



Upcoming Events

- Next BoD Meeting: July 15, 2008
- Next Range Cleanup: Saturday, July 5, 2008
- Defensive Pistol Shoot:: July 6, 2008
- IDPA Match: July 19, 2008
- Shotgun: July 13 and July 27, 2008
- Hunter’s Safety Course: July 19 & 20, 2008
- Annual Membership Meeting: August 23, 2008
- Membership Renewal: Notices will be sent out in the July/August, 2008 timeframe.

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Nobody Talks Like That Anymore

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

As we get ready to celebrate Independence Day, 2008, I am taking pause to remember some of the words that our Founding Fathers used in the documents that brought this country to life. What is important about this year’s celebration is that it just happens to be taking place in an election year that could be a pivotal moment in American history for gun owners.

In the movie *“Hidden Treasure.”* the character played by Nicholas Cage is reading aloud a passage from the Declaration of Independence, specifically the passage that reads:

“But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the

same object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security.”

He then remarks that:

“...nobody talks like that anymore...”

Not only does no one use language like that to describe their feelings toward liberty and freedom, but I don’t run into many people nowadays who even talk about these ideals in the same way that our Founding Fathers did. In fact, in one of the

online discussion forums in which I regularly par-



ticipate, one person even made the statement that the language used in our founding documents is obsolete (but that is the topic of another article).

With our establishment as a nation being more than 200 years old now, things like liberty and

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Range Rules of the Month:

“But I thought we could shoot anything at any part of the range....”

Shooting the proper types of guns, and at the appropriate ranges is a vitally important aspect of safety at the NCRGC range.

Range rule #7 states:

“Shotgun range—use shotguns with size 6 or

smaller shot only. No slugs, rifles or pistols to be fired on the shotgun range.”

Range rule # 8 states:

“Rifle and Pistol Range (Upper Range) rifles, pistols and shotguns are al-

lowed. Clay pigeons are allowed on the upper range as stationary targets only. Full auto, burst fire and ‘bump shooting’ is not allowed.”

Range rule # 9 states:

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Summary of May 2008 Board Meeting

May, 2008 Board Meeting Highlights by Dean Meyer, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Eric @ 7:06 pm.

Allen Klenk reported a range clean up would be held June 7th.

VP report by Loren Gitchel: Waste-management overlocked the gate, locking member both in and out of the range. Loren will work with the trash company to make sure this doesn't happen again.

The application for membership is being updated for the upcoming renewal year. ID badges with pictures for the Board members are still being worked on. It was brought up that we could be an NRA affiliated range for \$35 per year. Dean Meyer made a motion to

become an NRA affiliated range, seconded by Keith Markey, passed unanimously. Loren also reported that all bills the club owed are paid.

It was brought to the attention of the Board that non-members of the club attending the various shoots are using other parts of the range. All match directors will make announcements that this is not allowed and it will be placed on the website.

Keith Markey reported we had 44 defensive pistol and 20 IDPA shooters at the last match.

Gerry Mitchell reported a tab has been added to the website for classified ads.

Brian Holder made a presentation about developing a youth shooting program. The board provided some advice and the additional needs and Brian will work on finalizing this for Board approval.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

There are two BoD positions that will be up for election this year: President and Director at Large. If you wish to run for either of these positions, please contact the NCRGC BoD for details and information about running for these important positions. This is a wonderful opportunity to become involved in your rod and gun club!

Frequently Asked Questions

When non-members come to the range to participate in IDPA, Defensive Pistol or other events, are they allowed to use the range facilities while there?

Non members are not authorized to use range facilities other than the portion of the range where the event is being held.

This is as much of a safety issue as

it is a liability issue. Non members, particularly unaccompanied non-members, have not received a proper briefing of all of the range rules, not to mention the fact that they are not paying members of the Northern Colorado Rod and Gun Club.

The Fourth of July is coming up. Are we allowed to go to the

range to shoot off fireworks?

No! No open flammables of any kind are allowed at the NCRGC range. This includes tracer ammo, flares, fireworks, sparklers, camp fires, and exploding targets. Please be cognizant of the fact that heavy rains have brought heavy brush that will soon dry out and become a fire hazard.

