet access to offer a printed newsletter, we have had no requests for a printed version.

A date for the annual meeting was set as August 23, 2008 at noon. The meeting will be held at the range. We need President and Director candidates for the election. The Board also is working to clean up

the by-laws, which will be voted on at the annual meeting. Appropriate notice will be given to members prior to the election.

Randy Smith and Loren Gitchel worked on obtaining information on a new bank for club funds. A report was given that showed New Frontier bank could better meet our needs, with lower fees, higher interest earnings and better security. Loren G made a motion to move to this new bank, seconded by Dan Provaznik, approved unanimously.

Bill Flinn showed the upcoming newsletter addition, and will update the final release with the annual meeting date, a reminder of the

Frequently Asked Questions

What's happening with the upcoming membership meeting, membership renewals and BoD Elections?

The Annual Membership meeting will be held on August 23, 2008 at Noon at the upper range.

We have two Board of Director positions that need filling at the Annual Membership meeting. Our Presi-

dent, Eric Baker, and Board Member at large, Byron Hatton, are leaving. We are looking for candidates for these positions. Also, NCRGC is looking for a person to fill the role of Assistant Shotgun Chair. If you are interested please contact us and we will put your name on the ballot.

There will also be a vote on by-laws

changes at the Annual Meeting. Changes will be available for viewing on the web site by July 23.

A quick reminder to be sure and enter your email address on your membership renewal application so you can receive the monthly newsletter!

Legislative Corner

Supreme Court Upholds 2nd Amendment, Strikes Down D.C. Gun Ban:

By now it's no surprise that the Supreme Court, in a 5-4 decision upheld the meaning of the 2nd Amendment to be an individual right, and has struck down a 32 year old gun ban in Washington D.C. According to the NRA Insti-

tute for Legislative Action, this decision is already having affects on other communities with similar bans. In light of the NRA, joined by Gun Owner's of America, and the Citizens Coalition for the Right To Keep and Bear Arms (CCRKBA), entering law suits to strike down similar gun bans, communities such as Wilmette, IL have said that they will consider vol-

untarily rescinding their gun ban to avoid litigation. Other towns such as the Village of Morton Grove are also considering voluntary suspension of their gun bans. This will have an influence on communities nation wide, and even here in Colorado for cities such as Denver with anti-gun legislation, or who may even be considering such anti-gun measures.

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dividuals, as ruled in cases such as Castle Rock versus Gonzales, and Warren versus The District of Columbia. And heaven forbid we should have another terrorist attack on our soil. Our embassy in Istanbul, Turkey was recently attacked by terrorists with handguns and shotguns. How long before they take their show on the road (to the U.S.) again?

Target Shooting: Whether for casual recreation or organized sport, target shooting helps to meet a wide variety of responsible behavior. Keeping shooting skills sharp, making sure that firearms operate correctly,

sighting in our scopes. By doing so, I believe that we are living up to our responsibilities of being proficient so that we can hunt effectively and harvest game in the most humane way possible. The connection to personal protection should be obvious – if I’m going to shoot in self defense, I want to make sure it is the bad guy who gets shot!

Hunting: It is a known fact that hunters are among the most effective resource conservationists and stewards of wildlife. Hunting helps maintain wildlife populations, keeps our natural resources strong, and provides a means of sustenance. If the tools for hunting were no longer allowed, I shudder to think what would

happen to wildlife populations. Wildlife populations are thriving today because of the responsible practices of hunters.

Our individual right to own firearms was recently confirmed, but what was also confirmed is our ability to use a particular tool with which to carry out our individual responsibilities. In doing so, we are not only practicing our individual rights, but practicing responsible citizenship as well. In my opinion, it isn’t the politicians who are responsible for protecting our families and managing wildlife. It is We the People who are responsible. We have the right: we have the responsibility.

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range. What an appropriate time to refresh our own memories of the rules and remind ourselves of the necessity to be safe—especially with guests present who may not be as familiar with firearms.

Rule # 15 states:

“Failure to observe these Range Rules or to otherwise act as to jeop-

ardize other persons or property is cause for revocation of range privileges and/or club membership upon review of such actions by the NCRGC Board of Directors as provided for in the Bylaws.”

