

~ Northern Colorado Rod & Gun Club ~

“The Best Little Rifle Range in Colorado”

November, 2008

Upcoming Events

- Next BoD Meeting: November 18, 2008, 6:30pm, JAX Sporting Goods
- Next Range Cleanup: Saturday, November 1, 2008
- Defensive Pistol Shoot:: November 2, 2008
- IDPA Match: November 15, 2008
- Shotgun: November 9 and November 23, 2008
- Hunter's Safety Course: November 15 & 16, 2008

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The Supreme Court Ruled—Next Steps? (Part 3)

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

For the last two months we have been looking at an article series summarizing the recent Supreme Court decision in the case of Washington D.C. versus Heller., where The Supreme Court ruled in favor of gun owners and confirmed the Second Amendment as an individual right.

With that important decision, many far reaching effects will be seen by those who own firearms. For example, current legislation being considered such as the “2nd Amendment Enforcement Act” and some new versions of the assault weapons ban will have a significant impact on gun ownership in the months to come.

Three important bills to watch right now are H.R.

6691, the Second Amendment Enforcement Act; H.R. 6257, Assault Weapons Reauthorization Act of 2008; and H.R. 1022, Assault Weapons Ban and Law Enforcement Protection Act of 2007.

All three of these bills are currently still in the introduction phase, meaning they have been introduced by their sponsor(s) but have not yet made it to committee. My personal opinion is that these bills are all waiting in the wings, so to speak, until the next administration is on board, along with the new Congress, so that law makers will have a better sense of how well they

think these bills will do once sent to committee, and ultimately for a vote



in the House and Senate.

That's one major reason why gun owners can't afford to sit out this election. Not only are we voting in a new President, but we are voting in our state and federal representatives as well. When I accepted the posi-

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Range Rule of the Month:

"No Hunting on the NCRGC 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 September Board Meeting

September 23, 2008 Board Meeting (Annual Membership Meeting) Highlights by Dean Meyer, Secretary

President Brian Holder called the meeting to order at the Jax Outdoor Store at 7:05 pm.

Dean M made a motion to approve the Minutes from the August 23, 2008 Annual meeting, Gerry M seconded, unanimous approval.

Loren G report Treasurer: With the new bank, we can not have the electronic transfer provisions set up as desired. As a result, the secondary accounts for the various committees will be separate and money will only be allowed to be transferred by authorized officers. All bills are paid, including the club insurance premium of \$7340.40 for the year.

Loren G report Membership: Renew-

als processed so far: 214 Household, 342 individual and 22 that haven't processed due to requirements or an approximate total of 575 renewals for the year. There are 142 on the waiting list.

Loren G. report General: We had the gate lock broken, it has been replaced. Loren also reported he had two people to work target maintenance and that we had plenty of lumber for target frames.

Randy S reported for Keith M: The Defensive Pistol shoot this month was a good one and that there isn't much else to report.

John Ball report Shotgun: There were two people for the last shotgun shoot

and each shot 50 rounds.

Allen K., Range Master: talked about the need for more dirt to make needed improvements. The road will need grading soon and we may need to add some roadbase. Will look into getting the road done.

Loren G report on new bank: A copy of the resolution to open the new bank accounts was passed out. A copy is retained in the file. We will get the resolution to the bank for their final approval. The need for bonding the officers that are signers on the account was discussed.

Sandra D report on Hunter Safety: At a HS class just held, there was a problem with the gate getting locked. This

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What should I do if I see someone violating the range rules, particularly the ones having to do with safety? I'm not a police officer.

A: Submit a formal, written complaint to the NCRGC Board of Directors. An email to bod@ncrgc.org will satisfy this requirement. Try to get as much information about the

incident as possible. Descriptions of the events, the people involved, automobile license plate numbers, etc.

Be willing to come to a board meeting to describe the incident and answer questions so that the board members can get as clear a picture as possible of what occurred. This will help to try to identify the peo-

ple involved, as we as help to develop procedures and strategies to prevent future occurrences.

It's not always easy or comfortable to confront people, especially when there are firearms in the area. But if politely mentioning your concern doesn't work, then bring it to the Board's attention so that they can attempt to address the problem.

Legislative Corner

This in from the Colorado State Shooting Association.

"The U.S. Forest Service is conducting the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Travel Management Plan (TMP) for the White River National Forest in Colorado. This process will specify the extent to which existing

roads are closed to vehicular access and will impact thousands of hunters who pursue game every year in Colorado.

...One example of recent road closure in the White River National Forest that denies hunter access is the closure of USFS Road 449...

...It is essential that sportsmen submit public comments to the Forest Service in order to ensure the preservation of reasonable hunter access. Our hunting heritage counts on it."

For more information on this issue, visit the Colorado State Shooting Association web site:

The Supreme Court Ruled—Next Steps?

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tion of NCRGC News Letter Editor, I promised I wouldn't use this news letter as a platform to push a personal agenda. But I have to be blunt here: In my opinion, humble as it may be, if we elect a liberal President, and give him a filibuster proof liberal Congress, then these bills that are waiting in the wings will dramatically shape our rights and our heritage as gun owners and hunters, and our right to defend our families. And remember: The new President will also probably appoint one or more Supreme Court Justices. The Heller decision was won by one narrow vote. A Supreme

Court of the future could just as easily reverse that decision and take away our Second Amendment rights as we know them. As for the assault weapons bans: Read the text of the bills, folks. Many, many firearms will be subject to a new assault weapons ban.

November 4th is soon upon us. Once this election is completed, the new President has been inaugurated, and new Congress members are in place, I have the feeling there will be some significant movement on one or more of these bills, and there may be others that affect gun ownership rights introduced as well. The first part of 2009 will be

full of political activity, to be sure.