Legislative Corner

Ohio Expands Right to Self-Defense:

From the NRA Institute for Legislative Action:

Fairfax, VA-Ohio Governor Ted Strickland today signed the National Rifle Association (NRA)-backed "Castle Doctrine" legislation into law to expand the self-defense rights of law-abiding citizens. SB

184, sponsored by State Senator Steve Buehrer (R-1), protects the rights of innocent victims to defend themselves from criminal attack while expanding the rights of concealed-carry permit holders.

"I want to thank all parties concerned for working together to make this victims' rights bill the law in Ohio," said Chris W. Cox, NRA's chief lobby-

ist. "When you're confronted by a criminal, you don't have the luxury of time. Under the 'Castle Doctrine' provision, if someone breaks into your occupied home or temporary habitation, or your occupied car, you now have an initial presumption that you may act in self defense and you will not be second-guessed by the State. ability to protect yourself and your

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freedom just don't seem to be a major concern anymore. Many have taken those things for granted. I think many folks are caught up worrying about health care, wars, crime, and the rising prices of gas and food. With all these issues, people today don't really think that they have time to worry about the principles of declaring independence from another country, or even the basic notions of liberty and freedom that were the driving force for our Founding Fathers. After all, we have been independent from another country's reign for over 200 years now.

The concern that I have with many of these current attitudes is that it represents an overall sense of complacency toward the ideals upon which this county was built. I am deeply concerned because our current generation of voters will possibly be willing to trade some of our liberties and freedoms for promises of “change” and universal health care instead of looking for ways for us to be energy independent and secure. I think too many people are looking at the short term gratifications, without regard to the negative effects that trading certain liberties has on our security.

I hope that as we approach our Presidential election in November,

Americans everywhere can take pause to be reminded of the principles that our Founding Fathers used to build this country. I hope that we can choose the candidate who best represents those principles while preserving our liberties and security. And when the President Elect takes the oath of office on inauguration day, I hope that he seriously thinks about the oath he is taking to “...*preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.*” and truly, sincerely, and heartily means it rather than just “saying” the words because “nobody talks like that anymore.”

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“Hand gun and Air gun Range (lower) only pistols, revolvers and air guns are allowed. Shoot only at target, not at rocks on ground or rock background to prevent ricochets.”

At the June range cleanup, some .223 and larger shell casings

were found in an area where they shouldn't be—near the shotgun range and pistol range. To repeat: This is a vital safety issue!

It is important to ensure that when using the shotgun range, number 6

“Hand gun and Air gun Range (lower) only pistols, revolvers and air guns are allowed ”

shot and smaller is used to prevent shot from carrying to the roadway located beyond the hills downrange from the shotgun pads.

Also, while using the shotgun range, only use biodegradable clay targets.

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family from harm is important no matter where you are.”

Also included in SB 184 are several pro-gun provisions that make Ohio's concealed carry laws more “user friendly”. Among these revisions include important clarifications for persons without a Concealed Hand-

gun License (CHL) to legally transport firearms in an automobile, and pick up/drop off abilities for license holders in school safety zones. The bill also designates mandatory legal fees for gun owners who require court orders to have firearms returned to them, decriminalizes concealed carry in privately owned parking garages, allows permit holders to carry a firearm in an

unlocked glove compartment or center console and removes the written test requirement for renewal of a concealed handgun license.

“The Castle Doctrine bill is about putting the law back on the side of the victim, the way it's supposed to be,” concluded Cox.