Membership in NCRGC is a wonderful privilege, especially given

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the reduction of places to shoot in our area. But with that privilege comes some awesome responsibilities. Safety is first and foremost, and our range rules provide the foundation for safe shooting. And nothing could be worse than violating the rules with a guest present.

Continuation of BoD Meeting Highlights...

upcoming renewal dates for membership and that fireworks are prohibited from use at the range due to fire danger.

Gerry Mitchell reported that we have had a few classified ads placed on the website.

Dave LaMothe reported for Allen Klenk that the roof on sheds need

maintenance. Dave is willing to do the work, the club will need to pay for or reimburse the purchase of the materials.

Reminder: NCRGC needs candidates for President, Director at Large, and Assistant Shotgun Chair.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Don't forget the annual membership meeting at noon at the upper range on August 23, 2008. Hope to see you there!

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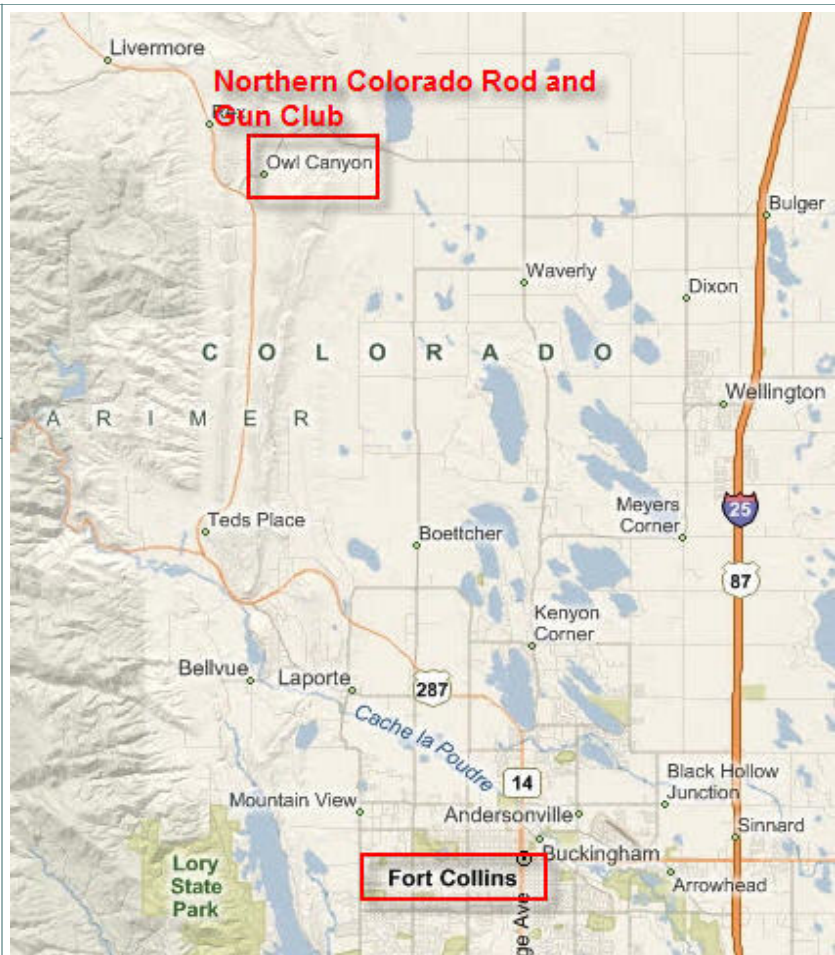
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The Northern Colorado Rod & Gun Club was founded in 1948 through the merger of four sportsmen groups; Fort Collins, Loveland, Greeley and Estes Park.

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>



Keeping Up On Current Events

As the 2008 Presidential election and legislative sessions draw near, it is important to get the latest news on where the presidential and other candidates stand on the issues, and what new legislation is being introduced. Here is a list of some good sources on the Internet to find out what's going on:

NRA Institute for Legislative Action:
<http://www.nraila.org>

Gun Owners of America:
<http://www.gunowners.org>

Colorado State Shooting Association:
<http://www.cssa.org/portal/news.php>

Rocky Mountain Gun Owners:
<http://www.rmgo.org>

National Rifle Association:
<http://www.nra.org>

Second Amendment Foundation:
<http://www.saf.org>

National Association for Gun Rights:
<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/>

"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. Make your vote count this fall."

Source: San Diego Rifle and Pistol Association