



**Upcoming Events**

- Next BoD Meeting: June 17, 2008
- Next Range Cleanup: Saturday, June 7, 2008
- Defensive Pistol Shoot: June 1, 2008
- IDPA Match: June 21, 2008
- Shotgun: June 8 and June 22, 2008
- Hunter’s Safety Course: June 21 & 22, 2008

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## Perspectives From a New Club Member

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

This month, I would like to share some thoughts and perspectives of someone who is relatively new to the club, in an effort to show some ways to get more out of NCRGC club membership.

To set the stage: Being around firearms isn’t new to me – my dad was an avid hunter and shooter, and he took me shooting with him on a number of occasions. He bought me my first pellet rifle when I was nine years old. I have not been hunting since I was a kid, but I would sure like to go someday. And I hope that being a club member will connect me with the people who can teach a rookie (at hunting), an older rookie, the ropes to get re-acquainted with

hunting.

I use the phrase “*connect me with the people who can...*” for a very specific reason. Aside from needing a place to shoot, my biggest reason for joining NCRGC was to allow me to connect with people who I thought were like minded. Meeting new people isn’t easy for someone like me. I’m a computer geek, and computer geeks by their very nature are a bit introverted. But lately, 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights issues have been on my mind a lot, not to mention my renewed interests in shooting. So I took the plunge and joined NCRGC just to

see what I could find.

The club orientation was



my first eye-opener. When Loren called me to let me know about the orientation session, I thought “*How many people will be there? A few, maybe? How much interest is there these days in joining a rod and gun club?*” The room was

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## Range Rule of the Month:

**"The shooting range is not a hunting range..."**

Two important range rules to talk about this month. Rule #2 concerning hunting on the NCRGC range, and Rule #3 concerning not shooting when livestock are down range, go hand in hand.

Range #2 states:

*“No hunting allowed on the NCRGC range or anywhere on the Weaver Ranch Property.”*

The NCRGC range is not a hunting range—period!

Rule #3 states:

*“Do not shoot when there is livestock downrange. When in doubt, call a cease fire until the livestock moves off.”*

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## Summary of April 2008 Board Meeting

April, 2008 Board Meeting Highlights by Dean Meyer, Secretary

Loren Gitchel called the meeting to order at 7:43pm at Jax Outdoor Store.

Loren reported there is interest from one of our members to use the range for additional hunter safety classes. It will be suggested to the member to attend the next board meeting and make an official presentation for the board's consideration.

Loren reported that a member who was moving out of state wanted to transfer his membership to a non-household relative. After brief discussion, this is not allowed by the by-laws and would put this person ahead of other people on the waiting

list.

A discussion about placing advertising on the website brought about the decision to try small classified ads on the site. Gerry Mitchell, the Webmaster, agreed to place firearms and shooting related ads on a space available basis. Send your ads to Gerry.

Loren reported as temporary Treasurer that all bills for the club are paid.

Allen Klenk reported that seven people were at the last range cleanup. The next cleanup is scheduled for May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Plans are to clean the range house.

Keith Markey presented Dan Provaznik as a candidate for the club Treasurer. Dan has over 13 years in finance with HP, Agilent and currently at Woodward Governor as a Finance Manager.

Keith moved to elect Dan as Treasurer, motion was seconded and approved.

Sandra Dorffeld reported the last Hunter Safety class had 33 participants. The next class will be held in June.

Brian Holder requested the Board consider a Youth program. The Board suggested that he put together a plan and make a presentation to the Board. Brian will pre-

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Yikes! I was coming out of the range, went to unlock the gate to go home, and found that someone else had locked their lock around the club lock. Now I can't get out. Now what!?**

Your best bet is to call the NCRGC number (970) 282-1648. Leave a message and explain the situation. Messages are checked several times

per day. If you have ascertained that it is Waste Management who did it, their number is posted in various locations on the range, on such places like dumpsters and the porta-potty.

We are re-emphasizing to all the various entities who access the range (ie Waste Management and others) to be careful not to lock

their locks around any others. Maintain the chain! That is important for our members to follow as well. Locking the club lock around others may prevent others from getting in (or out), including emergency personnel.