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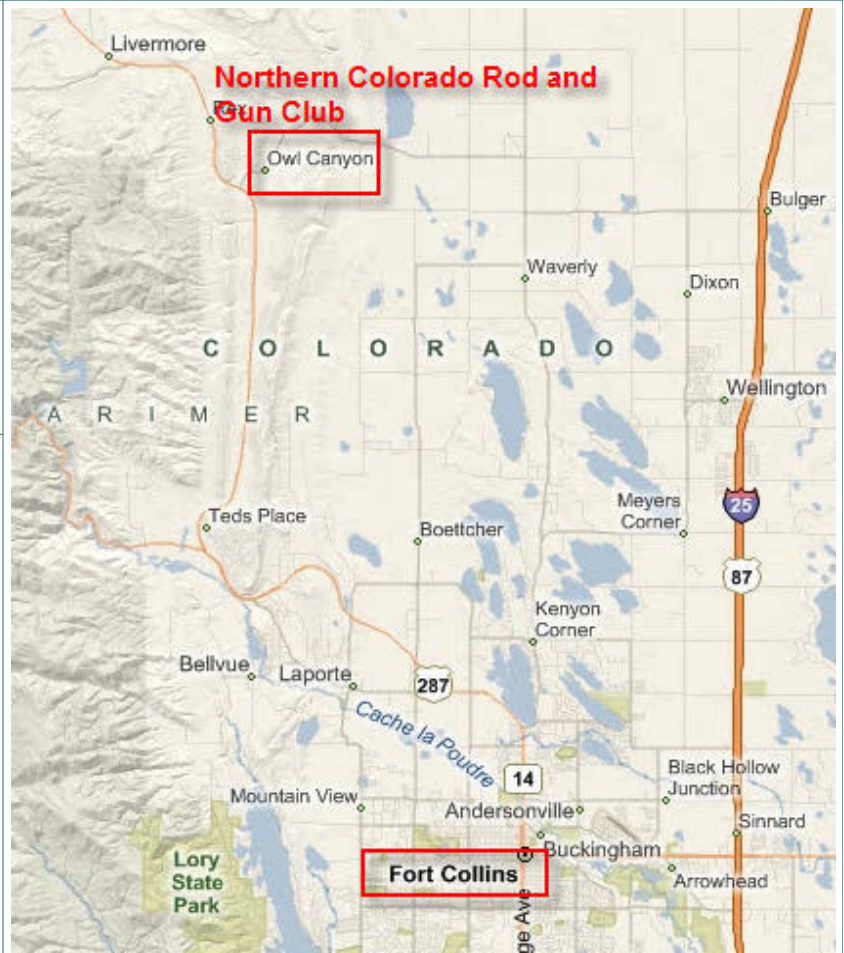
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The Northern Colorado Rod & Gun Club was founded in 1948 through the merger of four sportsmen groups; Fort Collins, Loveland, Greeley and Estes Park.

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>



Meet The Board of Directors

News Letter Editor: Bill Flinn

By now, I hope the biggest thing you will remember about me is that I like to write! More on that later. I'm a Colorado native, born in Fitzsimons Army Hospital in Aurora, Colorado. After graduating from Aurora Central High School, I immediately joined the Navy, where I served a 20 year career in Naval Aviation. For the first 16 years, I was an enlisted avionics technician, spending most of that time working on F-14 "Tomcats" at NAS Miramar in San Diego, reaching the rank of Chief Petty Officer. I earned my commission as an aviation maintenance officer, and served first as the Avionics Division Officer aboard an aircraft carrier, then as assistance aircraft maintenance



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department head at NAS Alameda, California. I retired from the Navy, and my family and I moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota. I taught computer networking at a technical school for six years before landing my present job with USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service in Fort Collins. In my present position, I work in the Information Technology Division, Security Operations Staff.

Education: M.S. Degree, Information Systems Security Management from Colorado Technical University. B.S. Degree, Aviation Management from Southern Illinois University.

Family: Have been married to my lovely wife Mary Jo for almost 28 years. We have 5 kids. Oldest son is a firefighter aboard a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier (flight deck crash and salvage crew). Oldest daughter is a nuclear medicine technician in Minneapolis, and we have 2 daughters and a son still at home in various phases of high school and college.

Hobbies: Writing! - and building web sites. When not writing for the NCRGC news letter, I write for various computer industry online technical forums, web sites, and computer industry publications. Motorcycles, NHRA drag racing, my dog Milo, and of course shooting. I have my private pilot's license and one day hope to get back to flying.