



Get Off the Bench, Get Into the Game

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Upcoming Events

- Executive BoD Meeting: January 20 2009, 7:00pm, JAX Sporting Goods
- Next Range Cleanup: Saturday, January 3, 2009
- Defensive Pistol Shoot: January 4, 2009 (weather permitting)
- IDPA Match: January 17, 2009 (weather permitting)
- Shotgun: January 11 & 25, 2009 (weather permitting)
- Hunter's Safety Course: January 24 & 25, 2009

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As we have closed the books on another year, I am reflecting back on my time so far as the NCRGC News Letter Editor, as well as all the events that have taken place in 2008. We endured an election, and all its campaign rhetoric, and our country has elected a new President. We as a club have welcomed some new officers, including our own new President and board members. And, we have started to move forward to think of ways to improve our club and make such things as club renewal go smoother in the future.

In thinking of a topic for this news letter, and reflecting on the events of the past year, I was inspired by something the NCRGC President and Secretary mentioned at a

recent board meeting. They brought up the idea that one of the goals for our club should be to find ways to engage our members and make our club strong. While we all realize that there are members who join solely for the purpose of having a place to shoot a few times a year, there are still many others who are interested in fostering meaningful shooting programs. For example, engaging our youth in enriching shooting programs to help them learn about and respect firearms should be one of our top priorities. Keeping the programs strong that engages the general public, such as IDPA, Defensive Pistol, and Shotgun, should also be a high priority on our list.

I will take that idea further by saying that one of my personal goals for the com-



ing year is to focus on keeping you all informed of the many political and legislative issues that we as gun owners will face in the coming months and years. I have to be blunt: I feel that the rights of gun owners are going to come under attack like never before.

An administration, which is well known for its anti-

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Legislative Corner

One potential area of legislation to look out for will involve legislation on ammunition. One such example is that 18 states are reported to be considering ammunition serialization legislation. If passed, this type of legislation would completely outlaw all current non-serialized ammu-

munition. Holders of this non-serialized ammo would have a deadline upon which all ammo must be surrendered or disposed of, and purchasing of the legal ammo would require the same procedures used to buy a firearm.

It is reported that the holders of the patent for this

technology know that the only way to seal their product is to have it made law. This has the potential to seriously harm gun owners' ability to buy all kinds of ammunition.

The link below is a link to the web site for the group

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gun sentiment, has swept in more like-minded legislators on their coat-tails. We should leverage our strength in numbers to express your feelings to those elected officials. After all, they are OUR servants, it is not suppose to be the other way around.

Here are some things that we as a gun club can to do, not only get involved, but simply bolster the strength of what we already have.

Follow our range rules! There is nothing that adds more fuel to the fire of anti-gun sentiment than to give the media something negative about gun owners to report. The only time firearms are reported is when someone has an accident or commits a crime with one. Rarely do we see reports of a law abiding citizen successfully defending their families or

homes through responsible and prudent gun ownership. Rarely do we see reports of all the good that hunters do towards conservation of wild-life resources.

Get involved in club events: Participate in a range cleanup. Come to an IDPA or Defensive Pistol shoot. Bring a friend to the range who is new to firearms.

Keep informed of the issues: The NRA Institute for Legislative Action (NRA-ILA), Rocky Mountain Gun Owners (RMGO), and Gun Owners of America (GOA), Colorado State Shooting Association (CSAA) just to name a few, are great places to keep up on the issues.

Voice your opinion on the issues: When you see new legislation (and trust me, I will be sure to report it) that is aimed at reducing and elimi-

nating the rights of gun owners, write letters, make phone calls. The GOA web site has an easy to use vehicle for sending emails to federal and state representation to express concerns. Take advantage of these tools, and help leverage our strength in numbers as a gun club.

In coming articles, I will focus on some of the issues that come into the forefront, and suggest some ways for you to help. National issues, such as ammunition bans and renewed assault weapons bans, as well as close-to-home issues such as the Glade Reservoir, will affect our ability to maintain our club or even own firearms. Our rights as gun owners will depend on our strength and willingness to not let those rights slip away by being a strong voice.

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Summary of December 2008 BoD Meeting Minutes

NCRGC Board Meeting Minutes Summary for December 16, 2008 Board Meeting

Submitted by Dean Meyer, Secretary

In attendance: Brian Holder, John Ball, David LaMothe, Randy Smith, Bill Flinn, Dean Meyer, BJ Patterson, Daniel Provanznik

Absent: Keith Markey, Larry Winslow, Loren Gitchel, Gerry Mitchell, Sandra Dorffeld

Also in attendance: Aaron Schefter, Scott Hicks, Nancy & Michael Hunter, Lonnie Kuhns, Bob Dixon, Michael Castell, Eric Paul

President Brian Holder called the meeting to order at the Jax Outdoor Store at 6:36 pm.

Due to time constraints, this will be a brief overview and summary of the meeting. Those wishing to see the actual minutes may attend the January meeting.

A notice was sent out to ask for help in obtaining volunteers to work on the board and committees. Most of the

people noted above in the "also attended" came to volunteer their time. Thank you to those folks for stepping up to the plate.

Mike Castell and Scott Hix expressed interest in the board position and presented their qualifications. Dean M made a motion to vote on the position of Board Member at Large, replacing Larry Winslow who had to resign due to work conflicts, presenting Mike Castell and Scott Hix as the two candidates. Dan P seconded.

The Board voted and Scott Hix was elected and will serve a three-year term as Board Member at Large.

Mike Castell, Lonnie Kuhns and Eric Paul expressed interest in helping on committees and we will certainly utilize their expertise.

Secretary Report: Since there was not a quorum at the November 2008 Board meeting, no minutes were available.