In the future, a placard with all the important phone numbers will be posted by the entry gate.

## Legislative Corner

**COLORADO:** [Make My Day Better:](#)

This past legislative session in Colorado, an important self-defense rights measure, HB1066, died in the House Judiciary Committee. Co-sponsored by Rep. Cory Gardner and Sen. Ted Harvey the bill would have extended the conditions under which an occupant may use deadly

physical force against an intruder to include places of business as well as dwellings, and not just homes.

This bill was killed before reaching the full House and Senate for vote; it's not too early to get a head start to ensure that this bill is reintroduced again.

1) Write to Rep. Gardner and Sen.

Harvey to thank them for co-sponsoring the bill.

2) Write to your Colorado state representation to tell them how you feel about this measure succeeding.

Colorado State House and Senate contact information:

<http://www.leg.state.co.us/>

# Perspectives From a New Club Member

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packed! It was then that I felt a huge wave of optimism that there was indeed interest in not only gun club membership, but for strong attitudes toward gun ownership. Loren’s passion for safety and responsible club membership was very evident and gave me even greater reason to be optimistic.

Going to the range has shown me that gun club membership can go way beyond simply having a place to shoot. I usually go early to beat the crowds (computer geek, remember?). But each time I have gone, there have been at least a few other people there. Taking a deep breath and introducing myself—would you

believe it—people actually gave me more than a casual nod and hand shake! One gentleman stood over my shoulder to spot my shots for me, and give me some advice on zeroing a scope. Another let me and my wife shoot his rifle and gave us some tips on what to look for when purchasing a new scope. Plus, it is interesting to see all the cool firearms that people have.

Becoming the club News Letter Editor has been an incredible opportunity to contribute to the club. Participating in the monthly board meetings is very interesting. It’s great to speak with people who have a genuine interest in gun safety, and making sure that our club is able to offer some very enriching

shooting events.

As a new member, I can offer these insights to help club membership be more rewarding: When you go to the range, introduce yourself to someone. You just never know what you have in common. Participate in a range cleanup – it’s a great way to contribute to the upkeep of the range (plus, it’s one of the range rules). Come to a board meeting. There really are important issues facing our club and our 2nd Amendment rights. Club membership means more than just having a place to shoot. It is a place to connect!

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## "The shooting range is not a hunting range..."

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The first thing to remember about this is that if you shoot livestock, you are shooting someone’s privately owned animals. This could lead to a whole host of legal concerns for both the person who shoots the livestock and the club.

Another important aspect of this

rule is the possibility that people could get impatient and try to scare away the livestock using a variety of potentially dangerous measures. Do NOT shoot guns into the air to try to scare them off. First, this is an unsafe

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practice. And secondly, as so eloquently pointed out at an NCRGC member orientation, the animals don’t “hear” the gun shot anyway. They are used to us! Respect the property of others by obeying these important rules.

## Continuation of BoD Meeting Highlights...

pare a syllabus and email a copy to Dean prior to a Board presentation.

Bill Flinn reported that if anyone has items or suggestions for the news letter, to send an email via the club web site, or to send an email to [ngrc-news@comcast.net](mailto:ngrc-news@comcast.net). Particular items of interest are suggestions for stories, frequently asked questions, or legislative corner features

that would be pertinent to the club news letter. A number of suggestions from club membership have already been used, and provide for interesting material for the news letter.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