So please—don't sit this one out. Get out there and vote.

For more information on these important bills, please visit the GovTrack website:

H.R. 6691: <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=h110-6691>

H.R. 6257: <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=h110-6257>

H.R. 1022: <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=h110-1022>

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“No Hunting on the NCRGC 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...

causes problems because many of those attending are not club members. Sandra reported we have had 232 HE students this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Loren discussed the issue of Senior Membership for those age 75 and older and having continuous membership for 10 years being a problem proving membership for the 10 years.

It is up to the member to have proof, but after discussion, it was agreed that common sense would have to be used in approving or denying this free membership. It would be possible to use a combination of references of club members, cancelled checks, club rosters, etc.

Dan P will work at getting a preliminary budget plan under way so that

we can address the clubs financial needs if we look at changing the start date for the membership year.

BJ Patterson expressed interest in replacing Allen as the club Range Master. Approved unanimously.

President Brian set the next meeting for 10/21/08 at 6:00pm at the Jax Outdoor store.

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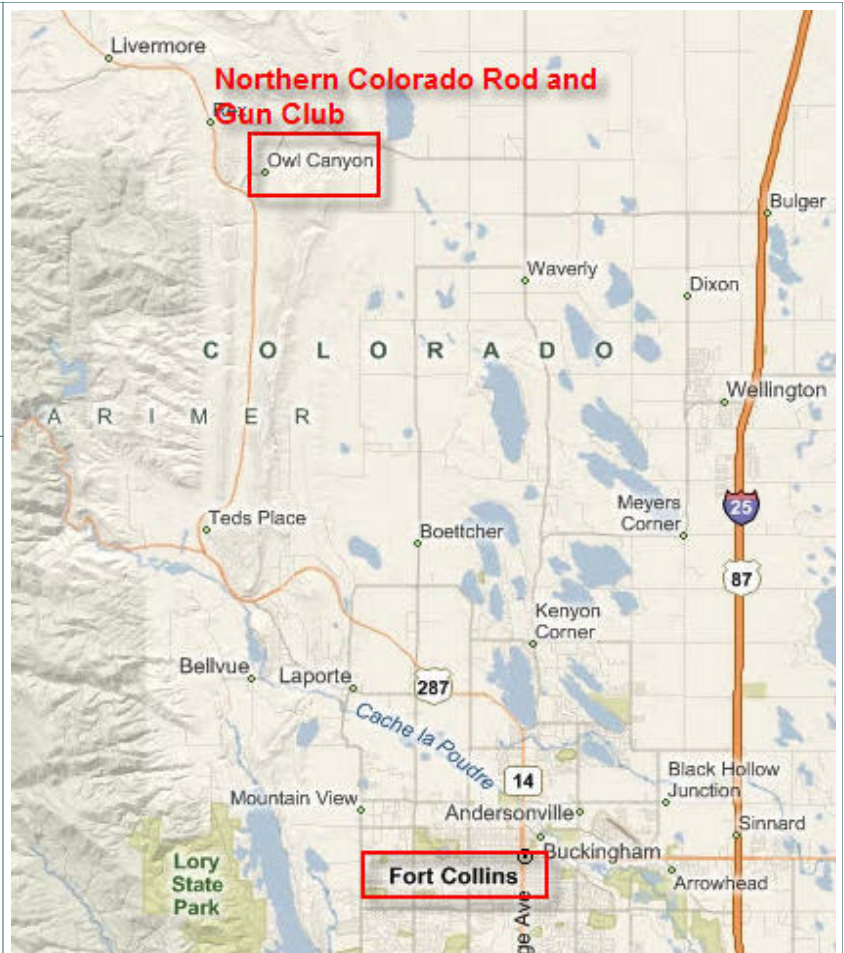
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The Northern Colorado Rod & Gun Club was founded in 1948 through the merger of four sportsmen groups; Fort Collins, Loveland, Greeley and Estes Park.

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 Members

Member at Large: Larry Winslow

I was born and raised in north eastern New York state and lived with my maternal grandparents. My grandfather was an Adirondack licensed guide and I would help steer the fishing boats at age 9. I received my Adirondack guide license at the age of 19 and guided hunters and fishermen until 1982 when my family time with my little kids was more important. I have two boys Brad and Scott. Scott is an Eagle scout. Brad is now 28 and Scott is 25 and both have attended and graduated from college and have their own careers. I took a job as a paper mill supervisor in 1986, but never lost my love of the outdoors, so helped with cub scouts, boy scouts and 4-H youth groups to share my knowledge. I also volunteered with the DEC rescue team. I was a New York state

master rifle and archery instructor for hunter education to the Dept. of Environmental Conservation for New York state. I also taught pistol safety as an officer and member of Safety Incorporated for the Warren County New York pistol permit bureau for 28 years. I am a lifetime member of the NRA and have many instructor classifications. My grandfather was a boat builder and master carpenter and I have carried on that tradition by taking donated basket case canoes and kayaks and repaired them to sell in auctions and raise money for different kids groups. I moved to Colorado in Sept. 2007. I loved the weather, the people and the area so I decided to stay. I now raise funds for mainly kids groups and other groups here and do financial planning. I now teach hunter education

for the state of Colorado. I belong to a group called Wilderness Adventures where we take kids hiking, camping, hunting and fishing to get them out and away from computers and hanging around getting into trouble and teach them there is more to life. It is run by a group of six churches so prayers are said at every meal. We teach respect of nature and each other. If you know of any kids that might be interested to learn about the outdoors in a good supervised controlled setting, let me know. We will be taking a group of kids elk hunting Thanksgiving week to Craig, Colorado. We just returned from a deer hunt there where all four kids we took got their first deer with one shot each!