Treasurer Report: Dan P showed the Board a new reporting form to be util-

ized by the various committees to report their expenses each month, allowing an ongoing financial statement and more oversight of club funds.

Dan wants to set up a finance committee and a policies & procedures manual for club finance.

Shotgun Report: John B reported that 46 rounds were shot at the November shoots. At the December 14th shoot, there were two shooters, with 4 rounds completed.

Dean M moved and Dan P seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:46pm. Unanimous approval.

Thanks to the following folks for helping in the 11/08 and 12/08 range cleanups:

Eric Paul, Jennifer Paul, Tom Herick, Steve Taylor, Allen Berbow, Dave Johnson, John Sifford, Dan Miller, Brian Santisteven, Jack Ross, Rick Ross

Well done and thanks for helping!

Range Rule of the Month “Review the Range Rules”

While there is a period of relative “down time,” and not many people going to the range. The cold Winter months are a good time to review those range rules!

Two range rules of particular 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.”

This month’s news letter discusses

the value of bringing a friend to the 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 jeopardize 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.”

“The member who invites the guest must review these range rules with the guest before shooting.”

Membership in NCRGC is a wonderful privilege, especially given the reduction of places to shoot in our area. But with that privilege comes some awe-

some responsibilities. Safety is first and foremost, and our range rules provide the foundation for safe shooting. They also allow us to set a good example for others!

Frequently Asked Questions

What is on the horizon for NCRGC?

The NCRGC is going to have the Executive Board Meeting in January 2009. Among the topics of high importance are discussing ways to make future club renewals go more smoothly and without delay. Some ideas being proposed include changing the renewal to a different month

during the Winter when there is not so much activity.

The club Treasurer is presenting an in-depth financial plan to help track funds as they are spent on club maintenance and the various shooting disciplines.

Other things being discussed are ways to encourage enriching youth and other types of shooting pro-

grams.

If you have a question you would like to see answered in the NCRGC News Letter, send an email to newsletter@ncrgc.org, with a subject line of “News Letter: Frequently Asked Questions” We will make sure to give you credit for asking the question and provide an answer as well.

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that is pushing this legislation:

<http://www.ammunitionaccountability.org/>

The good news is that much of the information on this web site is fairly dated. They created a “Victims” page, perhaps with the intention of listing all the “victims” that could have been

saved had this technology been required. But as of this date, their “Victims” page is still empty.

The NRA Institute for Legislative Action (NRA-ILA) site is not making a big deal of this issue—yet. But they do have a link at the bottom of their page with info about this, but it is dated 1/27/08.

Make no mistake: This represents a

potentially dangerous type of gun control. The politicians, knowing they can’t outright ban guns, will ban the ammunition instead and make firearms virtually useless.

If this type of legislation hits Colorado, please contact your representation immediately. More info will appear in this news letter as it becomes available.

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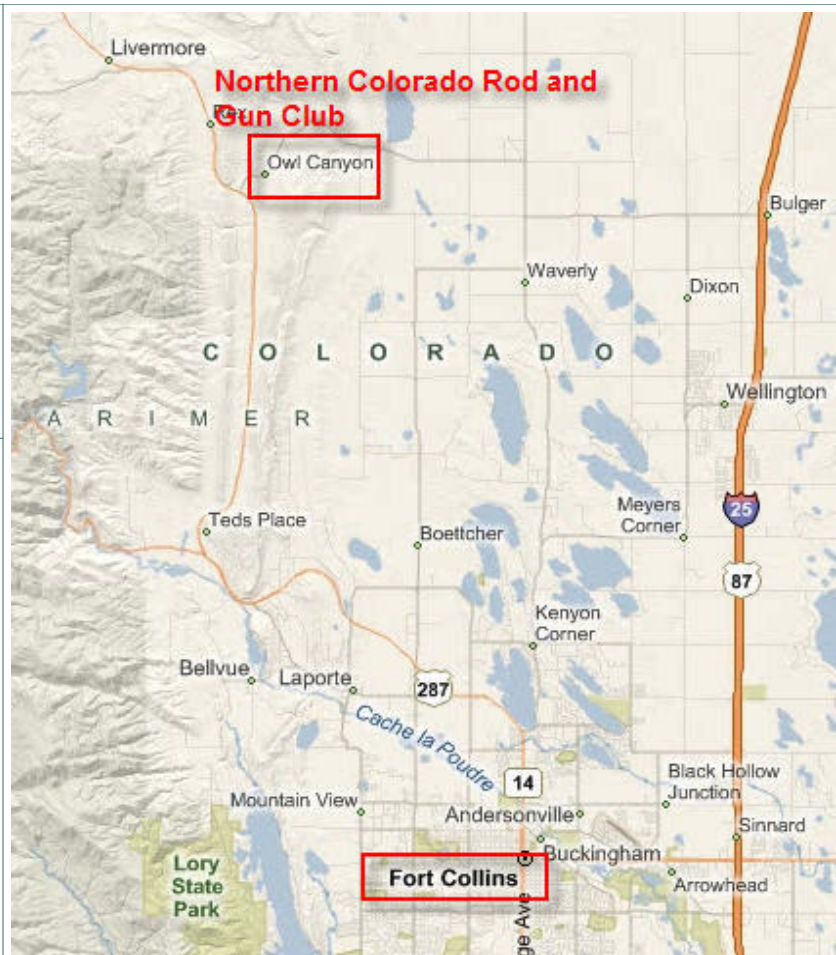
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The Northern Colorado Rod & Gun Club was founded in 1948 through the merger of four sportsmen groups; Fort Collins, Loveland, Greeley and Estes Park.

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