**Note:**

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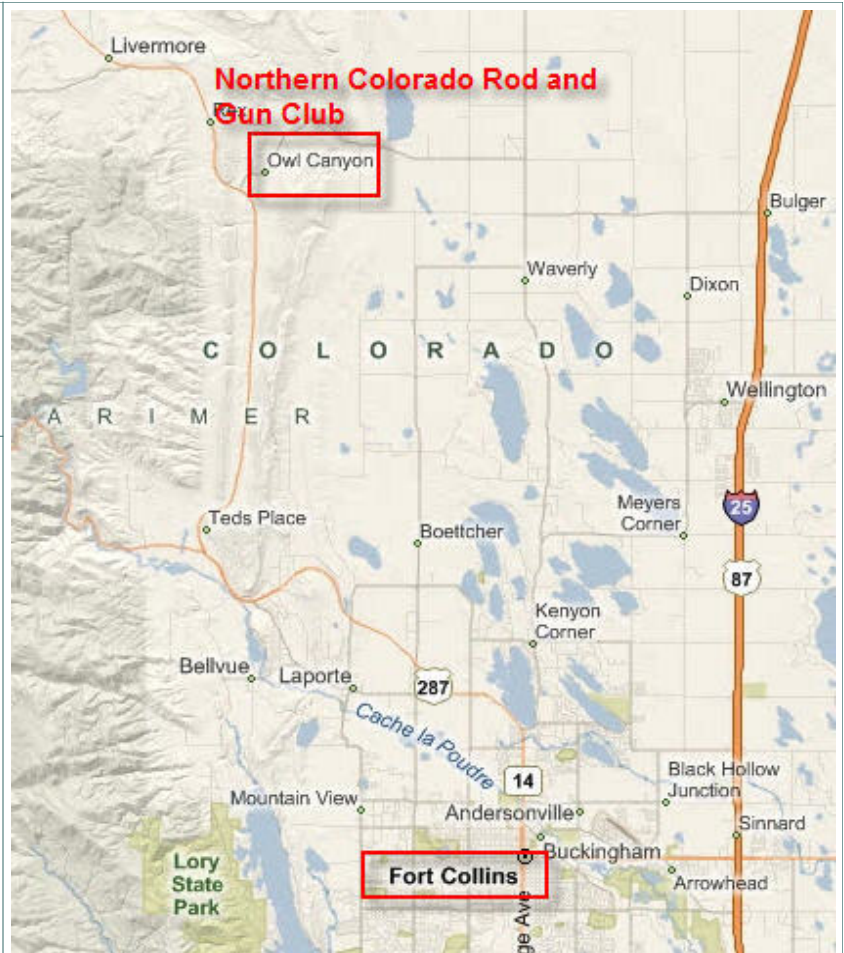
*The Northern Colorado Rod & Gun Club was founded in 1948 through the merger of four sportsmen groups; Fort Collins, Loveland, Greeley and Estes Park.*

*The club is located on Owl Canyon Road off U S 287 on the Weaver Ranch north of Ft Collins, Co.*

*Check the club web site to see the new classifieds section—coming soon!*

**We're on the Web!**

<http://www.ncrgc.org>



## Meet The Board of Directors

### Secretary: Dean Meyer

Born in Detroit, Michigan in 1954. Graduated from Seaholm High School, Birmingham Michigan in 1972. I earned my private pilot license in 1976. I spent five years in management of sales departments of car dealerships in metro Detroit, before entering the insurance business as an agent in 1981. Moved to Loveland, Colorado in 1983 to start an Allstate Insurance Agency.

Earned the CLU (Chartered Life Underwriter) and ChFC (Chartered Financial Consultant) designations from the American College in Bryn Mawr, PA. While running my agency, served as the President of the local chapter of the National Association of Life Un-



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derwriters and later as the President of the Colorado Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors. I sold my agency in 2000.

I don't remember the year, but I was asked to be President of this club back when it was down to 90 members and we weren't sure it was going to make it. I served as President and with help from some good people; we grew to over 300 members in two years. I like to shoot rifle, pistol and shotgun. Back when we had Metallic Handgun Silhouette, used to compete in the 22 and center fire classes. I am a paid life member of the NRA.

Married to Faun Meyer for 31 years and have two children, Alan 16 and Anne 20. Anne is married to a Marine, Dan, who is serving his second tour in Iraq. Anne and Dan are stationed at Camp Pendleton near San Diego, CA. I started a new business three years ago, serving franchised auto dealership used car departments, doing paint chip and scratch repair. I really look forward to serving the NCRGC and being more involved in the future.

Look forward to meeting each of our board members in this section in coming issues of the news letter.